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news



BRADAAG appoints new CEO

THE Barkly's lead drug and rehabilitation service has appointed a new CEO.

Barkly Regional Alcohol and Drug Advisory Group (BRADAAG) has welcomed Suman (Sam) KC to its chief role, taking over from Pauline Lewis who resigned in September.

Sam (pictured) has been living and working in Tennant Creek for five years and previously held the executive manager role at the organisation, working closely with Pauline for three years to assist in the operations of the services.

An exceptional leader with a wealth of experience, connections to staff, external service and the local community, the BRADAAG Board of Directors has expressed its confidence in Sam's audacity and skills in building and inspiring teams.

"I am really excited to be part of the next phase of BRADAAG and humbled to get the opportunity to lead such a team of knowledgeable, dedicated and respected people who have created an incredible work environment to help our community," he said.

"I am grateful and proud to have been part of this journey and look forward to taking BRADAAG to the next level."

Don't make decisions about us without us: NLC

THE Northern Land Council (NLC) has called on the Territory Government to stop making decisions without it.

NLC announced this week it supports the call by the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory (AMSANT) that a safe reopening of the Northern Territory must be based on a number of key principles and actions.

Prior to the recent COVID-19 transmission events in Darwin and Katherine, the NLC Chairman Samuel Bush-Blanasi emphasised that: "We need higher vaccination rates in the NT because 80 per cent ... is too low to protect Aboriginal people in remote communities. We need minimum of 90 per cent."

Mr Bush-Blanasi stressed the need to use the best information available, and based on the recent Doherty Institute updated data modelling, the NLC supports AMSANT's call for 90% coverage for Aboriginal people over the age of 16 years before NT borders

open. Once a safe vaccine is approved for children from 5 years of age, the NLC would support AMSANT's call for a revised target of 80 per cent.

Without an enhanced and targeted remote vaccination program, the NLC has concerns about the requirements, complexity and workability of rapid antigen testing and mask wearing in communities with a vaccination rate below 70 per cent.

"If we don't have reliable vaccination data outside of Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs, then we won't know where to target our multilingual vaccination promotional efforts. Remember our Aboriginal land and waters border Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia and major towns across the NT too," said Mr Bush-Blanasi.

"This is about our lives, our people and our country. Governments have to think beyond the big cities when making important decisions about our mob out bush – don't make decisions about us without us."

Tennant remembers our fallen heroes

IN common with many other countries, Australia commemorates Remembrance Day at “the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month”, which was known as Armistice Day in Australia until after World War II.

It marked the end of World War I, but has come to be a day of commemoration for not only the 45,000 Australian service personnel lost in WWI, but for all Australians lost in any conflict.

As always, Tennant Creek RSL held heartfelt service to honour the fallen, with wreaths being laid by Barkly MLA Steve Edgington, Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin, as well as students from local schools and other organisations in town.

For those who were unable to attend the RSL, or those who are interested in the history of Australia in battle there will be a semi trailer cinema session at the IGA car park from 7pm till 9.30 tonight. Originally scheduled for last Monday, it had to be postponed due to lockouts and road closures.

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Council move set for a good reception

BARKLY Regional Council's reception will be moving its customer service operations to the Library next Monday.

BRC's Senior Administration Officer Fionn Elwood said the reason for the move was to provide a one stop shop for all Council services for the Tennant Creek community.

"We will now have two customer service officers in the library to help with all your needs such as information about rates, dump tokens, venue hire and forms," she said.

"It will also help us to support each other to deliver programs and a create more of a

community hub for Tennant Creek."

To suit the amalgamation, the opening hours of the Library will change from 8.15am to 4.15pm Monday to Friday and from 9am till noon on Saturday morning.

So now with all the Library services you rely on, like internet access, borrowing books/ DVDs and printing/scanning services, you will now also be able to make your rate payments in one handy visit!

The Library is located at 41 Peko Rd. For more details, contact 8962 0000.



Department of EDUCATION

Aboriginal Teacher Education Scholarships

The Northern Territory Department of Education is offering scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Territorians who are currently studying education or eligible to enrol in teacher education in Semester 1, 2022. Successful applicants will receive up to \$15 000 per year to support their studies at either Charles Darwin University or Batchelor Institute.

The department is committed to growing the number of Aboriginal teachers in the NT, and we particularly encourage existing Aboriginal educators to apply.

For information on how to apply, please visit the Scholarships section on the Teach in the Territory webpage.

Applications close on Friday 3 December 2021.

If you have any queries, contact the Aboriginal Workforce Development team at aboriginalschola.doe@education.nt.gov.au or 08 8901 1321.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth)

Notice of an application for the protection of a specified area, being the area known as Mount Peake Mine, near Wilora, Northern Territory

Invitation to make representations

I, Alice Buhrich, hereby give notice as follows:

The Minister for the Environment (**Minister**), responsible for the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth) (Act)*, has received an application made under section 10 of the Act. The application is seeking long term preservation and protection of a significant Aboriginal area being the area known as Mount Peake Mine, near Wilora, approximately 251kms north of Alice Springs in Northern Territory. The Minister has appointed me to provide a report to the Minister under paragraph 10(1)(c) of the Act.

The Applicant

The application is made by Christine Palmer on behalf of herself and other Kaytej Traditional people (**Applicant**).

The purpose of the application

The application seeks the long-term preservation or protection of the area specified in the application (**specified area**). The specified area is depicted in Figure 1 below. Section 10 of the Act confers power on the Minister to make a declaration to preserve and protect an area where the Minister is satisfied that it is a 'significant Aboriginal area' under threat of injury or desecration. A 'significant Aboriginal area' is defined by section 3 of the Act as an area of land or waters that is "of particular significance to Aboriginals in accordance with Aboriginal tradition". 'Aboriginal tradition' is defined as the "body of traditions, observances, customs and beliefs of Aboriginals generally or of a particular community or group of Aboriginals, and includes any such traditions, observances, customs or beliefs relating to particular persons, areas, objects or relationships".

Matters the report is required to deal with

The Minister must consider my report pursuant to section 10 of the Act in relation to the specified area before deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act. Under subsection 10(4) of the Act, the report is required to deal with the following matters:

- the particular significance of the area to Aboriginal peoples;
- the nature and extent of the threat of injury to, or desecration of, the area;
- the extent of the area that should be protected;
- the prohibitions and restrictions to be made with respect to the area;
- the effects the making of a declaration may have on the proprietary or pecuniary interests of persons other than the [Applicant];
- the duration of any declaration;
- the extent to which the area is or may be protected by or under a law of the State or Territory, and the effectiveness of any remedies available under any such law; and
- such other matters (if any) as prescribed.

The specified area

Figure 1 below depicts the area for which preservation and protection is sought. This specified area is described as the Mount Peake Mine, near Wilora, Northern Territory.

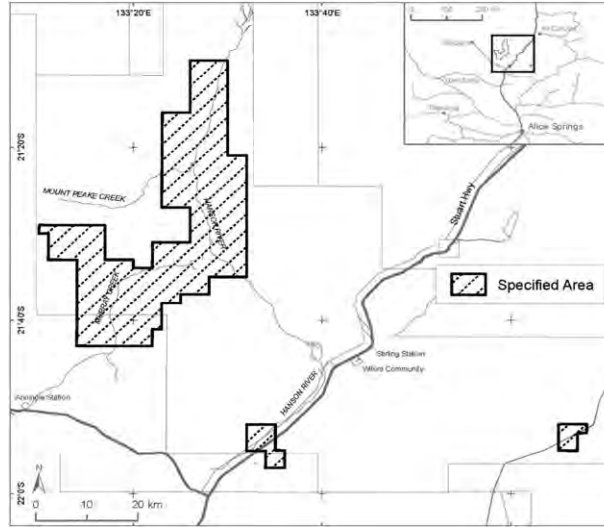


Figure 1 Map showing the specified area of Wilora

Claimed nature of the particular significance

The Applicant claims the specified area is of particular significance in accordance with Aboriginal tradition for several reasons, including:

- The specified area is important for the Wampere (Possum) Dreaming – Wampere (Possum) Dreaming songlines run in multiple directions, from coast to coast, including through the Walpuri Tanami Desert and the Wampere (Possum) at Mount Peake and is therefore significant as a cultural and heritage site in song line and story.
- The specified area is a women's site and men are not allowed access to the area.

Claimed threat of injury or desecration

The Applicant claims that the specified area is under threat from the drilling and sterilisation proposed by mining company TNG Ltd. The threat is primarily attributed to drilling in the area and will threaten at least five fauna species which are part of the Mount Peake Dreaming.

Invitation to make representations

Interested parties are invited to furnish representations in connection with my report to:

Alice Buhrich
Senior Archaeologist
PO Box 38
STRATFORD QLD 4870
Mobile: 0488 035 778
Email: alice@tropx.com.au

Interested parties are urged to **contact me** as soon as possible to be provided with further information about the submission process, including the provision of the application, making representations in response to the application, and making final comments in response to representations received.

As part of the submission process, I will seek to take oral submissions from the Applicant, and if such occurs, any arising written record I make will be supplied to the other interested parties as a representation.

Representations must be made in writing by 5pm on **Monday 22 November 2021** or within such further period as may be allowed. **Do not send your representations directly to the Minister.**

Representations received by the due date will subsequently be provided to the Applicant and to all interested parties who duly submitted a representation, and thereafter the Applicant and such interested parties will be afforded an additional period of **two weeks** to make final comments in writing.

Claiming confidentiality

If you wish to claim confidentiality over any part of

your representation, please identify why you are claiming confidentiality and how you wish confidentiality to apply. Representations will be provided to the Minister for the Environment and the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, along with the section 10 report. Representations, even those subject to confidentiality, may be disclosed where it is authorised or required by law, to meet procedural fairness requirements, and in response to a request by a House or Committee of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

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By submitting a representation in response to the 'Notice of an application for the preservation and protection of a specified area, being the area known as Mount Peake Mine, near Wilora Northern Territory, you consent to the collection of all personal information, including sensitive information, contained in your representation.

I, Alice Buhrich, collect your personal information (as defined by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)) contained in your representation for the purposes of consideration in drafting a report under section 10 of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (Cth) (Act)* in relation the specified area and related purposes. If you do not provide some or all of any relevant personal information in your representation(s), I may be unable to fully and comprehensively consider your representation in the drafting of the report to be submitted for consideration by the Minister responsible for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (Minister).

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (**department**) collects your personal information (as defined by the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)*) contained in your representation for the purposes of the Minister's consideration in deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act in relation to the specified area and related purposes. If you do not provide some or all of any relevant personal information in your representation(s), the Minister may be unable to fully and comprehensively consider your representation in deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act in relation to the specified area.

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By submitting a representation, you consent to the disclosure of all personal information contained in your representation to the Minister and parties that may be affected by the decision of the Minister under section 10 of the Act.

See the department's Privacy Policy to learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint. Alternatively, telephone the department on (02) 6272 3933.



Lions Quiz Night raises \$5k for good cause

A WHOPPING 15 teams signed up to test their knowledge at the Lions Club Quiz Night and auction at the Memorial Club on Saturday night.

There were lampshades and lumberjacks in the mix of "L" themed costumes, adding to the fun of the night.

The event raised \$5,896 for the Special Education Unit at Tennant Creek High School, which the Lions Club generously rounded up to \$7,000.

Pam Dillon did an outstanding job as auctioneer on the night, her enthusiasm contributed much to the excitement of the night, not to mention the eventual total raised.

Once again, Tennant Creek has proved that though a small community, they truly have big hearts.





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Prominent recognition on the day of celebration

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- **Citizen of the Year**
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- **Volunteer of the Year**
- **Community Event of the Year**
- **Senior Citizen (Elder) of the Year**
- **Sportsperson 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.



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ABOUT THE NLC

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ABOUT THE ROLE

This position is based in Tennant Creek and will be responsible for coordinating community engagement activities with NLC Major Projects and Programs in the Borroloola Barkly region with a primary focus on the Onshore Oil & Gas activity in the Beetaloo Basin and the Sun Cable Project. This includes facilitating local community and stakeholder engagement, consultations and meeting logistics.

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HOW TO APPLY:

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Contact Officer: Jonathan McLeod Jonathan.Mcleod@nlc.org.au or call (08)8920 5186.

Applications Close: Sunday, 28 November 2021



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

- **Community Safety Administration Officer (Part-time)**
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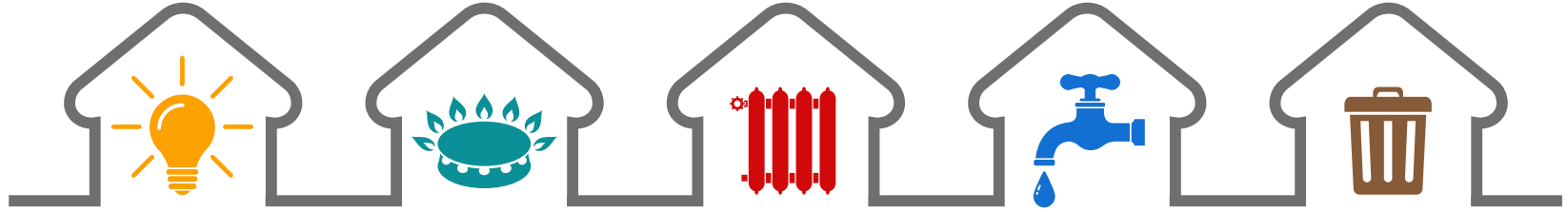
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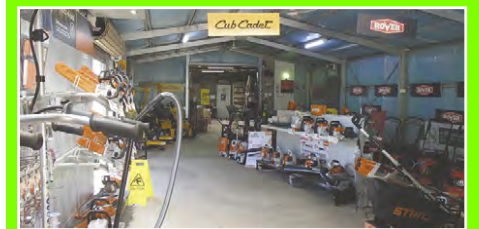
The shop has all things auto including spare parts, accessories, batteries, tools, filters, brass fittings and car care products.

Brian also offers fitment services such as installing car stereos and spotlights.

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Local soccer club goes from strength to strength

It was recently a huge weekend for the Tennant Creek Soccer Club which took two teams to compete in Katherine.

With Katherine comprising two teams and an extra from the Northern Territory Indigenous Football Academy, it was a great five-team social competition.

Barkly Regional Council Sports Program Coordinator Tom Machin said the Club had come a long way from its humble beginnings.

"Who would have thought a year ago when we started this program with only a couple of players that we would in a position a year later to start playing in regional competitions?!" he said.

"The players enthusiasm, attitude and commitment towards this program has made it what it has become.

"And we look to build upon this incredibly successful trip for the future.

"Above all the main objective of this trip was to have fun, enjoy ourselves and get that team bonding going."

Tennant's social Blue Team did an amazing job, with big improvements witnesses from the first to last games.

The competitive White Team made it to the grand final and came out runners up.

Unfortunately before the final they had played four matches in a row whilst the other finalist had a bye, and it was very apparent that extra rest from the opposition allowed them to have the extra legs for the final in the truly energy sapping humidity.

Well done to Katherine Red for taking out the win.

"For us though the bigger win was seeing our program develop, taking two teams to Katherine and enjoying ourselves!" said Tom.

"Thank you to all of our players, you should all be extremely proud of yourselves for what you have achieved whilst also pioneering adult soccer in Tennant Creek and showcasing ourselves to the territory!"

Tom thanked sponsors Barkly Regional Deal, Sport Australia, Tennant Creek Memorial Club, Tennant Creek IGA and Barkly Regional Council.

Remote schools fine tune their swimming

FIFTY-TWO students from six remote schools travelled into Tennant Creek for three days of intense swimming lessons – not only to improve their swimming strokes but to gain that winning edge in the Barkly Region Swimming Carnival being held on day four of their visit in town.



Supported by Royal Life Saving NT, Swimming NT and Barkly Region Sport Education, the students were streamlined into groups and put through their paces over the three days. Some students were taught the basics in all three major strokes while others learnt not only how to improve their swimming but the correct way to dive for that all important start to a race. Swim

survival was also a part of their learning with basic reach rescues to rope rescues.

Water aerobics was on the agenda one morning to get the students all warmed up for their day in the water which everyone enjoyed.

Teachers said they could see a vast improvement in their students and especially when competing in the swimming carnival.





Elliott the victors of Barkly inter-school swimming carnival

ELLIOTT School has taken out the double at this year's Barkly Interschool events winning the Barkly Region Interschool Swimming Carnival by 1 point over Canteen Creek.

Only four months ago they won the Barkly Region Interschool Athletics Carnival by one point over Tennant Creek Primary School.

Throughout the day 122 students from 11 schools battled it out in the cool water to try and score points for their school.

Students from 5 years to 15 years put in 100 per cent effort not only in the water but up on deck cheering for their fellow school mates.

The traditional 25m races saw some fast swimmers while the 12m races had our younger students beam with confidence racing in the big pool.

Tarrant Jackson from Mungkarta school is visually impaired but this did not deter him as he went in every 12m swimming race with everyone cheering him on.

Novelty events were held for the junior students with race across the pool, kickboard and inflatable shark races.

This year for the first time, we had rescue races conducted by Royal Life Saving NT which saw school choose four of their best to represent their school in two races, rope rescue and rescue a friend. These were a great success and we look forward to having them in future carnivals.

The relay races saw the cheering raise a notch which I was told could be heard from the main street in town.

The highlight of the carnival, is the boat relay race where participants can only use their hands and feet to move the boat.

Boats were getting hung up on the lane ropes, some managed to spin around on the spot while others lost their passenger on the change over.

Staff from most schools & Royal Life Saving NT participated in a relay race which saw all the students laughing & cheering them on.

A big thank you to all staff and students who came and especially staff who helped out on the day to make it a great success.

