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Barkly nurse a finalist in prestigious awards

A BARKLY registered nurse has been announced as a finalist in the 2024 Nursing and Midwifery Awards

Annette (Nettie) Hodgson-Taylor is one of three finalists in the Excellence in Aboriginal Health category. Joining her is Amelia Bannister and Peter Mitchell from the Top End.

The Ali Curung-based nurse and clinic manager said she was gobsmacked at the nomination and looks forward to travelling to Darwin in early May, where the winners will be announced at a gala dinner.

The finalist achievement is a highlight in Nettie's life after a tough life growing up with alcoholic parents and losing her 15-year-old son which threw her into years of grief and despair.

Initially working in hospitality as a trainer, Nettie turned her focus to nursing after her husband Lloyd urged her to get help with her grief.

"I grew up living in houses with no power and no windows - sometimes stealing food from my siblings," she said.

"What you see in the Tennant Creek town camps was my life, so this nomination means a lot.

"I have gone from working in hospitality to hospitality of the spirit, which what I describe nursing as

"Nursing is one of the best jobs honestly and it is so rewarding - I couldn't imagine doing any other work now."

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Awards, which celebrate the exemplary work of nurses and midwives positively impacting the health and wellbeing of Territorians every single day.



A record-breaking number of 289 nominations across 12 categories were submitted for the 2024 Awards, with the Team Excellence category having received the highest number of nominations, 39.

There are 12 different Award categories for enrolled and registered nurses and midwives working in any healthcare setting in the Territory, and a dedicated Registered Undergraduate of Student Nurse/Midwife Award.

The categories recognise excellence in client care, education, aged care, research, professional leadership and commitment to the nursing and midwifery profession.

Winners will be announced at a gala ball on 4 May, at the Mindil Beach Casino and Resort.

To view the finalists and purchase tickets for the Gala Ball, visit: <http://nmea.nt.gov.au>

Ticket sales for the Gala Ball are now on sale until Sunday, 21 April, 2024.

"Congratulations to the outstanding staff who have been named finalists! Your hard work and good attitude has shone through the care you provide to all Territorians," said Minister for Health Selena Uibo.

"Your work is invaluable in our communities and you are being recognised for the excellence you bring work, day in and day out.

"These Awards are the public's opportunity to say 'thank you' and recognise the amazing contribution nurses and midwives make to the community and across the health system."

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Federal Member for Lingiari



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FOCUS ON A VOLUNTEER

KIRSTEEN SQUIRES



KIRSTEEN Squires is probably more familiar to Tennant Creek High School in her position as a science teacher, but when not teaching she moonlights as the local Girl Guides leader.

Kirsteen's journey with the Girl Guides began seven years ago upon her return to the NT.

Initially, she joined as an adult helper at meetings, driven by her two granddaughters' involvement.

However, it was the encouragement and persuasion from District Leader Shelagh Walsh that led her to undertake her leadership qualifications two years ago, further deepening her connection to the organisation.

Since then, she has been involved in the many activities that the girls participate in, contributing to their skills and growth while also adding to her own skills, including first aid, amongst others, and she even manages to sneak in some science while doing it!



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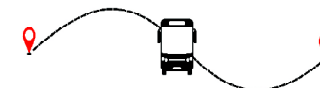
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Chief Minister announces new \$11.5m Watch House for Tennant Creek



THE Territory Government has announced this week that Tennant Creek will receive an \$11.5 million Watch House as part of its \$125m Police Infrastructure program.

The NT Government is investing a total of \$25 million for five years in its plan to provide police the best facilities to keep the Territory safe.

This funding is in addition to the extra 200 police officers for the Territory, upgraded communication technology and improved response times, and funding to secure the future of the Territory Safety Division.

Overall, the 2024 Budget invests an additional \$570 million over five years to implement the recommendations of the Police Review and fully establish the Territory Safety Division. This will mean more police, more infrastructure, and better facilities.

Chief Minister Eva Lawler said her comprehensive and common sense plan to lower crime in the Territory means will give police the resources and support to do the job – that means more officers, new equipment and upgraded infrastructure.

“We have seen the positive impact the Palmerston Police Station has made locally and I want to see similar positive results right across Territory,” she said.

“We’re showing our support to police with record funding being delivered because nothing is more important to me than lowering crime and keeping Territorians safe.

Minister for Police Brent Potter said the Territory’s police officers are the best in the country and they deserve the best facilities long into the future, and that is exactly what we are delivering.

“We will deliver more police on our streets, more vans on our roads and also the new and upgraded infrastructure and equipment police need to do the job,” he said.



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Murray Valley encephalitis detected in the Barkly

NT Health is reminding Territorians to remain vigilant and protect themselves against mosquito bites after the virus surveillance program detected Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE) in the Top Barkly and Top End regions.

MVE is an uncommon but potentially fatal disease that occurs after being bitten by a mosquito carrying the MVE virus. From now until June, is the highest risk period for serious mosquito-borne diseases, including MVE.

Eight cases of MVE were recorded in the Northern Territory (NT) in 2023, with two fatal cases.

Surveillance and testing of mosquitoes for diseases in the NT is carried out by NT Health and the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT).

Mosquitoes collected in February and March 2024 returned



positive results for MVE for sites in both Tennant Creek and Darwin.

So far in 2024, almost 42,000 mosquitoes have been tested across all NT regions for diseases including MVE, Japanese encephalitis and Kunjin virus.

Nina Kurucz, Director of Medical Entomology, NT Health, said the positive surveillance results suggest the MVE virus is present in mosquitoes throughout the NT.

“The only protection from MVE, is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes,” Ms Kurucz said.

“To ensure the best protection from mosquito bites, it’s important to cover up, use insect repellents and avoid areas where mosquitoes are active, such as swamps and wetlands.

“Infants and children especially need to be protected.”

Symptoms of MVE can include headaches, fever, nausea and vomiting, muscle aches, seizures, tremor or fits and

can progress to delirium, coma, permanent brain damage or death.

Anyone concerned about symptoms should contact their healthcare provider. Avoiding mosquito bites is a top priority.

Learn more about MVE on the NT Health website at <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/viral>

To minimise the chance of being bitten by mosquitoes, people should:

- Make sure infants and young children are well protected from mosquitoes
- Cover up with long light-coloured sleeved shirts and pants, socks and shoes
- Use insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalypt (PMD)
- Avoid areas where mosquitoes are active, especially after sun down
- Use mosquito-proof tents when camping.



Get set for Term 2. Starts 16 April.

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NEW LEADER: Respected Elder Heather Rosas with BRADAAG's new General Manager Natalie McCabe.

New general manager helms rehab service

BRADAAG welcomed its new General Manager Natalie McCabe recently.

Ms McCabe brings a wealth of experience within the public sector and Indigenous organisations in regional Australia

Director of the Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group (BRADAAG) Board Elliot McAdam thanked Nicola Mackenzie from Anglicare for her stewardship over the past year.

He also thanked the BRADAAG staff.

"As we embark on this journey together, we wish to express our deep respect for the past and present Indigenous Leaders in our Barkly Community.

"We also pay our thanks and appreciation to all sectors of our community who have supported us for a long time.

"Your respective strength, commitment and guidance will serve as an inspiration as we all work together to achieve the very best for people and communities."

Ms McKenzie will remain with BRADAAG until the end of the year in a different capacity.

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The Returned Service League Australia Tennant Creek Sub Branch NT Inc. Committee would like to invite the community to participate in this year's commemorative activities for Anzac Day.

Tennant Creek

ANZAC DAY

The Committee thanks those organisations which are already supporting us in preparing for what is expected to be another great event showing our community pride and respect for Australia's military history.

This year will see contingents of service members from NORFORCE, USA, RAAF plus Dignitaries and promises to be an excellent opportunity to share some mateship across services.



Programme of Services

Wednesday 24th April

Kapyong Day Commemorative Service for Korean War Veterans

RSL Club - 5.45pm for 6pm start

Short service, Wreath Laying followed by light refreshments at the RSL Sub Branch.

RSL Sub Branch Roll Call Dinner

Tennant Creek Memorial Club - 7pm for 7.30pm start

3 Course Formal Dinner, Sub Branch Membership or formal Invitation Only.

Thursday 25th April

Anzac Day Dawn Service

5.45am for 6am start, followed by a Traditional Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL Club (\$15 per person). All welcome.

Anzac Day Main Commemorative Service & Main Street March

9.15am marshalling at Tennant Creek Transit Centre for step off on street march at 9.30, arriving at the Tennant Creek RSL Sub Branch at 9.45am, main commemoration service commencing at 10am, followed by live entertainment, Two Up and food all day long extending into the evening.

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CONSULTATION NOW OPEN

Mataranka Water Allocation Plan

The draft Mataranka Water Allocation Plan is now open for the community to provide their feedback. The plan applies to the Tindall Limestone Aquifer, an area of approximately 9,282 km² that includes Mataranka township, Eley National Park, and the iconic Bitter and Rainbow springs.

The plan's focus is on maintaining spring flows and ecological conditions during dry years while providing long-term water security for drinking water, agriculture, horticulture and mining enterprises in the region. The plan protects the groundwater resource and flows in the Roper River by managing water extraction in line with climatic variability.

A protected environmental area may also be declared by Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water to further protect this important water resource.



Feedback closes on Monday 3 June 2024.

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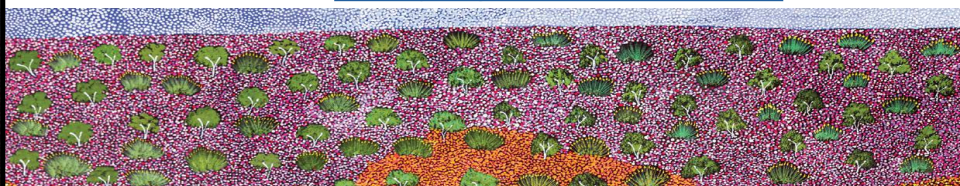
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