News from Alice Springs
by Ian McKIE

AFL in Alice Springs

Members of Alice Springs Cadet and Adult Divisions combined resources with two Service Branch crews to look after the crowd at the Adelaide Crows and Weagles AFL match at Traeger Park.

The crowd was down this year with only 10,000 in attendance, but with 4 paras and 13 volleys in attendance it was a reasonable night with only 17 casualties all night.

Thanks to Kay, Nathan, Sean and Adam from Service Branch for the backup throughout the night.

The conditions were hot, humid and dusty, we were located in front of an over-flowing public toilet and not far from the public beer tent – how cruel!!

Cadet Cassie Iggleden tends to a lacerated foot with assistance from Caitlin Tjung while D.O. Paul Maybank and T.O. Ian McKIE look on.
Mr Warren Snowden MHR always has time to come and say Hi when he sees the volleys out and about.

L to R – Caitlin Tjung, Cassie Iggleden, Warren Snowden, Barbara McKIE and Gavin Henderson [who dyed his hair in support of Shave for a Cure].

Alice Springs Divisional Inspection

The last few years has seen Alice Springs Divisional Inspection get pushed back later and later each year, so this year we decided to get in early. March 21st saw 35 members from the Cadet Division, 5 from the Adult Division and an array of Territory Officers lead by District Super’ Mr Steve Peers.

Presentations on the night;

- 3 year Service Ribbon to Barbara McKIE and Melissa Golding
- 6 year Service Ribbon to Rebecca Jones
- Promoted to Cadet Corporals were Cassie Iggleden and Christina Walker
- Promoted to Cadet Sergeants – Caitlin Iggleden and Michelle Ellis
- Melissa Golding was announced to fill the role of Acting Cadet Leader.
- New Cadets Kahya Hentschel and Victoria McRae were inducted into Cadets by TOC Noel Talbot.

Michelle Ellis and Caitlin Iggleden receive their promotions from Alice Springs new Divisional Medical Officer.
TOC Noel Talbot inducts Kahya and Victoria in Cadets. Well Done and Welcome girls!

Barbara receives her 3 year Service Ribbon from Territory Super’ Steve Peers.

Rebecca Jones [L] receives her 6 year Service Ribbon from fellow mischief and long time friend Kate Anning.
Not one of the Alice Springs members who received promotions was actually told about them until they were announced on the night.

Cassie receives her promotion from T.O. Allan Caust

Other Alice Happenings

- March 24th and 25th saw Kate Anning, Jake Pietsch, Rebecca Jones and Barbara McKIE complete an Officer’s Course.
- March 31st and April 1st Alice Springs Cadets will be holding their Preliminary First Aid weekend and sleepover.
- May 5th and 6th are the dates for the ASP Cadets Divisional Camp at Hamilton Downs Youth Camp.
- The Cadet Division has recruited nine new Cadets and about the same number for Juniors.
- Alice Springs Adult Division has an awesome team and individual hard at work for April’s Adult Comps.
- Training and preparations are underway for the 2007 Finke Desert Race.
Humpty Doo Division
by Greg Payne

On 23rd February the Bendigo Bank invited me to their first annual shareholders meeting and presented a cheque for $1000. The Commissioner came along for some networking. The Bank was asked about the promise of funds for a new rural ambulance made some time back. I don’t know why, but they baulked at the $1M to set up a staffed rural ambulance centre.

Well, congratulations are in order for John and Sue-Ellen for passing the hard part of their Clinical 1. Kay did well at the Remote Area First Aid, so good on you Kay.

Busy weekend just went by. Lyn, Lee and myself did the Pensioners Easter lunch at the Kalymnian Club with 3 cadets on Sunday. It was quite pleasant though not as big a crowd as we anticipated. Lee and Lyn then joined Kay at the Litchfield Soccer. I went to People in Palmerston Parks as well.

John did the AFL Grand Final and Sue-Ellen made it to the Tiwi Grand Final so no doubt you will hear all about it on Tuesday.

I will not be there this Tuesday so a program will be arranged. The following week we will get a talk by Leslie King about St John, its history, ethics and broad organisation. Take your SDP and fill in all the missing bits. Have a go at that part of the SDP first before you get there.

Have got some new kit boxes to look at for personal and divisional kits and what we can do with them. Have other larger kits on order, and hopefully they will arrive before Freds Pass Show.

Divisional inspection is coming up and Anzac Day will happen before that. Make sure your uniforms are in order and try and keep Anzac Day free because we are asked to a lot of community work on that day, some starting at dawn. Duty at Adelaide River War Ceremony can be arranged. Not necessarily transport but see me if you want to go. That is always a memorable event.

Have a great Easter,
Greg P
Superintendent.
Training Issues
The Advanced First Aid course that has been advertised for the 22nd of April is FULL. This course will be run at various times throughout the year so don’t despair, we will let you know when the next one will be.
Rosie and Gwyn

Dates of significance
Saturday 10th April is World Health Day
World Health Day on 7 April marks the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO). It is an occasion to raise awareness of key global health issues. This year’s theme is international health security. The aim of the Day is to urge governments, organizations and businesses to “Invest in health, build a safer future”.

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This is where you can download the latest Medical Advisory Bulletins, Operations Branch First Aid Procedures, First Aid Kit lists, Policies, Regulations and many more.
**Australian Youth Council**

Applications are currently being sought from young members (aged over 18 years) who may be interested in taking up the position of St John Australian Youth Council Chair from 25th June 2007.

The position is a significant leadership role in St John, and requires someone with an ability to motivate a team of young members and engage a range of stakeholders across the organisation to progress the work of the Australian Youth Council (AYC).

The AYC provides guidance to St John on issues affecting the organisation and its future development, particularly concerning the opinion and interests of young people.

The aims of the AYC include:

1. To work across St John to make it the volunteering organisation of choice for young people in Australia.
2. To provide opportunity for young people to actively participate in the governance of St John.
3. To provide guidance to St John that will contribute to the further development and improvement of the organisation.
4. To develop young leaders in St John.
5. To be relevant to young people.

In September 2006 St John appointed the Chair of the AYC as a Director to the National Board, so the position also encompasses this responsibility. The successful applicant will receive induction training into the responsibilities of being a Board Director.

Included in this package is the process for appointment, appointment term, position description, selection criteria, the AYC Terms of Reference and the AYC Themes and Messages for 2007 for your information.

If you have any further questions please contact Emma Robertson, National Youth Manager on (02) 6239 9203, or youth@stjohn.org.au

Yours sincerely

Dr Neil Conn AO
Vice-Chancellor
Chair, Search Committee
St John Ambulance Australia

28th March 2007

**Note:** Interested persons should contact Frank of Gwyn to have a full Application Package emailed to you in PDF format.
Public Duties

Newer members who are interested in doing a particular duty, but are put off by the thought of possibly having to do the duty alone should contact their Divisional Superintendent who will arrange for a mentor to accompany you. Don't forget Cadet Divisions, if a duty has been allocated to your division and you don't place any names down by the Wednesday following your meeting night, the duty is then given to any other cadets who want to go.

Motor Sports

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Horse Racing

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