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\$1.6 million upgrade for Juno Centre

NEW accommodation and improved equine facilities are key features of a \$1.6 million investment in an agricultural training centre just east of Tennant.

The Juno Centre offers residential and in-reach programs to students from across the Territory.

The joint funding from the Northern Territory and Australian governments will see an all-weather shade cover built over the horse arena, including fans and lights so training can be delivered into the evening.

The tender was recently awarded to MPH Carpentry and Construction from Alice Springs.

Four modular accommodation units will enable more students to participate in residential training courses.

The funding falls under the Revitalising TAFE Campuses Across Australia Program, to improve vocational education infrastructure that will equip students with skills, knowledge and capabilities applicable to a broad range of occupation and industry sectors.

Juno Centre delivers both accredited and non-accredited vocational education and training (VET) courses, providing students with skills and connections to industry with the potential for future employment and training.

Minister for Education Lauren Moss said a section of the Juno lot had been developed by the Department of Education to offer programs and training opportunities to students from remote communities and regional centres.

"Training is available to both secondary students and adults, with other VET providers able to access the facilities," she said.

"This includes young people involved in apprenticeships along with participants undertaking relevant training courses such as Certificate IV in Training and Assessing, White Card, Working at Heights and First Aid.



UNDERCOVER PROJECT: Director Training Programs at the Juno Centre, Andrew Oliver at the horse arena which will soon be shaded.

"The centre combines built in mentoring with a structured on-the-job training program leading to sustainable ongoing employment for locals in the Barkly region."

Ms Moss said the Juno Centre was one of only two sites in the Territory registered by Horse Safety Australia to deliver equine training to school students.

"Increased visitor numbers at Juno has created a demand for more accommodation which will help students to stay in

the Barkly region rather than travelling to Darwin or Alice Springs for block training," she said.

"The VET sector plays an integral role in the ongoing economic and social growth of the Territory by skilling and training the current and future workforce and that's why we are supporting Territorians to be trained, upskilled, and equipped to make the most of future opportunities."

Construction is expected to be completed early 2022.



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Epenarra Art Centre undergoes \$230k facelift

THE re-birth of a beloved existing space is taking place today, fulfilled by the \$230,000 upgrade of the Wutunugurra (Epenarra) Art Centre.

This project was initiated by the Wutunugurra Local Authority and funded by the Barkly Regional Deal's Local Community Projects Fund.

Until now, the Wutunugurra community has been without adequate and comfortable space for people to gather, create art and pass on cultural knowledge to younger generations. There are many people of Wutunugurra who are accomplished artists, with their stories and talents shared through artworks purchased and displayed right around Australia.

The Wutunugurra Local Authority pushed hard to upgrade the existing Wutunugurra Art Centre at Local Authority meetings. After a successful application for a Barkly Regional Deal Local Community Projects Fund Grant, that vision

was finally realised.

The grant has been used for the repair and upgrade of the existing demountable building that was used for the storage of art materials and artists' computer records in Wutunugurra.

The upgrade has been built onto the demountable and created an attractive and practical art studio with air conditioning, toilet and shower facilities, and a kitchen.

This newly created community space project - managed by the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) - will allow the talented multi-generational artists in Wutunugurra to work alongside each other in comfort, passing down knowledge and skills to younger artists and taking inspiration from each other's work. It will also provide a home base for artist workshops offered by Barkly Regional Arts and professional studio space for visitors to the community to drop into.

"It is great to see the successful completion of one of the first Local Community Projects Fund applications and we look forward to many more" says Ben Campion, the Executive Officer of the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team.

Local Northern Territory business MPH Projects was awarded the contract to carry out the design and construction of this project, which is now complete.

The official opening will take place at noon today and all are invited to come share in this small part of history.

The Local Community Projects Fund is jointly funded by the Australian Government, NT Government, and BRC as one of the 28 initiatives under the Barkly Regional Deal. Grant guidelines and application forms are available online at www.barklyregionaldeal.com.au/resources.

For further information email reception@barkly.nt.gov.au

Good news from community on National Nutrition Week

THE year to June 2021 saw eight tonnes less sugar consumed and 508 tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables sold across the 41 remote Indigenous communities serviced by Outback Stores.

This outcome is the joint result of the Outback Stores Healthy Food Policy and strong, community-led decision making from local store directors to tackle diet-related health problems.

Communities such as Ali Curung have implemented restrictions on the size of soft drink bottles sold, as well as introduced sugar-free days of the week.

"At first people didn't like it, but as store workers we told them it was better for our health and they understood," said store director Audrey Inkamala, about implementing 'Sugar-Free Wednesdays' in Engawala.

Since 2012 an ongoing trend has seen the proportion of full-sugar drinks fall by 23.24 per cent across stores serviced by Outback Stores. T

he proportion of water sold increased 2.46 per cent and sugar-free drinks also increased 0.25 per cent. The result of this is 80,079 litres less of sugary drinks sold in remote communities, enough to fill an average backyard swimming pool.

"It's great to see Outback Stores and local store directors working together to promote a healthier retail environment for stores and communities," said Anna Murison, Health & Nutrition Manager for Outback Stores.

Improving access to nutritious and affordable food continues to be a key component in the Outback Stores nutrition policy. In the last financial year customers bought a total of 508 tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables, which is a quantity four times greater than the average amount sold per store in 2011.

Outback Stores works with communities to maintain value pricing on all fruit and vegetables to support customers to be able to regularly purchase fresh produce. Pricing of fresh fruit and vegetables is maintained at levels as close as possible to major metropolitan retailers.

Over the past year the cost of fresh staples such as carrots, onions, broccoli, apples and bananas has dropped by 40 per cent on average, due to special-buy pricing on key lines being consistently maintained at, or below, major retailer pricing.



HEALTHIER CHOICES: Stewart Beasley and Warrick Miller stocking the fresh fruit and vegetables at Mirnirri Store, Ali Curung

From October through to mid-December Outback Stores is promoting fruit and vegetables through a customer promotion.

Those who spend \$5 or more on fresh produce go into the draw to win a \$100 voucher. To involve the kids, stores are holding a colouring in competition, with the best entry winning a \$100 voucher.

National Nutrition Week runs annual from 10-17 October.

The theme this year was 'Get more veg in your life'.

Local students work with Alice artists to create stunning mural

MIRLA mirla ninjikari means 'belonging to learning' in Warramungu, and is a satellite learning facility of Tennant Creek Primary School, based at the back of the Karguru Training Centre.

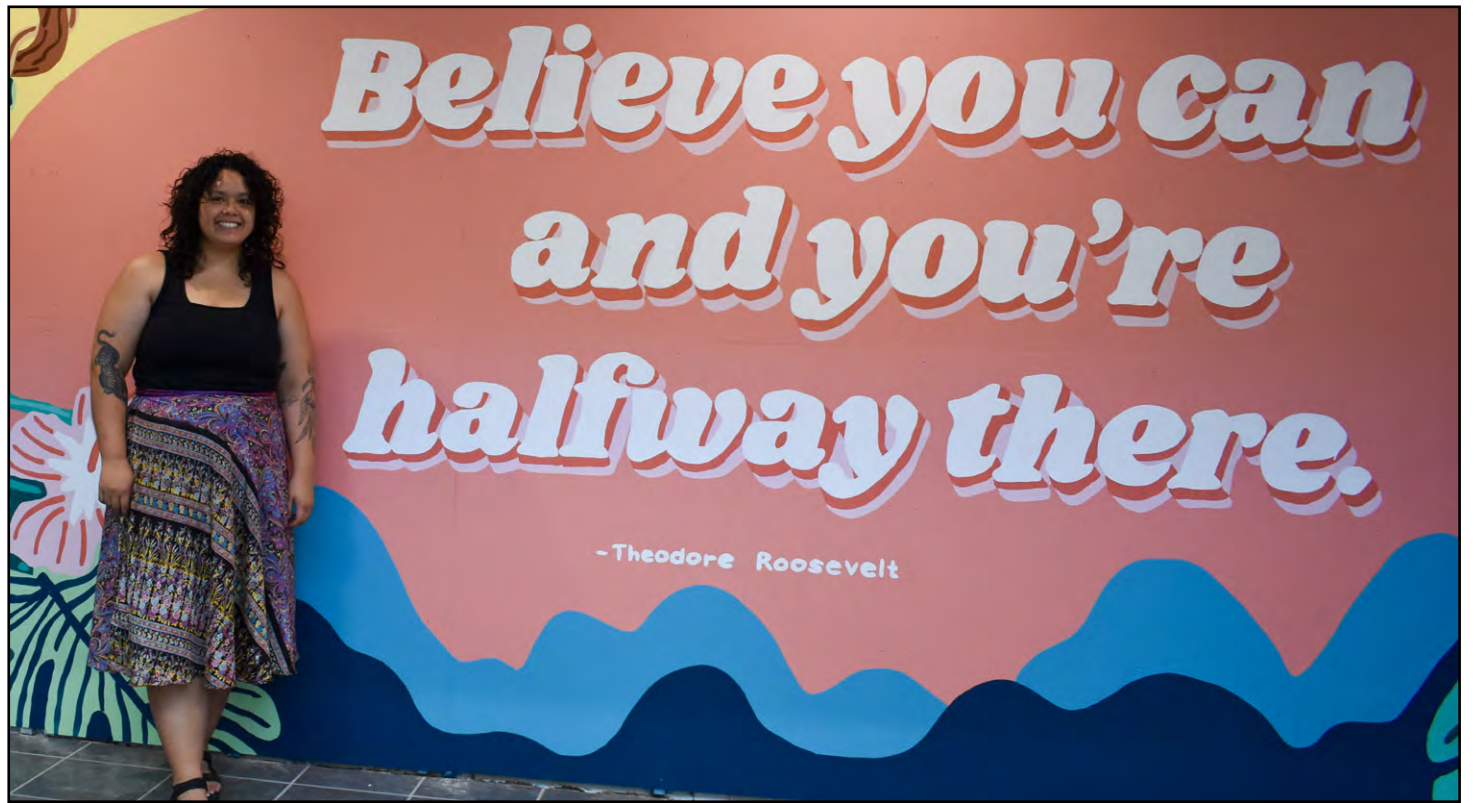
It was established in 2018, created as an alternative education area catering for disengaged students in Years 3 to Year 6, who need small group work, life skills as well as social and emotional learning to encourage self regulation.

Last week they were fortunate to have Alice Springs artist and youth advocate, Melanie Rose Gunner (pictured), working in residence, who, with the help of the students created a mural for the learning area.

The classroom needed to be a space which inspired the students on their learning journey and the mural provided the perfect opportunity for them to be a part of the process as well as creating an attractive place to learn.

Melanie not only runs her own successful art business, but also works for Balanced Choice, and has been the focus of an interview by the SBS program Insight.

As well as the murals here in Tennant Creek, she has also completed over five murals in Alice Springs. Anyone interested in seeing more of Melanie's art should head to her Instagram page @melanierosegunner.



New classrooms for Alekarenge School

STUDENTS at Alekarenge School are super excited about three brand new classrooms which they'll move into within the coming weeks.

NT Link Transportable Buildings are at the community south of Tennant Creek installing the classrooms and they have attracted a lot of interest from the students who are keen to chip in and help with works.

In the Barkly, Newcastle Waters School will also receive a new classroom along with Neutral Junction School.

Minister for Education Lauren Moss said the classrooms are part of a \$6 million project to provide 15 new classrooms across the Territory.

"These new classrooms provide high-quality educational spaces with good acoustic qualities and state-of-the-art IT connectivity," she said.

"Our Government is investing in school infrastructure by providing contemporary learning environments for our teachers to deliver high-quality teaching and learning programs tailored to meet the needs of their students.

"The classrooms at Alekarenge have replaced aged infrastructure so the community would have noticed demolition works in preparation for the new buildings."

Minister Moss said the works were part of the Territory Labor Government's \$11 million classroom stimulus program announced last year.



NEW LEARNING SPACES: NT Link's Ian Stirling and Charly Laycock with Alekarenge school kids.



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Beers flow at annual RSL Oktoberfest celebration

By CATHERINE GRIMLEY

AFTER the success of the Oktoberfest last year, the RSL once again pulled out the bratwurst, sauerkraut and steins to encourage Tennant Creek into leiderhosen once again.

Tennant Creek responded well, turning out in force for the afternoon, although it must be said that there were more steins in evidence than leiderhosen.

Once again, RSL steins were up for sale and proved to be just as popular as last year, selling out once again. They could end up being collector's items in the future.

The RSL can be proud of the success of their second Oktoberfest, and hopefully look set to make it an annual event a long way from where it originated and given its own Tennant Creek flavour for everyone to enjoy





Beers flow at annual RSL Oktoberfest celebration

□ By CATHERINE GRIMLEY

IF you were wondering why there were bras hanging up around town last Friday, wonder no more.

It was all in support of the annual Pink and Teal day event to raise awareness of Breast and Ovarian cancer.

In a new twist this year, there was a march from outside the Northern Land Council office to the Civic Hall, with several decorated cars joining in, making for a large, predominantly pink snake making its way through the town.

Service providers were on hand to provide information on a range of topics.

Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation's mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic was also set up in case all the discussions about health reminded people to get their vaccine dose.

Alba Brockie and Amy James managed to take the prize for best dressed, and there was some good-natured jokes when Linda Turner won the first prize of a painting in the raffle.

Once again, the committee produced an amazing event, and Tennant Creek responded with its usual enthusiasm and support.

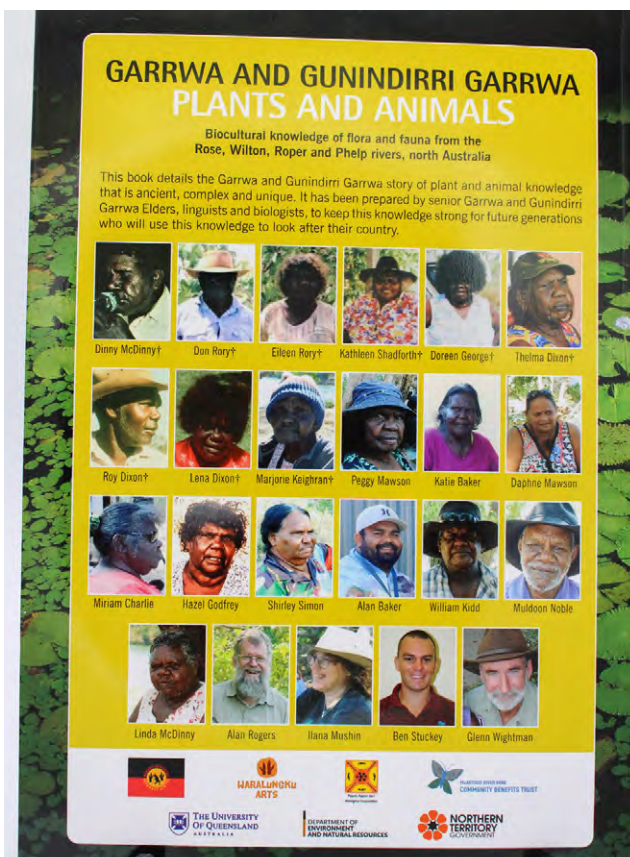




PAPULU APPARR-KARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

"Leaving Language Footprints across the Barkly Region."

All set for local languages book launch in Borroloola



ON Wednesday 10 November 2021, we will gather in Borroloola for the celebration of the launch of another publication.

This time it will be the long-awaited launch of the *Garrwa and Gunindirri Garrwa Plant and Animal Book*.

This publication has been many years in the making and is a great learning resource for future generations.

Local language speakers worked with Linguist Ilana Mushin from University of Queensland and Glenn Wightman from the NT Government's Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security to compile the list of words and materials into this excellent book.

We are fortunate to have Senator Malarndirri McCarthy in attendance to launch the book which will be held at the Waralungku Art Centre.

Language Centre CEO Karan Hayward said the book launch was to be held months ago but due to COVID-19 restrictions and the passing of Elders who worked on the book, it was postponed.

"The postponement gave us time to record the QR codes," she said.

"But now the time is right to acknowledge the enormous work that everyone has put in to developing this resource."

Chairperson Lennie Barton said that Language



□ Jordan Gillard records Daphne Mawson speaking the language for the *Garrwa and Gunindirri Garrwa Plant and Animal Book*.

Centre looks forward to working with the Borroloola language speakers on more valuable language resources soon, with many language projects being talked about and planned for all the languages of the Barkly region.

If you are in Borroloola on the 10 November, drop on by and join in the celebration with the Language Centre and the Borroloola community to congratulate all who worked on the project.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation will be held on

Thursday 4th November 2021
10.00am – 1.00pm
Civic Hall, Peko Rd, Tennant Creek
(BBQ lunch will be provided)

The Anyinginyi AGM is an open forum and we invite all members of the public to attend.
Only Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation Members are eligible to vote.

MAIN AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Confirmation of the Previous Minutes
2. Chairperson's Report
3. Chief Executive Officer's Report
4. Auditor's report
5. Appointment of Auditor's for 2021/2021
6. Election of Director Six (6) Vacancies - Tennant Creek 2021/20237.
7. General Business

If you have queries regarding the agenda and wish to obtain a copy of the current Rule Book, or would like to become a member of Anyinginyi contact 8962 2633.

PICK UP SERVICE: Anyinginyi will provide pick up services to all community members who wish to attend. Bus drivers will be doing pick-ups from all living areas as well as town.
To arrange a pick up, please contact Piliyintinji-Ki Stronger Families on 8963 2914.

Please note: All Anyinginyi services will be operating on small staffing levels until 1pm for the AGM.

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PAPULU APPARR-KARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



All members of Papulu Apparr-Kari Aboriginal Corporation ICN 584 are advised that the

Annual General Meeting

will be held on Monday 17th November 2021
Commencing at 10.30am,
at the Barkly Regional Council Office, Elliott.

In line with the constitution the following positions of ordinary members to be elected in the following regions:

- 1 member Southern Eastern Region, (1 year Term)
- 1 member Elliott Region, (2 year Term)
- 1 member Alekarrange Region, (2 year Term)
- 3 members Tennant Creek Region. (2 year Term)

Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 8962 3270. Email: reception@papak.com.au

Nomination forms are to be received for positions by 2.30pm on 29th October 2021.

AGENDA:

1. Acceptance of Minutes previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Presentation of Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements 2020/2021
3. Chairperson's Report
4. Notification of elected for 2020/2021 Community Representatives on the PAK Board.
5. Appointment of Auditor acknowledgement (appointed by tender from 2021-2022 confirmation).

Morning tea and refreshments will be provided.

Only members are eligible to nominate and vote for Governing Board and at the Annual General Meeting.

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PATHWAYS COORDINATOR



Central Region

School Sport NT has a vacancy for a Pathways Coordinator in our **Alice Springs** office.

The position is Casual 25 hours (Alice Springs) per week (during School Term), to commence 31st January 2022.

The Pathways Coordinator will be required to provide effective administration support for sport education programs in the Region. This position will have responsibility for coordinating the School of Sport Education NT Pathways Program for the Region.

Please email Jane.Slater@education.nt.gov.au or telephone 8999 5700 for a detailed job description and further information.

Applications close 31st October 2021.



Barkly Region

School Sport NT has a vacancy for a Pathways Coordinator in our **Tennant Creek** office.

The position is Casual 15 hours (Tennant Creek) per week (during School Term), to commence 31st January 2022.



● Karl Herzog and Steve Baldwin.

Talking business at sunset

THE Chamber of Commerce and the NT Government jointly held a Business at Sunset networking event at Battery Hill on Wednesday to celebrate October Business Month (OBM).

The event included a Business Briefing by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade CEO Shaun Drabsch, a short panel discussion, as a part of the OBM events in Tennant Creek.

Battery Hill managed to turn on a spectacular sunset for the attendees to finish off an interesting, informative and well attended session that showed a great deal of optimism for Business in Tennant Creek.



● Luke Stocks, Barry Cook and Angus Duguid.



● Catherine White, Wendy Pritchard and Jill Morris.



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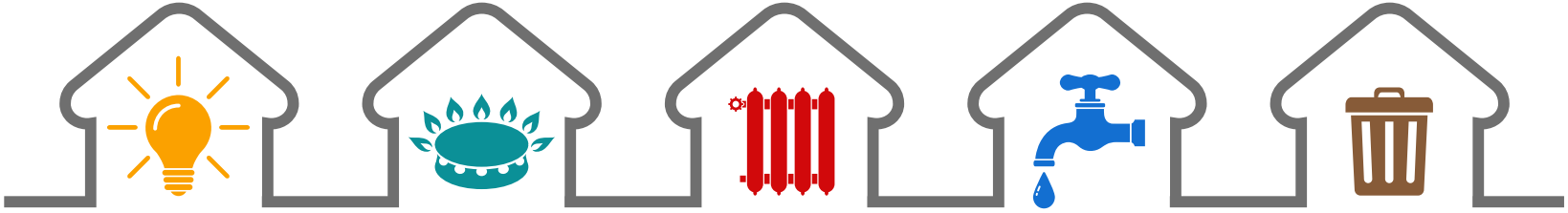
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Situated on Brown Street, owners Rick and Andrea Postrak started the business as a garden nursery.

It has grown into a fully stocked shop selling a myriad of products covering reticulation, gardening goods and ornaments and mowing and landscaping tools and equipment.

They are agents for Stihl and dealers for MTD – selling Rover and Cub Cadet mowers and power tools as well as Honda goods.

And No Worries provides landscaping and pool maintenance services.

Five 20-foot shipping containers have

also just been added to the property to offer residents and businesses storage for hire on an in-situ basis.

Rick said they were proud to have served the Barkly for two decades as the only retail nursery in a 500 kilometre radius.

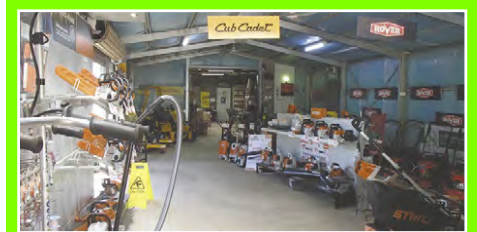
“We continue to grow and have always prided ourselves on offering competitive prices,” he said.

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Barkly Region Sport Education's new look

OVER the school break, Barkly Region Sport Education Coordinator Pam Dillon travelled to Alice Springs to pick up a trailer which has a new-look wrap sponsored by Papulu Apparr-kari Aboriginal Corporation (PAK).

PAK CEO Karan J Hayward and committee members Lennie Barton and Joseph Williams were on hand to inspect

the brightly wrapped trailer and gave it the thumbs up. The new trailer will be a great asset for Barkly Region Sport Education enabling larger sports equipment/kits to be taken out to schools for students to play with.

A big thank you to PAK for investing in the school students of the Barkly.

Students bowl the day away

STUDENTS from Newcastle Waters and Elliott schools recently had a day each learning the fine art of lawn bowls.

Students from Family as First Teachers (FaFT) to Year 9 were involved in a variety of activities using the lawn bowls kit.

The younger students played "Rob the Nest" and learnt how to bowl the correct way before playing games using these skills to score points on aiming charts.

The older students at first found it a little challenging to bowl the lawn bowls slowly but after a few sessions mastered the fine art and had their bowls reaching the target.

Barkly Region Sports Education Coordinator Pam Dillon also mentored the Elliott teachers on how to use activities involving the lawn bowls in other learning areas such as maths and literacy to enhance students learning beyond the classroom.

