Woolies aiming to give boost to farming

A young Central Australian cattle woman has made her name in the agricultural industry by winning The Woolworths Agricultural Business Scholarship.

Emma Croake, 22, of Rockhampton Cattle Station, 70 kilometres north east of Tennant Creek, said she is passionate about cattle and sheep production. “I feel I am lucky that I got the scholarship, there may have been many applicants,” she said.

Woolworths Core Fresh (Meat, Produce & Chiller) general manager Zyggy Kweckmuk said they are aiming at building careers in rural areas.

“The number of farmers in Australia has been declining for many decades, with fewer young people taking up roles in the industry. The average age for the Australian farmer is 53 years, compared with 40 years for people in other occupations,” he said.

“The Woolworths Agricultural Business Scholarship program aims to address this problem by building careers in rural and regional Australia and equipping our future agricultural leaders with the training and experiences they need.”

Central craft appoints new boss

CENTRAL Craft has appointed a new chairman following the recent resignation of Shaun Leyland.

Peter Johnson, the former treasurer, will take on the new role with the organisation after having more than two years experience as a committee member. The treasurer position will be filled at the next committee meeting.

Hilltop Hoods will be keeping their eyes peeled for any budding Central Australian talent during their time in the Red Centre.

Who knows – an Alice Springs local could be the next talent to be part of the Hilltop Hoods Initiative, a $10,000 grant funded by the band and the Australasian Performing Right Association (APRA) to help manufacture, market and release an album for emerging hip-hop artists.

Hailing from Adelaide, Hilltop Hoods will be performing at Anzac Oval on Thursday night, kick-starting their Australian Cosby Sweater Tour.

After an overseas tour, MC Saffa, is more than happy to be back on Australian soil.

“It’s been so long since we toured back home,” he said.

“And to play Alice Springs as our first show back, it doesn’t get more Australian than that.”

With the Thundamentals and KJ1 as support, MC Saffa ensures that Alice Springs can expect a party.

“We’ve changed up our show a little, we’re doing quite a few tracks off the new album,” he said.

Chief Minster Adam Giles is also behind the event.

“I am thrilled Hilltop Hoods have agreed to launch their National Tour in Alice Springs,” he said.

The night will hold quite the Territory flavour with Skanc MC from Alice Springs and D73 from Darwin also appearing at the all ages event.

Pre-sale tickets are $68.70 and tickets at the gate $80.

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC)

IN Invitation to Nominate

Nominations for Director Positions are now open.

Nomination period closes 5pm Friday, 17 October 2014.

Congress invites all members to nominate for the Board of Directors (which includes all office bearers).

Nominations are subject to a selection process, which may result in an election if, there are more accepted nominees than positions vacant and results will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on 28 November 2014.

Nominations for all Board positions will close on the 17th October noting there will be no nominations for the day of the meeting.

Please contact the Company Secretary on (08) 8951 4400 to obtain a copy of the Guidelines for Candidates including information regarding the nomination process and a nomination form.

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