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07/10/2014 AT 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
JILKMINGGAN SERVICE DELIVERY CENTRE  
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Mataranka Local Authority Meeting**  
07/10/2014 AT 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
MATARANKA COMMUNITY HALL  
THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

If you would like to look up current positions vacant, local authority minutes/agendas you can visit the website at [www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au](http://www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au). This homepage has 'Quick links' section, you can click on any of these links and get the information that you are looking for, it's very easy to navigate through these links. Alternatively if you would like to see the minutes you are more than welcome to come into the SDC office and read through the copy we have at the front desk.

Advertising in the Never Never News

Previously we have been including advertisements from business's for free, but from 1 July 2014, Council has agreed to impose fees to the business that are willing to place their advertisement in our newsletter. According to Fees and Charges 2014-15 charges for Advertisement in Newsletter are:

Half page - \$20.00 or Full page- \$40.00

The fees and charges can be viewed in Regional Plan 2014-15. Hard copies of Regional Plan are available in the Council Office for viewing or alternatively you can download the copy from our website [www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au](http://www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au).



**Roper Gulf Regional Council now has a Facebook page!!**

**RGRC Sport and Recreation School Holiday Program**

All youth must bring a hat & wear sunscreen for all activities. Lunches are not supplied but we will have cordial though out the day. Any child under 7 needs to be accompanied by an adult. Upon arriving parents/guardians must sign youth in and give contact details, also sign photo consent forms. Some photos may be used in RGRC monthly newsletter. If you require further information, contact the Sport & Rec Senior Development Officer Mary Cunningham on 0419043020 or [mary.cunningham@ropergulf.nt.gov.au](mailto:mary.cunningham@ropergulf.nt.gov.au)

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct
10:00am – 1:00pm	10:00am – 1:00pm	10:00am – 1:00pm	10:00am – 1:00pm	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sport & Rec Grounds	Sport & Rec Grounds	Sport & Rec Grounds	Sport & Rec Grounds	Sport & Rec Grounds
<b>Football &amp; Soccer Activities</b>	<b>Cricket &amp; Hockey Activities</b>	<b>Soccer &amp; Basketball Activities</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Craft Activities</b>	<b>Various Sporting Games &amp; Arts &amp; Crafts</b>

# Never Never News



Issue 5: 2014 September/October

## MATARANKA MAGIC WINS NETBALL

### GRAND FINAL 2014

Well what a season!!!

We had our kids playing in 2 under 13's teams called Bitsa-magic and Lotsa-magic.

Lotsa are our seasoned players out of the bunch, they have been together the longest, with only a couple of newbies this year,

Bitsa are our babies of the bunch, I mean, wow! For a bunch of kids that haven't played netball together, these kids are awesome!

They not only played better than anyone could have imagined, they were scoring goals all over the place! That's so cool! Although they never made the finals, soooo much fun had by these kids,



Lotsa made the finals, Oh my, the first finals they played was nail biting!! All the adults that watched were so tired just from cheering and stressing, well they won!!!! Lotsa have never beaten the Scorchers before, but they did! They played like we have never seen before, they were great, they could have played A grade!! Lotsa got to the Semi final, up against the Beswick Blazers! Our guys tried their best but unfortunately Beswick Blazers won, but we all had a ball throughout the year and hopefully can't wait for it all to start up again next year,

In the senior ladies social comp, we have Inneedamagic and Fullamagic, we both made the finals by finishing 1st and 2nd on the ladder respectively, Inneeda went on to win against Fulla in the preliminary finals to advance straight thru to the Grand Final, Fulla needed to play and win the next final to qualify to play the Grand Final, unfortunately they didn't make it through,

Inneedamagic went on to win the Social Ladies Grand Final 25-19.

Great season to everyone involved, a special thanks to the coaches Emma and Virginia. Also thank you to the Mataranka School for the use of the school bus and to RGRC for the use of their bus in the last couple of weeks, and the drivers Anthony and Leah. Also Rachael for all her fantastic efforts this year.

Written By Rachael



Special points of interest:

- DOH Media Release
- Magic Wins Netball Grand final
- Church Services at Hall
- School Holiday Program
- RGRC information
- Birthdays
- A letter from School Council with Never Never Festival Information

Mataranka

Interdenominational

Fellowship

WHEN: Meets on the 4th Sunday of each month.

TIME: at 3pm

WHERE: In the Community Hall/Chapel.

There are refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome to join in.





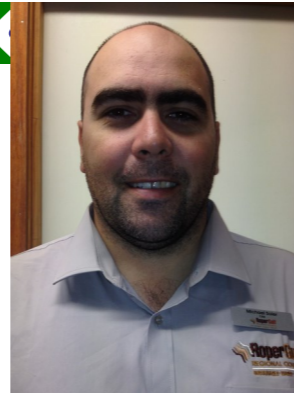
Hi there,

I am Michael Soler, the new Council Services Manager for Roper Gulf Regional Council in Mataranka.

I would like to thank Virginya Boon for her hard work and dedication to Mataranka that has made my transition so much easier.

Who's this new bloke and what's his caper I hear you ask? Well here is a little bit about me.

I worked for the Federal Government for 10 years with Centrelink and spent the last 4 of those years working in Emergency Management dealing with NT Emergency Response, Black Saturday Bushfires, multiple cyclones, floods, Tsunami, and even the Equine Influenza Outbreak back in 2007. Since finishing with Centrelink I relocated back to the Territory and worked with Macdonnell Shire as the SSM at Kintore Community, after that I did a stint with DEEWR in Sydney and I have spent the last two years as the Council Services Manager of Galiwinku on Elcho Island off the top end of Arnhem land.



That's enough about me what about you? Feel free to stop and have a chat with me if you see me around town and as always I will be working closely with the Local Authority here in Mataranka to work on moving Mataranka forwards.

Thanks and I look forward to making things happen here in Mataranka.

Here are a couple of things that are coming up:

Hard Rubbish Clean up will be taking place in the week of 13th until 17th of October. Please place items you wish to have collected and disposed of out front of your yard (where you would usually put your bin for collection). These items can include: White goods, Scrap metals, Old furniture etc. If you need assistance or have any queries please drop in or call the service delivery centre.

Remediation at the tip will be taking place over the next few weeks, please be patient while we upgrade this facility. New signage will be erected upon completion to direct users to the correct areas for waste disposal.

No Camping signs to go up around Mataranka, to assist with the constant problem of people camping on and around unpermitted areas in town.

There will be dog traps set up around town on an ongoing basis as we try to get on top of the rogue dog problem. Please be aware that lost dogs that are trapped will be impounded and if they are not registered they will require registration before they can be released. This would be a good time to come in and register your dog/s if you have not done so already since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014.



Message from the school council

The School Council has been very busy the past year raising money and we finally get the chance to spend some of it on the school!

The new shed has been erected with the help of builder Jason Bell. The school council contributed funds to this project. Most of the money came from the school itself.

Our new shade sail over the swings has been given the go ahead thanks to a big contribution of funds from the Better Half Club. The School Council is contributing about 2/3rds of the money for this project. A special thanks to Tracey-Anne Wilson for doing all the behind the scenes work on this project.

Also, the School Council is going to pay for pavers to be laid at the Beswick Street entrance to join up with the Pre- School path to help people coming into school with pushers (and high heels!).

A special thank you to the Principal, Darren Pittaway for working so hard at school. He is working on something nearly every weekend. The current project is painting the inside walls of the toilets which are in great need of a touch-up.

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets in the Fathers Day Raffle. It was a great success. Thanks to Tracey-Anne for doing all the work and coming up with such a great list of prizes.

The School Council, and in particular Leah Niehus, is going to organise the Never Never Festival in 2015. The School Council is going to run the Rodeo. We have a great list of events and are currently seeking sponsorship. Letters will be going out shortly. Anyone - private person, or business that can assist with sponsorship will be greatly appreciated. Single events and or prize-winning places can be sponsored by individuals, and the more people that contribute the better. Please contact Leah on 0437967486 or [Mataranka\\_NNF@outlook.com](mailto:Mataranka_NNF@outlook.com).

Diane Bowman from National Parks has joined the school council team. If anyone else is interested in joining let us know.

In the last newsletter, I thanked all those who helped with getting the school oval back up and running. I forgot to mention Willem Westra Van Holthe who made a big contribution.



**Bat Lyssavirus detected again in NT**

**media release**

**Tuesday, 16 September 2014**

All Territorians are being reminded to keep clear of bats as they may be carrying the deadly Australian Bat Lyssavirus.

The warning comes with the positive detection of the virus in a bat located in Katherine during the weekend.

"There has been no transmission of the virus to humans in the NT, but it is timely to remind everyone that they should avoid contact with bats," Dr Peter Markey, Acting Director Centre for Disease Control said.

Before this most recent case, the last detection of Australian Bat Lyssavirus in the NT was in 1997.

"It is best to assume that all bats are carrying the potentially fatal Australian Bat Lyssavirus which can be transmitted through contact with bat saliva," Dr Markey said.

"Anyone who does come in to contact with a bat should take immediate action to avoid contracting the virus which is related to rabies.

"If a bat scratch or bite occurs, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 5 minutes. Cover the wound and seek medical attention immediately, to receive lifesaving protection with a rabies vaccination.

"Direct contact with bat saliva through the eyes, nose or mouth can also result in transmission. In this instance, immediately flush the area with water and seek medical help."

"Contact with bat faeces is not a risk. The virus cannot survive for more than a few hours outside a live bat."

Dr Markey advised that the disease could be carried by both fruit-eating 'flying foxes' and insect-eating bats.

"As a result, bats should only be handled by experts who have been vaccinated against Australian Bat Lyssavirus with the rabies vaccine," he said.

"We urge anyone who finds a sick or injured bat, or finds dead bats that need to be disposed of, to contact the nearest wildlife rescue service for assistance.

"Many communities live in harmony with bats but it is always best to leave the handling of them to the experts."

For further information call the Centre for Disease Control in Darwin, 89 228 044 or go to:

[http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Centre\\_for\\_Disease\\_Control/Publications/CDC\\_Factsheets/index.aspx](http://www.health.nt.gov.au/Centre_for_Disease_Control/Publications/CDC_Factsheets/index.aspx)

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