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Here's what's on locally.

Your Top End Local Weekly paper

G'day and happy Friday 😊

Here's what's on around Darwin and Palmerston this week, a laksa win worth celebrating, and two good locals I reckon you'll want to know about.

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Darwin's best laksa is in Woolner 🍜



The Angkor Takeaway team with the 2026 Golden Bowl at the Grand Finale. Photo: Darwin International Laksa Festival (darwinlaksafestival.com.au)

Big congrats to Angkor Takeaway, the little Cambodian cafe at 34 Bishop St, Woolner. They've just won the Golden Bowl at the 2026 Darwin International Laksa Festival, making it Greater Darwin's Best Laksa for 2026.

Cheata Ouch makes her laksa with kroeung, a Khmer spice paste that's lighter and more fragrant. Guest judges Luke Nguyen and Junda Khoo and local chef Samantha Bennett did a blind tasting at the Waterfront finale on Sat 31 Oct, and the verdict was unanimous.

There's more on the way too. The same team has applied for a liquor licence for a new spot called Kulen Kitchen at 9 Parap Place, Parap (notice dated 10 Oct 2026). No opening date has been announced yet, so I'll share it here once there's one.

Have a look at their menu: angkortakeaway.com.au

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Around the Top End

- **Frogs, not horses** 🐸 Noonamah did Melbourne Cup Day the Territory way on Tue 3 Nov, with frog auctions and races at the Noonamah Tavern

raising money for Variety NT and CareFlight. Were you there? Send me your photos.

- **That Cup was Territory gold** 🏆 For the first time in 165 years, the Melbourne Cup trophy was made entirely from NT gold, from Newmont's Tanami mine. Almost 60 ounces of 18 carat gold, and it visited Darwin on its national tour.
- **Weekend weather** ⛈️ The build-up is turning stormy, with BOM tipping showers and possible storms around Darwin. Keep an eye on BOM warnings and stay hydrated.

What's on

- **Tactile Arts Christmas Makers Market.** Sat 7 and Sun 8 Nov, 9am to 4pm, Territory Netball Stadium, Marrara. Over 100 stalls of handmade local gifts, gold coin or tap entry.
- **Save the date: Darwin Christmas Pageant, Sat 14 Nov.** Christmas Makers Market in Smith St Mall 4pm to 7pm, pageant from 6pm, tree lighting at 7pm, and a free concert at Civic Park from 7:30pm. All free.

Good businesses near you

Local businesses, featured

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Roshelle from Pure Pilates NT

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Roshelle was one of the first locals to back Top End Local, and it's been awesome watching Pure Pilates NT go from strength to strength. They're the NT Winner of the Change Award at the 2026 Telstra Best of Business Awards. Studios in Coolalinga, Casuarina and the CBD, with classes for every level, plus Mums and Bubs.

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GOOD BUSINESSES NEAR YOU

Mel's Pet Sitting



Going away?
Mel comes to you and cares for all pets.

Dog stay also available.

Darwin, Palmerston, Humpty Doo and Berry Springs.

One of the first businesses on our Community Card.

Mel from Mel's Pet Sitting

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Got a trip coming up over Christmas? Mel has been caring for locals' pets for six years, big and small, and she comes to you around Darwin, Palmerston, Humpty Doo and Berry Springs. You get photos and updates while you're away, and she's taking bookings for Nov and Dec.

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Want a spot, or got a venue? If you'd like a spot on a Community Board, or you run a venue that might host one for free, have a look at topendlocal.com.au or just reply to this email. No pressure at all.

See you next Friday

Thanks for reading. If you know someone who'd enjoy this, send them to topendlocal.com.au/weekly to sign up.

Cheers,

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