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## news



**GRAHAM Stinson, also known as Flash, has been a resident of Tennant Creek for 28 years and has actively participated in various charitable causes during this time.** He has been associated with Rotary for 12 years and has a 14-year association with the RSL in Tennant Creek, having previously served in the Defense Forces. Additionally, he has volunteered as a boundary and goal umpire with BA for the past 12 years. Some may recall that Flash was once a member of the Rock and Roll Club, indicating that volunteers come from diverse backgrounds and have varied interests. Graham is always prepared and eager to assist in any way possible, making him an invaluable volunteer in our community.



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# Labor Govt has failed Barkly youth: Edgo



● Member for Barkly and Shadow Attorney-General Steve Edgington with Opposition Leader Lia Finocchiaro.

**THE Member for Barkly has called out Labor for its dereliction to support regional young people at risk after he highlighted the shocking cases of two Tennant Creek children who he says was failed by the NT Government.**

Mr Edgington, also the Shadow Attorney-General, says the children had a history of neglect and abuse and were allowed to escalate into violent offenders despite 67 child welfare notifications.

He said despite repeated cries for help, Territory Families failed to intervene, leaving these children to slip through the cracks and wreak havoc on innocent victims.

“This shows the devastating consequences of the Lawler Labor Government’s negligence to adequately staff and support Territory Families, putting the safety and well-being of our communities at risk,” he said

Shadow Territory Families Minister Josh Burgoyne said what was concerning is the sheer number of reports that seem to have gone unanswered.

“Labor’s priorities are misplaced, and essential services must be resourced. The safety and security of our communities are being compromised,” Mr Burgoyne said.

“The government owes the public answers and action, not excuses and deflection.

“No one should have to live in fear or suffer at the hands of unchecked violence and neglect that could have been avoided if there had been earlier and ongoing interventions into these children’s lives.”

Mr Edgington said the lack of follow-up regarding the 67 reports raised alarm bells about the accountability and effectiveness of Territory Families.

“Where are the workers coming from, especially in Alice Springs and the Barkly, when critical cases like these are overlooked and neglected?” he asked.

“Even more worryingly, as I spoke about in Parliament recently, the Children’s Commissioner does not have the resources to be able to investigate, conduct inquiries and determine what improvements need to be made to the system in the Northern Territory.

“How can we protect our young people and make things better for young people with such mismanagement?”

“Labor is clearly badly mishandling early intervention, resulting in the help and support young people and families need not being provided before there are problems with family or with the law.”

Mr Edgington said the CLP will uphold safety by reducing the age of criminal responsibility back from 12 to 10 and ensure young offenders and parents are accountable.

“That means early intervention; that means transformative programs. Negligent parents will face accountability measures, including income management referrals to ensure school attendance and to support more secure home environments,” he said.

“A CLP-led Government will deliver a safe, strong Territory by taking back control of our streets, rebuilding the Territory’s reputation and getting our economy moving forwards.”



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# Calling on the town with a Golden Heart to dig deep for loved local

**TENNANT Creek has a well-worn name of being a town with a Golden Heart - and now the family and friends of a loved local are seeking the community's support to help her through a tough battle against cancer.**

Kim Stewart was recently diagnosed with cancer after a routine appointment where doctors found masses in her lungs and ovary.

Now Kim requires urgent medical care from an oncology team and needs to relocate to Queensland with her daughter for support during the vigorous treatment.

Daughter Natalie has kicked off a [GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-kims-urgent-move-for-cancer-treatment) campaign to help her Mum in relocation and treatment costs.

It has so far raised just over \$1,200, but more is needed

to reach the \$15,000 target.

"My mum is scared and the sooner we can get her to Queensland, the more settled she can be before the treatment starts," said Natalie.

"She currently doesn't have the funds to make the move and her working life is about to be put on hold - taking this pressure off her would be a great relief.

"Any donation - big or small - will be greatly appreciated and will go directly to relocating Mum and getting her well so she can return to the town and friends she loves so much.

To lend a hand to Kim, please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-kims-urgent-move-for-cancer-treatment>

# Creating Indigenous jobs in the Barkly

**THE Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians, Malarndirri McCarthy, recently visited community organisations in Tennant Creek to learn about the innovative strategies being trialed and tested to help close the employment gap and grow remote workforces in the Barkly region.**

Funding has been provided to community organisations and local government bodies to create real jobs, where people will be paid the minimum wage and will be provided with leave, superannuation, and other employment entitlements.

In the Barkly region, three organisations are being supported to create jobs and employ local people across various industries, including horticulture, cultural wellbeing, and music and arts.

Alekarenge Horticulture, a not-for-profit Aboriginal community organisation, is receiving up to \$1,076,889 to create 12 new jobs.

The project aims to provide on-the-job horticultural training and employment opportunities to senior school students and adult community members, generating more employment opportunities that address food security and improve health and socioeconomic outcomes in the region.

It is part of a long-term plan to develop a viable and sustainable primary industry on Indigenous-controlled farms.

The funding will cover various costs, including wages and salaries, training, travel, uniforms, PPE, and hiring a farm ute and people mover.

Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group Aboriginal Corporation is the sole provider of Alcohol and Other Drug services in the Barkly region.

The organisation is receiving \$761,744 to create a Community Cultural Wellbeing Support Program and employ eight cultural wellbeing officers.

Wellbeing officers will be trained in trauma-informed care and practice and will engage with residents who are at risk of the harm associated with alcohol, drug, and volatile substance use.

The funding will facilitate ceremonies, bush trips, and yarning circles to explore AOD use, build an understanding of the harm associated with substance use, and identify further treatment options.

Barkly Regional Arts is an organisation providing employment, support, and opportunities for artists and musicians across the Barkly.

The organisation is receiving \$258,478 to create four jobs aimed at increasing employment for artists, providing production, training, and knowledge transfer skills for local First Nations people.

The jobs will include work as music studio technicians and delivering arts-based learning activities focused on young people.

These jobs in the Barkly region demonstrate how much the new Remote Jobs and Economic Development program can achieve in enabling economic development and empowerment at a local level to help close the gap in Indigenous employment.

Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney said it is the first step to replace the failed CDP and give people living in remote areas like Barkly access to real jobs and real wages.

"Having a job allows people to choose their own future path by opening up access to other opportunities, including further employment, education, and training," she said.

"Learnings from these trials, along with consultations, will inform the development of the new Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program and set it up for success to close the gap in employment. I would like to congratulate these three organisations and the 24 community members in the Barkly and look forward to more successes through the job trials."

Senator McCarthy said she was delighted to see local employment opportunities being created in the Barkly region and congratulated these three community organisations.

"The jobs these organisations are creating are an example of how meaningful jobs driven by community can lead to a genuine difference in life outcomes for employees, businesses, and communities," she said.

"Our remote jobs program is about working with the community to support local people into local jobs."

CEO of Alekarenge Horticulture, Vincent Lange, said Centrefarm and Alekarenge Hor-



**BRIGHT CAREERS:** Senator Malarndirri McCarthy with the team at Barkly Arts (above) and BRADAAG (below).



iculture Work Experience Pathway Farm are delighted to have been successful with our application to participate in the new jobs program trial.

"The 12 local jobs will make a profound difference in this remote community and will greatly assist in, over time, transitioning people to real work opportunities on the soon-to-be-developed Centrefarm commercial-scale farming projects," he said.

"We strongly believe that this type of reform to the provision of job services in remote First Nation settings is to be commended."

Chair of Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group (BRADAAG), Elliot McAdam, thanked the Federal Government for its contribution.

"We thank Minister Burney and Assistant Minister McCarthy for making the funds available to support eight Cultural Wellbeing officers to increase services in Ali Curung and Elliott communities in the Barkly region," he said.

"These jobs will make a big difference to these remote communities."

Operations Director of Barkly Regional Arts, James Winwood was pleased their application was successful.

"Creating jobs for local community members increases capacity for art and music production across the Barkly as well as providing greater training and workshop facilitation opportunities to engage more young people in both the arts and arts worker roles," he said.

"We are encouraged by this recognition of the important cultural, social and economic value that the arts have for communities of the Northern Territory and look forward to continuing to shine the bright lights of engagement and excellence far and wide in times to come."

# NIAA opens doors to its new office location

THE National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) has established its new home in the former Westpac Bank building in Tennant Creek, which opened last Friday.

The agency works in partnership with First Nations communities to enable their self-determination and aspirations, ensuring they have a say in the decisions that affect them.

As part of the opening event, attendees voted on regional artworks on display, with the aim of purchasing the most popular ones to be displayed in the new office space.

Jody Broun, the National NIAA CEO, attended the opening and expressed her optimism for the future of the Barkly region and the role the NIAA office can play in it.



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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.

#### Two Up & Live Music

*At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them! Lest We Forget.*

# ANZ celebrates opening of its new, improved branch office

THE ANZ branch in Tennant Creek has celebrated the opening of its new location after serving customers at its Paterson Street premises for decades.

The new branch is still located on the main street, but now boasts a modern interior that's bright and welcoming, showcasing ANZ's unwavering commitment to the local community.

The branch's new location, right next to Barkly MLA Steve Edgington's electorate office, features two brand-new smart ATMs and fast, secure deposit facilities for business customers.

The relocation was completed swiftly, with only a one-day closure of the branch to move critical equipment and ensure minimal disruption for customers.

ANZ's dedication to the Tennant Creek community remains as strong today as it was when the branch first opened years ago.



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### 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 km<sup>2</sup> 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.

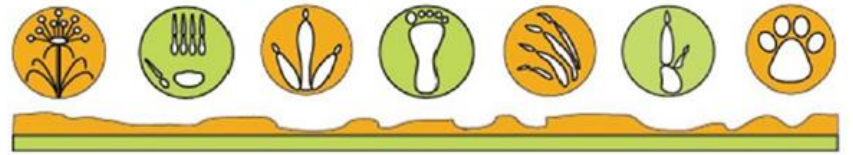
A protected environmental area may also be declared by Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water to further protect this important water resource.



Feedback closes on Monday 3 June 2024.

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- A demonstrated background in horticulture and waste management including knowledge of sustainable garden practices, and composting is required for this role.
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