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### Palmerston Youth Festival kicks off with Geekfest Top End

The first ever Palmerston Youth Festival starts this weekend and will run until 20 July.

The popular Geekfest Top End will mark the official opening of the Festival on Saturday at 4pm in Goyder Square, with two new additions to the program this year, Boxwars and the 3D Chalk Twins.

The Festival will host nine FREE events over eight days, that celebrate art, culture, sport, music, gaming, cinema and performance arts and will include competitions and prizes that encourage youth participation and community engagement.

2019 Young Australian of the Year and award-winning hip hop artist Baker Boy will headline the free Palmy Street Party on Saturday 20 July.

The Festival is joint initiative from the City of Palmerston and the Northern Territory Government.

Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell:

"The City of Palmerston is excited to be working with Northern Territory Government on the inaugural Palmerston Youth Festival."

"We invite young people and their families to join us in Palmerston and enjoy a week jam packed with events dedicated to our youth community."

Member for Drysdale Eva Lawler:

"We are investing in 80 activities and a youth festival in Palmerston over the July school holidays, keeping our kids busy and engaged – building thriving and safer communities."

"The Palmerston Youth Festival will be one of the biggest events of the year and I look forward to seeing everyone."

Member for Brennan Tony Sievers:

"We are listening to the community and delivering events like these matter for our kids"

"Palmerston city will come alive with fun, music and culture over the next week! See you all at the Festival."

For more information on all events and competitions happening as part of the Palmerston Youth Festival visit [www.palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au)

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