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## news



## Sporties Club donates emergency gear to bushfire volunteers

THE Tennant Creek Bushfire Brigade was presented with around \$3,000 of emergency equipment from the local Sporties Club this week.

Volunteer Keven Stout thanked the club, with special mention to Teresa and Randall Gould, which raised the funds to help the brigade replace lost or damaged equipment during last year's fire emergency in the Barkly.

Keven also gave his appreciation to the Tennant Creek Lions Club which also recently donated \$2,000 to the volunteer organisation.



# TENNANT CREEK MEMORIAL CLUB

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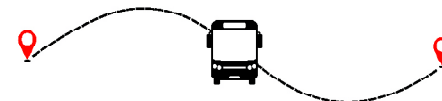
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# Youth enjoy tail-end of school holiday program

WITH only a few days left of the school holidays, Tennant's young people are making the most of the remaining time to have as much fun as possible.

The Youth Centre has been a popular hangout spot, with loads of different activities and plenty of ways to burn off excess energy.

Soccer, drone flying, table tennis and dodgeball are among the activities available in the next few days, but it is worth remembering that there will be no formal activities at the Youth Centre on Friday due to the Australia Day event at the town pool. There is also an end-of-holiday disco from 6pm till 8pm to see the holidays out with a bang.



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## The Barkly wet drenches the region

**AUSTRALIA is a country of weather extremes, a couple of months back large parts of the Barkly were on fire, with it coming close to town.**

The last couple of weeks, though, Tennant Creek saw the total opposite, with just over 310mm of rain falling in the last two weeks, the heaviest fall being recorded last Saturday at 110mm.

This has resulted in water over roads and highway closures, which briefly disrupted travel in and out of town, and unfortunately, some damage to roads.

Readers are reminded to drive to conditions as there may still be some hazards – check road reports before travelling.

On a brighter note though, Lake Mary Ann benefitted from the rain, and Seven Mile is running for the moment.

A little surprise for the town kids was the old bowling greens turned into a vast paddle pool with the amount of rain, although it isn't likely to be significant competition for the town pool for long.



## Letters to the Editor

### Tennantites' heart of gold remains in tact despite rising crime

**DESPITE all the frustration and anger caused by crime in Tennant Creek the generosity and decency that used to define this town still exists.**

Three months ago I had an operation to reconstruct my leg to repair the result of an old injury that has given me a few mobility issues to deal with while recovering.

Everywhere I go people have been considerate and helpful, Hospital staff, Memo Club staff and people working in businesses in TC have shown to me that this town still has a good heart and is worth living in. THANK YOU,

– G.D Egan, Tennant Creek.

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# AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS AT THE SWIMMING POOL!

Come and join Barkly Regional Council and the Tennant Creek Community down at the Pool.  
For a day of fun, food, music and good company. Free Entry. Pool Closes at 2pm.

**AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CEREMONY 9am-10am**

**FAMILY FUN AT THE POOL 11am - 2pm**

**AWARD NOMINEES:** John Wright, Ross Jakamarra Williams, Marlene Hicks, Stanley Waistcoat, Jamie Jones, Rosemary Plummer, Roddy Calvert, Alba Brockie, Kate Foran, Irena Edwards-Kelly and the Tennant Creek Children's Christmas Tree.

- Playlist of Australian Artists for your enjoyment!
- Gift bag for the kids!
- Pool Races with Prizes!
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### Tennant Creek Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

# AGM

Monday 19th February 2024

6pm at the

Sporties Club,

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## Barkly Regional Deal

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Ask the Barkly Backbone Team

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We are looking for a

### NDIS Coordinator of Supports Connector

to join our team in Tennant Creek

Support NDIS participants to understand and utilise their funded supports and plans that link them to community, mainstream and other government services.

This rewarding role will see you working with the NDIS Coordinator of Supports to encourage and support participants and their families with maintaining relationships, managing service delivery tasks, living more independently and being included in the community.

### Local residents encouraged to apply!

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Previous applicants will need to reapply.



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To join our team in Tennant Creek

As a Counsellor, you will support and strengthen family relationships, prevent breakdown, enhance children and young people's wellbeing and mental health, assist couples and families to manage issues arising from relationships including family violence and support children through parental separation

This role focuses on providing a range of evidenced based therapeutic interventions, therapy, individual and group counselling, support and information, and referrals.

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#### Lifeguard

Casual Position

**\$34.93 per hour (including 25% casual loading)**  
**+ Tennant Creek Zone Allowance \$1.8900 per ordinary hour**

Barkly Regional Council is seeking a casual Lifeguard. The position is responsible for the supervision of all aquatic environments, ensuring the highest standard of public supervision and safety, communicating in a positive manner with patrons, and responding in emergency situations.

You will possess the following:

- Experience in lifeguard practices, water safety principles, and crowd control.
- First Aid and Resuscitation certificates.
- SLISA Bronze Medallion/Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue).
- Ability to obtain a Working with Children's Clearance (OCHRE Card).
- Obtain a suitable National Police Criminal History Certificate.

Please email applications to [hr@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:hr@barkly.nt.gov.au)

For further information please contact Brody Moore on 08 8962 0000.

Applications Close Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

*Suitable applicants may be appointed during the application process.*

*We welcome and encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds, and we are committed to providing equal employment opportunities to all.*

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#### Regional Community Care Manager

**Full Time Position**  
**\$127,000 per annum**

The Regional Community Care Manager is a key position within the Community Development Directorate providing high-level operational and strategic support to the Director of Community Development as well as providing supervision and support to key operational staff.

The Regional Community Care Manager is responsible for the management of the Council's funding reports of the Aged Care and NDIS programs, including the overall management and coordination of these programs. This position requires a strong strategic management focus, and the determination to achieve results in a timely manner. The position also works with a range of community-based groups and uses consultative processes to effectively engage and involve stakeholders.

You will possess the following:

- Extensive experience in successfully managing Aged Care, NDIS, or similar roles.
- Demonstrated experience in the reporting and ability to meet compliance requirements of Aged Care and NDIS.
- Demonstrated experience using online programs such as E Tools, DEX, Medicare, PRODA, My Aged Care, and Centrelink.
- Proven ability to oversee the financial management to achieve maximum benefit from all resources.
- Strong computer skills including experience with the use of the Microsoft Office Suite.

Please email applications to [hr@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:hr@barkly.nt.gov.au)

For further information please contact Gillian Molloy on 08 8962 0000.

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## Jamie Jones ends junior speedway career on a high at NSW national titles

**TENNANT** Creek speedway driver Jamie Jones achieved 14th in last Friday's SSA Junior Sedan National Title in New South Wales.

Although he faced some issues during the heats, such as a broken weld diff during practice, coil lead and wiring issues on the first night of heats, and a damaged front-right strut during the last heat on the second night, he managed to get himself into the B Main starting at the rear of the field in 21st position.

With some very quick racers in the B Main, he had a mission ahead of him.

Jamie tried to avoid a big crash between Colby & Khan but got tagged by the datto. Thankfully, he was able to finish the race at 14th position. Jaiden Santin took out the title.

All in all, it was some great racing with the juniors.

Jamie and Charlie had a ball catching up and making new friends. Jamie thanked his sponsors for getting him here to race: Little Rippers Lifestyles, Remote Concrete NT, Tennant Creek Service Station, Councillor Kev Harlan, Litchfield Council, Lions Club of Tennant Creek & District, Sassafras Yamba, Tennant Creek Service Station, Barkly MLA Steve Edgington and MotorSports NT.

A massive shoutout to the following people who helped over the weekend, without whom Jamie wouldn't have been able to achieve what he did: Gavin (Best pit crew ever), Heath Thorn (for sorting and helping fix the diff), Justin & Simon for their advice, Richter Brother Racing for the use of their welder and Corey helping, Liam (Jamie's little off-sider)



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