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## Anyinginyi angered by gym eviction

**ANYINGINYI Health Aboriginal Corporation is calling out the behaviour of the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) for the eviction of the Corporation from the Sport and Recreation Centre.**

The town's sole gym was built by Anyinginyi, maintained and operated for two decades on Purkiss Reserve.

Anyinginyi Board Chairperson Ross Williams said the actions of Council area repudiation of the Barkly Regional Deal's intent to work together, co-operatively in the interests of the community.

"In good faith, Anyinginyi Health wrote to BRC in September proposing to sell the sport and recreation building on Purkiss Reserve including the gym equipment to Council at a significant discount to its value," said Mr Williams.

"Anyinginyi made the decision to close the gym following a strategic review.

"The closure allows us to refocus our efforts and resources on primary health care and the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

"For many years, Anyinginyi was the only provider of sport and recreation services in Tennant Creek.

"In recent years that changed, in part because of the Regional Deal's initiatives to increase community sport options.

"As such, Anyinginyi approached BRC and the NT Government to work together in the spirit of the Regional Deal and to reach an outcome that would benefit the community.

"Despite this, our organisation, and by extension, the Aboriginal community, have been treated with contempt by BRC through this process."

Mr Williams said the Council asserted ownership of the building because it was located on land that was granted to it by the NT Government and neither BRC nor the NT Government could locate an exchange agreement relating to the building.

He says BRC declined assistance from the Northern Territory Government in relation to how compensation for the building could be made.



"Instead, Barkly Regional Council, through its CEO, served on Anyinginyi an eviction notice on Monday 13 December, despite no lease existing and our continuous possession and investment in the building for the last 20 years.

"Anyinginyi's dispossession without compensation is a loss for our members, the Aboriginal people of the Barkly region," he said.

"The funding Anyinginyi received to build and upgrade the facility was provided for the advancement of Aboriginal people such as through the Aboriginal Benefit Account.

"Most of the users of the gym are non-Indigenous members of our community.

"While we have no issue with non-Indigenous community members benefitting from the facility, it is important to note that this significant windfall to Council, flowing from our dispossession, will mostly benefit the non-Indigenous community at the expense of our organisation and the Aboriginal

community we represent."

Mr Williams said Anyinginyi's dispossession ignores the role the Corporation has played for 20 years developing and delivering sport and recreation services in Tennant Creek when no other organisations were here to provide them.

"Our dispossession is the result of prior Government's poor record keeping," he said.

"Our dispossession is symbolic of yet another form of colonisation – a more insidious form, where structures in place to improve the lives of Aboriginal people are ultimately subverted. Where an organisation like Anyinginyi is unconsciously led to invest its resources into something that is taken away without compensation.

"The outcome is manifestly unfair, the actions of Barkly Regional Council are contrary to the spirit of the Barkly Regional Deal and working together for the community."

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LOCATION	CLOSE DOWN DATE	RETURN TO WORK DATE
Alice Springs	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
Tennant Creek	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022
Other offices	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2021	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2022



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# 2022 NT Youth Round Table members announced

**BARKLY locals Azra Zendelji 25, and Boyd Cook 17, have been selected to join a range of other young Territorians on the 2022 Youth Round Table.**

Announced today, the 18 members will provide advice to the NT Government and inform the development of policies programs and services. They will also share information that enables the Government to engage with issues of importance to young Territorians.

Both Azra and Boyd have spent their lives in Tennant Creek and are looking forward to advocating for their peers during their term on the Youth Round Table.

Azra is currently working as a communications officer with Anyinginyi Health while Boyd, who has just finished Year 11 and completed a Certificate of Rural Operations, is heavily involved in the local AFL league.

Representing Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Palmerston and Darwin; the Youth Round Table members will each lead a community-based project throughout their 12-month term.

During the year, four in-person meetings will be held in Darwin in addition to six virtual sessions.

The first gathering, to be held next March, will feature team building activities, professional development workshops and

consultation sessions on youth topics.

**The other 2022 Youth Round Table members are:**

- Connie-Anne Shaw, 23, Alice Springs;
- Isla Hooper, 19, Alice Springs;
- Jordon Humphreys, 16, Alice Springs;
- Paddy van der Geest-Hester, 15, Alice Springs
- Alexander Storey, 21, Darwin
- Alicia Kuroda-Metin, 16, Darwin
- Hajrah Kamran, 18, Darwin
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- Kyle Lachlan, 22, Palmerston & Rural

Further Round Table information can be found at: [tfhc.nt.gov.au/youth-round-table](http://tfhc.nt.gov.au/youth-round-table)

## NT Government office hours for Christmas/New Year

Offices will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period from Monday 27 December 2021, reopening on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

For more information visit [nt.gov.au](http://nt.gov.au) or contact the government switchboard on 8999 5511

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## Three men charged for COVID restriction breaches

**THREE men travelling from Tennant Creek to Alice Springs have been issued infringement notices for breaches of the Chief Health Officer's Directions.**

At around 6:20am on 18 December, the men, aged 36, 32 and 25, allegedly breached the Southern Tennant Creek border check point and continued driving to Alice Springs.

The 36- and 32-year-old were located by police on Sunday where they were both issued infringement notices and directed to isolate until they returned a negative test result.

The 25-year-old was located by police yesterday where he was also issued an infringement notice and directed to isolate until he returned a negative test result.

All three have since returned negative test results.

Incident Controller Commander Lauren Hill said, "The CHO directions are in place for the safety of the community and they are more important than ever now that COVID is in the NT.

"The actions of these three men has put undue pressure on our frontline staff and potentially risked the safety



## A safe Christmas is one free from Violence

We would like to wish residents in the Tennant Creek region a safe and happy Christmas and New Years period.

While Domestic Violence is a complicated issue, there are some easy actions we all can take that could **make a difference**.

1. Report it if you see or hear something of concern - you might save someone's life.
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## Lockout brings new freedoms for Tennantites

TENNANT Creek COVID restrictions been changed from a lockdown to a lockout until next 5pm Wednesday 29 December.

The lockout means fully vaccinated residents who have returned a rapid antigen test are able to exit the town, however must continue to wear masks or enter an exclusion zone for seven days.

The new rules do not apply to unvaccinated residents, who must remain in lockdown at home during the lockout period and only leave their home for essential goods and services or for one of hour exercise within a five kilometre radius.

Barkly MLA Steve Edgington said it was a welcome move for vaccinated residents this close to Christmas, but criticised the NT Government's lack of clear messaging since positive COVID results were found in Tennant Creek's wastewater.

One of the biggest frustrations expressed by local residents was delays in receiving COVID testing results, with some people waiting more than the three day period.

"It's taken a while but we are finally starting to see some consistency in the COVID rules being applied not only for Tennant Creek residents but all Territorians," he said.

As of yesterday, the total of COVID cases connected to Tennant Creek was 31, with 25 in Tennant Creek, 5 from the Walkabout Outstation and one in Ali Curung.

There were 336 tests conducted in Tennant Creek and 45 further vaccinations.

Local small businesses in Tennant Creek who have no doubt suffered large financial losses in the lead up to Christmas are eligible for a one-off \$1,000 payment.

To be eligible, businesses need to have a turnover of between \$75,000 and \$10 million and less than 20 full-time staff.

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With an excellent turnout of family and friends for support all of the graduates were presented with their certificates and a small gift for having completed their literacy course.

Also during the ceremony, Thank You certificates were presented to other organisations and individuals who had assisted in the setting up and running of the program.

Given the importance of reading and writing in everyday life, these graduates have now been given a whole new world of opportunities, and we wish them all the best in the future.



# Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation

The Board, Management and Staff of Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!

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#### Vacancies on the Ampilatwatja, Wutunugurra, Tennant Creek and Arlparra Local Authorities have become available.

Local Authorities alert Barkly Regional Council to new and emerging issues affecting communities, and also advise Council on service delivery in their respective communities. People nominated must be over the age of 18 years and living in or identifying with the community.

**Nominations open Friday, 10th December and close at 4pm on 31st December 2021.**

Nominations for the Ampilatwatja Local Authority must be emailed to the Ampilatwatja Area Manager [Robert.Smith@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:Robert.Smith@barkly.nt.gov.au) with the wording "Ampilatwatja Local Authority Nomination" in the subject heading.

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Nominations for the Tennant Creek Local Authority must be emailed to the Tennant Creek Governance Officer [Millicent.nhepera@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:Millicent.nhepera@barkly.nt.gov.au) with the wording "Tennant Creek Local Authority Nomination" in the subject heading.

**Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Barkly Regional Council website**  
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To provide your feedback, visit [haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/circulareconomy](http://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/circulareconomy). Feedback closes on **Sunday 30 January 2022**. For more information see [NTEPA.nt.gov.au](http://NTEPA.nt.gov.au) or email [Waste.NTEPA@nt.gov.au](mailto:Waste.NTEPA@nt.gov.au).

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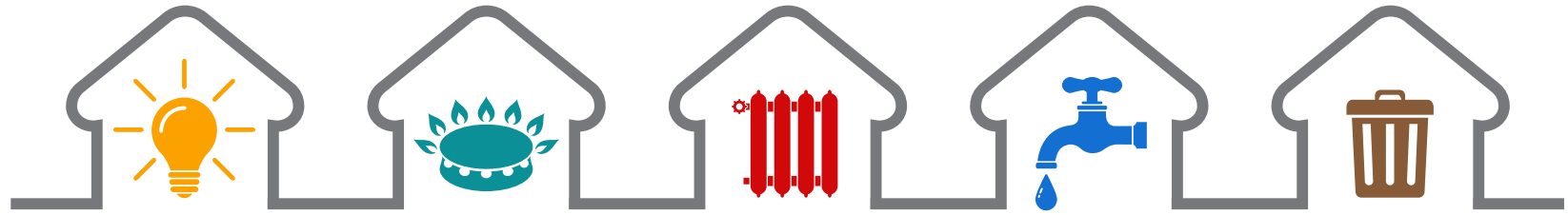


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