

Barkly an inspiration for up and coming Territory songstress



A FORMER Tennant Creek songstress has been successful in securing \$8,604 to record her debut album under round one of the NT Arts and Culture Grants program.

Alice Springs born Sally Balfour is well known around the Tennant Creek music circuit, playing at local venues and working with schools, just finishing an artist in residence with Tennant Creek Primary School.

She worked with Mungkarta School and helped put the students' lyrics to music and record it in conjunction with Barkly Regional Arts' Winanjjikari Music Centre.

Her debut album will be recorded in April with Dave Crowe from Sing Hum Studio and will feature a variety of songs.

Sally is now living in Darwin with her family, but she says the beautiful Barkly landscape and its people has been a driving inspiration for music.

She has released four singles and a children's album Clara Crocodile, and says one of her favourite songs is from that album – Mango.

In fact, the album is in the running for the 2021 Funky Kids Radio Global Artist of the Year.

"I think the album will be different from what I've already released," she said.

"There will be songs I have written over the last few years in Tennant Creek, plus some new songs I'm working on.

"Tennant Creek was definitely an inspiration with the landscapes while running out on Peko Road and the incredibly beautiful sunsets.

"Living in a small town like Tennant is like living in the city in a pandemic – you are isolated but there are people around you."

The NT Arts and Culture Grants program assists Territory artists and arts workers to further their career paths, build professional networks and partnerships, grow audiences and contribute to building vibrant and engaged communities.

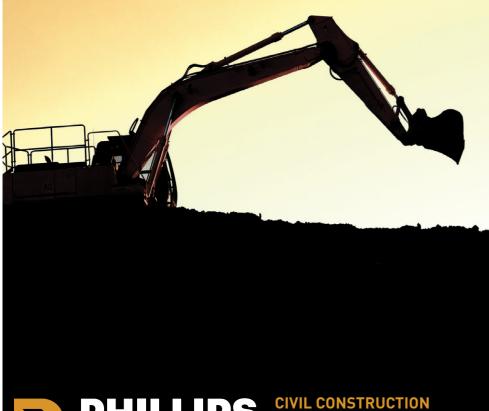
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Police seek information about Haddock Street home fire

A RESIDENCE on Haddock Street was burnt to the ground on Saturday morning.. Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service responded to the structure fire at around 11:40am, Tennant Creek career and auxiliary firefighters were dispatched to to the home after multiple calls to 000 reporting the fire.

Firefighters arrived on scene in just under eight minutes to find the structure fully engulfed. The fire was brought under control just after midday.

Firefighters undertook an internal search of the property and fortunately did not locate any occupants.

The single-storey residence was completely destroyed by the fire.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing.

Police would like to hear from anyone who was in the area at the time or anyone who may have further information.

If you can help Police with their enquiries please contact 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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Edgo takes time out in isolation



THE *Tennant Times* may have nicknamed our Barkly MLA as Edgo Everywhere, but lately he's been missing out and about on the political circuit.

Steve Edgington is currently in isolation for seven days due to a family member testing positive for COVID-19.

Edgo says he is using his time to do some tidying in the yard (pictured here working on his bougainvillea) and catching up on work on the computer.

While critical of the NT Labor Government's messaging and handling of the pandemic, including the borders reopening while Tennant Creek was in lockdown, he believes it's too hard to judge whether the Country Liberals could have handled it better.

"It's the first time governments have dealt with a pandemic, but it is a learning curve for both parties," he said.

"However there's a lot of frustration with the Territory Check-In app, and why it's still being used when there's very little information about where the cases are."

As of yesterday, there were 459 new cases in the Territory, with two cases at the Barkly Work Camp recorded.

There were a total of 3,970 active cases in the Territory.

The Territory-wide indoor mask mandate remains in place.

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A vacancy exists on the Board for a Community Member. Appointments are made by the Administrator of the Northern Territory for a three year period. Remuneration is subject to the Assembly Members and Other Statutory Officers (Remuneration and other Entitlements) Act.

The Parole Board of the Northern Territory values diversity and aims to achieve a membership that is representative of the community. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

If you believe you can make a contribution to the work of the Board you are encouraged to lodge a written Expression of Interest.

Your written Expression of Interest should outline the reasons you believe you are suitable for appointment to the Board and include a copy of your curriculum vitae. Please send your application to

Secretary NT Parole Board Parole.Board@nt.gov.au GPO Box 3196 Darwin 0801

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Yoga returns for the year ahead

□ By CATHERINE GRIMLEY

TUESDAY afternoon marked the return of yoga sessions after taking a break over the holidays.

Group Facilitator, Lucy McGarry, freshly returned from her own break away from Tennant, was keen to get back into the swing of things, as were the participants who came along for the session.

Anybody interested in joining the group is welcome to come along and give it a try on Tuesday afternoons at the CWA Hall on Noble Street, starting at 5.30pm.

All ages are welcome, as are all abilities as yoga is a low-impact exercise as well as being very relaxing and great for both physical and mental well-being.

Equipment is available for up to 15 participants and the sessions are free.

Police nab Barkly Work Camp escapees

THE three Barkly Work Camp escapees have been found by police after an extensive four-day air and land search.

Ezra Austral (23 years), Richard Henwood (37) and Maximus Cutta (20) removed their electronic monitoring devices about 11.30pm on 15 January.

Considerable police resources were deployed across the region with a focus on Tennant Creek.

Drones, police dogs and Tactical Response Group members were deployed as part of the operation.

Cutta and Henwood were arrested in town yesterday afternoon, with Austral found later that night, also in town. All three men are now in custody.

NT Police thanked the public who provided them information during the search.

All set for Aussie Day

AUSTRALIA Day festivities in Tennant Creek will be a quieter affair next Wednesday, but will remain marked with the official breakfast and citizenship ceremony going ahead.

The Civic Hall will have reduced numbers due to COVID-19 safety precautions.

The breakfast and flag raising will begin at 8am and the citizenship ceremony beginning at 9am.

If you are still after some Aussie Day festivities, the local Memo Club will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at 3pm, so head down for a snag in your best ocker outfit!





Efsta's photography takes the Barkly by storm

BORN and bred local Efsta Konidaris' newest hobby has been taking the Barkly by storm!

The keen mountain biking local is well known for her businesses Tennant Creek Emporium and Total Sports, and it was by chance on a ride she took a photo with her phone and the social media reception went viral.

Efsta is now keeps a dedicated eye on the weather and skies, and deliberately heads out whether its on bike or in the car, to catch the stunning landscapes of the Tennant Creek region.

She likes to also focus on the region's rich mining history, taking stunning snaps of the head frames with sunsets and storms as backdrops.

Recently, a calendar project featuring the popular landscapes, sold an overwhelming 100 copies and were purchased by residents and former locals reminiscing of their times in town.

"Mountain biking is my first love and because of that I got into photography," she said.

"I just do it for fun but the response to my photography has been wonderful." Moving on from her phone, Efsta now uses a Canon camera complete

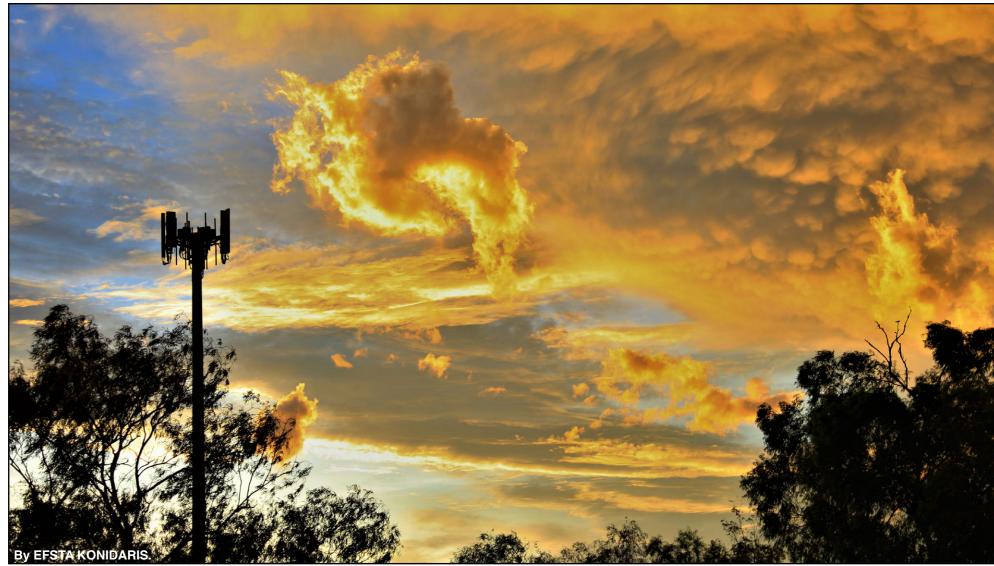
now uses a Canon camera complete with a range of lens to capture the perfect snap. **To view Efsta's range of**

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To provide your feedback, visit **haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/circulareconomy.** Feedback closes on **Sunday 30 January 2022**. For more information see NTEPA.nt.gov.au or email Waste.NTEPA@nt.gov.au.



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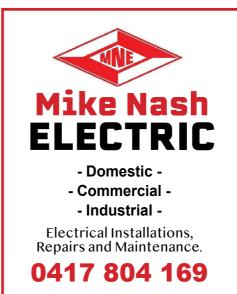
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