

# NT Grandparents Day

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## Grandies invited to celebrate a special day together at the movies!

**COTA NT is inviting grandparents or older carers to celebrate their special day with their grandchildren with a (very) cut-price cinema trip. A heartwarming, family-friendly movie – RUNT – has been chosen for the day, and there's plenty of popcorn to enjoy and goodie bags full of bubbly fun to take home.**

Grandparents Day has been celebrated in the Northern Territory since 2021 by COTA NT with the support of the Northern Territory Government. This year, NT Grandparents Day falls on Sunday 27 October. COTA NT has four movie mornings on the day itself available to grandies, in Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs and Katherine, thanks to event partners, BCC Cinemas Casuarina, Event Cinemas Palmerston, Alice Springs Cinema and Katherine Cinema 3.



Last year, hundreds of grandies enjoyed the Grandparents Day movie screenings, which were a very cool way to spend a hot morning. Last year Ninja Turtles were the stars, this year it's an adorable little dog. Based on Craig Silvey's beloved best-selling novel, RUNT is the heartfelt and hilarious tale of eleven-year-old Annie Shearer and her best friend Runt, an adopted stray dog with remarkable abilities. In a bid to save their family farm, the two aspire to compete in the Agility Course Championships at the prestigious Krumpets Dog Show in London, whilst overcoming hurdles, obstacles and nefarious villains.

"I love that the movie features a Shearer family," laughed Sue Shearer, CEO of COTA NT, "but honestly, no relations there. It does look like a terrific movie though, so I'll be taking my little grandies along so we can hang out together. I have my Seniors Card all ready for a discounted post-movie treat too.



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"I encourage all grandparents and older carers to enjoy their special day with their families – at our movie mornings, or simply by sharing their favourite activities. I should keep the contents of our goodie bags secret, but they do include a very useful Grandparents Toolkit – full of everything we need to know, from where to access financial support to how to make playdough.

"Grandparents and Carers can also check the Grandparents Day website to find out what supports and services are available to them, especially if they are providing regular childcare and financial support for their grandchildren."

**Sunday 27 October**, movies screen from 10am

Tickets are \$5 for Grandparents / Older Carers and \$2.50 for Grandchildren (Under 16s).

Details and ticketing links can be found on the [ntgrandparentsday.org.au](https://ntgrandparentsday.org.au) website or COTA NT Eventbrite page, [cotant.eventbrite.com](https://cotant.eventbrite.com). Call COTA NT on 8941 1004 for assistance with booking (or ask one of those clever kids to help).

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Online movie reviews for RUNT:

"A wonderful family movie totally uplifting!! Full of the best values of life!! Love, kindness, compassion, sense of family, community and belonging!! Suitable for boys, girls, grandparents and great grandparents!! Proud it is Australian!! Congratulations to all involved! As we left the cinema my 7-year-old grandson said he hopes there is a Runt 2!! Thank you for the joy!!"

"This movie was absolutely pawesome (see what I did there?). I highly recommend a day out to watch this movie with all of your grandparents. Runt is an ingeniously crafted 90-minute spectacle starring all of my favourite actors and actresses..."

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- **Grandparents Day events** <https://ntgrandparentsday.org.au/events/>
- **About Grandparents Day at** <https://ntgrandparentsday.org.au/about/>
- **Useful help for Grandparents and Carers** <https://ntgrandparentsday.org.au/help-and-support/>