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Community spirit at the heart of Darwin Airport's drive-in cinema event

Darwin International Airport is transforming its Short Stay car park into a drive-in cinema for a unique dry season event, in partnership with Deckchair Cinema and Foodbank NT.

The drive-in will be held on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June from 6pm (arrive 6:30pm for a 7pm screening), boast local food and drink offerings, and feature two fantastic family-friendly movies, *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* on Friday and *Peter Rabbit* on Saturday.

NT Airports Chief Executive Officer, Tony Edmondstone said this was one of the ways the airport is trying to support the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is a very unique and unprecedented situation for the Top End community and we have been actively looking at interesting ways we can use of our airport precinct to benefit local businesses and organisations," Mr. Edmondstone said.

"We are very excited to host this special dry season event that will bring people together and give back to the local community – all while we safely practice social distancing," Mr Edmondstone said.

The event is supported by Gold Sponsors, National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre (NCCTRC) and Rimfire Energy, together with Silver Sponsors, Origin and Royal Wolf, all keen to support the Top End community and help fundraise for two important institutions in the Northern Territory – Deckchair Cinema and Foodbank NT.

All ticket proceeds will go directly to this year's Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF) held annually at Deckchair Cinema, and a long-standing community partner of Darwin International Airport.

"We're overwhelmed to have an opportunity to raise funds for DIFF, in particular during such a challenging time for the arts community," said General Manager of Deckchair Cinema, James Parker.

To show appreciation for the great work of Foodbank, Darwin International Airport will also match the funds raised through ticket sales to make a one-off cash donation to Foodbank NT.

According to Chief Executive Officer of Foodbank NT, Peter Pilt, the need for their service here in Darwin right now, is critical.

"Sadly, COVID19 has seen a spike in those needing assistance from Foodbank, for basic items like food and household supplies," said Mr Pilt.

This event is about helping support those who need it, but it's also about creating a fun night out for the Top End public.

"During a time so challenging for the Territory community and charities, we wanted to ensure the focus of this event was on those who need it," said Edmondstone. "But we also wanted to make sure the evening was a fun-filled night for Territory families."

Great entertainment, local food and drinks, and a healthy dose of nostalgia and buttery popcorn – what's not to love?

Tickets on sale through deckchaircinema.com/darwin-airport-drive-in

Event details available through [facebook event](#).

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