

Never Never News

Issue 3: 2014 May / June



FIRE CRACKER NIGHT

Celebrating Territory Day with Cracker night

Where: Sport & Rec Grounds

When: Tuesday 1st July

Entry is FREE

Hot Food, drinks & desserts for sale from 5.30/6pm

BYO licence

BYO chair, esky, drinks, coat

NO GLASS PLEASE

A fun community & great family night out

**THANKS to NT Government, Roper Gulf Regional Council
& Mataranka Better Half Club Inc.**

Watch out for reminder posters about town.



Rob and Ray's walk, thanks for all the support!!

Special points of interest:

- Fire Cracker Night
- School Holidays Pictures and holiday activities
- Meet Bess Price
- Land release
- A script from the clinic
- Big weekend at Gorrie
- ANZAC day pictures
- Council Services Manager
- Birthdays

Mataranka Primary School

Mataranka School is having an athletics carnival on Friday 13th June. It will be the first time we use our new oval. The carnival will run all day so please drop in to see the kids compete and cheer them along.

We are having an open day on Thursday 19th June. This is an opportunity to go into the classrooms and observe your child's learning. After school there will be an assembly with student performances. There will be a barbeque and student reports will be given out. Please come along to make this event extra special for the kids.

Cheers, Darren.

School Holidays

School breaks up on the 20th of June, First day back at school for students will be 22nd July.



ROAD SAFETY

Persons are reminded to take care on the Roper Highway due to the increase traffic, caused from the dry season and also trucks using the road to transport Iron Ore to the Lime mine.



Please take note of the signal from the convoy's pilot vehicle, which will inform you of how many trucks are in the Convoy. Please utilise channel 40 to speak with the pilot vehicle and the truck drivers.

Remember pull way off the side of the road and give way to the trucks.

Always take care on the roads and show consideration for other road users.

Thanks Mataranka Police



MATARANKA HEALTH CLINIC

The Mataranka Clinic has new working hours.
Monday to Thursday 0830-1630
Friday 0830-12.00

We are open 24 hours a day for emergencies

Our closure on Friday afternoons allow the staff to:

- > Order medication
- > Check that our drugs are in stock and in date
- > Allow staff to receive education and training on up to date medical information.
- > Keep up to date with legislative changes to the Nursing Practice including changes to the Pharmacy drugs.



Our clinic is always looking for input by the community to improve on its service delivery. If you have any suggestions please contact the Health Centre Manager , Danny Metin on 89754547. Usual cough and colds are around for the Winter months. It's not too late to get the Flu shot if you haven't already had one.

May / June Birthdays

Biddy Little Duck Kane. F Veronica
 Daniel Tracey Shauna
 Annabelle Tracey-anne Sally
 Darcie Racheal
 Baylee Leah Fred (pop)

If you would like your Birthday or a family members put in, please come and see us in the Council office.

CONGRATULATIONS VIRGINIA

Congratulations are in order to Virginia Boon who has recently been appointed to the position of Assets Manager for Roper Gulf Regional Council in Katherine.

Recruitment action is well underway to fill the Mataranka Council Services Manager (CSM) position vacated by Virginia. Bruce Ross will be acting CSM until the new occupant commences.

Thanks for your hard work over the years Virginia, and good luck in the new position.

Public Notices

- ◆ Mataranka School will be holding a shopping Expo day on the 14th of June, Starting from 9:00am, at the school. This is to help raise money for the school. We will have lots of stalls and if you would like to set up a stall also please let Leah know. Keep a look out for the posters!!
- ◆ Play group hosted by Good Beginnings, is on the 5th and 19th of June, then every second Thursday there after. Located at the Library, for 0 to 5 year olds. Signs with dates and times displayed at the Library.
- ◆ FERG (Fire Emergency Response Group) meeting Every Wednesday from 5:30 at the FERG unit in Gunn St. Further info please call Des (Captain) 0427880819.

Meet and Greet with Hon Bess Price MLA

Thursday 5th June 6pm-7pm at the Mataranka Manor

Please call 89711955 / 0409 558 397 for bookings



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS COMING UP:

9th June 2014—Queens Birthday

18th July 2014—Katherine Show

4th August 2014—Picnic Day



If you are going away on these weekends please drive safely and remember buckle up. Also please keep in mind the council will be closed on these dates, along with the Library and Centrelink Office.

More Delays with Land Release

Recently a representative of the Dept of Lands, Planning and Environment attended a meeting of the Council's Local Authority to update our local members with the progress on releasing government land in Carew Road and Stirling Street. He advised that progress is slow and that an Indigenous Land Agreement is still to be obtained from the Northern Land Council. The expected delay is still estimated at about 2 years. Council is aware that there is a lot of concern in the Community about the lack of accommodation and land for purchase or rent in and around Mataranka. Council will continue to lobby Government to progress this land release and residents are encouraged to make their own representations to the Local NT and Federal Government representatives. Their contact details are below:

Mrs Bess Nungarrayi Price MLA for Stuart
Phone: 89711499.

Email: electorate.stuart@nt.gov.au

Mr Warren Snowdon MP for Lingiari

Phone: 89833129.

Email: sharon.mcalear@aph.gov.au

GORRIE "DONE IN ONE" PARTY

Join us in celebrating
Mike and Helen's 50th,
Amy's 21st and Kate's 18th!



WHERE: Gorrie Station
Follow the signs or the crowd,
90km SW Mataranka

WHEN: **Saturday 12th July 2014**

4pm onwards Dinner around 7pm
Beer, rum, wine and soft drinks supplied.

Sunday 13th July 2014 Recovery Brekky

BYO

Esky and Ice would really help out. Extra grog may not hurt.

Swag/camp gear if staying the night - strongly recommended!

And it does get cold in July.

Bathers and towel if you're keen for a brisk wake-up swim!

RSVP: Saturday 21st June 2014

Email: hardingnt@bigpond.com Ph: 08 89759965

Facebook: HelenMikeHarding

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING
NO PRESENTS ALLOWED, ONLY YOUR PRESENCE!

We are getting ready to party!



School Holiday Program for Mataranka June / July Holidays 2014

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| Monday 23rd June 10am – 3pm Cooking "Steamed Pudding" | Tuesday 24th June 10am – 12pm Cricket 1pm – 3pm Girls "Healthy Bodies" Activities | Wednesday 25th 10am – 12pm Hockey 1pm – 3pm Water Slide | Thursday 26th June 10am – 12pm Football/Cricket 1pm – 3pm "Cooking Rice & Pasta" | Friday 27th June 3pm – 5pm Hall Activities 6pm – 9pm Movie Night |
| Monday 30th June 10am – 3pm Healthy Cooking "Nutritional Workshop" With Sunrise | Tuesday 1st July 10am – 12pm Softball 1pm – 3pm Girls "Healthy Bodies" Activities | Wednesday 2nd 10am – 12pm Hockey 1pm – 3pm Water Slide | Thursday 3rd July 10am – 12pm Football/Cricket 1pm – 3pm Cooking "Bacon & Eggs" | Friday 4th July 3pm – 5pm Hall Activities 5pm – 9pm BBQ Disco Night |
| Monday 7th July 10am – 3pm Cooking "Beef & Veggie Stir Fry" | Tuesday 8th July 10am – 12pm Basketball 1pm – 3pm Girls "Healthy Bodies" Activities | Wednesday 9th 10am – 12pm Hockey 1pm – 3pm Water Slide | Thursday 10th July 10am – 3pm Trip to Katherine Swimming at Town Pool | Friday 11th July 3pm – 5pm Hall Activities 6pm – 9pm Movie Night |
| Monday 14th July 10am – 3pm Cooking "Kebabs" | Tuesday 15th July No Activities (Staff in Training) | Wednesday 16th No Activities (Staff in Training) | Thursday 17th July No Activities (Staff in Training) | Friday 18th July 3pm – 5pm Hall Activities 5pm – 9pm BBQ, Disco Night |