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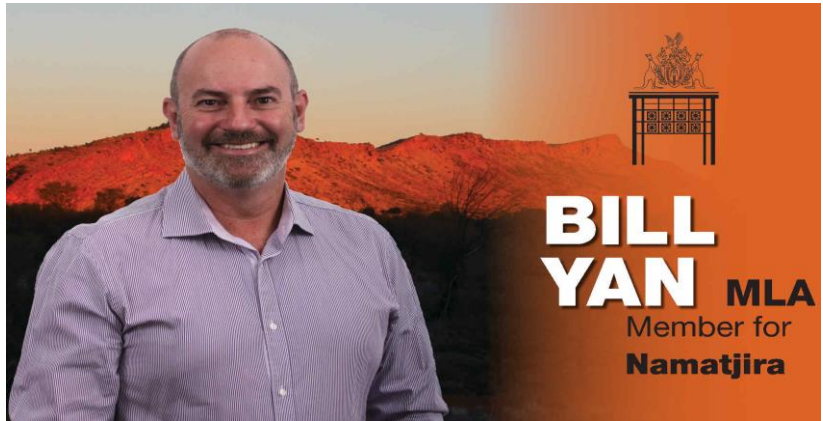
New Playground Hamilton Downs

Volunteers Shine

I was able to get out to the Hamilton Downs Youth Camp to look at some of the restorations and new playground and climbing equipment just installed. I will keep you updated on any progress but it is a good start that this is under review. The camp was originally part of the Hamilton Downs Station and was developed by the Apex Club of Central Australia and is now managed by a volunteer management committee. The committee held its AGM last Sunday with the new committee being made up of Chair Rede Ogden, Vice-chair Todd Grierson, Treasurer Michael Trull, Secretary Renee Vincent, Public Officer Brendan Heenan, and committee members made up of Damian Ryan, Jamie de Brenni, Ben Crawford and Patrick Bedford. Previous committees and volunteers have worked tirelessly over many years to make the camp what it is today, and I have no doubt that the new committee will take up that challenge.



Celebrating Hamilton Downs new playground



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



I am proud to let everyone know that the Namatjira electorate office has become a **NO MORE** campaign supporter and will be working alongside the Catholic Care team and Charlie King to spread knowledge about stopping domestic violence in our community. I and those of the Namatjira Electorate Office are pleased to assist in working towards creating a future free from family violence and congratulate Charlie King, Shaun Cadd and the Catholic Care team in addressing domestic violence in our community.

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM BILL

'Tis the season to wish one another joy, love and peace. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!

The gift of love, peace and happiness be yours at this festive time.

I hope this season and the New Year are filled with warmth, comfort and good cheer!

Have a Merry Christmas!

Yours truly,
Bill Yan MLA



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Happy 93rd Birthday Fran Woods!



It was lovely to attend Fran Woods 93rd Birthday morning tea, congratulations Fran!



HOLY SMOKE! SANTA TERESA

There was a smoking ceremony conducted in Santa Teresa by the community members in conjunction with a blessing by Bishop Charles Gauci to ensure it was cleansed, pure and blessed prior to its use by the students and staff of the Santa Teresa school.

To see this seamless combination of cultural practice between old and new was very engaging and a credit to the community.

The ceremonies were conducted by the principal of the School, Justin Colley, along with Bishop Charles from Darwin, Father Prakash from the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish in Alice Springs and Father Elmer from Santa Teresa.

MINING BOOST!



I was able to visit the community of Orrtipa Thurra, more commonly known as Bonya. I was briefed on the new copper mining operation located at the old Jervois mine about 15 kilometres from the community. The development of the new mine on an old existing mining operation dating back to the early 1900s will be of significant benefit to the Territory economy, but more importantly, a huge benefit to the remote communities in the area. For the mine construction phase there will be employment for up to 300 people and in the production phase and ongoing mining there may be ongoing employment for up to 100 people in various roles.

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