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Deadly Darwin Goes Walkabout to spread healing through humour!

Four Deadly Darwin comedians are travelling down the guts of the Territory stopping in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs this September.

Delivering stand-up shows and FREE workshops, their mission is to spread healing through humour.

“We live in strange times. The world as we know it needs some love and happiness”, explains Richard Fejo, as the reason for these four cheeky stand-up comics with a penchant for adventure to embark on the latest Deadly Darwin tour.

“There is a lot of healing that needs to be undertaken today and we believe we are the ones to do it.” Richard Fejo is the co-founder of Deadly Darwin who chooses to get up on stage because he loves to make people happy.

“We believe laughter is the best medicine,” adds Richie Harrison.

Richard Fejo and Richie Harrison will be joined on stage by James Parfitt and Paul Seden, who will perform their show, Deadly Darwin goes Walkabout at venues in Katherine, Tennant Creek, and Alice Springs.

Each of the performers have a close association either personal or professional with the topic of mental health and are on a quest to utilise the tools of stand-up skills as life skills. This deadly team of stand-comedians are passionate about making a positive impact through humour.

Deadly Darwin was established in 2018 with founding members Normie Grogan, Micha Kickett, Desmo Lewis and Richard Fejo, who decided to create the Darwin-based group of Indigenous stand-up comedians to use comedy and the skills of stand-up performance as a tool of empowerment for Indigenous people.



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About the comedians:

Richard Fejo

“I love making people happy which is why I love performing”.

Richard is a Larrakia man from Darwin who has performed as a comedian since 2018. He is a cofounder of Deadly Darwin. Richard joined Deadly Darwin in 2019 when the group was established winning the Deadly Funny for the NT in the same year and went on to performed at the Deadly Funny National competition. In 2020 he performed with the comedy group Ebony & Ivory at the Adelaide Fringe Festival.

As well as being the Chairman of Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Richard trains medical professionals arriving in the Northern Territory into the diverse complexities and challenges faced in Indigenous Health.

Richie Harrison

“I enjoy bringing a smile to the face of others because laughter is the best medicine”.

Richie is a proud Gunai Kurnai man from East Gippsland Victoria who joined Deadly Darwin in late 2021. As a man living with mental illness, Richie is passionate about using humour to provide strength and healing on his own journey, as well as to support his audience who may be battling with mental health themselves.

James Parfitt

“I think Healing through humour is a natural thing for us.”

James is a proud Larrakia and Waramungu man and Community Legal Educator for the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) where he also worked on the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

Paul Seden

Paul Seden is a born and bred Territorian, and descendant of the Wuthathi and Muralag people of North Queensland. Paul uses his great story telling talent, not only on stage as a stand-up comedian but as a published writer and illustrator of children’s books with a wonderful Territory twist.

Paul won the Darwin Comedy Cup in 2020 and the Deadly Darwin Comedy Competition in 2021.



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Artback NT proudly presents the Deadly Darwin Goes Walkabout tour with support from Playing Australia and the NT Government.

Deadly Darwin itinerary

13 September | Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre, Katherine

14 September | Barkly Arts Theatre, Tennant Creek

16 September | Monte's Lounge, Alice Springs

There is a FREE workshop before each show.

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From left to right: Richard Fejo, James Parfitt, Paul Sedan