



# ARSS About

January 2012 First Edition

*Wishing you all a happy & prosperous 2012.*

## **Your Committee:**

**President:** Sandy MacLean

**Vic President:** Jackie Rixon

**Treasurer:** Sue O'Hagan

**Secretary:** Annette Rixon

**Public Officer:** Dyaane Allport

## **Committee Members:**

Deb Koch, Mark O'Hagan, Patty Fawcett, Greg Hennessey, Barry Kirk

## **Bar & Kitchen News:**

Bar opening times:

**Wednesday to Friday Nights:**

4 pm to 10 pm

**Saturday Nights:** 4 pm to 2am

**Sunday Nights:** 4 pm to 10pm

During the wet season the bar closes early if there is no one there.

**Thursday nights:**

Badge draw – *financial members only.*

**Kitchen open– 6pm to 8pm**

*Wet Season : Thursday & Saturdays*

*Dry Season: Wednesday to Sundays*

*A la carte menu and usually a special special!*

*See Post Office board for menu.*

**Table & chairs hire–** for members only...

\$1.25 a chair, \$3.00 for a table.

Note: any breakages are to be replaced.

Hire fees are being used to add to the chairs and tables.

Contact Bar Manager: 89767041.

## **Calendar of Events**

Feb 26 General Meeting 11am

March 31 Membership due

April 25 ANZAC Breakfast & Display

June 2 Adelaide River Cup

June 9/10 Adelaide River Show

July 1 Territory Day

August 12 AGM

August 25 Races

November 6 Melbourne Cup Luncheon

December 15 Christmas Tree

Check web for up and coming events, meetings, news.....

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## **Meetings:**

**General Meeting February 26: 11 am**

Agenda: set new membership prices, organise events, set dates for future general meetings. BBQ after meeting & Show meeting.

**AGM:** August 12 11 am

**Committee meetings:** 10.30 am Every 3rd Sunday of month.

Feb 26

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

July 15

Aug 12

## **Working Bees:**

**April 15** 9 am– Clean up ready for ANZAC– including pavilion for display.

**April 22**– set up display in Pavilion

**May 13**– Operation clean up ready for events.....

# ARSS Achievements for 2011...

All the events run by ARSS were nominated for the Australia Day awards held in 2012.

- The ANZAC breakfast which grows each year- 2011 saw us feed about 2000 people. Thanks to everyone in the community who jumps in and helps.
- Territory Day fireworks turned into an 4 and half hours of fireworks- a great family event. Thanks to FERG and their trust helpers.
- The Adelaide River Christmas Tree- the water theme was the best fun. Thanks to Karen for a magnificent job of present buying and Sandy and Tammy for the food. A lovely way to finish the year.
- The Adelaide River Cup- broke all records.... It has now become a Territory icon. A special thankyou to the TRNT & Darwin Turf Club for their help and the wonderful band of travellers who stayed. The races wouldn't happen without the MacLeans.

Congratulations to the Adelaide River Show for winning the Community Event of the year.

## **Event: Adelaide River Show**

Groups involved/showcased at the Adelaide River Show:

**Pavilion:-** put together by a hard working group from Batchelor & Adelaide River to showcase the Coomalie region. The main organisers include Jan Powick, Lucinda Hooper, Sally Dowdell, with many hours put in by other volunteers. The schools of the region- from Douglas Daly to Woolaning have an opportunity to showcase their work in the arts, craft, cooking and gardening areas. The Pavilion is supported by local businesses and locals with donations. Both Batchelor and Adelaide River Primary Schools donate personnel for setting up the display. Adults have the opportunity to showcase arts, crafts, culinary, photographic, horticultural and agricultural skills/produce to name a few.

**Adelaide River NT Country Music Talent Quest:** organised by Therese Balanzategui. Opportunity for young beginning musicians to practise their art and an opportunity for seasoned/talented musicians to win a scholarship to the Australian College of Country Music, Tamworth. Again the prizes and event are sponsored by local & Darwin businesses and people. It is also a great venue to showcase local talent for entertainment, ie the Belly dance group.

**Adelaide River Campdraft:** organised by Kate Townsend, Rob Bremner and Annette Rixon. The campdraft is one of the richest in the Territory, sponsored by businesses both locally & Darwin as well as Government. The campdraft provides opportunities for beginners to grow their skills and to showcase the elite of the sport. Without our local station & business sponsorship it would be impossible to put the event on.

**NT Polocrosse Carnival:** organised Humpty Doo Polocrosse. Provides opportunity to showcase sport and to have a go at the other horse sports.

**Western Events:** organised Darwin Quarter horse Assoc. Provides opportunities for novices and experts in these horse events. Also uses this venue during the year as an upshot of this event.

**Gymkhana:** Organised by the Rixons. Provides an opportunity for beginner horse riders. Supported by local businesses.

**Rodeo:** organised and run by NCA. Opportunities for learner riders and the top riders of this sport.

**TopEnd Drum Runners:** organised by group- a first in 2011. An off shoot of the other horse events- barrel runners.

**Entertainment:** organised by ARSS and show committee- Pam & Tammy organised games for kids & families, free fun, Chantelle the Fairy- show & workshops to give opportunity to gain skills for region in face painting and balloon tying, circus skills (young local), song writing workshop. Bands/music in the evening- local and from Darwin.

**ARSS Management Committee:** Funds/ fund raises for event to go on and upkeep of facilities. Ensures grounds ready, orchestrates all the groups through the Show Committee, organises the infrastructure required from shade, toilets, security. Gives first chance for any not for profit organisations to raise funds by doing gates, rubbish, cleaning etc.

# *ARSS Members Achievements for 2011...*

Tommy Fawcett: finalist in the NT Pride of Australia Community Spirit award.

Jackie Izod: Winner of the NT Adelaide River Country Music Spirit of Tamworth Scholarship.

ARSS Champion: Jan Powick (the first winner)

Sandra MacLean: Australia Day Coomalie Citizen of the year award.

ARSS Committee: Australia Day Community Group of the year award.

*Congratulations to you all.....we are very proud.*

## *Thank you our ARSS Travelling Volunteers*

Throughout the year we had a very happy band of travellers who came for a visit and became essential to the running of ARSS. The really nice thing is most are coming back this year...



### **Reminder:**

Bookings for birthdays, celebrations contact Barry at Bar 89767041

Membership renewal due 31 March– you can do it on line from end of February. Cards will then be available at the Bar.

Check the members page for news on our web.....

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