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Highlighting the importance of civic pride in the Barkly

It has been an incredible six months and during that time I have met with local dignitaries, politicians and liaised with local and Territory-wide stakeholders as part of council's commitment to listening to, engaging and involving the community.

As part of my role as President of the Barkly Regional Council I also attend a range of meetings and public engagement activities.

Some of the highlights over the past few months have included Australian Citizenship ceremonies (Page 18), the ABC Garden Awards presentations, World Teachers' Day celebrations, International Women's Day meetings, Skate Park Launch (Pages 4-5), Tennant Creek High School Awards, the opening of the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge garden (Page 17), Barkly Region Drug And Alcohol Advisory Group (BRADAAG) 30-year anniversary and the Council Christmas Party (Pages – 22-23).

Other meetings attended include Regional Development Australia (NT), Tennant Creek Regional Economic

Development Committee, Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) AGM, Sustainable Economic Growth in Regional Areas (SEGRA) Conference and Tennant Creek Local Authorities.

I continue with my role as Chair of the Tennant Creek Alcohol Reference Group (ARG), an advisory group representing the broader community. We met with the Chief Minister Adam Giles in December and now we begin the hard work of formulating an alcohol management plan.

I am also privileged to work with a dedicated and hardworking team of councillors, executive officers who are overseeing projects such as construction of the new swimming pool (Page 15), and council staff, including those involved in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Pilot Program (Page 3) and Community Services team who help organise community carnivals, NAIDOC activities and implement youth multi-media programs (Pages 6-10).

As the year draws to a close I hope readers all enjoy this bumper issue of the Barkly Buzz. I also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

President Barb Shaw

What's new ...

- The NT Government has proposed that the next Council elections be deferred until 26 August, 2017 because of Federal and State elections.
- The NT Government has called for submissions and consultation for the Cemeteries Act legislation that is currently being reviewed. Council will consult with all its Local Authorities for comment with submissions to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) in February 2015.
- Council recently conducted a cultural communication pilot program with the aim of developing a cultural awareness framework for the Barkly.
- Council has adopted a new financial sustainability and revenue policy to help better govern council in coming years. You will find a copy of this policy, along with all other adopted council policies, on <http://barkly.nt.gov.au/about-the-council/policies/>
- Council has updated the fees and charges. You can find the updated document on <http://barkly.nt.gov.au/about-the-council/publications-resources/>
- The results of funding for the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy will not be known until March 2015.
- Council is taking part in a youth project where youngsters can paint four wheelie bins.
- The Tennant Creek Town Cemetery has new gates as part of its upgrade.
- The Tennant Creek and Barkly Region Strategic & Action Plan 2014-2016 has been endorsed by the Tennant Creek Regional Economic Development Committee.
- The Community Safety Action Plan has been endorsed by the Tennant Creek Community Safety Action Committee.
- The Council's Regional Plan 2014-2015 and Annual Report 2013-2014 are available at <http://barkly.nt.gov.au/about-the-council/publications-resources/>

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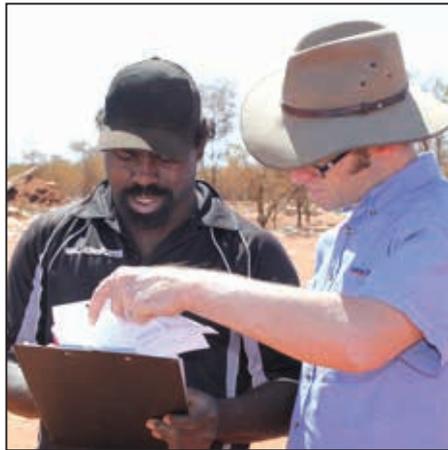
Cover photo by Barry Natrass.

Literacy project puts staff on right pathway

A pilot project to help develop speaking, reading, writing and basic maths skills for council staff in Ampilatwatja has been a great success.

Supervisors and participants alike have already seen improvements since the

MULTIPLE benefits: Trainer Kailas Kerr, right, assists Alwyn Morton with paperwork for the landfill site; night patrol staff Alec Lewis and Elizabeth Bonney, top right; Alwyn Morton checks a council vehicle and on-the-job training in the workshop.



Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) training program began in August this year.

Municipal Supervisor Bob Smith said the LLN project, delivered by Central Desert Training Director Kailas Kerr, has really assisted workers with their day-to-day jobs.

“Kailas has done a good job on my guys there, their confidence in doing timesheets and vehicle logs and maintenance has grown, especially Zepaniah and Alwyn,” said Bob.



INCREASED confidence: Council worker Damien Peterson, above, fills out a timesheet for work. He enjoys the training, which while hard, has helped with his day-to-day job.

Night Patrol Manager Ralph Adamo was also full of praise: “Reporting has become more consistent, employees have begun using emails for communication, and they are more confident in their workplace. I sincerely hope this program can continue as the benefits can be clearly seen.”

BRC proposed that staff be given an opportunity to take part in a LLN program after in-house assessments found significant numbers of employees in Tennant Creek and across all communities to be below the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF).

It was also recognised by council that literacy and numeracy training support was fundamental to improve the chances of workers in the region getting and keeping a job.

Council’s Literacy and Numeracy Workplace Mentor Manivannan Naidu said some of the council’s workforce has lower levels of LLN due to varying factors, the most prominent being that English is the second or third language of many council employees.



“Adding the factors of extreme remote community living and poor education opportunities to the mix produces a workforce excluded from opportunities for advancement or full life/workplace participation,” said Mani.

To address and resolve the LLN skill barrier, Mani proposed a pilot workplace LLN program in Ampilatwatja because of the challenges and potentials the community poses.

“The majority of employees are at Pre-Level 1 in one or more skill areas, but there’s a high level of motivation among staff with 100 per cent requesting LLN training and support.”

With shared funding from Barkly Regional Council and the NT Government’s Department of Business, Alice Springs-based Central Desert Training was then engaged as training providers for a five-month trial.

Director Kailas Kerr said part of their training was to help staff understand workplace procedures, conduct vehicle checks, complete reports, fill in timesheets, apply for licenses and Ochre cards, and communicate via email.

Training also provided on-the-job support, focusing on life skill development and addressing factors external to the workplace that may affect employee engagement and retention.

As council worker Damien Peterson summed up: “It’s hard but I won’t give up. I want to start [reading and writing] from the easy bit first – make me think properly ... work my brain. The training program is good – here to help me out.”

Funding is currently being sought from the Federal Government to roll the project out across eight locations in the Barkly for a three-year period.

Pictures by Ktima Heathcote



Skateboarders hit the decks at launch

School kids and skateboarders came out to hang with the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) for the launch of a new skate park in early December.

President Barb Shaw told a gathering of predominantly primary and high school children that she hoped they all enjoyed the skate park, which cost \$126,000, at Purkiss Reserve.

"It's here for you to look after and enjoy. It's all yours, so have fun and be safe," she said.

Back in April 2013 six students from Tennant Creek High School wrote to BRC expressing their concerns about the poor state of the old skate park and highlighting a few safety issues.

The students - Ayden Renfrey-Carroll, Jamarn Hampton, Luke Baldock and Chabascoe Bostock, Charles Walden (now at Canteen Creek) and Lachlan Hogan (now at Borroloola School) - conducted a survey, interviewing 107 students.

From the data collected, they found 25

students enjoy skating and do it often, only seven students used the old skate park and 58 would use a skate park if it was renovated.

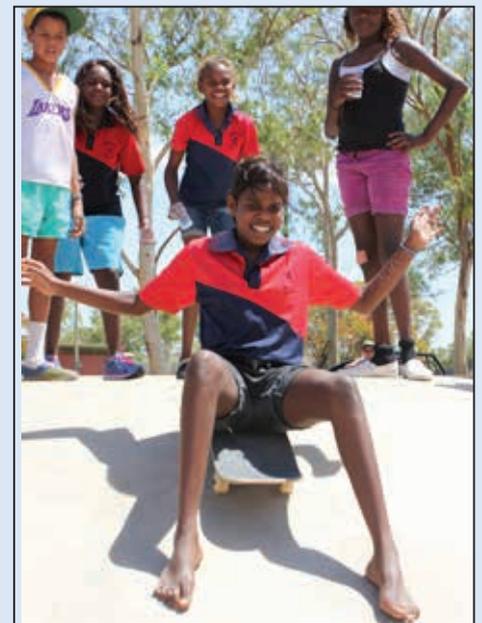
Council worked closely with the school group, who were initially encouraged by teacher Clarence Jeanny to write the letter. Together they chose the design elements they wanted and the students displayed the final designs on the school bulletin board.

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SKATEBOARDS TO BE WON

Here's your chance to win a rad new skateboard. You've got the school holidays to come up with a graffiti design for the new skate park. Get a group together or do it on your own. Drop off your design to council reception, 41 Peko Road, and mark your envelope Skate Park Graffiti Comp. Deadline is 9 February, 2015. Email Ktima Heathcote events@barkly.nt.gov.au for more info.



AWESOME fun: clockwise from top, a teacher tentatively has a go on a student's skateboard, the team of high school students who wrote to the council with their teacher Clarence Jeanny, a primary school student tries her luck at sitting down, President Barb Shaw addresses the gathering and primary school assistant teacher Joseph McCarthy keeps an eye on his shadow.





Purkiss Reserve

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In November this year Sk8Scapes, of Ulladulla, NSW, came to town to build the skate park and local firm G.K. Contractors completed the finishing touches, welding and landscaping.

President Shaw said the skate park, funded by the NT Government's Closing the Gap Grant, is a shining example of how young people can have a say about the community infrastructure that is provided for them.

"Council's strategy is to listen to the community and get feedback and advice from

groups and individuals on their specific area of interest or issue," she said.

"On this occasion, the children of Tennant Creek wanted something, they went out and collected the data and presented it to council – and we listened."

Afterwards, Primary School assistant teacher Joseph McCarthy, Bridgestone's Lucas Fry and high school student Ayden Renfrey-Carroll showed onlookers how it's done with some fancy footwork and rad moves.



ON the move: Ayden Renfrey-Carroll, above, navigates the steep curves with ease.



RAD tricks: Joseph McCarthy, above and below, shows onlookers that practice makes perfect.



FLYING high: Lucas Fry, above, tires out a heelflip as Joseph McCarthy, below, manoeuvres a kickflip.



WATCH out: Joseph McCarthy, below, shares the skate park stage with a little learner.



NEW kids on the block: Children from the primary school negotiate a few tricks of their own at the new skate park in Purkiss Reserve.



Pictures taken by Barry Natrass and Ktima Heathcote

Emu fusion wins award



HUGE honour: Cassius Morton, Tarantino Morton, Cleveland Holmes, Preston Payne (all Desert Sevenz), Desert Pea Media Director Toby Finlayson and Music Producer Joel Westlake up on stage to receive the NIMA Award from host Bernard Namok, above. Ampilatwatja men in a scene from the video clip Fly Back Home, top right. Picture by Toby Finlayson.

Desert Sevenz won the Community Music Clip of the Year at the National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMA) ceremony in Darwin in November.

The young men, from Ampilatwatja, took home the award for their track *Fly Back Home* which was featured on *The Alyawarr Sessions* DVD.

Fly Back Home was created during a four-

week mentoring program in Ampilatwatja and Wutunugurra, funded by the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) under the CDEP program.

The track, produced by Desert Pea Media, is a fusion of contemporary and traditional story that samples on-location recordings of the sacred ceremony of the Emu Dreaming.

Council's Regional Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator Sean Spencer organised the Darwin trip when Desert



Sevenz heard they had been nominated with Ampilatwatja Aged Care Co-ordinator Nicole Watts and Youth, Sport and Rec Officer Jonathan Hayward joining the young men for the long drive up and prestigious awards ceremony.

"In the build-up to the event the fellas were nervous and excited. When it was announced on the night that Desert Sevenz had won, the people in the crowd went wild," said Nicole.

"Preston Payne was the spokesperson and thanked everyone for welcoming them and thanked the community of Ampilatwatja for all their support and help in getting them to the awards ceremony."

BRC President Barbara Shaw said the council was incredibly proud of the young men for this huge honour. "The pride and dignity that they showed in their acceptance of the award was truly inspirational," she said.

President Shaw said the council continues to work with building youth to support community participation and strengthen culture as a way to instil community development.

Multi-Media project tours the Barkly

An Aboriginal youth multi-media strategy has been rolled out to two more communities in the region after the success of a three-month pilot program in Ali Curung and Elliott.

Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator Sean Spencer, Melbourne-based sound engineer Monkey Mark and Beatrice Lewis from Sista Sounds Music NT Program have been working with Aboriginal youth to engage with elders in the communities of Arlparra and Ampilatwatja since mid-October.

"The main idea of the project is to bridge the gap between young and old," said Sean. "Youngsters engage with elders to discuss topics like drinking and substance abuse. They also ask what it was like for elders when they were young and look at how communities can move forward in a positive and healthy manner."

The results of these community talks will then be expressed through song, hip hop music, storytelling, film, posters and animation and compiled into a second *Barkly Desert Culture* DVD.

Locals crowded into Elliott and Ali Curung for the launch of the first *Barkly Desert Culture* DVD of films, songs and stories in early October.

"Community response to this activity has been fantastic and has engaged locals of all ages. There has been a handing

down of knowledge through youth interviewing elders and gathering stories on culture and being strong," said Sean.

With funding coming from various sources, including the Federal Government, Catholic Care NT and the Warrabri Aboriginal Land Trust (for the pilot project), Sean said the program has been well received and there's been a high participation rate from the communities.

"The program has been a huge success," said Sean. "We see this as a long-term sustainable project and as a pathway into multi-media jobs for Aboriginal youth."



BRIDGING the gap: Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator Sean Spencer with community members of Elliott.

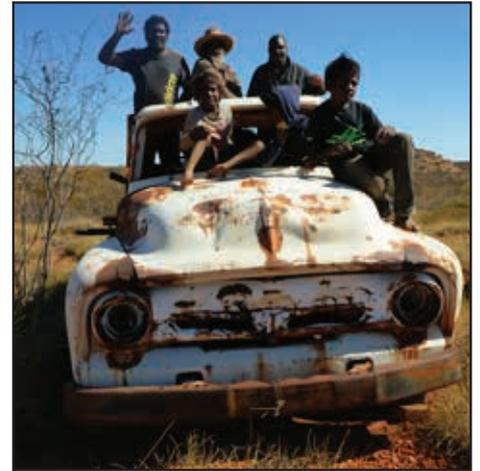


Going bush to pass on traditions

During the winter months a number of bush trips were organised for the community members of Ampilatwatja by Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer Jonathan Hayward.

On one occasion a group of four traditional owners, five children and Jonathan visited an area of land known as Snake Dreaming.

"Going out bush is important for elders to pass on knowledge to the younger generation and to maintain cultural links," said Jonathan. "It was an incredible journey, a memory I shall treasure."



Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Communities throughout the Barkly held activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week in July.

There were BBQs and sports programs, with the Community Services arm of Barkly Regional Council holding a special event in Ali Curung.

President Barb Shaw said NAIDOC Week is a time when Aboriginal people take pride in who they are and what they are doing to improve the health and welfare of their families.

"It's really important for our people in the Barkly region," she said. "It's recognition for all of the great work our indigenous people do."



TREASURED memories: Elders and children maintain cultural links with bush trips, above, Dion Murphy at NAIDOC week, above left, local kids outside the basketball court door featuring AFL star Adam Goodes, below, Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer, Jonathan Hayward, below left.



A fond farewell

Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer Jonathan Hayward will be leaving the Ampilatwatja community at the end of December.

He has been there since January 2014 and during that time has left an indelible mark on the hearts of children and adults alike.

Jonathan organised a number of sports and after school activities, including a can recycling project, painting the doors at the local basketball courts with sporting heroes and a golf clinic.

"I've had an amazing year and will be sad to leave, but I plan to return once I've completed my studies in Melbourne."

Brushing up on footy

Local kids volunteered to paint the doors at the basketball courts in Ampilatwatja with the help of Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer Jonathan Hayward.

Jonathan said the community kids chose sporting heroes as the theme, with two doors now featuring AFL stars Michael Long and Adam Goodes.

"We had a lot of fun and the kids love to have their picture taken outside the doors," said Jonathan.

Olympic athlete Cathy Freeman and former tennis champ Evonne Goollagong have been shortlisted to appear on the remaining doors.



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Ampilatwatja Football Carnival a runaway success

More than 1500 footy lovers flocked to the community of Ampilatwatja over the sports carnival long weekend of 27-29 September.

People travelled for hundreds of kilometres to be part of the event with 19 football teams and eight softball teams coming

from surrounding communities including Arlparra, Irrultja, Canteen Creek, Ali Curung, Harts Range, Red Gum, Rocket Range, Mulga Bore, Soapy Bore, Epenarra and Alpururulam.

Alpururulam won the footy competition with some fancy footwork and accurate kicking, knocking out Ali Curung off the top spot. Alpururulam took home \$3000 with Ali Curung winning \$2500.

Epenarra took out the softball contest, earning a \$2000 cash prize, and the Irrultja team came second, taking home \$1500.

Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator Sean Spencer said the Ampilatwatja Sports Carnival is such a big and important annual event

for remote Barkly communities. "It provides a sense of belonging and something to stand for. It

also brings communities together as onlookers cheer their teams on and take part in all the different activities."

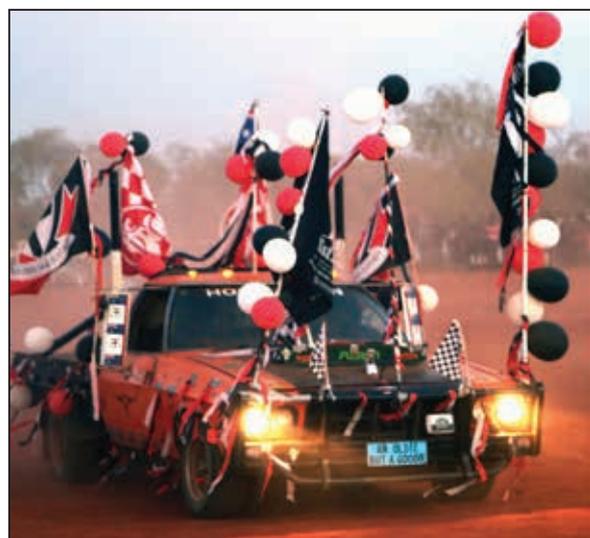
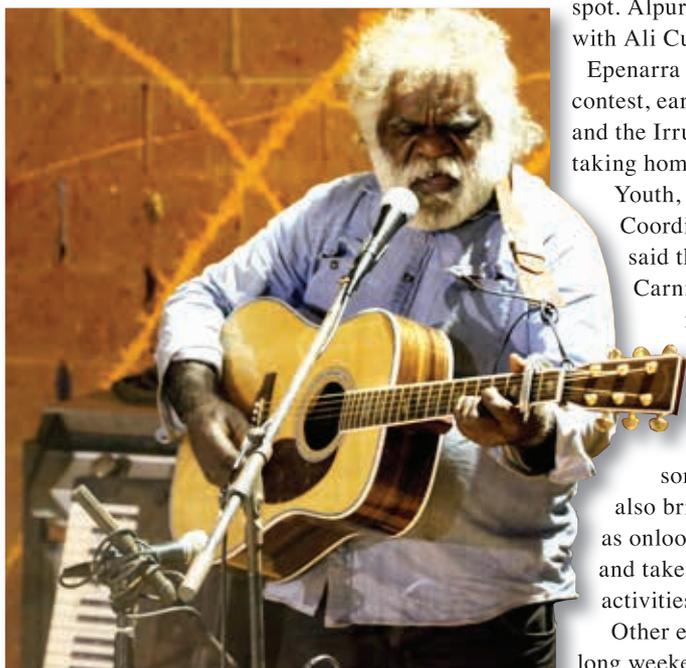
Other events scheduled for the long weekend included running races

for adults and children, music, a disco, spear throwing for the elders, best decorated ute and car and best dressed cowboy, cowgirl for adults and kids.

Organised by the men of the Ampilatwatja community, prizes for the sports carnival were made possible by the generous sponsorship of Aherrenge Community Store Managers, Clancy and Darren.

"The football carnival was a huge success with council services, police, night patrol and interagency services working together to provide a safe and successful long weekend," said Sean.

"Community members of Ampilatwatja should take great pride in their accomplishments. It was another memorable event for everyone who came along."



COMMUNITY Pride: From top right, clockwise, footy players have their sights on the ball, best decorated ute, runner up in best decorated ute, local cowboys, young and old, strut their stuff and a local musician entertains the crowds.



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COOL dudes: Faron James, left, and Damien Curtis.



FANCY footwork: A player from Willowra makes his mark.



FUN time: Players in the women's softball competition aim for a home run, top, Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer Ryan O'Donoghue with local kids, above, a player in the women's softball enjoys a sweet victory, right, the Ali Curung football team huddle up before their game, below right, the Mulga Bore Women's Softball team, below left, and youngsters at the disco perform for the crowds, left.





NO base like home: Deborah Dickenson aims for a big hit.

Barkly represents at softball Championships

It was a week of excitement and a great life-time experience for community ladies from the Barkly during the NT State Softball Championships in August.

Teams travelled far and wide from around the NT, including Kintore, Nauiyu, Alice Springs, Ti Tree, Tiwi Islands, Nyirripi, Timber Creek, Mara Lightning, Victoria River Diamonds, Nywente Truckies, NPY and Katherine, to compete in the Championships.

The Youth, Sport and Recreation team, with the assistance of Indigenous Sports and Recreation funding from the NT Government, organised for players from Alpururulam, Ali Curung and Wutunugurra to travel to Darwin to represent the Barkly region.

And despite having only two training sessions together before setting off for the competition, the Barkly ladies played well and displayed true team spirit on and off the diamond.

Their first game against Darwin was a very close match with the ladies losing by 1 run, and in their second game they defeated Nauiyu by 16 home runs to nil.

In the third and last match of the day against Kintore and Imanpa nerves kicked in and the team failed to score home runs until the third innings.

They caught up but not enough for a draw or a win with Kintore winning by 1 run, 5 to 4.

Kirsten Mahoney from Alpururulam was awarded the NT Championships Most Valuable Player 2014 for Division 2 and was also selected and awarded for the Northern Territory All Stars for 2014.



TEAM spirit: The Barkly ladies softball team, in green, with Darwin B team, above, Loureen Poulson, from Ali Curung, pitching and waiting for a homerun.



Arlparra sports weekend

Communities from throughout the Barkly and beyond travelled into Arlparra in July to compete in a sports weekend.

Arlparra won the footy competition, knocking out Engawala for the top spot in a closely fought final game.

As part of the carnival the council's Community Services Youth, Sport and Recreation team also hosted their second under 18's regional basketball competition.

With over ten teams vying for the prize, it was a hotly contested event which drew quite a crowd in the final games.

Harts Range took out the boys' competition with Alpururulam (Lake Nash) coming runners up.

The winning girls' team was Ali Curung with Harts Range coming second.

Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator Sean Spencer said overall the sports weekend was a huge success with it growing into a much anticipated annual event for the region.



WINNING streak: Ali Curung Women's Basketball team, above, won the tournament against all teams including Elliott, left and below.



Four-wheel drive action in the Barkly

Driving on rugged terrain, dealing with long distances and negotiating dirt roads, sand and river crossings are all in a day's work for many Barkly Regional Council staff.

And with the advent of the new local authorities in July this year more staff than ever before are travelling to and from the many communities that make up the Barkly region.

In a bid to improve driving skills and ensure staff engage correct driving techniques, the council sends all employees on a two-day, four-wheel driving course, provided by Charles Darwin University.

Instructor Alan Harrison said four-wheel driving involves a lot more than people think, even for experienced drivers.

"It is very serious business and we do not treat it lightly," he said. "Ensuring that your vehicle is regularly checked and maintained, that you are prepared for a trip, that you have an understanding of the hazards and pitfalls of four-wheel driving, and that you employ safe driving practices can mean all the difference if anything goes wrong.

"Participants also build up their confidence, find out about their capabilities as well as their vehicles and they also have a lot of fun."

In the morning of the first day, a team of ten intrepid staff learned about responsibility for vehicles, vehicle and equipment check, preparation for a trip, how to change a tyre and avoiding hazards.

Theory over, a convoy of Toyotas – Prado, Hilux and Troopcarriers – then roamed the hills west of Mary Ann Dam and Peko Road.

Staff learned to operate a vehicle while ascending and descending a steep slope including stall recovery, taking it in turns so everyone had a go.

Then the convoy headed east behind Mary Ann Dam. It didn't take long before Tennant Creek Works Manager Dave Hutchinson got everyone lost, forgetting the theory from earlier on that we should follow the lead car and not veer off in another direction.

On day two, newbie Ktima Heathcote, possibly overly confident from her tyre changing prowess the day before, managed to bog the depot Hilux up to the chassis in the sandy Goss River, near Tennant Creek Station.

Fortunately, there were plenty of people on hand to help and instead of practicing freeing a vehicle, staff found themselves digging ditches around the wheels and using a recovery bag to lead the Hilux to higher ground.

By the end of the two-day course all participants had well and truly tried out the recovery techniques using high tilt jacks, snatch straps, snatch block and winches.

And the council now has ten more workers accredited to drive its fleet of 4WD vehicles during the course of their work.



Nice one, Ktima.



Help, we're stuck!



Someone get me a shovel.



Dig lads, dig.



It's under here somewhere



Thar she blows.



Council workers, hey.



This should do the trick.



Now, where's that troopie?



Don't ask me!



Motley Crew

Johnny Pfeiler-Male,
Mani Naidu, Ranga,
Grant Hanson, Phillip
Pearce, Susan Wright,
Dave Hutchinson,
instructor Alan Harrison,
standing from left,
Theresa Nicolussi and
Ralph Adamo, at front.
Ktima Heathcote was
behind the camera.

Tennant Creek Show Day

The Barkly Regional Council held one of the largest displays at this year's Tennant Creek and District Show on July 11.

Highlighting the many Community Services programs run by the Council, the display showed photos of Youth, Sport and Recreation activities, Aged Care, the School Nutrition Program and Playgroups.

A survey on the roundabouts was also completed by many visitors to the Council display.



RAFFLE results: President Barb Shaw and council's Dave Heron announce the winner – Allan McKintosh.



Ranga awarded for long service

Council Depot worker David Reed was presented with a long service award at a ceremony in December.

David, aka Ranga, has worked at the depot for 20 years, working his way up from Rubbish Truck driver to Depot Supervisor during that time.

CEO Edwina Marks thanked Ranga for his hard work, dedication and loyalty with Tennant Creek Works Manager Dave Hutchinson sharing his appreciation of Ranga's strong work ethic.

"This award is well deserved," said Dave. "Ranga is an outstanding worker for the council and a pleasure to work with."

A man of few words, Ranga wouldn't confirm or deny rumours that he had once done a wheelie down the main street.

But one thing's for certain, say his colleagues, Ranga can fix just about anything and in honour of this was also presented with the 2014 Christmas Duct Tape Award.

A cracking celebration

Territory Day went off with a bang on July 1.

Hosted by Barkly Regional Council, the event proved to be popular amongst all ages with Rosemary Plummer giving a Welcome to Country and the CEO Edwina Marks starting off proceedings.

There was a jumping castle, supplied by Anyinginyi, market stalls and plenty of food and drink as well as live entertainment by the Winanjikari Allstars and Lincoln MacKinnon and the Wrecking Train.

Naturally, the fireworks display proved to be the highlight of the chilly, winter evening with children and adults alike cheering excitedly as the sparkling crackers lit up the sky.

Fireworks were conducted by Howard and Sons Pyrotechnics courtesy of the Department of the Chief Minister.

SPARKS fly: Fireworks go off with a bang, top right, Council's CEO Edwina Marks kicks off Territory Day, below far right, with Cr Tony Boulter buying dinner, right. Photos by Barry Natrass.



Pawsome dog plan unleashed in town

Youngsters from Tennant Creek came up with some pawsome ideas on dog health after spending a week learning how to look after their four-legged friends.

Barkly Regional Council's Regional Animal and Environmental Health Officer Brian Radovic said more than 13 education programs were delivered to students in early November as part of a two-week program promoting awareness about dog health and responsible pet ownership in town.

"It was a busy time for the visiting ranger Brooke Connor," said Brian. "She went to the Tennant Creek Primary, Preschool and Child Care Centre. She just didn't stop."

Brooke, who hails from Victoria, said the older kids ran brainstorming sessions on educating the public on how to best care for their dogs with ideas such as creating a dog park, having a free vet day once a month and a dog day out.

"The littlies had the chance to work on doggy friendly activities, such as writing songs about caring for dogs and creating finger puppets which were later used in a performance.

Brooke also engaged in discussions with store owners about dogs being left at home rather than brought to the main street.

"Locals really got behind the program with a lot of people showing interest and giving me a great deal of feedback with regards an open forum on dog issues in Tennant Creek," she said.

Organised jointly by Barkly Regional Council and Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC), the second week of the dog program focused on desexing town camp dogs with up to 90 dogs operated on.

"Vets - Linda Bradbury, John Brown and Jan Allen from AMRRIC - and vet nurse Graeme Narrier (AMRRIC) desexed 30 male dogs and 60 females in just five days," said Brian.

Cheeky Dog creator Dion Beasley and his carer Joie Boulter went out with the animal health team - Dwayne Foster and Scott Spurling - to collect dogs from Tennant Creek

town camps.

"Volunteers, Shirley Lewis from Anyinginyi, Jackie Hingston and Jimmy Noonan, were also invaluable, explaining to pet owners that the operation was important and their dogs would be safe and OK," said Brian.

Brian said Tennant Creek can expect more dog health programs in the future. "In the past much of our focus has been out bush," he said.

"But as dog health and control improves in regional communities of the Barkly we're concentrating on letting the Tennant Creek community know what the council and AMRRIC are doing," he said.

HELPING hands: Volunteer Jackie Hingston in the doggie recovery room, top right, AMRRIC vet Jan Allen and vet nurse Graeme Narrier operate on a dog, middle, council animal health worker Scott Spurling records data, bottom right, and Jan with local vet Linda Bradbury and Jackie Hingston, below left.



Careers Expo A golden opportunity for students

Students from Tennant Creek High School flocked to the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) stand at the 2014 Careers Expo in August.

Hundreds of kids, from Year 7-12, stopped by the council's exhibit to chat to staff to discuss their job and career prospects within the council. And to take home a goodies bag with a helium balloon!

Grant Hanson, *pictured top & left*, who finished school in 2012, was on hand to talk to students about his position in IT at BRC and inform school leavers on how they can find a job in IT.

Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer Yves Makita *pictured left*, also discussed the many opportunities and activities organised by the Youth, Sport and Recreation team, and other Community Services, like Aged Care and the Playgroups.

The expo, an annual event that travels across the Territory, offers a unique opportunity for job hunters, from students to mature-age people looking to up- or re-skill or a professional seeking a career change, to meet a diverse range of organisations across many different industry areas and education institutions.

It is the only skills, career and employment event of this nature in Tennant Creek, offering students and job seekers a golden opportunity to find out more about the choices waiting for them.

New bus service drives positive change for town



Look out for the purple bus and get an air-conditioned ride home in the heat with your shopping.

Servicing Tennant Creek since July this year, the new town bus does a Northern and Southern Loop of the town once an hour, passing Food Barn, the hospital and Anyingyini Clinic twice an hour.

The new bus service was started this year by Tennant Creek Transport Incorporated, a group of concerned locals who lobbied for a town bus service after consulting in 2012 with David Denmark, a transport planner engaged by the Northern Territory Council of Social Service (NTCOSS).

“There is evidently an urgent need for an affordable bus service in Tennant Creek,” said David. “Such a service allows people to access fresh food, carry heavy shopping home, get to the hospital and clinic and, once the service is established, get to and from work.”

Convenor of Tennant Creek Transport Inc., Georgina Bracken, said the new bus service has been supported by Barkly Regional Council, the Centrecorp Foundation, NT Government’s Department of Transport, Traditional Credit Union, BP and numerous volunteers.

“It’s a great community project that’s highly needed,” said Georgina. “We are also expanding our services, so if you would like to be a paid or volunteer bus driver, please let us

know. You can also hire our service to drive people back to and from your event.”

For now, passengers can hail the bus anywhere along the two routes, *see pictured maps*. However, bus stops will be installed early in 2015 and trips to the dam will also be available in the near future.

Tickets are \$4 (adults), \$2 (primary school

kids) and free for children who can sit on your knee. Tickets are available on the bus, or purchase prepaid tickets at Food Barn.

Call 0455 033 506 for the bus driver or email project@tennantcreektransport.org.au for more information. Up-to-date details available on www.tennantcreektransport.org



DON'T miss the bus: Members of Tennant Creek Transport Incorporated at the launch of the town bus, above, and Georgina Bracken, top, helps a passenger on board.

Southern Loop



Northern Loop



New pool design makes a big splash



Residents will soon enjoy a new pool complex and sport facilities, with plans for a significant upgrade of amenities at Purkiss Reserve.

Barkly Regional Council (BRC) awarded a contract to design a new pool complex, pictured above and below, and adjacent football change rooms to Hames Sharley, the same company that previously worked on the ANZAC Oval redevelopment in Alice Springs and the Adelaide Oval redevelopment.

In late October, Hames Sharley delivered the 95 per cent concept design and documentation to the Purkiss Reserve Consultative Committee for review and approval, followed by calls for a tender for the construction of the swimming pool complex and for the football change rooms.

These tender applications have now closed and the assessment process has started.

Chief Executive officer, Dr Edwina Marks, said the projects were able to move forward after securing funding of \$3.6m from the Federal Government's Community Development Grant.

Dr Marks said the submission the council put through to the Commonwealth 12 months ago was focused on a positive

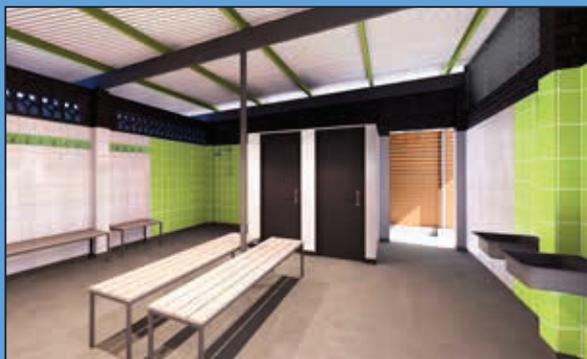
outcome for the community, "providing a healthy focus for the community in terms of recreation as well as other health-related matters".

This project includes the innovative design of arranging a 25m lap pool, a learn-to-swim pool and a toddlers' pool into a single structure, addressing accessibility issues with a beach-style entry for all patrons.

There will also be a water park, upgraded change rooms, and a new administration building incorporating office, first-aid, kiosk and mechanical water treatment equipment.

This project will also see the construction of new modern change rooms, umpire's area, first aid centre and canteen at the town's main sporting oval at Purkiss Reserve.

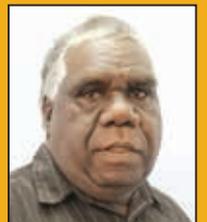
The Tennant Creek swimming pool is more than 50 years old and the football grounds



have been in great need of a brand new facility. "This development will significantly improve the town's amenities," said Dr Marks.

Construction of the new pool complex is scheduled to begin after the pool is closed on February 6, 2015.

First Circles honour for councillor



Councillor Timothy Price has been appointed by the Minister for Community Services Bess Price to be a member of the First Circles program.

Cr Price, who met with members of the Central Australian branch of the First Circles program in December, receives a year of mentoring, development and engagement with the NT Government.

Minister Price said the First Circles engagement program, which is aimed at supporting and mentoring upcoming indigenous leaders, will increase members' knowledge and understanding of government processes.

"It will also build the confidence of members to help them engage with community issues and improve the participation of the community in local decision making," she said.

First Circle members will put forward ideas they are passionate about and develop projects which will be supported by departmental staff to make concepts a reality.

"Members will develop leadership skills while being actively involved in decision making around indigenous issues and have the opportunity to attend one Cabinet meeting a year and work directly with Ministers, local authorities and government agencies," Minister Price said.

The First Circles December workshop focused on insuring members understand the program, the importance of their role and prepares them for a Cabinet meeting in early 2015.

Audit Committee

Council is required under the Local Government Act to have corporate governance best practice meet legislative standards.

One of these standards is to establish and maintain an Audit Committee and an independent external chairperson.

Council has successfully gone through the process of establishing an Audit Committee and has appointed an independent chair, Mr Rex Mooney.

The Audit Committee has now reviewed the code of conduct for the whole organisation.



CORPORATE governance: Independent chair, Rex Mooney, middle, with President Barb Shaw, Cr Tony Boulter, Cr Bob Bagnall and Cr Narelle Bremner.

Service awards for councillors

Two councillors from Barkly Regional Council have received high accolades from their colleagues and peers.

Councillors Tony Boulter and Bob Bagnall were recently presented with two awards each in recognition of years of service and commitment to local government.

At a special ceremony in council chambers in early December, President Barb Shaw congratulated Crs Boulter and Bagnall on their dedication and commitment to local government, council and the communities they serve.

In local government for more than 30 years, Cr Boulter was part of the original Tennant Creek Town Council back in 1981.

He is still an active member in all community events, including the Tennant Creek Show, with a passion for planning and development for the town.

A former Vice-President of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), Cr Boulter is also passionate about ANZAC and RSL.

"I am proud of what I do and I am proud of who I work with," Cr Boulter said.

Cr Bob Bagnall has served nearly 27 years in local government with 17 years on the council in Elliott.

One of the original people to start Elliott golf course, he sourced a new ANZAC statue for the town, was heavily involved in a local book called *In the Middle of Everywhere* and is a prime supporter of the charity event, the Elliott Mardi Gras.

All jokes about Cr Bagnall perhaps one day wearing high heels to the Mardi Gras aside, President Shaw commended him for his huge contribution to Elliott.

"It is always nice to be recognised by your peers. However, it is not about the recognition – it is about getting results for our community," Cr Bagnall said.



WELL deserved: Councillors Tony Boulter and Bob Bagnall were presented with two awards each in recognition of years of service and commitment to local government.

Navigating local government reform



MEET the Tennant team: Cr Hal Ruger, Cr Tony Boulter, Len Holbrok, Trish Caterer, CEO Dr Edwina Marks, Jenni Kennedy (Chair), Jason Newman and President Barb Shaw, back from left. Steve Edgington, Tony Civitarese, Eleanor Diflo, Mitch Healy (Deputy Chair) and Cr Joyce Taylor, front from left.

Barkly Regional Council has gone through two major government reforms while at the same time working hard to continue providing local government services to all its communities.

In 2008, we became a supershire and then from January 1, 2014, this structure was replaced by a new local governance system of regional councils and local authorities and we became Barkly Regional Council.

Managing and consolidating an effective working framework as a result of the two government reforms has been, at times, difficult and has entailed a lot of hard work from council staff and elected members.

Nevertheless, council has managed to ensure the effective delivery of local government services as well as reviewing and changing policy throughout this period.

Part of the local government reforms has been to establish Local Authorities in all of the wards, which came into effect on July 1, 2014.

These local authorities are made up of community people who have been nominated and we now have Local Authorities in Ali Curung, Alpurrurulam, Arlparra, Ampilatwatja, Elliott, Tennant Creek and Wutunugurra.



GOING...

Farewell to an old friend

It was a sad day when the beautiful old African mahogany tree standing outside the Government Centre in Peko Road was felled in August.

Many locals felt distraught over the decision to see one of the town's oldest shady trees removed.

However, under the Council's duty of care to the community the tree was unstable and causing damage to the footpath and had to be removed.

Council had sought advice from an arborist who said the tree was unsuitable for its location and should either be removed or severely pruned.

If the tree was pruned it would have to be kept under six metres tall to prevent footpath damage arising again. That would have negated the shade advantage and possibly led to disease or white ant infestation.

Council plans to landscape the area and to plant a suitable replacement tree.



GOING...



GONE!

New garden refuge launched



Follow President Shaw on Facebook

President Barb Shaw now has a Facebook Page.

You can follow her busy schedule, including committees, community events and visits by politicians and dignitaries, and find out about any council and community business.

President Shaw's most popular posting was on Councillor Pat Braun who was runner-up in the Chief Minister's Award for Enriching our Society.

Cr Braun was nominated as part of the NT Correctional Services for the Elders Visiting Program, and President Shaw held a special ceremony for her on behalf of the Barkly Regional Council.

That particular posting reached 594 people with 24 likes.

Visit www.facebook.com and like Barkly Regional Council President Barb



President Barb Shaw cut the ribbon to officially launch a tranquil new garden area at the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge in August.

About a hundred helium balloons were also released in celebration of Jampukurla Anyul Nyinta - a peaceful place where refuge residents can attend workshops, counselling and cultural and learning activities.

Funded by the Federal Government, Jampukurla is a newly landscaped section of Kathleen Park that features a bough shelter, fire pit and vegetable garden.

President Shaw said the Women's Refuge utilised the space under a special arrangement with the Barkly Regional Council.

Project work was undertaken by local contractors, organisations and community volunteers.



Keys handover for community centre

The keys to a new community centre and workshop in Wutunugurra were handed over to the community in a special ceremony.

The buildings were completed in November as a result of a joint annual initiative involving the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme (AACAP).

Costing \$1.4 million, the new community centre provides the people of Wutunugurra with indoor public meeting rooms and consultation rooms that will support community leadership, management and planning. Its function as an arts and crafts

facility and its outdoor covered playground also promotes social inclusion and encourages kids to get outside, play and be healthy.

The workshop, which cost \$190,000, will also be a new space for Remote Jobs in Communities Programme (RJCP) participants to conduct their work wrecking and repairing vehicles.

As a key meeting point, the community centre symbolises the work done by the Army over the last five months to deliver infrastructure and services through a co-operative approach. Soldiers engaged and trained community members, improving their employability,

The community centre, which was the most significant item delivered under AACAP this year, both in terms of duration and effort, now comes under the responsibility of the Barkly Regional Council. It's an exciting outcome that has benefited many people, including the Army, Wutunugurra and Council.



Citizenship Ceremonies

New citizens take the pledge

Council has held two Australian Citizenship Ceremonies since August this year, with President Barb Shaw officially welcoming 10 new Aussies to be part of the Barkly community.



About our Aussies:



Mr Robert Smith

Born in Essex, England, Robert came to Australia in 1962 when he was four-years-old with his father, mother, two brothers and a sister. Robert grew up in Alice Springs, and then moved to Adelaide where he worked as a builder and met his wife Tracey. They have four children and seven grand children. Robert works for the

Barkly Regional Council as the Municipal Supervisor in Ampilatwatja. He loves Australia and the way of life here.



Mr Sam Rayapaty

Born in India in 1988, Sam was raised in the city of Hyderabad with a population of 3.6million. He came to Australia, aged 21, and since then has completed his Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Masters of Information Technology in Software Engineering (2012). Sam is employed as a Technical Officer for the Research School of Earth Sciences, the

Australian National University, and two years ago was transferred to operate and maintain the Warumungu Seismic and Infrasound Research Station outside of Tennant Creek. Becoming an Australian citizen is one of the most important decisions of Sam's life.



Mrs Simarjeet Kaur, Mr Jagdip Singh and their son Gurveer Singh

Simarjeet and Jagdip are both from Punjab in India. In 2009, Simarjeet migrated to Australia as a nursing student with Jagdip. A year later Gurveer was born. In 2012, Frontier Services sponsored the couple's permanent residency and the family were transferred to Tennant Creek.

Both currently work for the nursing home Pulkapulka Kari and love their job.



Mr Estanislao (Stanley) Pulumbarit and daughter Sacha Megan Pulumbarit

Stanley comes from Malolos, Bulacan, around 45km north of Manila in the Philippines. He moved to Tennant Creek six years ago through the sponsorship of Jim and Sylvia Phillips of Phillips Earthmoving Contractors, where he works as a diesel fitter and electrician. Stanley loves how

Australians give people a "fair go" and welcomes the opportunity to better oneself and family.



Mrs Jasvir Kaur Dhaliwal and her son, four-year-old Harjasnoor Singh Chumber

Jasvir is from Punjab in India. In 2008, she came to Australia to study a Masters in Accounting at Central Queensland University while her husband, Mr Harprit Singh Chumber, supported her financially from India. During a visit back to India Jasvir fell pregnant and in 2009 Harjasnoor

was born. Once Jasvir completed her studies, she started applying for accountancy jobs in Australia and landed work with Remote Concrete NT in Tennant Creek. Jasvir loves the lifestyle, the freedom and her new job. She would like to say a big thank you to Steve Baldwin of Remote Concrete NT who has helped make her job and life here in Tennant Creek possible.



Ms Thembelani (Thembie) Ncube

Thembie is from Bulawayo in Zimbabwe. A qualified nurse, Thembie was looking to work in a different environment outside Africa when she came across an advert to work with Pulkapulka Kari Nursing Home in Tennant Creek. That was four years ago and Thembie has two children born to an Australian citizen. Thembie

said Tennant Creek maybe remote but it's not isolated in terms of friendly, helpful and kind people.

Australia Day 26 January 2015

Flag raising & champagne brekky
8am, Battery Hill Mining Centre

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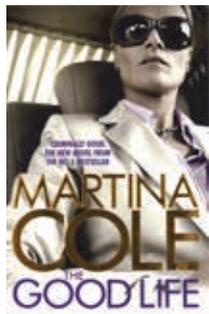
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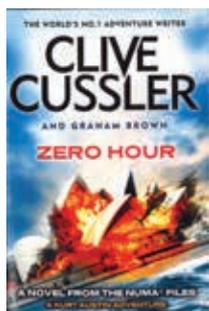
Summer Reads



The Good Life

- by **Martina Cole**

Criminally good, this is the latest novel from the No. 1 Bestselling author. Hard man Cain Moran wants Jenny Riley more than he has ever wanted anyone or anything before in his life. But loving Jenny Riley is the easy part; it's telling his wife Caroline he wants a divorce that's going to be the killer. An extraordinarily powerful piece of family drama.



Zero Hour

- by **Clive Cussler and Graham Brown**

It's called Zero Point energy, a new source of power that holds the promise to change the world. That's if it doesn't get into the wrong hands and destroy it first. The stakes could not be higher for Kurt Austin and the NUMA team. Packed with hair-raising action and endless invention, Zero Hour is Clive Cussler at his audacious, thrilling best.



The Herbalist

- by **Niamh Boyce**

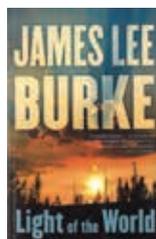
Out of nowhere the herbalist appears and sets up his stall in the market square of an Irish village in the 1930s. Teenager Emily is spellbound, along with all the other women of the town. But when Emily discovers the miracle worker's dark side, her world turns upside down. A vividly imagined tale of love, lust and longing, this book will remain with you long after you've read the last words and closed the cover.



Walking Disaster

- by **Jamie McGuire**

Finally, the highly anticipated follow-up to the New York Times bestseller, *Beautiful Disaster*. In *Beautiful Disaster*, Abby Abernathy has her say about her love affair with Travis Maddox. Now in this sequel, your favourite bad boy is back and we see the story through Travis's eyes.

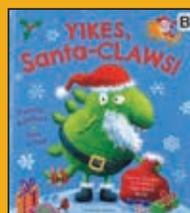


Light of the World

- by **James Lee Burke**

Evil, it seems, has followed Detective Dave Robicheaux while on holiday with his wife Molly and daughter Alafair. Someone is stalking Alafair and Dave begins to suspect that it's convicted serial killer Asa Surette - even though he officially died two years previously. A cracker of a crime novel, no one describes Louisiana quite like James Lee Burke.

Kids' Corner

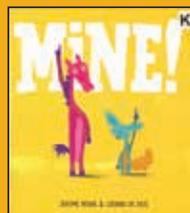


YIKES, Santa-CLAWS

- by **Pamela Butchart**

& Illustrated by **Sam Lloyd**

It's Christmas Eve and the dino-tots are tucked up in bed. But where are the jolly jingle bells, the hearty, Ho! Ho! Hos!, and who's this green scaly creature stomping through the snow? YIKES, it's Santa-CLAWS and he's causing chaos. Can ANYONE stop him and save the day? Find out in this crazy Christmas caper.



Mine!

- by **Jerome Keane**

& Illustrated by **Susana De Dios**

One of childhood's toughest lessons - learning to share - is explored with side-splitting humour and pure style. Follow Horse and Fox as they eventually learn that playing together is best.

Following in Borella's footsteps

In February next year the Northern Territory will commemorate the Anzac Centenary by retracing the steps of Victoria Cross recipient Albert Borella.

Albert Borella was working as a cook for a survey party in Tennant Creek when he set off by foot in January 1915 to Townsville via Darwin to enlist in World War I.

He walked from Tennant Creek to Renner Springs, at times swimming flooded creeks. He then rode by horseback to Katherine, hitched a ride to Pine Creek on a horse-drawn mail coach, and caught the train from Pine Creek to Darwin.

Borella then travelled by ship to Townsville to formally enlist - all the while not knowing if he would even be accepted.

Albert Borella went on to fight in Gallipoli and the Western Front; was wounded, commissioned on the battlefield and in 1918, was awarded the Victoria Cross - the highest honour for valour in combat.

At the age of 36, Albert Borella to date is the eldest and only Territorian to receive the distinguished Victoria Cross.

Now 100 years on from Borella's original journey a team of riders will retrace his footsteps along the Stuart Highway, through to Darwin to enlist in the Great War.

Commencing in Tennant Creek on 20 February, 2015, the Borella Ride will be visiting towns and communities along the Stuart Highway from Tennant Creek to Darwin with a range of activities, including travelling exhibitions, historical activities,

community breakfasts and BBQ's, campfire talks, and educational events.

To find out what is happening and how you can get involved, check out the website www.theborellaride.com.au or Facebook page www.facebook.com/TheBorellaRide



BIG journey: Lia Finocchiaro MLA Drysdale and Government Whip, Richard Borella, Rowan Borella, Mary Borella and Chief Minister Adam Giles at Borella Park in Jingili, Darwin.

THE BORELLA RIDE

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY COMMEMORATES

In 1915, Albert Borella journeyed through 1000 Kilometres of the Northern Territory's Outback from Tennant Creek to Darwin to join up to fight in World War I. He fought at Gallipoli, and the Western Front, was wounded, commissioned on the battlefield, and was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest honour for valour in combat.

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Albert Borella
THE BORELLA RIDE

100 YEARS OF ANZAC

Departing Tennant Creek - 20th February 2015



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Oh, what a night

It's not very often that you get an alien, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, a Power Ranger, Captain Jack Sparrow, Housos' Shazza and Dazza and a lady in leopard print in the one room.

But these weird and wonderful characters all made their way to the Civic Centre for the Barkly Regional Council's "Bad Taste" Christmas party in early December.

Some staff tried their hands and feet at Twister, others preferred a game of ping pong, while most took the opportunity to catch up with colleagues and councillors, have a bite to eat and relax.

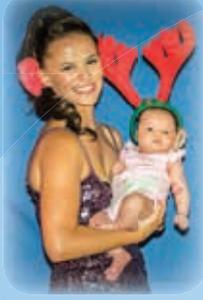
Court Jesters Peter Ryan and Dave Heron, resplendent in a colourful Lowes suit, kept everyone entertained while a lady sheriff (AKA CEO Edwina Marks) kept a close eye on proceedings.

President Barb Shaw, looking sensational as a hip '70s chick, handed out her President's Excellence Award to Mark Parsons for working beyond the call of duty in Arlparra. He couldn't make it due to rain, but the President rang him on her mobile, putting him on loud speaker so we could all share in his well-deserved award.

Other winners on the night were Sharen and Tony Lake (Best "Worst Dressed" – Shazza and Dazza from Housos),

Phil Pearce (Runner up – Best "Worst Dressed"), Satya Divekhar (Lucky Door Prize), Sean Spencer (Messiest Desk Award), Regan Randle (Tidiest Desk Award), Tina McCulloch (Always Happy Award), Henry Szczypiorski (Worst Joke Teller Award), Michelle Frencken (Foot in the Mouth Award - For always saying the wrong thing at the wrong time), Mani Naidu (Most Pedantic Award - For the perfectionist), Reception (Stationary Kleptomaniac Award - For always keeping the stationery), Dave Hutchinson (Boomerang Award - For the employee who keeps coming back), Ralph Adamo (Tall Stories Award - For always exaggerating stories), George Peckham (Firefighting Efforts Award), David Reed AKA Ranga (Duct Tape Award - For being able to fix just about anything), Courtney Barber (Houdini Award - For always getting people out of a difficult situation), Barb Dalloway (Mama Bear Award - For always looking out for everyone), Edwina Marks (The Caffeine Addict Award).

It was a great night with photographer Sandy Bauer catching some memorable moments, especially in the makeshift photo booth. As they say, a picture paints a thousand words. Enjoy our Christmas Album 2014.



ODDITY central: It's amazing what beards, wigs, hats, sunnies, a moustache or two and a pair of reindeer antlers can do. The Barkly Regional Council mob as you've never seen them before.

Christmas 2014



Three little maids from school are we



Let's party baby



Disco diva meets cowgirl chic



Come on girls, let's dance



Dollar signs in their eyes

NO accounting for taste: Everyone from council staff to councillors, the CEO Edwina Marks and President Barb Shaw truly got into the spirit of the 'bad taste' theme of the 2014 Christmas party.

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(A Little Piece of Heart Photography)*

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