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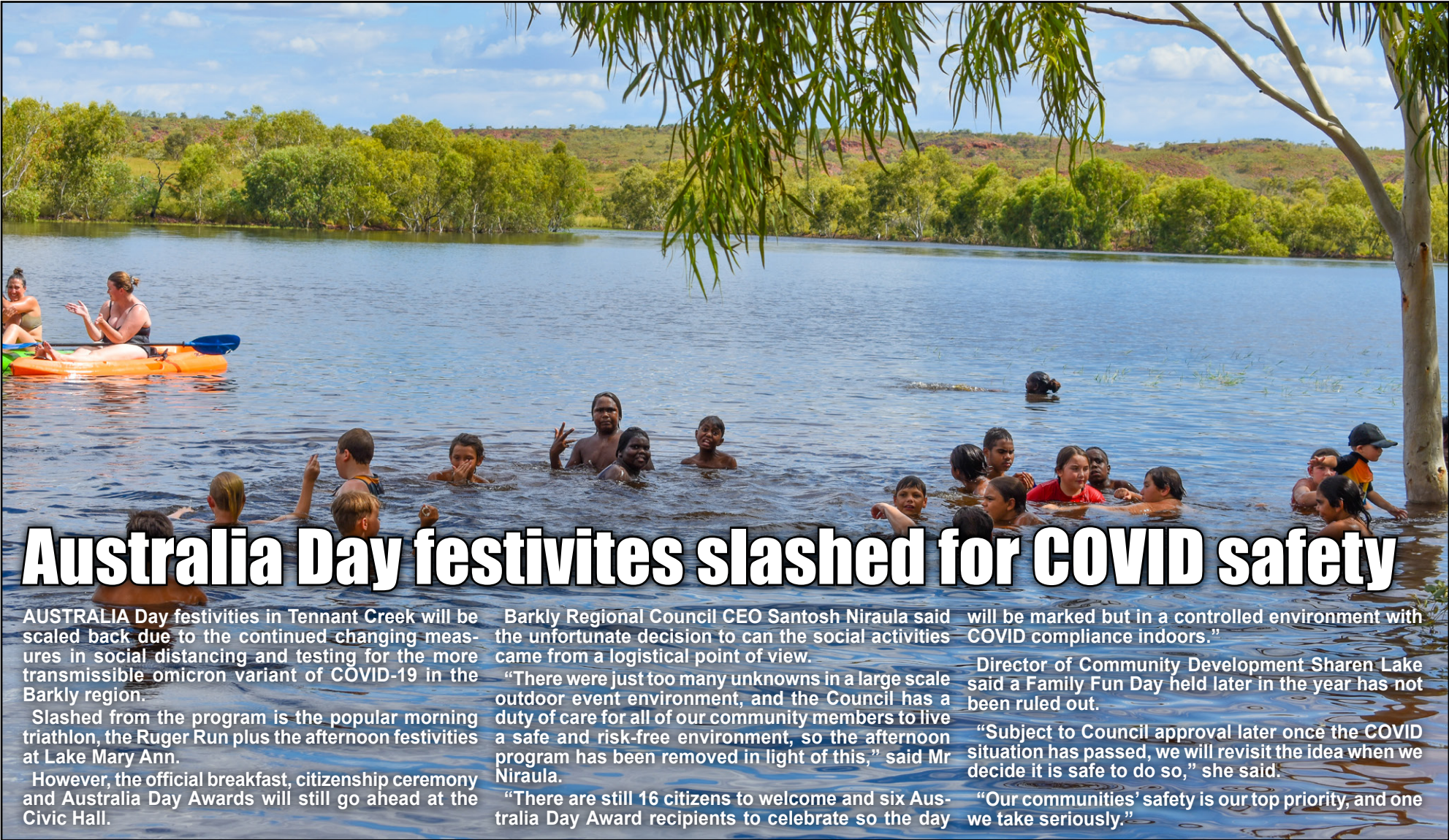
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Australia Day festivities slashed for COVID safety

AUSTRALIA Day festivities in Tennant Creek will be scaled back due to the continued changing measures in social distancing and testing for the more transmissible omicron variant of COVID-19 in the Barkly region.

Slashed from the program is the popular morning triathlon, the Ruger Run plus the afternoon festivities at Lake Mary Ann.

However, the official breakfast, citizenship ceremony and Australia Day Awards will still go ahead at the Civic Hall.

Barkly Regional Council CEO Santosh Niraula said the unfortunate decision to cancel the social activities came from a logistical point of view.

“There were just too many unknowns in a large scale outdoor event environment, and the Council has a duty of care for all of our community members to live a safe and risk-free environment, so the afternoon program has been removed in light of this,” said Mr Niraula.

“There are still 16 citizens to welcome and six Australia Day Award recipients to celebrate so the day will be marked but in a controlled environment with COVID compliance indoors.”

Director of Community Development Sharen Lake said a Family Fun Day held later in the year has not been ruled out.

“Subject to Council approval later once the COVID situation has passed, we will revisit the idea when we decide it is safe to do so,” she said.

“Our communities’ safety is our top priority, and one we take seriously.”



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New state-of-the-art weather radar for Tennant underway

WITH unpredictable weather being experienced due to ex-Tropical Cyclone Tiffany in the north, many might be wondering where Tennant Creek's new \$17 million radar is. The good news is that the radar is being built and expected to be completed by December, and be fully operational early 2023.

The base of the weather radar is being built in Gladstone, Queensland, while the radar is under construction in Germany and will be shipped when ready.

A spokesperson for the Federal Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications said the radar will use the newest state-of-the-art technology to better support the agriculture, pastoral, transport, mining and local community to manage the impact of rainfall and improve decision-making.

"Stakeholder engagement and consultation remains a key focus of the project and cultural heritage discussions are underway with the Patta Aboriginal Corporation," he said.

The Federal Government provided \$15 million for the facility with the NT Government chipping in \$2.4 million.

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Barkly residents left in the dark over COVID vaccination rates: Edgington

WHILE Territorians continue to follow the ever-changing mandates to stop the spread of COVID in communities, residents in the Barkly are feeling the frustration over a lack of information about cases and vaccination rates in the region and long waits for test results.

Barkly MLA Steve Edgington said Chief Minister Michael Gunner's government still refuses to tell Barkly residents what the vaccination rate for Tennant Creek is.

"How can the Gunner Government expect to increase vaccination rates in remote areas without a plan, without proper communication and while reducing health services at the same time?" said Mr Edgington.

"The Gunner Government needs to go back to providing daily updates for people in the Barkly and across the Territory. They need to be open and transparent about the real situation."

Mr Edgington paid tribute to the amazing work going across the Barkly by the Northern Territory Police, NT Health and Aboriginal corporations, Barkly Regional Council and all front-line workers.

"I have no doubt there are positive cases in the Barkly, so please to reduce the risk of spreading COVID in the communities, it is important for everyone to follow all health directions," he said.

As of 8pm on 12 January, there were 550 new cases of COVID recorded Territory wide, taking the number of active cases to around 3,000.

No details of where the cases were recorded were released.

The *Tennant Times* contacted the office of the Minister for Health, Natasha Fyles, for detailed regional numbers but did not receive a response at time of publication.



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Working towards keeping COVID safe

As the new year starts on these uncertain times, the Governing Committee, and staff at Papulu Apparr-Kari have taken the direction to make our working environment and community as safe as we can regarding COVID transmission.

All staff at Papulu Apparr-Kari have been getting their vaccinations up to date and lining up for the booster shots to ensure we are COVID safe to start the school new year.

School is back in a few weeks and we all need to be safe.

We have been working closely with Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation and look forward to working more with them in the future.

We conduct testing when needed and are providing aid and services to community groups when required.

We are also arranging for community to have their vaccination certificates reduced into a card to enable them to be stored in a wallet or purse to make it easier to check in at places.

We will be charging the price of \$5 which will be donated to the Tennant Creek Vet Clinic to enable them to carry out the vital services that do for the community of the Barkly Region and their pets.

If you would like to know of all the great work that the vet does, check out their website.

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Also look out on our Facebook page or our webpage for updates on our other fundraising events to help support our community in the coming weeks and months.



 To keep update with what is happening at the Language Centre please follow us on Facebook or visit www.papak.com.au

Touch Football

When: Monday Nights **Starts 17th Jan**

Time: 6pm - 730pm at Purkiss oval



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When: Tuesday Nights **Starts 18th Jan**

Time: 7pm- 8pm- at Purkiss oval



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When: Tuesday Nights **Starts 18th Jan**

Time: 5:30pm- 7pm- at CWA



Tennis

When: Thursday Nights **Starts 20th Jan**

Time: 6pm - 8pm- at Tennis Courts



Cricket

When: Saturday Nights **Starts 22nd Jan**

Time: 6pm - 730pm- at Purkiss Oval



Slow Pitch Softball

When: Sunday Nights **Starts 23rd Jan**

Time: 6pm - 8pm- at Tennis Courts



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Slow Pitch Softball working groups**

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Sports Hub kicks off of action-packed calendar

THE Barkly Sports Hub is kicking off its action-packed calendar next week.

Starting on Monday night is a touch football competition, soccer and yoga on Tuesday nights, tennis on Thursday nights starting on 20 January, cricket on Saturday nights from 22 January and slow pitch softball starting on Sunday night from 23 January.

All sports are mixed and for anyone from 15 years or older.

Barkly Sports Hub Coordinator Tom Machin said towards the end of 2021 the Hub experienced pleasing participant numbers for its programs.

"Receiving more community ownership of some of the developed sports now allows us to focus on developing

new and different sporting opportunities and once school is back we shall be looking to organise junior sports," he said.

"Slow pitch softball and cricket require members of the community to engage in working groups to help support the delivery of those sports.

"So if there's anyone in community who would like to be involved in a working group for those sports, please get in touch with us!"

For more details of times and venues of the sports program, see the advertisement on page 4.

Or to become a part of the slow pitch softball working group, contact the Hub on <https://www.facebook.com/BarklySportsHub>

Food supply all good in the Barkly: Tennant Creek IGA

NATIONAL food supply chains have been flailing due to staff shortages after the Omicron variant of COVID-19 continues to effect the country.

However, it seems it has largely unaffected the Barkly region, with just minor hiccups being experienced.

Tennant Creek IGA spokesperson said the outlet was proud of its customers for their patience and adherence to the COVID precautions over the holiday period.

"There has been no panic buying and supplies continue to hold up well, largely because our supplies come from Adelaide, which has been least affect by supply chain issues than freight and distribution centres on the east coast," he said.

"We have maintained restrictions on the purchases of some essential items as a precaution and we are keeping an eye on the national retail situation."

Barkly Quality Butchers owner Colin Battle said the store was told by its suppliers they couldn't promise what orders they could fill this week, so was playing it by ear.



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Leonie Smith
Deputy Public Trustee



Department of ENVIRONMENT,
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HAVE YOUR SAY

Northern Territory Circular Economy Strategy 2022 - 2027

The draft five year Northern Territory Circular Economy Strategy is now open for public comment via Have Your Say. The draft strategy outlines options to achieve a circular economy in the NT and invites the public to provide their feedback and ideas. The feedback generated through this consultation, will inform the development of the Northern Territory Circular Economy Strategy 2022 - 2027.

To provide your feedback, visit haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/circulareconomy. Feedback closes on **Sunday 30 January 2022**. For more information see NTEPA.nt.gov.au or email Waste.NTEPA@nt.gov.au.



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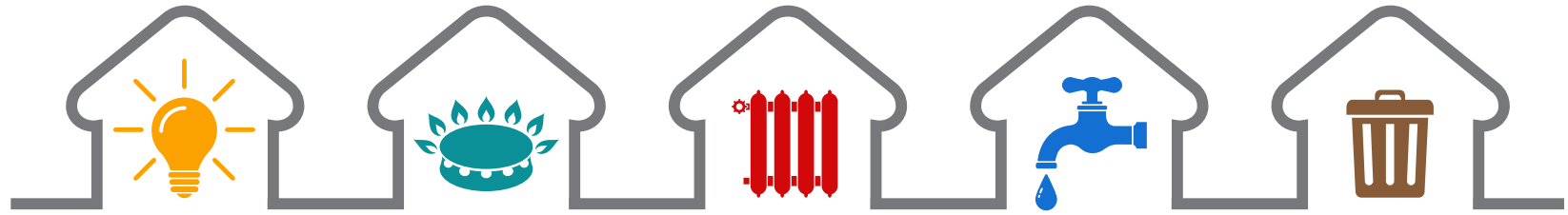
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