Upcoming Events within our Community

- **3 March** - The Borella Ride arrives in Darwin on the train at 2.30pm. At 3.00pm The Borella Ride will travel into Stokes Hill Wharf on horseback, where the final ceremony is estimated to commence at 5.30pm. The Borella Ride retraces the difficult journey Borella made in early 1915 through 1,000 kilometres of the Northern Territory Outback to enlist.

- **8 March** - International Women’s Day (IWD) is a day to recognise the amazing economic, political and social achievements of women across the globe. Events include:
  - 6 March - IWD luncheon at the Barbara James House. Contact Deanne Kamid on 8981 8323 or hr@ywcaofdarwin.org.au;
  - 7 March - IWD Dinner 6.00pm at SkyCity Darwin. Contact Seranna on 0499 444 029 or Seranna.shutt@palmerston.nt.gov.au;
  - 14 March – IWD at Nightcliff Uniting Church. Contact Lilly Chan 8945 5504

  - For a full calendar of events visit the website http://www.territorywomen.nt.gov.au/calendar.html

- **13 March** – Good Governance and Understanding Financials for Non-Profit Boards (Workshop). Runs from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the NDS Training Room, L2, 43 Cavenagh St, Darwin.

- **27 March** - Natasha Fyles, Member for Nightcliff, and Ken Vowles, Member for Johnston, host their annual joint Seniors Morning Tea. Official invites will be sent out closer to the event. For more information contact 8999 6743.

- **28-29 April** – New Leaders Program (Workshop). Runs from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the NDS Training Room, L2, 43 Cavenagh St, Darwin.

- **March/April** - The Australian Breastfeeding Association provides a source of information and support, including counselling, parenting help, breast pump hire, education classes, and workshops. Their March and April workshops include:
  - 2 March - Meals, Mash and Mess - Introducing Solids
  - 16 March - Birth Choices with guest speaker Keri Barrett
  - 30 March - Cloth Nappies in the Tropics
  - 13 April - Liquid Gold - Expressing and Storing Breast milk
  - 27 April - Weaning your baby in the Heat

  For further details please contact ABA on 1800 686 268 or email: electoraterostrum@nt.gov.au

I think the only match for the stormy wet season weather we have had of late has been the chaotic CLP Government. We saw unprecedented events in Territory politics earlier this month which caused a great deal of damage to community and business confidence in the Government. We have now seen the 14th ministerial reshuffle since the CLP was elected, 10 of those under Chief Minister Adam Giles. This chaos is affecting all areas of Government as no-one knows who is running Government, and while the CLP makes us the laughing stock of the nation, Territorians are fed up.

As this newsletter goes to print I am busy preparing for the first Parliamentary sittings for the year and as Member for Nightcliff I will be raising important issues to our community such as the closure of the Nightcliff Police Station, increases to power and water tariffs and funding cuts to our schools. These are the issues the Government should be focused on, not their own self-regard. As Shadow Minister I will also be debating a number of pieces of legislation. Everyone is welcome to visit Parliament House and to watch Parliamentary Sittings please visit www.nt.gov.au/iant/about-parliament/ for more information on tours, times and dates.

I have again planned a busy year of sausage sizzles, doorknocking and community events. To keep up to date with activities across our community ‘like’ my Facebook page (NatashaFylesForNightcliff). My office is also open Sunday mornings 9am-12pm during the Nightcliff Markets so please call past and say hello. If you wish to speak with me on any issue please don’t hesitate to contact me and I look forward to catching up with you soon.

From top to bottom: Kids Fit NT visit Parliament House, New Year’s Eve community events, Official opening of the new Badminton facility, official naming of the Peter Mahony Fishing Platform, Darwin Airport Tree planting with Nicole Manison MLA and the coin toss at a Nightcliff Tigers home game.
SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Antisocial Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour is an ongoing issue in our community and with the closure of Nightcliff Police Station it has become more difficult to deal with. I continually raise local matters with Police and ask them to increase their patrols in problem areas. It is important if you have any concerns or witness unruly behaviour that you contact Police immediately on 131 444 or 000 if it is a life threatening situation. By calling Police and obtaining a PROMIS number this assists police to identify hot spot areas for future patrols. Please also contact my office so we can work together to help address this ongoing issue.

Stay out of Pipes and Drains

Water to most young children means fun, play and adventure; they do not understand the dangers associated with it. I urge parents to talk to their children about water safety reminding children to stay out of pipes and drains this Wet Season. Conditions in pipes and drains are unpredictable and can quickly change.

There are a number of drains that I have safety concerns with along the Rapid Creek foreshore. I have raised these concerns with Council who are in the process of implementing measures to improve the safety around the drains.

If you know of any other safety concerns in our community, please contact my office on 8999 6743 and we can refer them to the appropriate authority.

TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE

Traffic issues and safety of all road users including cyclists and pedestrians is an ongoing issue in our community. I have continued to lobby both City of Darwin and the NT Government. As a result, a Traffic and Road Safety Assessment was carried out in 2014. The Assessment considered the Nightcliff/Rapid Creek Community as a whole, with all road and pedestrian movements included with a focus to identify current and possible future safety issues around the ten schools and childcare facilities in our community.

Following consultation, a draft Road Safety Assessment report was produced. Hard copies of this report are available for viewing at Nightcliff Library and online at http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/educationprecinct or at my office.

The public are now invited to provide their comments and feedback on this report. All feedback received from the community will be compiled in a report for Council, and will help guide the agreed actions for the implementation plan which will be in place during mid-2015.

Your feedback must be provided to the City of Darwin by 18 March 2015. Please complete the feedback form available on the council website http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/node/7164.

Feel free to contact my office for more information or to discuss any aspect of the report (or any road safety issue) with me.

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For further details and for links to the new app, please visit http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/media-centre/news/new-city-darwins-click-and-fix-app

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National Broadband Network (NBN)

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For any queries regarding the construction please contact NBN Co and for details regarding connections and for service options contact the various internet service providers available. It takes around 12 months from initial work to connection and progress is tracking very well in our community.

Antisocial Behaviour

With school going back it is important to help make our community safer for children travelling to and from school. Safety Houses undergo a police check as a safe location and are identified with a sign so children can seek refuge if required whilst moving about the community. We are pleased to see the number of Safety Houses grow in the Nightcliff Electorate, with 3 Reed Place and 1/2 Fox Crescent, Rapid Creek, both recently becoming Safety House members. My office is also a Safety House location. If you would like to become a Safety House member or to find out more information or locations, please contact Suzanne on 8999 0843 or safetyhouse@nt.gov.au.

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