

Namatjira News

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Hope everyone has had a wonderful Easter break. With the change in weather it's a great time to get out camping and visit some of wonderful places around Central Australia. We've all seen the devastation fires have had around Alice Springs over the past weeks, so please be careful with fire if you do get out camping. There are lots of events planned for the coming months, including the Bangtail Muster, Finke Desert Race, the iconic Beanie Festival and the Alice Springs Show. It's one of the best times of the year for our community, we encourage you all to enjoy everything Central Australia has to offer.

Yours Truly

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Holi Festival We have a strong and vibrant Nepalese community in Alice Springs and I had a blast at the Holi Festival put on by the Nepalese Community Alice Springs Inc. There was so much colour and lots of fun was had. Congratulations and many thanks to the Nepalese Community for hosting the Festival, a great afternoon was had by all, can't wait till next year.



Once again it was a wonderful Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame International Women's Day Breakfast. throughout the morning, a video presentation was shown highlighting Molly Clark from Old Andado, who was a driving force in the establishment of the Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame. For those who had the privilege to meet and know Molly she held a passion for the stories and histories of the pioneering women who were an integral part of developing the bush.

International women's day



Congratulations to the Women's Museum of Australia for the important work they are doing to preserve and highlight the history of Women in the NT and across the Country.



Young Achiever awards

Local star, Matthew Grant has been nominated in Young Achiever Awards for the Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award as well as the Mindil Beach Casino Resort Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Award.

A huge congratulations to Matt on becoming a Finalist for the 2023 Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards. This is an absolutely amazing achievement and one he should be extremely proud of!

Hetti Perkins secret Santa

Before Christmas it was great to get out with David delivering Secret Santa gifts to Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged.

These boxes of gifts are donations that are coordinated by Tori Starr in Darwin. Tori and the fundraisers organised over 20 boxes of gifts for communities' right across Central Australia. Gilberts Transport freight them down at no cost and David and I got to help out with the deliveries to the various places.



2022 school attendance bikes

Christmas was all about bringing smiles to faces. Every year we have a prize for all the Bush schools in the Electorate for kids who have the best attendance. Some schools are doing so well that there can be more than one student with extremely high attendance levels, which is great to see.

Congratulations to Phoebe Williams from Santa Teresa, Leevin Gilligan from Titjikala and brothers Isaac and Alex Doolan from Finke. Hercules and Robertson from Bonya School, Neshana and Emizi from Atitijere School, Kalisha, Sherina and Walker from Engawala School and Zerina Hayes from Amoonguna School.

A great achievement by all these kids and thanks also to all the School staff members for your dedication throughout 2022.



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Community Visits

Our travel over the last few months saw us attend Local Authority meetings and a chance to catch up with many wonderful people throughout the Namatjira Electorate.

We were fortunate to visit all our major communities and Outstations within the electorate including, Finke, Titjikala, Ltyente Purte to the south east, Engawala, Atitjere & Bonya to the north east, Amoonguna, Town Camps & many homelands stretching from Harry Creek to Eagle Beak.

We thank everyone who took the time to say hello and share their stories with us.



CARU new life member

Congratulations to Sarah France on being awarded Life Membership to Central Australian Rugby Union. Sarah has been a dedicated executive member of the CARU for over 11 years and her nomination and award are very well deserved.



Young Tourism Professionals Network

Georgia and Jaimie met with Josh and I to share their vision and future initiatives for the Young Tourism Professionals Network. It is young people like this who will drive the Central Australian tourism industry into the future. Check out their FB page, "Young Tourism Professionals Network" for what's coming up and get involved to grow the network to support our future tourism and hospitality professionals.

Clean Up Australia Day

Lots of community support for the many Clean Up Australia Day events in March. Well done to the people of Larapinta who cleaned up some of the public areas near the supermarket and a large contingent of our community got out to clean up the Claypans. Thanks to ALEC and Landcare for organising this and once again the Alice Springs 4WD Club put in a stellar effort and removed 5 derelict cars. A huge thanks to the work crews from the Alice Springs Correctional Centre for yet again getting out and supporting our community on the day. Great community spirit was on display to support all areas of our community.



Santa Teresa

It was great to get out to Santa Teresa in February for their Local Authority meeting. It was also good to see the graders on the road, there had been lots of damage after the recent rains which had made it difficult to get in and out of the community. Sadly I missed the sports carnival in March as Parliament was on in Darwin, but a great weekend was had by all.

The 70th anniversary of the community is coming up later this year and there are some great celebrations and activities planned which everyone is really looking forward to.

8CCC Andy's Big Breakfast



My first ever appearance on 8CCC 102.1FM Community Radio was in March with Andy and the team for Andy's Big Breakfast. A hard hitting interview with lots of topics covered. Keep up the great work on keeping the community informed. Keep up the great work Andy and I'm looking forward to being a guest on Andy's Big Breakfast again soon.

Motorsport NT Awards

Congratulations to Nina Kells on becoming the Motorsports NT volunteer of the year. Nina is a long-time volunteer for the Alice Springs Offroad Race Club and a well-deserved recipient of this award. In the background is an absolute legend of Central Australian Motorsports and long-time volunteer, Bob Baldock. Without dedicated volunteers like this our clubs won't operate. Keep up the great work Nina and we'll done.



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