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BRAND NEW STORE FOR THE BARKLY:
 The 3D designs of the new supermarket.



COVID travel restrictions supermarket delay reopening until after Christmas

THE re-opening of the newly rebuilt Tennant Creek IGA supermarket has been delayed by COVID-19 travel restrictions, IRAM CEO John Kop announced today.

"Practical completion of the rebuild is complete, with less than a month needed to fit out and stock the store," he said. "Until last week we were on track to re-open by Christmas."

"Contractors were due in Tennant Creek this week to install the point-of-sale (POS) systems, while additional teams were coming from interstate to start restocking the store."

"Unfortunately, most of these people, as well as our project manager, are based in Western Australia and some in South Australia," he said.

"Due to changed risk ratings by the West Australian Government for travel from the

Northern Territory, our main contractor has advised their staff are no longer able to travel to the Northern

Territory until at least January."

"Restocking the store would require us to place orders now, including about \$200,000 worth of perishable goods," he said.

"Given travel restrictions and ongoing uncertainty about lockdowns in the Territory, it is not possible to place these orders without knowing that we will have systems in place and staff on the ground to receive the goods or we could end up losing perishable food."

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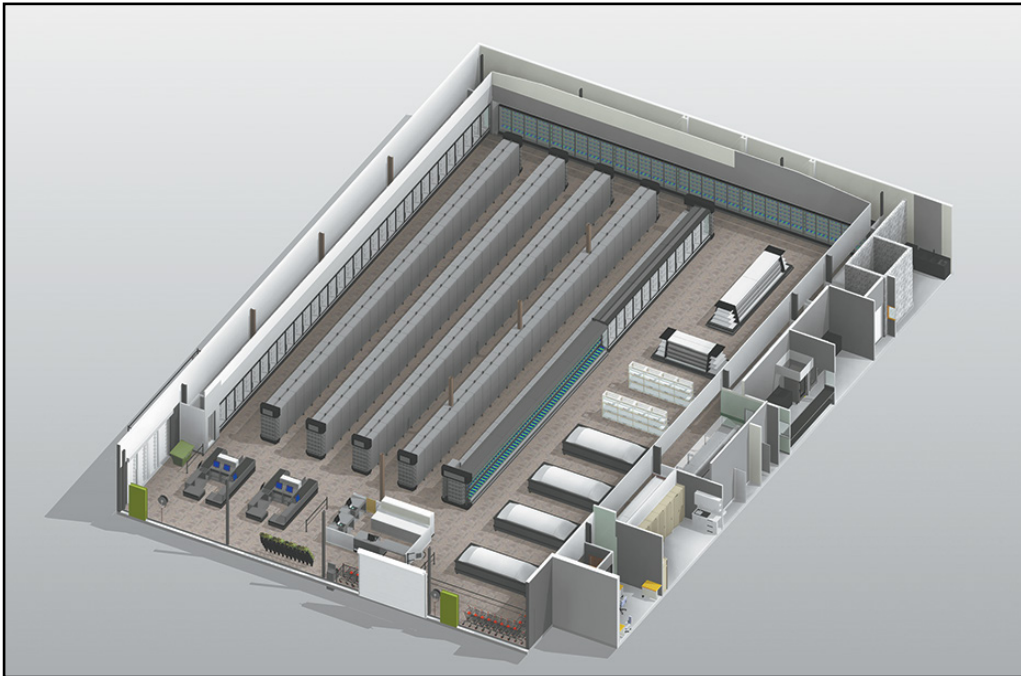
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"Therefore, we have had no choice but to defer the reopening until after Christmas," he said. Mr Kop said the postponed reopening was extremely frustrating and disappointing to staff, contractors and particularly the community, after getting so close to re-opening a modern and spacious new store.

"Many of the IRAM senior management team have spent months away from their families this year, including their children, working to re-open the store before Christmas," he said.

However, he assured all customers that there should be no disruption to existing supplies and Christmas goods for the temporary store located at the BP.

"Everything that can be done continues to be done to ensure the new store opens as early in the New Year as possible," Mr Kop said.

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Treasure galore at your local Uniting Church Op Shop

By ALBA BROCKIE

PERHAPS you have wandered past the old cream coloured building between the Uniting Church and the Butcher and wondered “what goes on in there?”, “what is the story behind this old place?”

The current Aladdin’s Cave that is the Uniting Church Op-Shop is located in Tennant Creek’s oldest still used building, the Australian Inland Mission Welfare Hut.

Established in 1935 a welfare club was the brainchild of Reverend Kingsley F ‘Skipper’ Partridge and John Flynn.

Today’s op-shop is in keeping with the original building - everything has been donated.

The land by R Schmidt, the finance for the prefabricated Sidney William’s Comet steel-framed building by the Sydney branch of the Inland Mission and other donors, electric light supplied from the Ice Works next door and Ron Hughes-Jones, who had the water truck, donated 1,000 gallons of drinking water.

“Completed to original specifications” by 14 January 1936 the Welfare Club was furnished with a small billiard table, library, reading and writing room, facilities for men to shower and a hall to hold about 50 people.

Almost immediately the building hosted a sub-branch of RSSILA (later Returned Soldiers League RSL) and those seeking attractions other than “the hotel and gambling schools”.

The billiard table is long gone but the building that housed Tennant’s first Library more than 80 years ago still houses a diverse collection of books to tempt even the choosiest readers.

In another link to the past on the next two Saturday mornings you can purchase tickets

in the Tennant Creek Children’s Christmas Tree raffle. Back in 1935 the Sydney Office of the Australian Inland Mission adopted the 35 girls and 30 boys then residing in Tennant Creek and provided the Welfare Club with Christmas gifts for the children.

So if you are: seeking attractions other than “the hotel and gambling schools”; packing up to leave town; hosting a theme party; decluttering over the Christmas holidays; or just need a shirt on your back/Christmas -cards, -socks, -undies/a pair of shoes/some winter woollies for your trip South, why not drop into the Uniting Church Op-Shop/Australian Inland Mission Welfare Hut and explore Aladdin’s Cave?

There is a treasure for everyone, most priced at the princely sum of \$1.

You can part with that paltry sum knowing that your contribution won’t leave your community and that you are contributing to maintaining a revered historic building.

The Op-Shop is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Donations can also be left at the side door on Sunday mornings or in the green bin out the front anytime.

Volunteers are always very welcome. For more information you can call Meg on 0475 614 367 or Alba on 0411 501 973.

The Uniting Church Op Shop would like to take this opportunity to thank all their volunteers, contributors and generous supporters, and wish you all a safe, happy, loving festive season.

NOTE: Thanks to the fortennantcreekers.com website for some of the historical facts used in this article.



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Local contractors to bring business hub to life

A TERRITORY enterprise with a presence in Tennant Creek has been awarded a \$2.4 million NT Government contract to fit-out the Barkly Business Hub.

Harvey Developments has been announced as the successful proponent. The new Barkly Business Hub will operate in Tennant Creek from the current Northern Territory Government Centre, easily accessible from Peko Road.

The Barkly Business Hub will be a 'one-stop-shop' created to facilitate existing and new business ventures and innovation, including supporting local businesses and local skills development. It will help create jobs, expand industry and elevate the Barkly's business capabilities. The Hub will enable the co-location of Northern Territory Government and National Indigenous Australians Agency staff to streamline business and workforce support.

Design of the Barkly Business Hub has been finalised

with construction anticipated to be complete in mid-2022.

The Hub is a key initiative under the 10-year, \$78.4 million Barkly Regional Deal, which was signed in 2019 by the Australian and Northern Territory governments and the Barkly Regional Council.

The Deal aims to improve the productivity and liveability of the Barkly region by stimulating economic growth, improving social outcomes and supporting local Aboriginal leadership.

Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making Selena Uibo said the Hub will be a game-changer for the region.

"It will help businesses innovate, expand and increase productivity for the Barkly, which we know has so much to offer," she said.

"The Hub will also be critical to progressing other Barkly Regional Deal initiatives such as the Regional Workforce Strategy, Barkly Mining and Energy Service Offer, Economic

Growth Strategy and much needed CDP Reform.

"The Territory Government has committed \$30 million towards the Barkly Regional Deal and is leading or a partner to 21 key economic, social and cultural initiatives of the Deal to improve liveability and productivity for the Barkly region.

"I congratulate Harvey Developments on its successful proponent process and look forward to seeing this important project come to life which will benefit existing and future businesses in the Barkly."

Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Eva Lawler said the infrastructure will ensure Barkly businesses have a central, one-stop-shop for all thing business – whether it's an existing operation, or a brand new venture, the Hub will be able to offer support and direction.

"We are excited to see the positive impact this Hub will have on the region, and on the Territory's economy."

Film night educates about Territory's water issues

ARID Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) and the Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) were in town to talk with interested community members about water issues affecting the region, in particular, the Singleton Station water license decision.

Although the attendance was not large, there was plenty of interest, and those who attended were able to talk to the representatives regarding their water concerns along with being able to learn more about water issues in the Barkly region.

There was also a special screening of a thought-provoking documentary about the effects of mining, pastoralism and irrigated agriculture on First Nations peoples in the Kimberley area to give some context to the discussions.



● Stacey Ella and Natalie Czapski from EDO with Alex Vaughan, Hannah Ekin and Jess Xavier from ALEC.



● Brian Coleman.



● "Frank" Anupam Singh.



● Ellen Frohlich and Georgia McClanahan.



Local Mayor saves the Christmas stocking day!

IT was beginning to look as though the annual Christmas Tree toy raffle was not going to happen this year when the giant wooden stocking was unable to be found.

The call went out for any information, but in a feat worthy of Cosentino or Penn and Teller, the stocking appears to have vanished into thin air.

In true Tennant Creek fashion however, Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin stepped into the breach and used his talents to create a new stocking so the raffle could go ahead as always.

The stocking is now loaded up with toys and tickets are on sale for \$2 each.

They can be obtained from Alba at the Hub, the Council or from any of the Christmas Tree Committee members and will be drawn at the Christmas Tree on the 11 December

Pictured is Wayne Green and Mayor Jeffrey with the fully loaded stocking who were selling tickets at the markets on Saturday.



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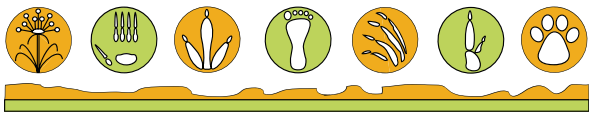
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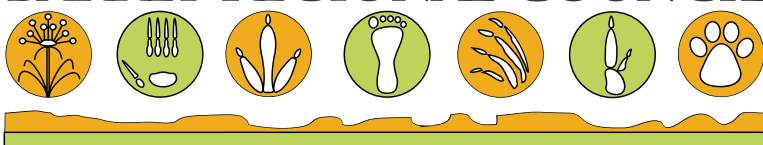
- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Senior Citizen (Elder) of the Year
- Sportsman of the Year

Nomination forms are now available from Barkly Regional Council reception and the library, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek. They can also be downloaded from the council website <https://www.barkly.nt.gov.au> and either emailed to events@barkly.nt.gov.au or returned to reception.

Forms must be returned by COB Monday, 6 December 2021.

Awards will be presented at the Flag Raising Ceremony at Battery Hill on Australia Day, 26 January 2022.

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

The Barkly Regional Council Annual Report 2020/21 is available on the Council website.

You can download a copy [HERE](#)

Printed copies are available from Reception, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek.

Steve Moore
Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



REGIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Barkly Regional Council is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Community Safety Administration Officer (Part-time)
- Community Care Zone Manager
- Handyperson
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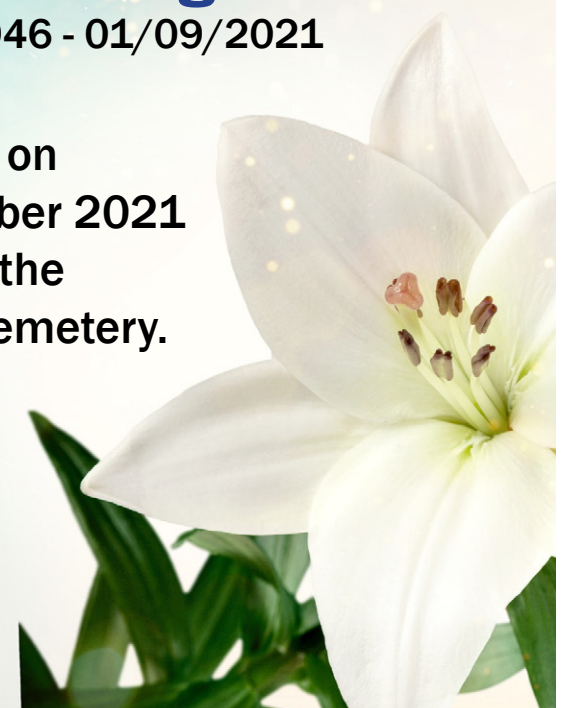
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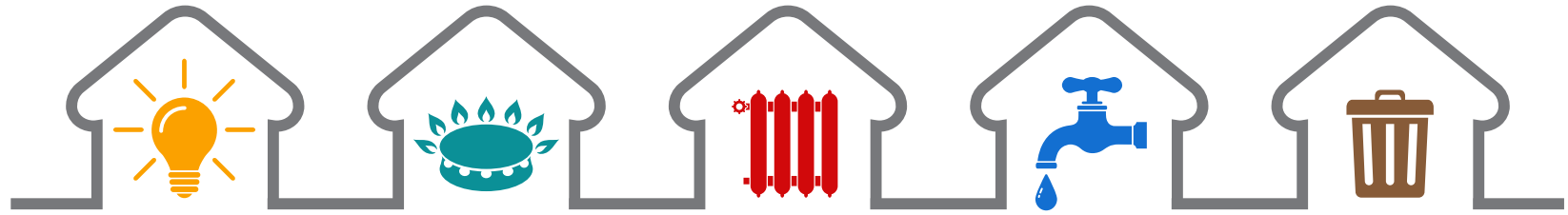
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Barkly Plumbing is renowned for its quality workmanship in plumbing, drainage and gas in the residential, commercial and maintenance sectors across the Barkly.

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● Lions Members, Kate Foran, Pennie Chester, Ruth Preuss, Santa, Peter Hogan and Ian and Marlene Hicks.

Seniors celebrate festive season with annual lunch

□ By CATHERINE GRIMLEY

THERE may have been a threat that the annual Seniors' Christmas lunch might not be possible this year, but in the end, even at short notice, the Lions, and their team of community supporters were able to serve up a delicious lunch for around 40 guests and helpers at the CWA Hall on Saturday.

As always, the Hall was a festive delight courtesy of the CWA, and the Girl Guides took their serving duties in their stride and with a smile, doing a wonderful job and delighting the Seniors in the process.

Santa took time out from his busy schedule to deputise a truly Aussie Santa to hand out the gifts, however the two "Boomers in Training" two came along proved to be just as popular as the gentleman in red.

Lions wish to thank the CWA, Memorial Club, the Headframe, Barkly Quality Butchers, Lone Star Service Station, Barkly MLA Steve Edgington, Tennant and Beyond, and of course special thanks to Wayne and Larry for their entertaining performance and to all the Lions members for their hard work making the lunch so wonderful.



● Anita Wright and Marg Connors.



● Meg McGrath and Kathy Muir.



● Shoni, Eddie and Masie Smith.



● Jack Gannon and Lynece O'Day.



● Chippy Shand.



● Unit Leader Kelly Hogan with the Guides and Santa.