

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Barkly women mark special day with breakfast and parade

Women from the Barkly region will be celebrating this weekend and next week with a breakfast and parade.

As part of the global International Women's Day (IWD) festivities, local women will have breakfast at the Peace Gardens behind the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge on Sunday, 6 March.

They will also celebrate on the actual day with a march down the main street from Nyinkka Nyunyu to Peko Park on Tuesday, 8 March.

This year's theme is *Pledge for Parity* with special guest - Alice Springs activist Nadine Williams – delivering a speech on parity for women in the Barkly at the breakfast.

Nadine, who is the former President of Australian Education Union NT, will be joined by local women sharing their inspiring stories and songs.

Both men and women are welcome at the breakfast from 8.30am-10.30am with breakfast served from 8.45am until 9.45am. Cost is \$10 and access to the Peace Gardens is from Kathleen Street.

A spokesperson for the IWD Committee, which received a grant from the NT Government's Office of Women's Policy to hold events locally, said they also chose to have a parade down Paterson Street to celebrate the strength, resilience and achievements of all local women as well as the long journey ahead.

"This is a time not only to reflect on how far women have come around the world and in the region, but how far we have to go," she said.

Everyone wishing to take part in the parade is asked to gather at Nyinkka Nyunyu Car Park from 8am with a prompt 8.30am start. Participants then walk down the inside lane of Paterson Street (northbound) to Peko Park with songs by and about powerful women blaring out of a boom box. Traffic management will be in place.

Once at Peko Park organisers will ask participants to let go of a balloon in the IWD colours of purple, white and green to show their commitment to taking action to accelerate gender parity.

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