

Garramilla/Darwin

# **NT WRITERS FESTIVAL ACCESS GUIDE**



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# What is an access guide?

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In this guide we will show you what to expect when you come to the NT Writers Festival.

We provide access information about step-free paths, sensory sensitivities and facilities as well as an overview of the event.

More information about the festival - including the program - can be found at [ntwriters.com.au](http://ntwriters.com.au)

This guide builds on the work of Access2Arts in collaboration with Red Hot Arts.

Did we miss something? Have you got some more questions? For enquiries or feedback about the festival's accessibility, please contact us on [ntwfmanager@ntwriters.com.au](mailto:ntwfmanager@ntwriters.com.au) or 0405 980 944.

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# What is NT Writers Festival?

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The NT Writers Festival (NTWF) is a four-day festival celebrating Australia's cultural and linguistic diversity and bringing people together to share story, language and culture.

Held annually in iconic outdoor locations, the festival alternates between Garramilla Darwin and Mparntwe Alice Springs.

The 2026 NT Writers Festival takes place from 28 - 31 May at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, on lush Larrakia Country, and explores the theme of NAVIGATING.



# Before the event

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## Buying Tickets



Tickets are available online at [ntwriters.com.au](http://ntwriters.com.au)

There are regular and concession prices.

First Nations - Some events have a special price to increase access for First Nations attendees, on whose unceded land we hold this event.

Carers can accompany audience members for free.

Children under 16 years of age are free.

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## Pre-show information

This guide will give you information on what to expect at NT Writers Festival.

You can look at the program of events on our website:

<https://www.ntwriters.com.au/nt-writers-festival/tickets/#/>

# Festival Venues

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# MAGNT

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The main festival hub is Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT). It is mainly outdoors with some shelters.

Located on Larrakia Country, the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory's principal site, MAGNT Darwin, is home to internationally renowned artistic, cultural and scientific collections and research programs.



# Getting to MAGNT



## Driving

Accessible parking bays are located in the MAGNT Visitor Car Park.

There is limited parking at the venue, so we encourage those who are able to find other means of transport to please do so.

## Cycling

There are a number of places in town that you can hire a bike from, for the duration of the festival, including e-bikes.

Bike parking is available at the festival site. Please bring your bike lock.



# More ways to get to MAGNT

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## Public Transport

The public bus services in Darwin are currently free of charge. Using [Google Maps](#) is the simplest way to find the next bus from where you are.

### Number 4 Bus

The #4 runs from Darwin Interchange and from Casuarina Interchange. It will drop you off on Gilruth Ave, a 10 minute walk from the museum.

### Number 6 Bus

The #6 bus departs from the city regularly and will take you directly to the MAGNT entrance.



# Map

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# The Site

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The festival site is spread across the outdoor grounds at MAGNT, and moving between areas may require some walking. We recommend planning your visit with this in mind, particularly if walking long distances requires extra time or energy.

If walking distances are difficult for you, we recommend using the designated accessible parking spaces or arranging a drop off as close as possible to the MAGNT entrance.

Food and drink options are located on site.

Further information is provided in the following pages, including information about paths and surfaces, sensory considerations and other available facilities.

# Wheelchair and step-free access

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Most of the festival is wheelchair accessible. However, some areas may be more difficult to navigate, particularly for manual wheelchair users.

The Amphitheatre stage can be viewed from a mezzanine level.

Access from the Box Office to the Marquee is down a ramp, with a small slope, and across grass.

Parts of the site include uneven ground, and pathways, stages and gathering areas can become crowded at peak times. There are also some lips and small changes in between different surfaces.



## Ground Surfaces

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The event area is primarily grassed, with paved and concrete pathways throughout. There may be some small lips or changes in level where grass meets pathways.

The ground is generally flat, with some gentle slopes across the lawn area. During busy periods, and particularly after rainfall, grassy areas may become soft or muddy in places.

# Paths and lighting

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The route from the MAGNT entrance to the festival area follows paved and concrete paths through the grounds. These paths are bordered by grassed areas and will be marked with festoon and site lighting during festival hours.

Most pathways are on firm, sealed surfaces with some transitions between concrete, paving and grassed areas.

After dark, some quieter areas of the site may be dimly lit. However, lighting will be provided along main paths and around food and beverage areas, toilets and other amenities.





## **Sun Safety**

As this is an outdoor event, we recommend being sun safe, including wearing sunscreen, hats and appropriate clothing.

## **Smoking**

Smoking is strictly prohibited on the festival site, including e-cigarettes and vapes.

# Sensory Information

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NT Writers Festival could be an overwhelming experience for some people. There will be many people, and a variety of smells and textures.

Most of the events will feature people talking, and a few events will include some live music.

There are quieter areas at various times, further away from the paths. We recommend taking a stroll along the beach walking paths, where there are some benches, if you need to take time out.

As long as you have your ticket, you can enter and exit as you need.

# Amenities

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## Toilets

Accessible bathrooms are located within the main MAGNT building in the foyer.

## First Aid

If you require immediate first aid, please let a staff member know. A First Aid Kit can be found at Box Office.

## Parenting Facilities

Change table facilities are available in the main bathrooms.

# Food and Drink

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If you would like to buy food and drink, the onsite food vendors will cater to different dietary needs.

Saltwater@Bundilla is located in the MAGNT building.

The bar is located just to the south of the gazebo. Opening hours:

## Thursday

Bar-5-8.30pm

Food 6.15-7.30pm

## Friday

Bar 5-8.30pm

Food 6.15-7.30pm

## Sunday

Bar 4.30-7.00pm

Snacks 3-6pm



(This information is correct at time of publication)

# Stages and Seating

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There are three on-site spaces:

## **The MAGNT Marquee**

A raised stage with rows of chairs in a large marquee. Wheelchair viewing spaces available.

## **The MAGNT Amphitheatre**

A raised stage with rows of chairs in an outdoor space. Wheelchair viewing spaces available on the mezzanine.

## **Saltwater Bundilla**

An indoor space inside a cafe with rows of chairs. Wheelchair viewing spaces available.

# Other Venues: Brown's Mart

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The courtyard at Brown's Mart is:

- Wheelchair accessible
- The entry on the bus depot side (not civic park) has an angle that can be hard to navigate however the civic park entry is completely flat.
- There are no steps and the smokers area is also wheelchair accessible.
- There is an accessible bathroom in the foyer of the theatre which will be open.



# Staff and Volunteers

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Staff and volunteers can help you with any questions you have at the festival.

Some are walking around the site, some are stationed at different activities, and there are always staff close to the Box Office. They will be wearing the blue shirts pictured below.



# Thank you



We hope you have a great time at NT Writers Festival.

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