“MANGO MADNESS”

Season looks like producing 38,000 trays, down 12,000 (25%) on last year, the industry appears to be down by 55% overall so is not a bad comparative result. Prices are higher than usual so should make up for lower production; we are selling everything into Sydney with Woolworths taking all except bulks. The quality is excellent due to the Pine Creek factor and diligent pruning and irrigation maintenance by our permanent staff, we expect to finish Sunday 3 Nov.

Tom
Nominate a Citizen, Young Citizen or Community group for the 2014 Australia Day Awards.
Simply fill in the nomination form found as a loose leaflet in this copy of “Up The Creek” and deliver it to the Pine Creek Victoria Daly Shire Office by 13/1/2014.
Spare forms can be obtained from the Office or the Australia Day Council Website www.australiaday.org.au

AUSTRALIA DAY 2014
Sunday 26th January
Held at the Miner’s Park
(Hall if raining)
Assemble 12pm.
Presentation 12.30pm
Flag –raising and National Anthem
Award Presentation.
Will advertise again in the Dec & Jan Newsletters.
This area was originally occupied by Aboriginals from the Waggaman, Woolwonga, Agicondi and Jawoyan tribes.

1862
First Europeans arrived, led by John McDouall Stuart

1870
Construction of Overland Telegraph Line began

1872
Gold in quartz discovered at Pine Creek by the telegraph crew

Wentworth D’arcy Uhr brought cattle from Queensland

Alex Buchanan discovered the Eleanor Reef at Pine Creek

1873
First buildings erected at the South Eleanor Gold Mining Co

Pine Creek Telegraph Station and Police camp built in Gun Alley

John Lewis established a packhorse mail run from Darwin

1874
Telegraph Company crushed 900oz from 600 tons of quartz

The first hotel, The Royal Mail opened

1875
186 Chinese coolies arrived in Darwin to work on the goldfields

1876
First Race meeting held at Caledonian Creek with £54 in prize money

1877
Standard Hotel opened

1878
Substantial alluvial gold found in Pine Creek

1500 Chinese and 700 Europeans were working on the goldfields

1888
Playford township surveyed near Pine Creek

1889
Pine Creek railway opened

Darwin-Pine Creek railway opened

Playford Club Hotel opened – the “Old Pub” in Main Terrace

700 Chinese are working in and around Pine Creek

Alfred Giles established Bonrook Station

1897
Rain water gutters dug on Main Terrace

1899
Pine Creek School opened (site of present town Hall)

1904
A severe storm destroyed Chinatown and much of Pine Creek

198
Pine Creek Courthouse established

Schunke’s sawmill opened, Catholic Church built (present Triangle park

1912
New school built on site of present Police Station

1913
Burrundie Mining Wardens office moved to Pine Creek (the Museum building)

1915
Esmeralda, Jindare and Tabletop Stations established

Government took over control of all hotels and liquor sales

1918
Railway to Katherine completed

1929
Pine Creek’s population is 80

Travelling time to Darwin is 9 hours

1934
Airstrip built east of the railway line

1935
Five stamp battery erected at Enterprise Mine

Ah Toy’s Store established

1937
Enterprise Mine abandoned

1942
Civilians evacuated south after bombing of Darwin

1943
Aboriginals moved to a labour camp near the Cullen River

1946
Civilian population returned after the War

School classes resumed

1947
Population 91

1955
El Sharana Mine opened

1957
Moline Uranium Mine opened

1959
New Playford Club Hotel opened

1962
Enterprise Mine reopened by Maurie Blake

1963
New school is built on the present site

1964
Town power connected

Pine Creek Service Station opened

1966
Frances Creek iron ore mine opened
1966  Community Hall burned down
1970  Pre School opened
1972  Community Church opened
1973  New Community Hall built
       Medical Centre opened
1974  Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin
1975  Frances Creek Mine closed
1976  North Australian Railway closed
1977  Dorisvale Flood killed 6 people
1978  Northern Territory Self-Government
       Kybrook Farm was purchased for Pine Creek Aboriginal families
       Moline Mine was abandoned
1979  Stuart Highway realigned to bypass the town on the west side
1981  Back o’ Beyond Tours established
       4 Railway houses removed from what is now Heritage Park
1982  Television came to Pine Creek
1983  Museum and Library opened
1985  Pine Creek Goldfields Mine opened on the Eleanor lease
1986  Australian Assay Laboratories established
1987  Pine Creek Community Government Council was formed
1988  Australian Bicentennial
       Miners Park constructed
       Hard Rock Café built
       Post office moved from Railway Tce to Hard Rock Café building
       Bonrook lease taken over by Franz Weber Foundation
1989  Council took over management of Copperfield Dam
       Indoor Sports Centre was built
1990  Go Cart Track built at the Dam
1991  Wauchope windmill moved to Pine Creek
       Multi Resource Centre built
1992  Highway realigned to bypass town on the east side
       Lazy Lizard Tourist Park
1993  Silver Coin Mango plantation established
       Water Gardens started
       Steam train and shed brought to Pine Creek
1994  Union Reefs Mine opened
       Bird Park established
1995  Pine Creek Goldfields Mine closed
       Diggers Rest Motel constructed
1996  Kakadu Gateway Caravan Park established
       Boxing Ring installed
       First Goldrush and Sports Challenge weekend
       Heritage Park established
       Playgroup headquarters set up
1997  Kybrook, Town and School banners created
       Billiard room built onto the Hall
       First rodeo held at Pussycat Flats
1998  Outdoor sporting centre completed
       Goldrush Festival won a Brogla Award
       Katherine flood
       Mango Winery established
1999  Population 606
       Travelling time to Darwin is 2 hours
       Pine Creek School Centenary
       Goldrush won a 2nd Brogla Award
       Turf Club became a licensed club
       Full Monty calendar launched
You’re Councilor

Are there any matters you’d like to discuss concerning Pine Creek?

Contact your local Councilor,
Veronica Burrell
Mob: 0499 591 213,
Ph.: 08 8975 4722
Or email:
veronica.birrell@vicdaly.nt.gov.au

CONGRATULATIONS

Jason AhToy & Jennifer were married on Saturday 31st August at the Casino in Darwin. They shared their special day with family and friends. Thank you to all the Pine Creek residents who sent their best wishes to the very happy couple.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dwayne Alangale
Andrew Corrigan
Wyatt Balmana
Frank Djandjul
Jermaine Douglas
Nikkia Douglas
Tyresse Douglas
Jed Isaac
Gaye Lawrence
Shae Leaver
Delray Sullivan
Leslie Swinton
Kurtis Williams
Tilly Todhunter
Lindy Woods
Geoff McAdam
Ray Wooldridge

Former Pine Creek resident Charlie Spiteri, was buried at Adelaide River Cemetery on 18 October. Charlie lost his life as a result of an accident on his property at Batchelor. A kind and generous man who raised his own children Lorraine, Daniel & Delvine as well as providing a stable home to Joy, Evelyn, Joanne, Beverley, Troy, twins Leah & Rebekah, Rachel and Tyrone. Charlie can be proud of the legacy he left behind of raising so many children into adults who have strong family commitments and of good character and values.

CONGRATULATIONS
JASON & JENNIFER

FISH 4 U MOBILE SEAFOOD

Fish 4 U Mobile Seafood Van will be visiting Pine Creek on Friday 8th Nov & 22nd Nov

Hours of Business will be 11.00am to 4.00pm

LOCATED OPPOSITE AHTOYS STORE
Main Tec.

Seafood available - Golden Snapper (whole and fillet), Jewfish fillet, Threadfin Salmon fillet. Fish caught in NT waters. Oysters (caught SA), Prawns (caught NT, WA and Qld), Live Mud Crab.

Ph: 0409 122 423 / 0459 799 000
OR EMAIL: annette.les@gmail.com

to place a pre order.

To place an order
“Snowing in the Water Gardens”.

The water gardens looked very pretty after the “Weeping Rosewood” shed its flowers.
Thank you to Dwayne from all the seniors for all the support and help. You have been a great help in transporting us not only to Katherine but on all our excursions. Well done. Bazza and the crew.

SENORS OCT.2013

Once again the major planned holiday to Kununurra from our Katherine seniors is the talking point of the month. We passed through Timber Creek, hoping to spot Dwayne, but no luck. The 16 seniors who participated had a wonderful sightseeing trip. Bazza, Peter, and myself who are members of the Katherine Seniors and love a good time, had a fantastic trip. The Hoochery was a major call for us to try the Local Rum. Then a visit to the Sandalwood Factory was great learning for us all. We visited Lake Argyle, taken to the heritage listed Durack family House and then onto a beautiful River Cruise only to see wonderful wildlife of Rock Wallabies and fresh water crocs. Rosemary Aiken
IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE RAILWAY RESORT DINING ROOM WILL NOW BE CLOSED ON MONDAY NIGHTS.

Our al a carte restaurant, which is built in the shape of two trains parked at a Railway Station, offers poolside, alfresco and takeaway dining and is furnished and styled after Pine Creeks’ Chinese heritage. Complete with a showcase of images from local archives and attractions, the Pine Creek Railway Resort has already become a talking point up and down the Stuart Highway, and is a long overdue attraction to the town.

2013 has been a big year for The Pine Creek Railway Resort with our first dry season tourist rush, obtaining a tavern license, becoming an accredited tourism attraction, being nominated for the Northern Territory Brogla Award and taking over the Pine Creek Post Office. All of this year’s achievements has helped us to grow as a business and helped us to understand the needs and wants of the local and tourist community; also, since taking over the Pine Creek Post Office, we have helped the community immensely boasting longer business hours and a convenient location.

With a friendly team consisting of local people who understand the needs of our community, and have a passion for their work, The Pine Creek Railway Resort is a one stop shop that caters for the whole family.
HO! HO! HO!
Christmas is not far away!

PINE CREEK RAILWAY RESORT

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR XMAS PARTY?
PHONE 8976 1001
Pine Creek “Bat Problem”.

A community meeting was held on Wednesday the 16th October to address the problems Community members are facing with the influx of Flying foxes/bats into Pine Creek. Unfortunately John Burke, NT Parks and Wildlife could not attend but it gave people an opportunity to get together and discuss way to combat the problem.

Quite a few ideas were raised:

- Banging and noise needs to be consistent for at least five days
- It needs to be a “whole community” exercise
- Best time is between 5.30pm and 6.30pm
- Keep changing the noise

A suggestion was made that ‘Fergs’ could spray trees with the fire hose, morning and night annoying the colonies enough to move on. NT Parks and Wildlife have since advised that this is against the law as it could injure or kill the bats and they are a protected species.

Pat Smith has purchased a bat and bird deterrent that omits sonic waves creating an invisible wall. This instrument is currently being trialled at the pensioner flats. Pat will update with the progress and success of this unit.

Please check notice boards around town for information relating to any further Community meetings to combat the bat problem.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 2013
A THE RAILWAY RESORT
21st. DEC. 2013

Any Seniors interested in coming to the “Seniors Christmas Party” please ring Lindy at the Vic Daly Shire Office on 89761391 to confirm numbers.

Our Christmas party is Sponsored by Vic Daly Shire & Territory Resources.

Hooded Parrots

Anyone interested in the where about's of the “Hooded Parrots in Pine Creek, they have been seen in the trees near the Millar/Lazy Lizard turn off. They have also been spotted around the Oval Area in the mornings. They are also known to build their nests in the Termite mounds. Many Tourists have been enquiring about these very beautiful birds. For more information please contact Amanda Ah Toy at the Lazy Lizard Shop.
FOR SALE
DOUBLE PACKAGE
21ft. Jayco Sterling Caravan 2010 plus Nissan Patrol 7 seater 4wd. $55,000

Features:
- Queen-sized bed,
- Ensuite Toilet & Showers

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Baptist 17th Nov. 10am.
Catholic 10th Nov. 4pm
Open 24th Nov.

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Free call 1800 812 953
Fax 8982 1112
Email: info@dcls.org.au
Website: www.dcls.org.au

KWILS
Free Legal Advice for women.
Phone 1800 620 108
Or 8972 1712
for an appointment in Pine Creek. This service is free and confidential

TERITORY IRON
Contact Address:
PO Box 109
Pine Creek NT 0847
Phone 8976 8000

Juliet’s Shed Book Exchange
Books Wanted To Swap
Call Juliet on 89761310

The seniors of Pine Creek would like to have an outing to Emerald Springs for the 7th December. This date has been allocated by the council. This is a special occasion to join two Birthday Seniors.
Rosemary Aitken

THUMBS DOWN
To the lowlife scum that killed a huge Olive Python down at the South Gandy’s Pit at the back of the Assay Lab. On Sat. 5th, Oct. The snake had been stoned to death.
You cowards! May you get your just deserts in life.
Ray & Morgan

Job Vacancies
Victoria Daly Shire Council – Pine Creek Currently have two casual positions available.
Cleaner – 3 hrs. per day (with extra hours as required)
Library Officer – 2 hrs. per day (with extra hours as required)

For all inquire please call into our Pine Creek Office 55 Moule St. 08 89761391

THUMBS UP
To Chicko and Fitzy for a job well done!
The town looks great!!

Could the Shift workers that live in Baxter Tce please have a little care and thought to the people sleeping as their dogs bark all night which can be very annoying.
Thank kindly.

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ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT FRACKING?

Join us for this special community event:

Pine Creek screening of Fractured Country: an unconventional invasion

This 35-minute documentary tells the powerful stories of Australians whose lives have been changed forever by gas mining.

After the film, hear a brief update about fracking in the NT, where it is happening and what it might mean for Pine Creek. Also speaking will be an East Coast farmer and Lock the Gate campaigner, who has been struggling against the impacts of mining on farmland in NSW.

12 noon, Saturday November 30
Pine Creek Community Hall - 55 Moule Street
BBQ and drinks available
Ph. Emma 0488 208 235 or email shalefree@ecnt.org
WHO AM I?

**STAR SIGN...** Aries

**PET HATE...** Bludgers

**ORIGINALLY from Western Australia**

Lived in Pine Creek Approx. 30 Years +

**FAVOURITE DRINK...** Cup of Tea

**MOST COMMON COLOUR...** Blue

**HOBBIES...** Growing Fruit Trees

**LOVE...** The sound and Power of big Engines

Is the youngest of Seven

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**The Scorpio Star Sign –Oct 24**\(^{th}\). To Nov. 22\(^{nd}\).**

Scorpios make everyone go weak at the knees they are so utterly gorgeous. They have a computer and no challenge is too difficult. They are very interesting, friendly and helpful. If you don’t do something mean to a Scorpio they will be your friend for life. They have total control of everything and everyone. They are extremely jealous and will plan for weeks how to get their revenge. They make the best detectives, doctors and lawyers as nothing escapes their notice.

**More About Scorpio**

Reliable, resourceful and enduring, Scorpios seem to be the strong men and women of the zodiac. But are they really? They can be nasty at times, dishing out what they see as the truth, no matter how unwelcome. Their own feelings are sensitive and are easily hurt but they won’t show any hurt or weakness in themselves to others. When they are very low or unhappy, this turns inwards, attacking their immune systems and making them ill. However they have great resilience and they bounce back in time and again from the most awful ailments. Nobody needs to love and be loved more than a Scorpio, but their partners must stand up to them because they will give anyone they don’t respect a very hard time indeed. They are the most loyal and honest companions, both in personal relationships and at work. One reason for this is their hatred of change or uncertainty. Scorpios enjoy being the power behind the throne with someone else occupying the hot seat. This way, they can quietly manipulate everyone, set one against another and get exactly what they want from the situation.

Scorpio’s voices are their best feature, often low, well-modulated and cultured and these wonderful voices are used to the full in pleasant persuasion. These people are neither as highly sexed nor as difficult as most astrologists make out, but they do have their passions, even if these are not always for sex itself, and they like to be thought of as sexy. They love to shock and appear slightly dangerous but they also make kind-hearted and loyal friends, superb hosts and gentle people who are often very fond of animals. Great people when they are not being cruel, stingy or devious!
It has been a busy month for our local FERG’s unit who have attended several MVA’s (Motor Vehicle Accidents), unfortunately one of those accidents left a young motorcyclist dead and the other accident required the Care Flight helicopter to evacuate one of the injured to Darwin. Hence my warning to all of us to take care on the roads as the wet season approaches.

As I mentioned in an earlier edition our new Fire Management plan will commence in 2014. This will see early hazard reduction burn offs commencing in the latter part of the Wet season. The theory behind this plan is to reduce the possibility of wildfires by reducing the growth of Spear grass which can be controlled and in some areas eradicated completely using this burn off method, leaving huge tracts of land devoid of spear grass and allowing other grasses an opportunity to develop. The benefits to the habitat, wildlife and the community will be enormous in the years to come.

Another new development in the Fire Management plan will see Land and Property owners becoming more accountable and responsible for their own Hazard Reduction burn offs. However, at this stage I can’t say what authority or department will be responsible for overseeing the burn offs.

I would also like to give a big thumb’s up to Dallas from the Emerald Springs Roadhouse for his assistance at a recent MVA, the cold drinks were welcome on a very hot day.

Bunny Fountain
Pine Creek FERG’s

WoNS Weeds Wary ----------- WAGAMAN RANGERS

The month we have been getting out and about to target declared Weeds of National Significance (WoNS). The enemies in sight were Parkinsonia *Parinsonia aculeate* and Mimosa *Mimosa Pigra*. The parkinsonia was found along disturbed river riparian sites on the Bradshaw Creek and the Mimosa is settling in along the Stray Creek within and around Jindare Station.

The Parkinsonia has floated downstream onto the Upper Daly Land Trust and is threatening to invade the Daly River which has plenty of potential sites for infestation due to many wash outs along its course from the wet season surges undercutting banks. It can form impenetrable thorny thickets excluding native species and blocking access to streams for stock and vehicles.

Mimosa can cause similar problems as Parkinsonia as well as forming dense thickets on floodplains replacing good native pasture. When mimosa is touched its leaves close in hence why it also known as Giant Sensitive Plant. Ironically both these plant species were introduced to the Top End as ornamental plants and have jumped the fence from people’s gardens, Parkinsonia from homesteads and Mimosa from the Darwin Botanical Gardens itself! Always be wary of what you’re introducing to the region for more information check Weeds of Northern Australia: a field guide.
MICRO NATION EMERALD SPRINGS PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT THE SPRINGS
SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

U.G.L.Y. bartender of the year

LIVE MUSIC BY FANTA MERKINS  FROM 4PM TILL LATE
MICRO NATION ROYAL FEAST  DRINK SPECIALS
LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS  CAMPING AVAILABLE
ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION

P 8976 1169 E emerald.springs@bigpond.com
If any budding young fishermen wish to catch fresh water fish to live in the Water Gardens please contact Leonie on 89761201.

**There is a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd prize**

Get together with your mate’s, have some fun and see how many fish you can catch to give them a new and beautiful home in The Water Gardens so we can keep the mozzie’s in check.

When you get your catch, take a photo, present it to Leonie and your name will be put into the Hat. “GOOD LUCK”

Time limit: Monday 16th Dec 2013

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**BIRDS OF THE TOP END**

- **THE BARKING OWL**
- **KINGFISHER**
- **CRIMSON FINCH**
- **GOULDIAN FINCH**
- **RAINBOW BEE EATER**
- **COMB CRESTED JACANA**
When an old man died in the geriatric ward of a nursing home in an Australian country town, it was believed that he had nothing left of any value.

Later, when the nurses were going through his meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital.

One nurse took her copy to Melbourne. The old man's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas editions of magazines around the country and appearing in mags for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on his simple, but eloquent, poem.

And this old man, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this 'anonymous' poem winging across the Internet.

Cranky Old Man

What do you see nurses? . . . . What do you see?
What are you thinking . . . when you're looking at me?
A cranky old man, . . . . . not very wise,
Uncertain of habit . . . . . . with faraway eyes?
Who dribbles his food . . . . and makes no reply.
When you say in a loud voice , 'I do wish you'd try!'
Who seems not to notice . . . the things that you do.
And forever is losing . . . . . A sock or shoe?
Who, resisting or not . . . . lets you do as you will,
With bathing and feeding . . . . The long day to fill?
Is that what you're thinking?. . . . Is that what you see?
Then open your eyes, nurse . you're not looking at me.
I'll tell you who I am . . . . As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, . . . . as I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of Ten . . . with a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters . . . . who love one another
A young boy of Sixteen . . . . with wings on his feet
Dreaming that soon now . . . . a lover he'll meet.
A groom soon at Twenty . . . .my heart gives a leap.
Remembering, the vows . . . . that I promised to keep.
At Twenty-Five, now . . . . I have young of my own.
Who need me to guide . . . . And a secure happy home.
A man of Thirty . . . . . My young now grown fast,
Bound to each other . . . . With ties that should last.
At Forty, my young sons . . . have grown and are gone,
But my woman is beside me . . . to see I don't mourn.
At Fifty, once more . . . . Babies play 'round my knee.
Again, we know children . . . . My loved one and me.
Dark days are upon me . . . . My wife is now dead.
I look at the future . . . . . I shudder with dread.
For my young are all rearing . . . young of their own.
And I think of the years . . . And the love that I've known.
I'm now an old man . . . . . . and nature is cruel.
It's jest to make old age . . . . look like a fool.
The body, it crumbles . . . . grace and vigour, depart.
There is now a stone . . . . where I once had a heart.
But inside this old carcass . A young man still dwells,
And now and again . . . my battered heart swells
I remember the joys . . . . I remember the pain.
And I'm loving and living . . . . . life over again.
I think of the years, all too few . . . gone too fast.
And accept the stark fact . . . that nothing can last.
So open your eyes, people . . . . . open and see.

Not a cranky old man.
Look closer . . . . see . . . . . ME!!

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within. We will all, one day, be there, too!
KNOCK KNOCK
Who's there?
Mikey!
Mikey who?
Mikey doesn't fit the keyhole.

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Howard!
Howard who?
Howard I know?

Knock Knock
Who's the
Beets!
Beets who?
Beets me!

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Cows!
Cows who?
Cows go moo not who!

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Ice Cream!
Ice Cream who?
Ice cream if you don't let me in!

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Atitch!
A titch who?
Bless you

Knock Knock
Who's there?
Luke!
Luke who?
Luke through the key hole and you can see!

Can't did you knows

Did you know unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it
Did you know frogs can't swallow with their eyes open
Did you know a duck can't walk without bobbing its head
Did you know a crocodile can't move its tongue
Did you know cats can't move their jaw sideways
Did you know a crocodile can't stick out its tongue
Did you know hummingbirds can't walk
Did you know owls can't move their eyes from side to side
Did you know emus can't walk backwards
Did you know whales can't swim backwards
Did you know giraffes can't swim
Did you know the cheetah is the only cat that can't retract it's claws
Did you know roosters can't crow if they can't fully extend their necks
Did you know emus can't walk backwards
Did you know snakes can't blink
Did you know snakes can't bite in rivers or swamps (they would drown otherwise)
Did you know gorillas can't swim
Did you know giraffes can't cough
Did you know you can't tickle yourself
Did you know you can't trademark surnames.
Victoria Daly Shire Council
The next Shire Council Meeting is scheduled for

**17th Dec. 2013**

**Victoria Daly Shire Regional Office—Katherine**
This meeting is open to the public excluding confidential Council business. Agendas are available a week before the meeting, please contact Rose Peckham by email: Rose.Peckham@vicdaly.nt.gov.au or phone: 08 8972 0701 or fax: 08 8971 0856

Currently there is no set schedule for Local Board Meetings. The Board endeavours to meet monthly. This flexibility allows for members to fit meetings in around work commitments. Notices of meetings are posted on notice boards around town, (Mayse’s, Ah Toy’s, Post Office, Diggers Rest, Lazy Lizard, United Service Station and Water Gardens notice board) one week prior to the meeting.

**Next Local Board Meeting is 21st. November**

Pine Creek Community Health Centre
Baxter Terrace
Phone: 8976 1268 Fax 8976 1325

Clinic Hours
Monday-Thursday
9.00-12.00/1.00-4.00
Friday 9.00-12.00
Afternoons closed (appointments only)

After Hours Emergencies
Only 8976 1268
If the nurse on call is unavailable please call 000

**DOG REGISTRATIONS**
2013 Dog registrations are due on the 1st July and are payable at the Pine Creek Service Delivery Centre for the Victoria Daly Shire Council.

**Entire Dog $35.00**
**De-sexed Dog $12.00**

Aged pensioners receive a discount on registrations as follows:

**Entire Dog $17.00**
**De-Sexed Dog $6.00**

The penalty for having an unregistered dog is **$58**

**Victoria Daly Shire**
**Pine Creek Service Centre**

Shire Services Manager
Jocelyn Moir

Civil Services Team Leader
Acting CSTL Kyle McRae (Chiko)

Customer Service Officer
Lindy Woods

Sport & Rec/Youth Engagement Officer

Office hours
8.30 am – 4.30 pm
Monday - Friday
Phone 8976 1391
Fax 8976 1212

Library Officers
Gaye Lawrence/Sue Evans

Library Hours
Internet Service available
1 pm – 5 pm
Monday – Friday
Phone / Fax 8976 1287

Pine Creek Ward Councillor
Veronica Birrell

Commissioner for Oaths
Sue Valentine

Pine Creek Residents
Justice of Peace
Edward Ah Toy - 8976 1202
Leonie Ruig — 8976 1201
FRANCES CREEK OPERATION UPDATE

With the wet season fast approaching, our environment team has been working diligently to reengineer sediment containment ponds at the rail siding and Frances Creek A pit, coupled with preparing for a very busy four months of environmental monitoring (a little bit of wildlife rescue was also included in the daily routine, see photo below).

Mining continued strongly in Pit A (Helene) for the first half of October. The second half of the month was slower for ore mining while a slump on the pit access ramp was being rectified – the good news is we are now back safely mining ore. It has been a big month for processing with targets being met.

Work on the new $7M fixed ore crushing plant is progressing well, with concrete foundations being poured in preparation for the main construction work.

Exploration and Resource Definition’s drilling campaign remains in full swing with two Reverse Circulation and one diamond drill rig.

FRANCES CREEK EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Over the past two weeks the Frances Creek Emergency Response Team (ERT) has been put through their paces with a Road Crash Rescue and Occupational First Aid training courses. The combination of the two courses allowed a training scenario (vehicle accident) to take place on the 18th October at the site (photos below). The level of training for the team was of the highest quality and all team members walked away with knowledge that will not only benefit the Frances Creek Operation but as well as the Pine Creek community, with the team’s involvement with the local Fire & Rescue Unit.

All ERT training would not have been possible without the kind donation of vehicles from the local Kybrook Community. The vehicles allowed the team to fully understand the complexity of extricating injured people from a vehicle accident. On behalf of the Frances Creek ERT, I would like to say THANK YOU.

The next phase of training for the team will be Fire Team Operations and Breathing Apparatus, which will be conducted over the month of November.

Bob Cooney
Emergency Response Trainer / Safety Advisor

TRAINEE UPDATE

(Left) Congratulations Renata Ahwon for being passed out as Safe to Operate on the Caterpillar 777 — well done.

(Right & below) Well done to Terrance and Lance for showing they have the commitment and skills to become successful Exploration Field Technicians.

(Right) Seb our Environmental Advisor on a rescue mission to take an injured Sacred Kingfisher to Katherine Parks and Wildlife.

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