# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Australia Day**
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## - MEDIA RELEASE -
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• Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin donated a $300 prize he won for coming first in the Australia Day Triathlon to the Tennant Creek Children's Christmas Tree (pictured with Committee Member Irena Edwards-Kelly).

# Mayor donates prize to kick-start Christmas Tree fundraising for 2023

**Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin has kicked off Tennant Creek Christmas Tree fundraising for 2023 with a $300 cash donation.**

Mayor Jeffrey won the $300 prize by claiming first place in the Australia Day Triathlon, pipping fellow competitor Dr Rael Codron at the post.

The Australia Day celebrations last week were a fantastic show of community unity, with a 100-strong crowd at the annual Breakfast and Citizenship and Local Government Australia Day Award ceremonies.

Councillor Dianne Stokes, a Native Title holder for Tennant Creek, conducted the Welcome to Country, before guests rose for the National Anthem and Flag-Raising Ceremony conducted by the Tennant Creek Girl Guides.

Local business Red Centre Café catered a delicious breakfast, before emcee Member for Barkly Steve Edgington continued proceedings to welcome five new citizens.

Asinate Bradbury, Jaymie Coleman, Ruth Remoroza, Lennard Tabaranza and AKM Yasin took the pledge of allegiance to Australia and received their Citizenship certificates, a pair of double plugger thongs and a commemorative $1 Australian coin.

There was a high number of nominations in the Australia Day Awards for Tennant Creek this year, especially in the Community Event of the Year and Citizen of the Year categories.

**THE 2023 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS ARE:**

**Community Event of the Year:** Pink & Teal Ball

**Student Citizen of the Year:** Johnny Waistcoat, Thomas Hicks and Marley Johnstone

**Sportsperson of the Year:** Kane Sevallos-Seden

**Volunteer of the Year:** Ujwal Minocha

**Young Citizen of the Year:** Boyd Cook

**Senior Citizen of the Year**: Deb Cain

**Citizen of the Year:** Dr Sarah Goddard

After the ceremony wrapped up it was off to Lake Mary Ann for the Family Fun Afternoon.

With Tennant Creek Transport conducting trips to the dam from town every half hour, there was a steady influx of locals keen to enjoy a free sausage sizzle and participate in the events.

Hats off to Councillor Greg Marlow who manned the barbecue for hours in the high humidity, and his helpers Justin Hankinson and Mr Edgington.

Mayor Jeffrey was the deejay for the afternoon, conducting the competitions which were hotly contested.

**WINNERS OF THE LAKE MARY ANN EVENTS:**

**Pie-Eating Contest: Adult 1st:** Tim Dowling. Junior 1st: Kaleb Taylor.

**Thong-Throwing Comp:** Adult 1st: Tyler Kelly. Junior 1st: Dequarn Hooker.

**Egg-Throwing Comp:** Adult 1st: John Norman & Lachlan Dunemann. Junior 1st: William Cummins & Taice Lane. Junior 2nd: Ricky Tilmouth & Dequarn Hooker.

**Leaky Bucket Race:** Adult 1st: Mungrel Breeds – Irena Edwards-Kally, Thalia Kelly, Jamie Jones, Tyler Kelly, Stephanie Parlow & Daniel Fraser. Adult 2nd: Spitfires – John Norman, Will Cummins, Wayne Green, Jack Green, Lachlan Dunemann, Deja Wortley & Zac Limerick.

**Junior 1st:** Ferals - Ricky Tilmouth, Harry Green, Tahnee Kelly, Charlie Jones & Noah Taylor. Junior 2nd: Youthlinx Kids.

Remember if you've won a cash prize, just come to Council Reception at 41 Peko Road to trade your voucher in for the cash.

**A big thank you to the Australia Day sponsors:** Gold – Dexter Barnes Electrical. Silver - Member for Barkly Steve Edgington, Little Ripper Lifestyles, Wilson Diesel Services, Outback Outfitters, Mike Nash Electric and Jacal Automotive. A special thank you to Battery Hill Mining and Heritage Centre Tennant Creek and Efsta Konidaris Photography.

The Australia Day celebrations in the Barkly are made possible by the Australia Day Council.



• Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin at the finish line of the Triathlon.



• Dr Rael Codron was second in the Triathlon and received a $150 prize.

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