

# Young or old, you are feted to have a fun time

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THE smell of sausage rolls and freshly baked scones has started creeping through The Gap and into the heart of town.

People are holding off buying their weekly jars of jams and cooking cakes.

No, Alice Springs hasn't jumped on the bandwagon of a new diet, thankfully! Now is not the time.

The Old Timers Fete is on tomorrow and it promises stalls full of delicious homemade goodies, a variety of preserves, different food stalls, second-hand books, arts and crafts and handmade goods.

And don't forget the entertainment. With live music and even a clown, it's going to be a fun-filled day for the family.

Lorna Stevenson knows all too well about the excitement of the annual event.

"I always look forward to the fete, it's fun," Mrs Stevenson said.

The keen bingo player has been at Old Timers Village for more than 30 years, initially as an employee and later moving in as a resident.

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It is the largest annual fete in Alice Springs, and is the major fundraising event of the Old Timers Village.

Run entirely by volunteers, the fete committee is made up of Old Timers staff and resident family members.

The facility was the first residential aged care service established in the Northern Territory.

Director of Nursing at Old Timers Village, Mary Miles, said it would be a great day out for everyone.

"What is unique about this event is it's a fantastic community day," Mrs Miles said.

The Old Timers Fete will kick off from 11am tomorrow, but make sure you get in quick because things run out fast!



Lucy Wailu, Tianita McDonnell and Kym Egan sketching as part of Batchelor College's Red Centre Program

Picture: PHIL WILLIAMS

## Four decades of building better brains

THE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is marking a milestone this year by celebrating four decades in existence.

Batchelor Institute Director Adrian Mitchel said the Institute's success came from its moulding together of indigenous and western knowledge systems.

"The Institute looks forward to working more closely with industry, community and government partners who are so important in both ensuring that our education and training is relevant to the workplace and putting in place those pathways that lead to employment for our students."

Among several celebratory events, the Institute is holding a two-day anniversary conference that started yesterday.

Kathryn Gilbey, the first Indigenous student to successfully complete a PhD in indigenous Perspectives by Research, is among several keynote speakers at the event.

"I am proud and honoured to be the first of many and this is a victory for Batchelor Institute as we begin to tell our story through our PhD programs," she said.

Batchelor Institute has a special focus on remote NT communities and also attracts Higher Education students from across Australia.

## Happy birthday Araluen Christian College

THERE was plenty to celebrate at the 30th anniversary of Araluen Christian College on Friday.

The college has grown from 13 students from transition to year 6 to the current 218 students in years through to 9.

Celebrations began with a formal assembly at noon followed by a community lunch, with students enjoying a sausage sizzle and a free slushie with cake and watermelon.

There was a commemorative tree planting of a dwarf

eucalyptus by Dave Johannsen, one of the founding fathers of the college.

There was also a chance to reconnect with past and present members of the college community in the library.

The final event of our cele-

brations was a ticketed dinner at Sunaraas Gourmet Restaurant & Bar at Alice in the Territory with 80 people attending.

A 30th Anniversary Year Book has been prepared through the hard work of Bev Ashdale.

## Red Cross celebrates centennial

CENTRALIANS are invited to celebrate the Red Cross's 100th birthday in Australia with a good old Aussie sausage sizzle.

A Red Cross Centenary Fundraisers BBQ will be held at Bunnings Warehouse to-

morrow from 9am to 4pm to celebrate 100 years of people helping people.

From something as simple as making a daily phone call to elderly and isolated Australians to ensure they're OK, to providing breakfast to needy

schoolchildren so they can have a healthy start to the day - Red Cross is there every day providing help when it's needed most. All funds raised at the sausage sizzle will go directly towards the vital work of Red Cross in Australia.

## OK to show you care

A NATIONAL suicide prevention tour is hitting the road starting in Darwin and coming through Tennant Creek.

The not-for-profit suicide prevention foundation R U OK? is taking a bright yellow bus and its message through 18 towns in Australia with the aim to inspire Australians to ask their mates, "Are you OK?" more regularly.

The tour launched in Darwin yesterday when R U OK? was joined by Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Nigel Scullion and members of the local community to kick off the

five week, 12000km journey.

The tour will include community events as well as school and sports club visits before finishing in Sydney on R U OK? Day on Thursday, September 11.

"Although we cannot bring back the people we've lost to suicide, we can help each other through life's difficult times and do this long before someone even thinks about taking their own life," Minister Scullion said.

The bus will be in Tennant Creek's Peko Park on Tuesday between 9.30 and 11.30am.

## Focus on rights of Indigenous

THIS afternoon Alice Springs Public Library is celebrating the International Day of the World's Indigenous People.

Come and celebrate the different cultures around the world by taking part in fun crafts from different countries. This year's theme is Bridging the gap: implementing the rights of Indigenous peoples. It will highlight the importance of implementing Indigenous people's rights through policies and programs at national and international levels. For more information, call 8950 0555.



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### TRIAL AIR SERVICE

#### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### Regular Passenger Transport Services, Katherine and Tennant Creek

The Northern Territory Government's Department of Transport is seeking Expressions of Interest from commercial operators for the provision of trial air transport services to Katherine and Tennant Creek, linking these regional centres to Darwin and Alice Springs.

The department seeks innovative proposals from aviation operators to provide regular passenger transport services for an initial trial period of two years.

To register your interest and obtain the Expression of Interest requirements, contact the Department of Transport via email at [trialairserviceNT@nt.gov.au](mailto:trialairserviceNT@nt.gov.au) or phone (08) 8924 7322.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 3pm Monday, 8 September 2014.

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