HAPPY 24th Birthday to the Junction Journal. *Not bad for a country rag* as once described by the NT Country Hour.

Who would have thought that this humble publication would have survived this long but it has because there was a need for a communication tool in 1992 and that need still exists.

As part of the celebrations the Junction Journal has expanded on it’s community notice board and has created the Douglas.Daly.NT Facebook page. So if you want to know what is happening around the place then read about it in this issue and hop onto the computer and like the page. Remember you don’t have to be a Facebook person to access this page.

We are now into the busy part of the year within the district with everything from events to routine road verge burns.

Next weekend is the BIG spring clean at the townsite so please lend a hand even if it is only for an hour or so. That certainly reduces the work load for other people and is appreciated by all.

Then school comes to an end for the term and the social calendar starts for the school holidays. Don’t forget the Douglas Daly District Funkhana. This event has been going since 1990 and this year is the 27th Funkhana. An event that the Junction Journal is proud to be a supporter of.
Junction Journal Turns 24

The Douglas Daly district is a relatively young district, created in the late 1970s early 1980s when Oolloo and Douglas Stations were broken up into pilot farms as part of the ADMA scheme to develop the area. Southern cropping farmers were encouraged to produce a living on the new farms. A grain depot and a school were built as part of the infrastructure and support for these farmers. The Douglas Daly Research Farm was the main support and social hub during this time.

The roads were dirt, rough and quite often in the wet season boggy and unpassable. It was not uncommon for people to take an hour or more battling with Oolloo Rd to get as far as Paddy’s Lagoon/Hayes Creek to turn around and have to tackle Oolloo Rd again to go home as you couldn’t get past. Not a good thing when you are nine month’s pregnant in December but that was life.

Landline telephones were a luxury and the only public phone was at the Research Farm and of course there was no such thing as internet. One of the new farmers, Maurie Dawes, developed the “Corn Patch” (now Douglas Daly Tourist Park) and made some special “brew”.

1990s saw a new wave of farmers move into the district and the area became predominately animal production. With this change of guard came some stability and with stability came the need for communication within the district. Landline telephones were common place and the Douglas Daly Primary School was thriving with up to 23 students in a one room school room.

So in May 1992 the first Douglas Daly newsletter was produced and shortly after named the Junction Journal due to the editors living near the junction of the Douglas and Daly Rivers and this area was still the community social area.

What was only intended to be a couple of pages to inform the farmers and families of upcoming events was never that. The first edition was 16 pages and nearly every other edition since then has been around 20 pages.

Production of the Junction Journal has changed over the years from typing the first editions on type writers and very old word processes, taking a master copy to town and then having it photocopied to present day with modern technology and an e-publication, website and social media pages.

But most importantly the Junction Journal has remained totally free to Douglas Daly residents; is a not for profit publication; and is produced by volunteer labour and recently commenced being e-published by RNT Business Solutions. All running cost are covered by some regular advertising and the Junction Journal would like to thank Tyre Power and Freedom Motors for the many years of advertising in the Junction Journal to cover these costs.

The Junction Journal is a strong supporter of the Douglas Daly Community and raises other advertising revenue, which goes back into the community. Thanks also to present and past cricket advertisers for supporting not only the Junction Journal but the Douglas Daly Community. These include current advertisers, GRC Plantation Services, Outback Batteries and Eco-Energy as well as past cricket sponsors, Adelaide River Freight and Fawcetts.

If any businesses would like to advertise in the Junction Journal please contact the Journal and state if you would like to just advertise or purchase the cricket advertising package. The Junction Journal this year is assisting the community in purchasing a drinks fridge for the townsite.

If people are appreciative of what the Junction Journal does and would like to give a birthday donation then please email the Journal on info@junction-journal.com.
The Junction Journal is available for download each month from the Junction Journal website at http://customers.skymesh.net.au/~JunctionJournal. Local event photos can also be downloaded from here.

The Junction Journal Facebook page has been around for a few years and can be found at https://www.facebook.com/JunctionJournal.

As part of the birthday celebrations a new social media page has been created as an extension of the community notice board.

Here you will find information about upcoming events as well as interesting articles generated from our district which you may not have heard about. Visit https://www.facebook.com/Douglas.Daly.NT

Remember you do not have to have a Facebook account to read these pages as they are public pages. If you do have a Facebook account then hit LIKE and you will always see the most recent news here.

Why don’t you visit the Douglas Daly Facebook page and read all about Bill Doyle’s hay harvest at Dixie. Bill and Eileen Doyle developed Theyona which is now Blackbull Station and this article must have generated some interest as over 1900 people viewed it in two days. That’s a record for the Junction Journal.
A trial crop of mung beans has been harvested in the Douglas Daly region, showing 'potential' as an alternative Top End cropping option.

Chris Howie from Maneroo Station sowed a small crop of mung beans over the wet season, with the aim of broadening his cropping choices.

"We are always looking for a new crop that is going to take over and be a miracle crop," Mr Howie said, somewhat tongue in cheek.

"So trialling mung beans was a good idea to see how they grow. I made a lot of mistakes and learnt from those mistakes; in the future we can possibly able to grow them under irrigation or a wet season crop to make it profitable."

At least one other farmer in the Douglas Daly is planting mung beans as an irrigated dry season crop this year.

Research into growing mung beans in the Top End was conducted in the 1980s, which found issues with distance to markets and input costs.

Mr Howie said he grew a mung bean variety developed specifically for the Northern Territory, known as Putland.

He said he had not yet sold his harvested mung beans. "When I mentioned Putland variety to people in Queensland, where I was marketing them, they had a little giggle and asked me 'what was that?' so that was a bit of an issue," he said.

"I have sent a sample away to a potential buyer, so hopefully from that we will get a decent market for them.

"They will be going east or down to South Australia, they won't be sold up here."

Mr Howie said he will trial the crop again next season, but is considering a different variety. "They grew very well, probably a bit too well, they got a bit high and a storm flattened them all and I lost a fair bit of yield because of that," he said.

"I think it has potential. I probably haven't trialled it extensively enough to know exactly whether I will stick with it, but it has potential."

SAVE THE DATE 🏆

Douglas Daly 2016 Funkhana

Fun for the whole day

Horse, Dirt Bike, BMX Events and More!!!

Saturday 25th of June 2016

Venue: The Douglas Daly Town site

Program out soon

If you would like to help us with this event please

Contact Catherine Scotney email: cjwhap11@gmail.com or mobile: 0429856642
The Douglas Daly Community Development Association

Saturday May 28

ALL MEMBERS

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2016 ANZAC Day Service @ Douglas Daly School

On the 25th of April we were privileged to be joined by Lieutenant Brendan Kelleher and Bombardier Benjamin MacRae from the 8th/12th Regiment Robertson Barracks, Palmerston for our Douglas Daly School Anzac Service. The simple but beautiful service was attended by students, staff, parents, community members and tourists visiting the district. Thankyou to all who helped and attended the service.

In preparation for Anzac Day, students learned the history of ANZAC and learned to make Anzac Biscuits. Preschool and Transition students followed instructions while the Primary students used the recipe and method to make YUMMY ANZAC Biscuits. This experience provided real experience for students as the learning focus was to follow instructions, create a procedural text and learn how to keep safe in the kitchen.

TERM 1 School Assembly

All students excelled in their learning and participation at school in term 1. Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children, it was a great finish for Term 1, celebrating and showcasing learning.

SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN

With help from parents and school staff the school vegetable garden has been re-vamped and students are working together to plant and harvest their first crop for 2016. As part of the healthy eating program, we are growing vegetables that we may use for our cooking program later in the term. The veggie garden incorporates science: observing change and focuses on the concept of growth and where our food comes from.

SENSORY MOTOR PROGRAM:

Sensory Motor program is offered for the Early Childhood learners with special focus on developing gross motor, hand-eye coordination, balance as well English oral language and vocabulary building. The main aim of this program is to optimise the learning potential and success for every child through analysis of students capability of developing skills and understandings.
STUDENT’S Work-samples

Primary students have been working on Acrostic Poems, with specific focus on descriptive language. Some examples of their work can be found throughout the Journal. Some short stories can also be found.

Year 3 and Year 5 students are participating in NAPLAN Tests. We wish ALL THE STUDENTS WHO SAT NAPLAN TESTS GOOD LUCK!

Douglas Daly Staff: Ms Indu, Ms Sue, Ms Maddie

Student quotes:

- **Bella Heeb** - “I could see lots of colours in the stones”
- **Tayah Howie** - “I like baking because I liked mixing different ingredients”
- **Jack McBean** - “I liked making the legs and the letter C for Crocodile”
- **Lindsey Scotney** - “I like yellow and blue. The yellow shapes are hexagons like a beehive”
- **Jemma Farrell** - “We were planting tomatoes in our school veggie patch, I’m excited to see it grow”
- **Zachary Marriott** - “I loved jumping over the snake” - practicing skipping skills for Jump Rope for Heart
- **Lane Howie** - “Sometimes I didn’t get stuck in the snake rope”. “I am getting better at skipping”
- **Gwen Philip** - “Skipping is fun because I like jumping”
nbn Sky Muster Update

Sky Muster (LTSS) is now operational and customers are being connected each day. If you are on the ISS broadband satellite then you MUST register to change over to Sky Muster as this satellite will be turned off early 2017.

If you have registered with a service provider for Sky Muster satellite and have not heard anything then please contact your service provider in case they are having difficulties retrieving a location id from nbn. Without this your application can’t proceed. I have had numerous calls to my service provider and nbn and finally after three weeks my location id is there AND I now have a date for installation. What excitement, as I was one of the unfortunate few who were not eligible for the ISS and have been living with 3 GB data/month at 500 kb upload for 4 years.

http://www.monitor.co.ug/
Jacob Farrell

4th in the Darwin Kamfari

Well Done!
It was almost Easter and the Easter Bunny was getting ready for Easter when it started to snow. It was a big snow storm at night. The Easter Bunny said, ‘it is Easter Tomorrow. I will go drop the Easter eggs off’. But it was too late. The snow storm had locked them in. The door was covered in snow. ‘Oh no’, said the Easter Bunny. ‘I cannot drop the Easter eggs off’. But then Easter Bunny’s friend came and played with the snow. ‘Quick’, said the Easter Bunny. ‘We have to drop the Easter eggs off’. So they headed of in their sleigh with their Huskies. At last, they went to drop the Easter eggs of to all the kids.
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~ Will discuss any job! ~ Servicing the Douglas Daly Region and Wider Areas on Request.~
A long time ago there lived three Friendly Foxes with their mum and dad on a farm called Malilangwe. One day their parents called them and said, “It is time to build your own house because you are old enough.” So they left their parents' house and set off to find good land to build their own house. The three brothers set off on their motorbikes with all their clothes.

As they were driving down the road they saw a Great Dane carrying boxes of stones in his truck. The brothers asked if they could have some stones. The Great Dane said, “Of course you can have some stones.” With the stones the brothers made a strong house. The very next day the Big Mean Monkey came down the road and saw the house of stones that the Friendly Foxes had built. The Big Mean Monkey knocked on the door and said, “Friendly Foxes, let me come in.” “No, No,” said the Friendly Foxes, “we will not let you in, not by the hair of our chinny chin chin.” “Then I will huff and I will puff and I will blow you house down.” So he huffed and he puffed and he and the house fell down. Luckily the Friendly Foxes escaped with their motorbikes to find better materials to build a better and safer house.

Not very far down the road, they saw a kind kangaroo pushing a heavy wheelbarrow full of iron bars. The three Friendly Foxes asked if they could have some iron bars. “Certainly,” said the kangaroo and she gave the Friendly Foxes the whole lot. “Thanks heaps,” said the Friendly Foxes. Not far from where they were, they saw open land and decided to build the house there. So they set off working. The Big Mean Monkey was watching them. He saw the house the Friendly Foxes had built. He knocked on the door and said, “Friendly Foxes let me come in.” “No No,” cried the brothers, “we will not let you in not by the hair of our chinny chin chin.” “Then I will huff and I will puff and I will blow your house down.” So he huffed and he puffed but the house did not fall down so he went home and got a hammer and knocked the house down. Luckily the Friendly Foxes escaped and rode away on their motorbikes.

To find better materials they decided to go to the beach. At the beach they saw a turtle carrying seashells on her back. The Friendly Foxes asked if they can have some shells. “OK,” said the turtle. So the Friendly Foxes took the shells and built a house of shells. The next day the Big Mean Monkey found the house and knocked on the door and said, “Friendly Foxes let me come in.” “No, no,” said the brothers, “we will not let you in, not by the hair of our chinny chin chins.” “Then I will huff and I will puff and I will blow you house down”. The Friendly Foxes just managed to get out safely. They rode away.

They heard a bird above them and saw that it was a woodpecker, with heaps of sticks in his beak. They called out to the woodpecker and said, “Can we have some of your sticks?” The bird said, “Of course you can.” So the bird dropped the sticks and the Friendly Foxes caught the sticks and made their house. The next day the Big Mean Monkey yelled out, “Friendly Foxes let me come in.” “No, no,” cried the brothers, “we will not let you in, not by the hair of our chinny chin chins.” “Then I will huff and I will puff and I will blow you house down,” said the Big Mean Monkey. But as he was climbing the tree he realised how mean he had been. So he went up to the house and said to the Friendly Foxes, “Sorry for wrecking all your houses.” When the Friendly Foxes had accepted his apology they asked if he wanted to live with them in their tree house. “Of course,” said the Monkey and they lived happily ever after.
May – End of Wet Season

SUPER CLEAN

At Community Hall

ALL Members to attend please

SATURDAY 28th MAY

12.00pm – finished

Jobs list:

- General Clean of Hall
- Kitchen walls, Fridges, Clean oven, Floors, Grills, Fans, Chairs
- Range-hood clean
- New waterline to kitchen
- Toilets
- Powerpoint UV Filter System
- Hepworth joiner for rain water tanks
- Clean out Container & lean-to
- Mowing/wiper-snippering
- Spray any weeds/edges
- Tennis Court clean up
- Tree pruning
- Slashing of oval for Funkhana 25th June

BBQ Dinner & Refreshments

Please RSVP for numbers – Thank you
Douglas Daly Footy Tipping

Overall Leaders 20 May

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State of Origin

**Game 1** — ANZ Stadium, Sydney, Wednesday, 1 June

**Game 2** — Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, Wednesday, 22 June

**Game 3** — ANZ Stadium, Sydney, Wednesday, 13 July

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Community Notice Board

May 28 — TDDCDA May Spring Clean
June 1 — Game 1 NRL State of Origin
June 4 — Adelaide River races
June 5 — Alex Gow & Dan Kelly — The Australian Dreamers Tour — Darwin
June 10-12 — Adelaide River Camp draft
June 22 — Game 2 NRL State of Origin
June 24 — school term ends
June 25 — Douglas Daly district Funkhana
June 25 — Adelaide River Junior rodeo

In a Medical Emergency you must ring the District Medical Officer at Royal Darwin Hospital on 8922 8888 and state clearly that it is a LIFE THREATENING SITUATION

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If you would like anything posted on this community notice board, please email details to the

Junction Journal
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9am to 12 am — Wednesday only
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July 2 — KSA 50th Birthday Gala Dinner
August 5–21 — Rio Olympics
Sept 3 — TDDCDA Annual Cricket Match

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E - Excellent at colouring
M - Magical
M - Marvellous and
A - Amazing girl.

A—Active
N—Nice
N—Neat
A—Acrobatic
B—Beautiful
E — Excellent
L — Lovely
L— Lively
E— Energetic

K—Kind
E—Excellent at drawing
L—Lovely
I—Intelligent
L—Likeable
A—Active
H—Happy

G—Gorgeous
I—Independent
L—Lucky
L—Lively

J - Joyful

O - Obedient

R - Real fun

D - Different to others

A - Adventurous

N - Nice to people
Douglas Daly Weather Report

A mixture of wet season and dry season this past month with some lovely dry season mornings coupled by humid and wet conditions.

April
Max Temp: 37.7 °C (20th)
Min Temp: 16.0 °C (25th)
Mean Temp Range: 20.9—36.7 °C
Max Wind Run: 50 km/hr SE (22nd)
Rainfall: 2.4 mm
Mean Rainfall: 49.5 mm
Lowest Rainfall: Nil
Highest Rainfall: 410.4 mm (2006)
Highest Daily Rain: 1.0 mm (18th)
Highest recorded daily rain: 101.0 mm (28/04/2006)
Rainadays: 4

May (up to 20th)
Max Temp: 38.4 °C (1st)
Min Temp: 16.8 °C (12th)
Mean Temp Range: 21.5—35.3 °C
Max Wind Run: 48 km/hr NNE (3rd)
Rainfall: 20.0 mm
Mean Rainfall: 10.2 mm
Lowest Rainfall: nil
Highest Rainfall: 107.6 mm (2010)
Highest Daily Rain: 10.0 mm (8th)
Highest recorded daily rain: 52.8 mm (07/5/1990)
Rainadays: 3

Rainfall for season 15/16: 1291.4 mm
Rainfall for season 14/15: 932.8 mm
Rainfall for 2016 calendar year: 404.4 mm
Rainfall for 2015 calendar year: 1459.8 mm
Rainfall for 2014 calendar year: 1374.4 mm
Mean rainfall per calendar year: 1248.0 mm
Highest rainfall per calendar year: 1939 mm (2011) (manual recording)
Lowest rainfall per calendar year: 640.5 mm (1970)

2013-2015 Rainfall--Douglas River
SAVE THE DATE
The Douglas Daly Community Development Association Inc Presents
The 12th Annual Cricket Match
SATURDAY 3rd September 2016
Douglas Daly Community Hall,
Rixon Road, Douglas Daly
For more information please contact:
Suzanne Gill tddcdai@gmail.com
(08) 8978 2240

Cleaning Roster
May 28th—SUPER CLEAN
ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND PLEASE
June — Sam & Sarah-Jane McBean, Mark & Aminah Hansen, Hazel & Maurice Webster

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How’s your vegie garden going?