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The Last Post rang out across the town during the Dawn Service and again at the Main Service later in the morning.

Special guests for the day were defence personnel from 75 Squadron in Katherine, the Patrol Boat Group in Darwin and US military from the Joint Defence Facility at Pine Gap.

NT Senator Malarndirri McCarthy spoke at the Roll Call Dinner on Tuesday night and attended both services on Wednesday.

Senator McCarthy, Police Superintendent Kerry Hoskins and Commander Matthew Richardson from the Patrol Boat Group, Darwin saluted the parade as it headed along Windley Street.

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Scullion visits Ali Curung for community safety report

In early April the Federal Government Minister of Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion came to Ali Curung for an important visit.

I was there, along with the Mayor Steve Edgington and Councillor Lucy Jackson, to welcome Minister Scullion to the community.

His visit follows on from the alleged sexual assault of a young boy in Ali Curung, along with reports of social dysfunction and a marked increase in alcohol consumption, violence and criminal activity.

During the day-long visit Minister Scullion, who is also a Senator for the Northern Territory, met with local police, members of the Ali Curung Local Authority and representatives from Barkly Regional Council, including staff from Night Patrol and Sports & Recreation, to talk about community safety.

It was a good opportunity for the Minister to hear



KEY COLLABORATION: Minister Nigel Scullion, second on the left, met with Deputy Mayor Noel Hayes, far left, the Mayor Steve Edgington, second from right, and Council staff.

about some of the challenges faced by Council's committed Night Patrol team, including working long and irregular hours, dealing with dangerous situations, and cultural differences within the patrol team.

He also heard about the great work they are doing.

The team has formed a positive working partner-

ship with police to help prevent and minimise crime and anti-social behaviour and keep community members out of the judicial system.

We also discussed the Council's five-year community infrastructure program which has been driven and developed through the Local Authorities of each community in the Barkly.



DISREPAIR: The Sport and Recreation building.

Priorities for Ali Curung include the need for:

- a new multi-purpose Sports and Recreation building;
- an upgrade to the basketball courts; and
- sealing of the airstrip

The Sports and Recreation building is one of those old Nissen huts which were designed as light aircraft hangars during the First World War and used extensively throughout the Second World War.

Unfortunately, this one is

in a state of disrepair and not fit for purpose as a sports and recreation facility.

The basketball courts are also in a similar state.

Focusing on community infrastructure, such as a new sport and recreation building and enclosed basketball courts, provides an opportunity to increase out-of-school-hours activities for young people.

It is important to provide programs that lean towards early intervention

and prevention and divert young people away from the criminal justice system.

The community has also been calling for the airstrip to be sealed for a number of years.

Minister Scullion has agreed to write to the NT Government to find out where Ali Curung is placed on the priority list for airstrip upgrades.

Minister Scullion also heard about the opportunity to reform the School Council to have greater community involvement in their children's education. Later, Sharen Lake, Catholic Care Regional Manager Tennant Creek, gave everyone a tour of the new childcare facility.

Council continues its collaboration with both the Northern Territory and Australian governments to represent the interests of our residents and advocate for improved facilities and community safety and better living conditions and support.



FORWARD THINKING: Mayor Steve Edgington with Senator Nigel Scullion and CEO Steve Moore.

Exploring for the future

The Mayor Steve Edgington and Council CEO Steve Moore went to Geoscience Australia in Canberra for a presentation and update on the Northern Australia survey.

While in the capital city the Mayor and CEO met with the Barkly Regional Council's counterparts from the Mt Isa City Council, Mayor Joyce McCulloch and CEO Sharon Ibardolaza, as part of the Tennant Creek and Mt Isa Cross Border Commission.

Both councils joined forces last year in a cross border alliance designed to bolster economic development and jobs creation for both regions.

This alliance dovetails into a multi-million dollar Australian Government initiative dedicated to boosting investment in resource exploration in northern Australia and parts of South

Australia.

Other information presented during the day included:

- an update on the Mt Isa Super Basin by the Department of Energy and Environment;
- briefing on the Mining Investment Outlook from the Minerals Council of Australia;
- briefing about Northern Australia by the Office of Northern Australia; and
- an update on water infrastructure by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Council is committed to working collaboratively with the Mt Isa City Council and both the NT Government and the Australian governments to help develop the economy in relation to tourism, mineral resources, roads, rail, logistics, agriculture and water.

Meet Cr Jane Evans

Councillor Jane Evans joined the Council in September last year after the NT local government elections and represents the Kuwarrangu Ward.

Cr Evans worked in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of South Australia for many years. She moved to Elliott four years ago where she is the manager of the Elliott Store.

Having grown up in the small outback town of Oodnadatta in South Australia, Cr Evans has a strong understanding of the challenges and issues faced by living remotely.

She is passionate about the town and the region and is committed to supporting local youngsters with more youth programs and activities.



WHAT'S NEW...

● Council received a lot of great entries for the Dob in a Dumper logo contest. Winners will be announced shortly and invited to the next Ordinary Council Meeting on Thursday, 31 May to collect prize money and certificates.

● The Department of Tourism and Culture has engaged Council to complete a Barkly Visitor Experience Masterplan. The focus is on Tennant Creek and how the recently committed \$5.5m from the NTG can best be spent to support and grow tourism in the region. A consultant will be engaged to complete the plan.

● Council delivered a written submission to the Liquor Commission in regard to whether current restrictions



in Tennant Creek should be removed, relaxed, retained or made more restrictive.

● The second round of the Council's 2017-18 Community Grants Round opens on 1 May, 2018. Visit <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au> for more details.

● Council waived the Civic Hall hire fees for the three-month long Michelangelo Exhibition (7 April-7 July) in Tennant Creek as part of its commitment to supporting the community. Opening hours: Mon-Sun, 9am-5pm. Tickets: \$10 (adults) and \$5 (children).

● NO MORE signage is set to be installed in Purkiss Reserve as part of an ongoing collaboration between Council and the NO MORE Domestic Violence Campaign.

● Fencing to the new extension of the Tennant Creek Cemetery is well underway and nearing completion. The next stage will involve the commencement of a beautification program.

● The Mayor Steve Edgington and Regional Director Martin Plumb (Department of the Chief Minister) met with Jemena staff - Paul Adams, Managing Director, Kin Wah Yew, Deputy Managing Director and Jonathan Spink, NGP Project Director - to discuss the progress of the Northern Gas Pipeline and the construction of the Compressor Station at Warrego.

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Husband remains a suspect in woman's murder

AN inquest into the death of a young woman whose body was found on a vacant lot over four years ago continued at the Tennant Creek Court House last week.

The inquest into the death of Sasha Green* began in Alice Springs last November.

The mother-of-two had a deep puncture wound to her upper right thigh when she was found in Casey Street in November 2013.

Her husband, Rodney Shannon, who was sleeping beside her, stopped giving evidence at the two-day inquest last year for fear of incriminating himself.

Shannon told the inquest the couple had been drinking at a Casey Street unit with two others when his wife asked him to leave with her.

He said he wanted to stay because it was pouring rain but he left with her and went across the road where they spent the night.

"That's all I've got to say, other than that I've got no more comment," he said.

Coroner Greg Cavanagh told Shannon Ms Green's family wanted to know what happened on that vacant block and said: "Thanks for not being helpful".

Last week, the inquest, that was open to the public, heard the police investigation into the case was inadequate with the lawyer representing police admitting that

a number of mistakes had been made - including, failing to declare Ms Green's death a major crime until four years later.

The inquest also heard the detective constable who had been sent to Tennant Creek to investigate the matter was relatively inexperienced; that crime scenes were not searched thoroughly and that DNA evidence had been accidentally destroyed.

Further, it was contended that the prime suspect, who was arrested at the time, had been released too soon and without charge.

John Lawrence SC, on behalf of the Green family, said such investigations didn't get the attention they deserved because Aboriginal people were still considered by many as "unworthy" and "second-class citizens".

Casper Green, Ms Green's father, has claimed for several years that the matter would have been handled differently if his daughter was a white woman.

He said he wanted the offender to be "locked up for good".

The 25-year-old's parents, Casper Green and Louise Rankine, have lobbied for years to find out what happened to their daughter.

They believe she was stabbed at the unit and believe they know who is responsible.

Police say Shannon remains a suspect.

*Name used with family permission.

Tennant man jailed for breaking cousin's jaw

ALWYN Williams was drunk when he stumbled into his cousin's house late one night, demanding a lift home.

He kept on humbugging even though his cousin told him he was too drunk to drive.

When Williams was told to leave the yard, a push-and-shove argument ensued before he punched his cousin in the face, knocking him to the ground and breaking his jaw.

He then ran off when his cousin went into his house and returned with a knife.

The victim had to be medevacated to Darwin for

treatment and three of his teeth had to be removed.

Two weeks after the event, in September last year, Williams turned himself into the police station where he was arrested and remanded in custody.

Appearing in the Supreme Court in Alice Springs recently, Williams pleaded guilty to causing serious harm.

The court heard the offender had committed a string of property damage, motor vehicle, unlawful entry and stealing offences in the past.

He also had breached suspending sentence orders four times and had

broken another man's jaw several years ago.

Chief Justice Michael Grant said Williams' response to his cousin moving him out of his home was angry and disproportionate and the force of the blow was significant.

"This is not a case where the fact you were drunk makes your conduct less serious," he said.

"You were voluntarily intoxicated. That is, you drank of your own free will and your history shows that you must have know that you can be violent when you are drunk.

"The only thing that operates in your favour in terms of the circumstances of this offending is that you ran away and did not continue with the assault."

Chief Justice Grant said he could not see in any objective sense that Williams had shown any genuine remorse even though he had pleaded guilty at an early stage.

He sentenced Williams to imprisonment for two years and eight months with a non-parole period of 16 months.

The sentence was backdated to October last year to take into account time spent in custody.

Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory

NT GOVERNMENT DECISION ANNOUNCED

An independent scientific inquiry into fracking in the Northern Territory has found that if all recommendations are implemented the risks can be reduced to acceptable levels.

The NT Government has considered the report and accepted all 135 recommendations.

This means the moratorium will be lifted with strict new laws to be in place before exploration or production can occur.

The Government will now begin implementing the recommendations and will publicly release an implementation plan in July.

A community and industry reference group will be created to ensure Territorians continue to have a voice in the process.

For more information visit hydraulicfracturing.nt.gov.au



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Miles and miles of beauty

THIS stunning photo of Mitchell grasslands on the Barkly Tablelands is a prize-winning snap.

Stephanie Grove from Alexandria Station won the NT Cattlemen's Association and Elders Amateur Photography Competition NT Landscape category with her entry, Miles and Miles.

Tiani Cook from Suplejack Station, west of Tennant Creek, won the Industry at Work or Play category with her entry of a child with a calf, titled Don't Worry, I'll Look After You.

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Fracking protests ramp up

BORROLOOLA man Scott McDinny was amongst hundreds of protestors who took to the streets in Darwin last Sunday, united in their stand against the NT Government's decision to give the green light to fracking.

Last week, the NT Government lifted its moratorium on fracking following the release of the final report by the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory.

Speaking at the Nightcliff rally, Mr McDinny - a Garrawa man - said his community had made it clear they did not want fracking on their land.

"We are already dealing with lead poisoning in our water at Borroloola," he said.

"It's a disgrace on the NT Government.

"The United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples' Rights states that all Indigenous peoples have the right to self determination and autonomy, to clean water, to healthy lives. Water is precious, water is life.

We will not allow any more water to become poison."

Lauren Mellor from Frack Free NT said there were serious concerns that the NT Government and the onshore gas industry could not be trusted to properly implement and maintain the 135 recommendations that were supposed to help regulate fracking in the decades ahead.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Michael Gunner and several Cabinet Ministers, including Barkly MLA Gerry McCarthy, were at Newcastle Waters Station on Tuesday for gas industry talks with representatives of the NT Cattlemen's Association.

Agenda items included water, land access and royalty compensation.

In other news, days after the fracking announcement, Federal Treasurer Scott Morrison announced a \$259 million boost to the NT to compensate for lost GST revenue as well as a \$550 million boost for remote housing.

He had previously suggested that the Territory should lift its fracking moratorium if it wanted a "leave pass under the GST formula" although as he made the announcement in Alice Springs on Tuesday, the Treasurer denied the two decisions were linked.



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NEW SKILLS: Students completing their Certificate II in Construction.

Training in Construction

Julalikari's CDP, with funds from the Australian Government, is facilitating training in Tennant Creek and Elliott, in Construction.

We are two weeks into the training course being led by Centre for Appropriate Technology trainers. Fifteen students from Elliott and 10 students from Tennant Creek are involved in the training.

"The trainers are engaging and the attendance is showing that students are enthusiastic about finding work in the construction industry," said CDP Manager Brody Moore.

Students are learning a number of practical skill based units that will prepare them, and provide work readiness for construction teams on remote and town based projects.

These skills will include: working in the construction industry, interpreting plans, calculating measurements, Work Health and Safety, concreting, levelling procedures, using carpentry tools and preparing surfaces.

The current training course will be completed by 5th July 2018.

Those companies who may have work for these students should call the Tennant Creek CDP office on 8963 2200 and register your interest.



ALL SMILES: Julalikari's Housing Officer Lee Ann Wortley and Community Connections Manager Tracey Munckton.

A donation received with thanks

Julalikari's Manager of Community Connections, Tracey Munckton, wrote to Colgate Palmolive seeking donations towards the Youth Patrol program.

Tracey said they asked for a donation of toiletries, and were enormously surprised to receive four boxes of small tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes, only two weeks after writing to them.

These and a few other small toiletries will be bundled up and given to the children and young people who use the Youth Patrol bus service at night.

"These small bits and pieces, along with the food we give kids at night might help to get them off to school in the morning," said Clary Satour, Co-ordinator of the Community Patrol services.

"That's the most important service the Youth patrol provides – getting kids home at night so they can rest and go to school the next day."

Media Mob worker's dreams come true

BARKLY Regional Arts' Media Mob worker, Sean Bahr-Kelly has received two incredible film-making opportunities over the past few months.

Tennant Creek is evidence that hard work and consistency can provide pathways to opportunities you didn't think you could get from Tennant Creek.

Sean Bahr-Kelly has worked for Barkly Regional Arts for five years

now in the Media Mob department.

During this time he has had numerous successes from winning major awards, to working with NITV, ICTV and ABC. Having a major funded arts organisation in the

Barkly means that Barkly Regional Arts can provide pathways for arts workers and artists in the Barkly into the greater Australian art sector.

In March Sean Bahr-Kelly was selected to work for two weeks in the camera department on a new Netflix series, which was being filmed in Alice Springs.

Straight after this job he then landed a five-week camera internship position on a major feature film.

Screen Australia announced the five recipients of the *Top End Wedding* Internship program.

The paid internships will give Indigenous screen practitioners the opportunity to hone their skills on the set of the feature film *Top End Wedding* produced by Goalpost Pictures, directed by Wayne Blair and co-written by Miranda Tapsell and Joshua Tyler.

The five recipients of the internship are Heath Baxter (Darwin), Sean Bahr-Kelly (Tennant Creek), Rachael Chisholm (Darwin), John Hodgson (Alice Springs), and Elliana Lawford (Darwin).

"Practical and hands-on experiences like this are invaluable for emerging creatives as they begin to forge their careers in the industry," said Penny Smallacombe, Head of Indigenous Department at Screen Australia.

"The chance to work on



AAAAND CUT: Sean Bahr-Kelly with Elliana Lawford on the set of *Top End Wedding*.

a feature film of this scale in and around the beautiful Top End with the likes of Miranda Tapsell and Wayne Blair at the helm is a remarkable and rare opportunity.

"Being from Darwin myself, I am especially proud that we can support local talent and I congratulate this group of interns and look forward to watching their career progress throughout the years ahead."

The internships will be funded by Screen Australia, with support from Goalpost Pictures and Screen Territory. They range in length from one to eight weeks.

"We are very proud to, again, be working along-

side incredible Indigenous creative talent to bring this story to the screen," said founding partner and producer at Goalpost Pictures, Rosemary Blight.

"Goalpost Pictures are committed to creating professional development opportunities for emerging Indigenous talent including this internship program on *Top End Wedding* as well as on our internationally successful TV series *Cleverman*."

The film is a heart-warming comedy that tells the story of successful Sydney lawyer, Lauren (Miranda Tapsell), and her fiancé Ned (Gwilym Lee). Engaged and in love, they have just 10 days to find Lauren's mother (Ursula

Yovich) who has gone AWOL somewhere in the Territory, reunite her parents and pull off their dream *Top End Wedding*.

Production will commence this month and will shoot in Adelaide, the Tiwi Islands as well as Kakadu, Katherine and Darwin from 16 April - 31 May.

Top End Wedding is a Goalpost Pictures feature in association with Tapsell, Tyler & Condie and Kojo Entertainment, with principal production investment from Screen Australia in association with Tourism NT, with support from the South Australian Film Corporation. Local distribution by eOne with international sales by Films Boutique.

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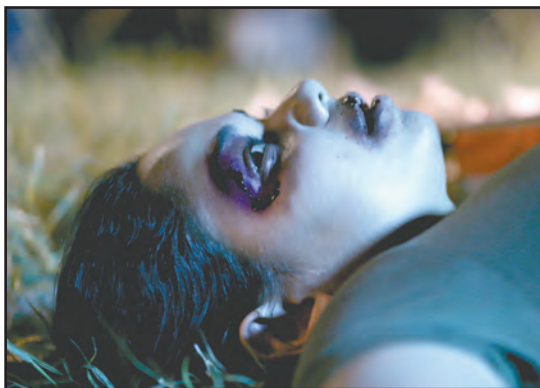
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● Guests at the launch were the first to view the Which Way? Right Way commercials (stills pictured on the right).



Domestic violence campaign launched

SIX television commercials that deliver a powerful message about domestic violence were launched at a community event last weekend.

Created in Tennant Creek, and featuring an all-local cast, the Which Way? Right Way project is a collaboration between the Women's Refuge and Barkly Regional Arts.

Each commercial focuses on domestic violence scenarios, highlighting the impact it has on the community as a whole.

The project was funded by a Federal Government grant to the Tennant Creek Women's Refuge (TCWR) which engaged Barkly Regional Arts (BRA) to create the package that also includes a song, behind-the-scenes video, branding and logo design.

Funds will also be used to screen the commercials for ten weeks on Imparja, 9Go and 9Gem.

BRA Artistic Director Kathy Burns said the media package was community driven and designed specifically for the Barkly region.

"Every aspect of this project has been created by the local Tennant Creek community including the script, music production, acting, crew, filming and editing,"

she said.

"This project saw organisations and individuals get cracking for the greater good of their regional and remote community to add a powerful example of collaborative, community-driven work."

TCWR CEO Mary Ryan said she was really happy with the commercials and was impressed at the level of local input.

"From the feedback I have had, the advertisements have widespread appeal," she said.

"There was a huge turnout at the launch last Saturday which shows the whole community is on board and being proactive about dealing with the social problems that have drawn so much attention to Tennant Creek.

"It is very clear that the town and the wider region have zero tolerance for domestic violence."

Ms Ryan said support for the project from locals and community groups and organisations had been fantastic and the messages should go a long way.

"For example, the Tennant Creek Hospital has agreed to play the commercials on a loop in their waiting room and they will be widely distributed on social media platforms as well," she said.



Barkly Beats hits the stage

AFTER working throughout the holidays with country music great Warren H. Williams, musician Rachel Pelser and local legend Dr Fluoride, Tennant youth turned on a fabulous concert last Saturday night.


Following on from a successful guitar-making workshop last holidays, the kids honed their musical skills in a series of drumming, guitar, keyboard, beat-making and dance classes called Rock with the Doc.


Barkly Beats hit the stage following the launch of the new domestic violence commercials, Which Way? Right Way.

The school holiday program was funded by Territory Families.



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The Australian War Memorial and our national memory immortalise citizens who went to war and it is right that we honour them, but a deeper exploration identifies Australians impacted by the war that came here.

On the 7th December 1941, Japan destroyed US Battle Ships at Pearl Harbour and by the 15th February 1942 Japan had captured Singapore.

On the 19th February 1942, Japan bombed Darwin with more bombs than Pearl Harbour and continued raids inland as far south as Katherine over two years.

On the 21st July 1942, Japanese forces landed at Buna in Papua and commenced their move over the Kokoda track and by October 1942 Japanese forces were within 40 miles of Port Moresby.

Despite an Allied victory at the Battle of the Coral Sea a Japanese landing in Australia was viewed as a distinct possibility when the USAAF 321st Squadron was moved to a primitive airfield at Iron Range on Cape York.

By December 1942, the Second World War was on Australia's door step, not just something people went to overseas but imminent invasion dramatically affecting how Australians saw themselves and their future.

World War Two saw hundreds of Allied aircraft flying missions in northern Australia resulting in crashes across land and sea including the Gulf of Carpentaria, reflecting treacherous weather, poor navigation, damage in battle and inexperienced air crews.

"Little Eva" from the 321st Squadron 90th Bombard Group was an American Consolidated B-24 Liberator which, returning from a bombing mission, got lost and crashed having exhausted its fuel supply on 2nd December 1942 north-west of Burketown in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The aircraft, "Little Eva" was returning with four other B-24s from a bombing raid on a Japanese troop convoy about 80 km north of Buna, Papua New Guinea but lost contact in a severe thunderstorm.

With a disabled radio, poor navigation and out of fuel the pilot, Lieutenant Norman Crosson, gave orders to bail out. Most of the crew members parachuted to safety, however two crew were killed when the plane crashed near Moonlight Creek.

The crew had been instructed to meet at the crash site however only Crosson and Sergeant Loy Wilson arrived there. Crosson and Wilson then went east to what they assumed was the east coast of Cape York walking 60km to Escott

Station, due west of Burketown, where they arrived on the 14th December 1942 to be rescued.

The other surviving crew members failed to locate the wrecked bomber and decided to head for the coast. Staff Sergeant Grady Gaston, 2nd Lieutenant Arthur Speltz, 2nd Lieutenant Dale Grimes and 2nd Lieutenant John Dyer carrying two 45 calibre pistols, a few bars of chocolate, a jungle knife, a fish hook and line, and some matches reached the Gulf of Carpentaria and then disoriented followed the shoreline in a north-westerly direction.

On 15th December 1942, a large search party consisting of seven men of the North Australia Observer Unit (NAOU) including Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal soldiers known as Nackerroos or Curtains Cowboys, fifteen Volunteer Defence Corps members, a local policeman and Aboriginal trackers set out from Escott Station to find the crash site.

The searches located the wreckage after five days where they found six parachutes and two charred corpses which they buried at the site. Lieutenant Frank Comans of the NAOU set out with a small party to follow the tracks of the survivors.

They tracked the missing American air crew for more than 130 km however the wet season conditions made it difficult particularly at stream crossings and the trail was finally lost at Settlement Creek near the border between Queensland and the Northern Territory.

The survivors travelling west walked over 300 miles crossing crocodile infested creeks and rivers to Seven Emu Station finally finding an abandoned paperbark hut on the 24th December 1942 where they made camp.

Starving, exhausted, fighting infections and wet season biting insects the four survivors of the "Little Eva" finally rested on ancient country of the Yanyuwa near the mouth of the Robinson River in the Northern Territory.

Tragically 2nd Lieutenant Dale Grimes, the bombardier was drowned in the Robinson River too weak to swim against the flooding stream, 2nd Lieutenant John Dyer died on 10th February and 2nd Lieutenant Arthur Speltz the Co-pilot died in the night of 24th February 1943 at the hut.

Staff Sergeant Grady Gaston, the ball turret gunner, was rescued on 23rd April 1943 when he was discovered by an Aboriginal stockman and taken back to Seven Emu Station to be cared for in the remote stock camp.

Staff Sergeant Grady Gaston was eventually transported by one of the Bi-planes used in the air searches to Cloncurry, where he was collected by the USAAF on 11th May 1943.

Upon recovery Staff Sergeant Grady

Gaston reported his events of the mission, crash and survival to the USAAF that became part of our national story however the first Australian's the Yanyuwa and Garrawa traditional owners of the south-western Gulf of Carpentaria were reporting the events as they were unfolding in song and dance telling both the story of the war and the air crash on country.

The film, 'Aeroplane Dance' KA – WAYAWAYAMA made near Borroloola in 1993 captures sound and vision reflecting dramatic oral histories of local Aboriginal Elders recounting their formative years during World War Two and the events of the B-24 bomber crash, the missing air crew and the search.

In the film Aeroplane Dance the late, Dinny McDinny recounts the intense fighting in the sky, many Aboriginal people seeing the war for the first time, planes coming from the south-east flying over the coast and one plane falling from the sky.

In the film, the late Jerry Brown, eye witness to the rescue of Staff Sergeant Grady Gaston sings the story of the crashed plane at WABIRRWABIRRA his traditional country and later recounts how in the stock camp on Seven Emu Station he provided the starving American with a bed, food, new trousers and nurtured him with compassion as he began his long road to recovery.

As a traditional Aboriginal man who walked on country, a pioneering stockman who mustered and drove wild cattle from horseback and a bushman living in rudimentary stock camps in the Gulf, the late Jerry Brown castigates the Americans in the film advising, they should have stayed at the plane, they were lost, not knowing that country, not knowing the names of the places.

In the film Aeroplane Dance the late Steve Johnson from Vanderlin Island recounts Aboriginal people from the stations mobilised including traditional people from Wollogorang to walk across country heading east, searching for the missing American airmen.

In the film, Eileen Rory born at Wollogorang recounts the Manager telling the people to conduct a search adding a subtle but cutting colonial connotation depicting that time, "the white people travelled in a motor car, but we had to walk."

Eileen recounted, after extensive searching they didn't find the plane but found a parachute described by the old people as a mosquito net, however more importantly they found tracks heading west.

In the film the late Mr Pyro adds wisdom in prophetic interpretation of the events, the airmen walked west but on the beach at low tide.

The late Dinny McDinny recounts travelling in a dugout canoe with a senior uncle that led to finding a body and identifying it as one of the missing American Airmen and the late Steve Johnson subsequently recounts events of the men sailing to Vanderlin Island to report the discovery, of a letter written by his father delivered by canoe to the Policeman at Borroloola and the eventual recovery of the deceased American.

Following a series of events on Seven Emu Station it is reported in the film that Jack Keighran and his uncle 'Strike a Light' a stockman, found inscribed Bailer Shells hanging from trees near the coast telling the story of a survivor that subsequently led to the stockman finding Staff Sergeant Grady Gaston alive after 141 days in the wilderness.

For the United States Airforce the crew of "Little Eva" are remembered as heroes for their gallantry and bravery in war, those making the ultimate sacrifice and the three crew members who survived.

For the Yanyuwa and Garrawa a traditional man, 'Karrijiji, called Frank who composed the many verses telling of the fallen plane with its nos to the east and tail to the west, of the Bi-planes with wings outstretched searching and who choreographed the dance among the elaborate fuselage, the dancer's headdresses depicting Bi-plane wings and the elongated arms of the dancers performing ancient ritual movements is also a hero immortalising the American's, reporting on the war in Northern Australia and documenting language, culture and lore for countless generations.

For Australians in remote regions of the Northern Territory we can reflect on the military history of "Little Eva" to help remember the effects of a war we did not go to, but that came to us and changed our lives forever.

But more importantly, together as First Australians and those who came later we can stand united in a spirit of reconciliation, reflecting on a burning aeroplane falling from the night sky, seen by so few yet talked about by so many.

Living together as Australians brings both challenges and rewards however the distinct possibility KAWAYAWAYAMA 'Aeroplane Dance' may have been performed for the last time on country in 1993 looms large, however together we must ensure subsequent generations continue the cultural traditions of their elders.

On the seventy fifth anniversary of a war time event on Australian soil, while we solemnly reflect on over 100,000 Australians who have died in war, we remember them.

Lest We Forget

Gerry McCarthy MLA • Member for Barkly

References: Aeroplane Dance; Borroloola 1993 Film Australia, Australian War Memorial, Wikipedia.org



ANZAC DAY 2018



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Tennant remembers fallen heroes

From page 1.
Bugler Peter Gilham has become a regular at Anzac Day services and the haunting tune - one of the traditional military bugle calls that marked phases of the day - made all the difference.
Natasha Nichols' rendition of the national anthem was delivered beautifully and students from the Clontarf Academy raised the flag.
After the service, celebrations and Two-Up games were held throughout the afternoon and into the evening.
Brian Coleman entertained the crowd and afterwards DJ Nathan Collier kept the music pumping.
President of the Tennant Creek branch of the RSL, Kevin Rowland, said the day was a huge success.
"We're very grateful to the many people who contributed to making our Anzac Day successful and memorable," he said.
"Tennant Creek has a heart of gold and so many people worked hard and donated generously to ensure everything ran smoothly.
"A big shout out to Nicole Civitarese who was the chief organiser this year, she did a fantastic job."
Anzac Day honours the courage and sacrifice displayed by troops from Aus-

tralia and New Zealand at the bloody battlefield at Gallipoli in 1915.
It was the first major military action involving the Anzacs in World War I and although the Allies' plan to capture Constantinople was supposed to be swift, the Ottoman Turks put up a strong defence and the campaign carried on for eight long months.
By the end of 1915 when the allied forces were evacuated from the Gallipoli peninsula nearly 9000 Australians lives had been claimed during action, from wounds and disease.
In what was to become a famous slaughter, 747 Australians died on the first day of battle.
During the eight month failed campaign, more than 19,400 Australian soldiers were injured. In total, approximately 130,072 Allied and Turkish deaths were recorded.
Out of the devastation, the Anzac legend was born with characteristics such as honour, valour, resourcefulness, loyalty, mateship and humour becoming embodied into what it means to be an Aussie.
Today, Anzac Day honours and remembers all Australians - past and present - who have served and died in all wars and operational service.
More photos on pages 10-12.

TERRITORY FAMILIES

PERPETRATOR INTERVENTIONS GRANT FUNDING

In association with the Northern Territory Government's Domestic, Family & Sexual Violence Reduction Framework 2018-2028, grant funding is available for eligible organisations to deliver services relating to Perpetrator Interventions including, but not limited to:

- Perpetrator behavioural change programs.
- Therapeutic interventions to address problem behaviours.
- Targeted case management and support for perpetrators, ensuring the safety of the victim is paramount.

The purpose of the grant funding is to:

- Deliver services and activities that target perpetrators to change their behaviour and hold them accountable for their actions.
- Deliver services that assist men to address their violent behaviour and other destructive patterns in their personal lives and relationships. Support men to address their own use of domestic and family violence and other destructive patterns in their personal life and relationships.
- Provide best practice men's behaviour change programs aligned with the national outcome standards for perpetrator interventions that offer individual assessment, counselling and psycho-educational services to men who have used violence and abuse against family members.
- Proactively engage (i.e. outreach, assessment and referral) with perpetrators of family and domestic violence for the purpose of encouraging participation in a men's behaviour change program/perpetrator intervention and/or other services where appropriate.

Applications should be emailed to: **TF.ProgramsandEngagement@nt.gov.au** with attention to the Grants Officer. Hard copy applications can be posted to Programs and Engagement Division, Territory Families, PO Box 40596, Casuarina NT 0811 with attention to the Grants Officer.

Applicants needing further information, clarification about the Guidelines, or questions about completing the application form can contact Territory Families at **TF.ProgramsandEngagement@nt.gov.au** or by phone on **08 89244251**

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RUDYARD Kipling once said: "I thought I was hard done by because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet." There is always someone worse off.

World history teaches us without doubt that NO RACE ON EARTH HAS AN EXCLUSIVE CLAIM TO HARDSHIP there are always people that have done it harder.

Another thing history teaches us is that people motivated by anger and prejudice never deliver a positive result. History is a great teacher providing it is factual and not concocted to suit a cause.

This is Australia and we all have a right to comment on the community we live in, regardless of colour or creed, and I will.

I wasn't born yesterday, I've seen plenty and I'm not bluffed by the bullshit.

Regardless of fashion or political correctness the fact

Letters to the Editor

is, no human beings evolved in Australia from some primeval life form, Australia is millions of years old and we are all the descendants of immigrants at some point in time.

This is 2018, every one of us has rights and equally, every one of us has obligations to the society in which we live.

- G.D. Egan, Tennant Creek.

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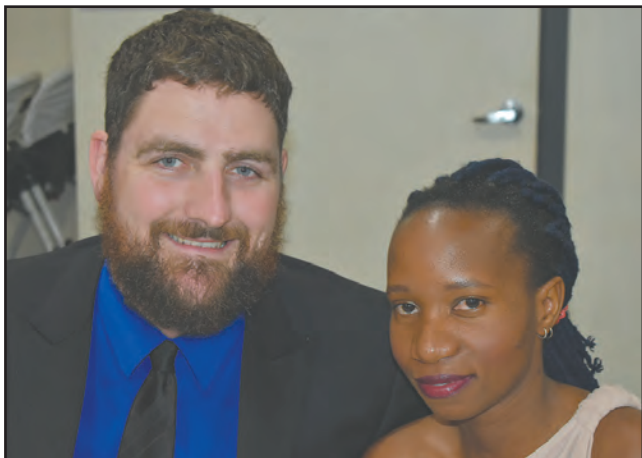


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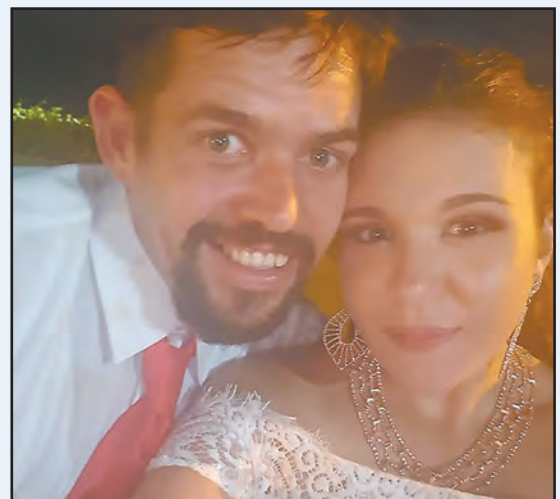
TENNANT Creek man, **Stephen-Angus Goddard** made his union with his beautiful wife, **Jessie**, official last Saturday.

The couple, whose first daughter together was born last year, married at the Cathedral in Darwin and celebrated afterwards at the Sailing Club.

Ten-month-old Iraea was the star of the show, despite how stunning her mother looked.

Jessie's four children from her previous marriage were part of the wedding party and looked gorgeous as page boys and flower girls.

Family and friends travelled from Sydney and Tennant Creek to wish the happy couple all the best for their future together.



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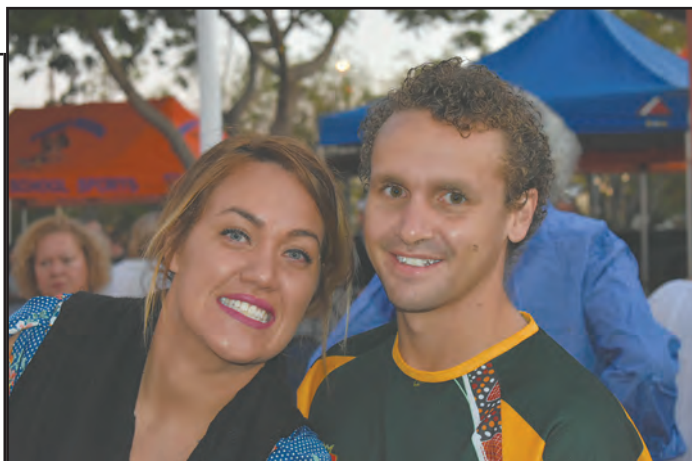


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Quilt workshops coming to town

A PRIZE-winning quilter is coming to Tennant Creek next month to share her skills with residents.

Elizabeth Chadwick, a qualified quilting instructor, will be assisted by friend and avid quilter, Joy Stinson.

The women have been invited to Tennant Creek by Jenny Kitching who has financed the Decorative Quilting Workshops project with support from the local CWA branch.

The workshops will be held at the CWA Hall for six days from Wednesday 16 May through to Monday 21 May and people can attend for as many days as they choose.

Jenny said she fell in love with Elizabeth's work when she met her through family connections while on holidays in Adelaide.

"I have always wanted to learn quilting and I thought it would be a good opportunity to share the experience with others in Tennant Creek," she said.

"This town is full of creative people but so often they work in isolation.

"These workshops will be an opportunity to come together and to learn together.

"I'm very excited about it and I know others have been enthusiastic as well.

"That's why I'm hoping there'll be a good turnout at the workshops."

Jenny said workshop fees have been kept to a minimum to make them affordable.

"At \$100 per day and reduced prices for consecutive days, it's good value for money," she said.

"If there's anyone out there who'd love to learn quilting but is experiencing financial hardship, I urge them to talk to me about it and see what compromise we can make."

Sewing machines, cutting boards and rotary cutters will be provided at the workshops but participants will have to purchase patterns and materials.

There'll be a pop-up shop with sewing accessories on sale each day.

Jenny said as a way of giving back to the community, the Girl Guides have been invited to attend a complimentary workshop.

"It's a really good opportunity for the younger ones to be introduced to quilting," she said.

"And who knows where it may lead for them?"

Elizabeth, who started quilting about 15 years ago, came across foundation paper piercing several years ago and completed a course with Quiltworx America to become one of the first certified instructors in Australia to teach the technique.

Since she moved to Adelaide about five years ago, Elizabeth has been teaching quilting and working in the industry.

She has also written a few simple patterns which have proved popular with beginners as they are easily achievable.

"I'll be teaching these quilt top patterns as well as basic paper piercing," Elizabeth said.

"And I'm looking forward to meeting everyone in Tennant Creek."



WARMTH AND STYLE: Elizabeth shows off one of her prize-winning quilts (left) and another masterpiece (right).



ON THE WORLD STAGE: Barkly Mayor Steve Edgington and daughter Aimee, who works at Disneyworld.

Mayor's Disneyworld tour from daughter

BARKLY Mayor Steve Edgington and wife Nicci dropped into to see their daughter Aimee who is working at Disneyworld in Orlando in the United States.

The Mayor said Aimee was promoting

Tennant Creek to the thousands of sightseers which who visited the famous tourist attraction every day of the week.

"It really is fantastic to have Tennant Creek being promoted on the international stage by our daughter and hopefully it may lead to an

increase in the number of travellers visiting our wonderful town," he said.

"[We are] very proud of Aimee. Her employment is part of the Disney Australia and New Zealand Cultural Exchange Program and she'll return next January."

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PUBLIC NOTICES



COMMUNITY GRANTS NOW OPEN

Barkly Regional Council is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the second round of the 2017/18 Community Grants Program.

The Grants Program seeks to support community-based projects in the areas of arts and culture, sport and recreation, community safety and community development. Groups or individuals can apply for amounts of up to \$3000 per project.

The grant application program opens on 1 May 2018 and closes on 31 May 2018.

Guidelines and application forms can be obtained from Council Head Office, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek, or downloaded from the website <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au/news-events/news/community-grants-program>

Please send all grant applications to the Grants Manager Susan Wright on susan.wright@barkly.nt.gov.au and mark the email Community Grants Program 2017/18 Second Round. Call 08 8962 0000 for details.

PUBLIC NOTICES



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK - PUBLIC LANEWAYS

Barkly Regional Council has received several complaints from residents regarding public laneways located between houses in Tennant Creek.

Council is now seeking feedback from the community on the future of the laneways in Tennant Creek to assist in determining which, if any, laneways should be removed or closed.

Feedback must include the name or names of the laneway(s), what you would like done to the laneway(s) and your name and contact number.

Mark the envelope 'Public Laneways Tennant Creek' and either post to the CEO, Barkly Regional Council, PO Box 821, Tennant Creek, NT, 0861, deliver by hand to Council reception, 41 Peko Road, OR email to reception@barkly.nt.gov.au by 11pm (ASCT) on 13 May 2018.

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BEREAVEMENT



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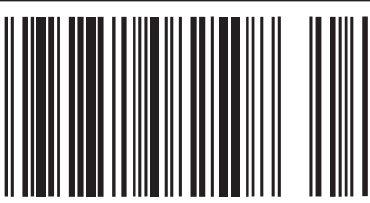


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Get fit with aqua aerobics

TEN ladies ventured into the water for a water aerobics session last week and are looking forward to the next session.

Barkly Region Sports Coordinator Pam Dillon completed a three day WETS Aqua Instructor course in Darwin and is looking forward to regularly holding lessons on weekends.

As part of her assessment she had to run three classes and video them for her accreditation as a WETS Aqua Instructor.

Exercising vertically in water is a popular choice for participants who may have an injury or disability and is often used as therapy.

Such exercise helps strengthen the body



while the participant is surrounded by the soothing element of water.

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The next class is tomorrow (28 April) at 10am and we hope to see more new faces to the class.



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