

## EBalloon flights up in the air

OUTBACK Ballooning has temporarily suspended its planned flights from Uluru.

The company was scheduled to begin flying from land south of Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park in February, but part-owner John Wallington says the operations were delayed because there are still "business matters" to sort out.

Mr Wallington says he does not know when the operation will be up and running, and "wouldn't like to put a date on it."

## Special guest speaker

ARALUEN Christian College held their Anzac Service last Friday with special guest Corporal Eli Hurley from Centre Squadron NORFORCE giving the Anzac address.

School Captains Khosi Khumalo and Tianne Rothwell along with Vice-Captains Madlen Jones and James Sneddon led the moving service.

The junior choir performed a stirring Anzac song while the school's recorder band ended the ceremony with the national anthem.

# Our Rachael beats 2000 young scientists

Steve Menzies

A THIRST for knowledge and a passion for science has enabled Rachael McCullough to win a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend the historic Canada-wide Science Fair in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, next month.

Rachael, a Year 12 student at St Philip's College, was an active and effective participant in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), a 12-day residential program held jointly in Canberra and Perth, during the school holidays in January.

To win a place at the NYSF, Rachael had to compete against 2000 applicants, all identified as a top science student at their school, from around Australia.

Rachael demonstrated exceptional levels of interest, capacity and potential in the field of science as well as strong interpersonal, teamwork, inquiry, communication and potential leadership skills at the forum.

This led to her being selected to represent Australian youth science at the prestigious international event being held on Prince Edward Island for the first time.

An excited Rachael said: "A chance to go to Canada and this event is incredible."

"Before I attended the NYSF I could not have



Rachael McCullough ... taking St Philip's science to the world

dreamed of being able to gain the amazing opportunity.

"Going to the forum opened so many new perspectives and options for me."

"In the next couple of years I will be making some

career-shaping decisions so to have the chance to experience cutting-edge science at an international level is a fantastic springboard into the future."

This opportunity has further inspired Rachael

toward future success in her year 12 and university studies.

Before flying to Canada, she has to take on the difficult task of fundraising some \$10,200 to cover costs — so any donations and spon-

sorship will be appreciated by Rachael and her family.

Anyone wanting to make a contribution can contact Rachael at rachael.mccullough@portal.stphilips.nt.edu.au.

## Beatrice the belle of station and family life

TRAVELLING from station to station for most of her early life, and eventually managing the shop now known as BJ's, Beatrice Bell was a hard worker who lived a life many of us could not even imagine.

Born Beatrice Mary Lennon on January 8, 1915 in Millers Creek, South Australia, to Mary Moffatt and Herbert Francis Lennon, Beatrice was the second youngest of 12 children.

Beatrice left school at 14 and went to work at the Oodnadatta Hotel as a dishwasher, making ten shillings a week.

On December 11, 1934, Beatrice married Allan Brumby and moved to his Musgrave Ranges sheep station in Ernabella.

Living in a house made of mud and spinifex for three years, Beatrice had her first two children here, before moving back to Oodnadatta.

When second child John was a few months old, the family bought the Hotel



LEFT: Beatrice Bell with Liberator. RIGHT: Beatrice Bell



Rhynie, a thriving business that was open 24 hours a day.

When Beatrice and Allan sold the hotel, they managed Mt Vivian Station for two years.

The couple built yards on the Macumba, Eringa and Hamilton stations, before returning their family to Oodnadatta for a couple more years, and then living in a brush shed and

tent at Mt Cavanagh Station.

After the station was sold off, the couple bought and ran Finke Hotel until 1958, and managed Kenmore Park for two years, before moving to Gosse Street, Alice Springs.

There, Allan managed the RSL, and he and Beatrice managed the Glen Helen Lodge for three winters.

When Allan passed away, in 1975, Beatrice

moved to Carruthers Crescent.

Three years later, in 1978, Beatrice married Dick Bell, and they ran a coffee shop in the Diarama Complex, now known as BJ's, until their retirement.

In their 33 years together, they travelled interstate and to New Zealand.

Beatrice was known for her sewing, crochet, embroidery, gardening and baking

cakes for her grandchildren.

Despite her deteriorating physical health, Beatrice remained mentally sharp and enjoyed having her family over.

Beatrice lived to 97 years. She was the mother of six children and grandmother of 17 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

## Students rally for health

CENTRALIAN Middle School held their annual Health Expo with more than 400 students converging on the school's grounds. The expo was held on Friday and, in addition to visiting Year 6 students and teachers from local primary schools, there were representatives from 26 agencies on hand to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

The Health Promoting School Nurse Mrs Barbara Glover said: "It's been a tremendous success; the students really got into the activities and were eager to speak to the agency representatives about what they can do to improve their health and long-term lifestyle."

"Through education, we hope to encourage our students to be responsible for their health and wellbeing, encourage them to make responsible decisions about lifestyle issues such as



Claire Thomas and Shanese Griffiths at the health expo

binge drinking, emotional and mental health issues, drugs etc."

Students wound their way through a "Yellow Brick Road", collecting items from various stalls and answering questions along the way.

There were prizes donated by local businesses, including 10 passes to the Alice Springs Cinemas.

The prize winners will be drawn at the next CMS assembly.