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Vale Rosalie Kunoth-Monks

MOST Australians who knew Rosalie Kunoth-Monks remember her for her leading role in Australia's first colour feature film, *Jedda*.

However, people from the Barkly and throughout the Territory remember her as a warm and caring woman; and a passionate, unrelenting advocate for her country and her people.

This remarkable Anmatjere-Arrernte woman from the Utopia Homelands died on Wednesday, aged 85.

Rosalie was a teenager at St Mary's Hostel when she was chosen to star in Charles Chauvel's *Jedda*, but her shining had just begun.

She went on to become a nun in Victoria and married Bill Monks after she left the order then, after a stint in the public service, returned to the Northern Territory where she continued to work for the betterment of Aboriginal people.

A staunch defender of her traditional ways and cultural rights, and a vocal denouncer of assimilation, Rosalie worked in the social justice field for many years, fighting for better health, housing and education outcomes for her people. She escalated her role as an activist and advocate during the NT Intervention.

When the Northern Territory Government overhauled its Local Government structure in 2008, Rosalie was honoured to be the Barkly Shire's first ever president.

The recipient of many awards including a prestigious OAM, Rosalie was named the NAIDOC Person of the Year and NT Australian of the Year in 2015.

Like many of those who step outside the circle, Rosalie had her critics.

But these were vastly outnumbered by those who adored and admired her, and respected her humanitarian efforts.

Rosalie died in Alice Springs Hospital after being medevaced from Utopia.

She is survived by her daughter Ngarla, granddaughters Amelia and Ruby, and the many children she cared for over decades.

A Barkly legend and a national treasure now rests in peace.

Vale Rosalie Kunoth-Monks OAM.

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news

Council to host IWD celebration

BARCLY Regional Council has been successful in the International Women's Day grants.

Council is just one of 26 community groups, organisations and individuals sharing in the \$67,856 of funding to celebrate the day on Tuesday 8 March.

This year's theme is #BreakTheBias.

Minister for Women Lauren Moss said the Territory Labor Government is a proud supporter of women and look forward to the Territory-wide celebration of International Women's Day.

"Throughout history women have fought for gender equality across a range of platforms including suffrage, workplace rights, and access to education and health rights. Despite gains over the years, we still have a long way to go.

"International Women's Day is a time to acknowledge the efforts of those before us and to demonstrate our commitment to working towards a world where women and girls no longer face gendered discrimination and bias."

Back to school payments to help offset costs

BACK to School payments are now available to help support families offset the costs of textbooks, stationery and school uniforms.

The \$150 annual payment can also be used for school camps, excursions, elective activities and subject material costs.

All Northern Territory students are entitled to the payment, including those enrolled in government and non-government schools, and home-educated students.

Payments, available now, must be redeemed by the end of Term 1 2022. The payment is available for pre-schoolers throughout the year but is only valid until the end of their first term of enrolment.

Last year payments worth \$6.6 million were honoured for approximately 44,000 Territory students.

"The Territory Labor Government is making it easier for our students to be equipped and ready to learn from day one," said Minister for Education Lauren Moss (pictured).

"This scheme goes a long way towards helping families cover the costs of uniforms, books, online learning subscriptions and oth-



er learning essentials. Each school decides what is on offer, so I urge families to get in touch with their schools to discuss options.

"School offices are now open for business, so the payments are ready to be redeemed."

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[COVID-19]

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WEAR A MASK

Local teacher bestowed Citizen of the Year

THE 2022 Citizen of the Year was awarded to long-time high school teacher Ben Whippy. Mr Whippy has been teaching art and technical studies at the Tennant Creek High School for more than 70 years.

The well-unknown and respected community member also tirelessly volunteers to the Multicultural Association where he serves as Chairperson.

He helps the Association embrace a range of cultures across the local community and for many years has supported Harmony Day and Multicultural Night.

His nominee said: "His patience is legendary. For senior school students needing that extra help to complete their assessment tasks, Ben offers extra classes after school and/or at weekends to help students get the best results they can.

"In holiday times Ben will also arrange to be at school so that students can come in and work on their artworks in their own time and at their own pace.

"Ben is highly regarded in the Arts community both locally and elsewhere in the NT where in particular his ceramics skills are highly respected.

"Regularly Ben's Year 12 students' artworks are selected for the Exit Art Exhibition held annually at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT in Darwin.

"This honour brings respect to the students and reflects well on the Tennant Creek community."

This year will be his final year of teaching.



GREEN THUMB: Citizen of the Year Ben Whippy back in 2019 planting herbs at the Uniting Church in 2019. He was absent for the awards on Australia Day.

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Council welcomes new Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY Regional Council has appointed its new CEO after a lengthy recruitment process by Councillors and the Mayor.

Emma Bradbury joins the Council from the Murray Darling Association as the outgoing CEO.

National President of the Murray Darling Association, Councillor David Thurley, said they are sad to see Emma go.

“Her incredible energy and commitment to process has been well recognised,” he said.

“The partnership between our board and Emma has seen the MDA grow from a regional group of councils to a national powerhouse for local government across the Basin communities.”

Emma is originally from Queensland and says she has spent her career supporting remote, rural and regional areas, and will bring fresh energy and a yearning to achieve

the potential she knows is here in the Barkly.

“The thing that has struck me in the short week I have been here is the richness and depth of the community,” she said.

Outgoing CEO Steve Moore said it was an honour to work for Council for the last 4.5 years and wished Emma the best of luck in the future.

His parting words for the new CEO were “to continue to lobby to improve the Barkly as a whole.”

Ms Bradbury signed on the dotted line this week and will resume her position remotely as she prepares for her new life in the Barkly and a scheduled return in late February. Council will continue to run all usual hours and essential services in the interim.

If you have any further questions please email Council at reception@barkly.nt.gov.au or call on 8962 0000.

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AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tennant Creek 2022

Recognising local heroes and welcoming new Aussies

EVEN though the Barkly Regional Council scaled back Australia Day events due to the ever changing COVID-19 situation, in no way did that diminish spirit at the Annual Awards and Citizenship Ceremony on Wednesday morning.

After the Tennant Creek Guides performed the flag raising, an amazing 17 people became Australian citizens, who will add to the rich diversity of the Tennant Creek community, hopefully wearing the thongs they were presented with along with their citizenship certificates.

Once our new citizens were again seated with their proud friends and families, it was time for the Australia Day Awards.

Unfortunately, some of the award winners, including Citizen of the Year, teacher Ben Whippy (see story on page 3), were unable to attend and will be presented with their awards at a later time. Congratulations go to all the well-deserved award winners.

Community Event Award: Tennant Creek RSL, Remembrance Day

Student Citizen Awards: Stanley Waistcoat, Rueangphurich Pongkratok and Kytesha Thompson

Sportsperson of the Year: Aymeric Giordana

Volunteer of the Year: Adrian Calyun-Sice

Young Citizen of the Year: Nicholas Ray

Senior Citizen of the Year: Susannah Nakamarra Nelson

Citizen of the Year: Ben Whippy

● Volunteer of the Year
Adrian Calyun-Sice and
Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin.



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School is back for 2022!

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If they can't get a good job they can't support their family and become leaders in their community.

Missing days = missing learning

NEXT Tuesday morning will see all children in Tennant Creek and the Barkly Region required to return to school.

We are not sure what this will be in contexts, but the Yellow Shirt teams and School Staff will be there to welcome the children back to another continue their education.

In these uncertain times we have been assured that our schools are taking all the precautions to ensure our children are safe.

There are measures in place in regard to Coronavirus and all Yellow Shirt staff will be adhering to the strict guidelines.

Attending school every day is important to ensure our children obtain the best access to education.

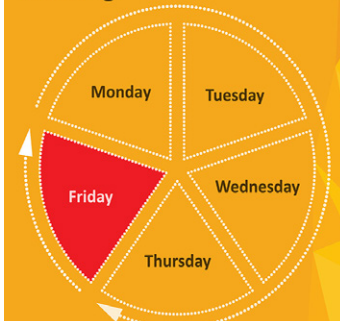
If parents are wanting to keep their children at home during these uncertain times than they need to contact the schools and arrange for educational supplies and support to be provided, so children can still learn.

If they need help in getting their children



Missing Fridays

A child who misses one day a week of school from Preschool to year 10 misses out on two years and one term of schooling.



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Grade 2	Grade 8
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Grade 4	Grade 10
Grade 5	

to school contact our office and we will offer our support.

Phone 08 89623270 from 7.30am onwards to arrange for pickup.

If you do not want people following up on non-attendance please contact the school as soon as possible.



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AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tennant Creek 2022



● Mayor McLaughlin presents Aymeric Giordana the Sportsman of the Year Award.



● Kytesha Thompson and Rueangphurich Pongkratok were awarded Student Citizen of the Year Awards by Mayor McLaughlin. Missing from the photo is Stanley Waitcoat.





AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tennant Creek 2022

Our newest Aussie citizens



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Satinder Kaur.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Hemaank Ansal.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Atul Atul.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Hannah Liu.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Liam Garlick.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Elisha Carson.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Atama Vibau.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Stephy Thomas.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Jack Littler.



AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Tennant Creek 2022



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Vedic Vijesh.



● Mayor Jeffrey and Shainy Peethambaran.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Dorothy Jamela.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Tendai Jazi.



● Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin and Naithan Printo.

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST CITIZENS

- Dorothy Tsitsi Jamela
- Tendai Flora Jazi
- Jack David Littler
- Stephy Thomas and Naithan Jake Printo
- Shainy Thaiparampil Peethambaran and Vedic Vijesh
- Atama Malaqereqere Vibau
- April Rose and Elisha Aika Carson
- Erickson Basco Carson
- Liam Andrew Garlick and Hannah Liu
- Atul Atul, Nikhil Ansal, Hemaank Ansal and Satinder Kaur

Good ol' Aussie fun at the local Memo Club

THE Memorial Club made a great effort in celebrating Australia Day by decorating the Club for the occasion and hosting a Members' Sausage Sizzle Wednesday afternoon.

There were plenty of flags being waved and hats with Aussie flags to be seen in the club as members celebrated in true Tennant Creek style in spite of the bad weather.

A highlight of the afternoon was the drawing of the Lion's Club raffle of a 60 litre car fridge and cover, which was kindly drawn by outgoing Barkly Regional Council CEO Steve Moore.

The winner ended up being none other than Memo Club Manager, Dave Geaney, who accepted his prize to good natured cat calls of "redraw!"



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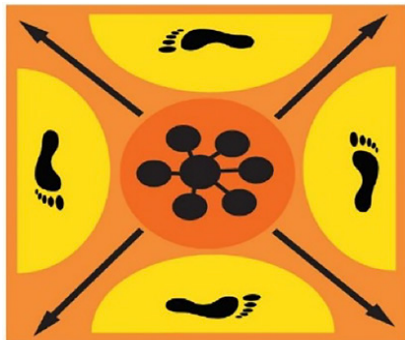
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To provide your feedback, visit haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/circulareconomy. Feedback closes on **Sunday 30 January 2022**. For more information see NTEPA.nt.gov.au or email Waste.NTEPA@nt.gov.au.



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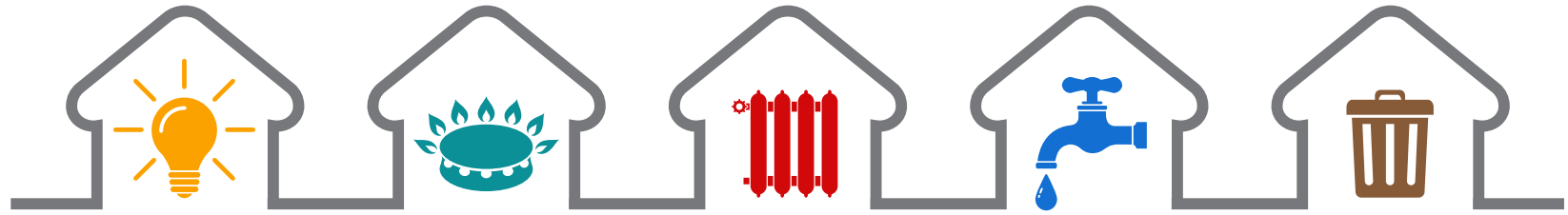
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They are agents for Stihl and dealers for MTD – selling Rover and Cub Cadet mowers and power tools as well as Honda goods.

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.

“Give us a chance to quote for your work – you might be surprised at our prices and you keep the work local.

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