



# Around Palmerston

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## Next Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, 13 February, 2007  
**Venue:** Crustaceans on the Wharf  
**Time:** 7pm  
**RSVP:** Kathryn Gooding  
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## From the President

As I fronted the microphone on Tuesday night to kick off our Christmas show, I found myself thinking "it can't be a year since we were here". It was and what a year we've had. More on that in our end of year edition.

It always amazes me when I see the amazing young talent we have here in Darwin.

This gives me the opportunity to thank not only all the artists but also



**Ken Hutton-Stagetrade, Betchai Mondragon, Kathryn Gooding, Robyn Shaw**, all our Sponsors, and I would especially like to give a huge thankyou to **Paul Chin**. Over the last six months, the contribution to the

PRBA has been nothing short of amazing. Paul has restructured the Associations financial operations, our office systems and for me has been the difference between sanity and insanity. Thanks Paul, you're OK for a NAB guy.

Merry Christmas and thankyou for being part of the PRBA.

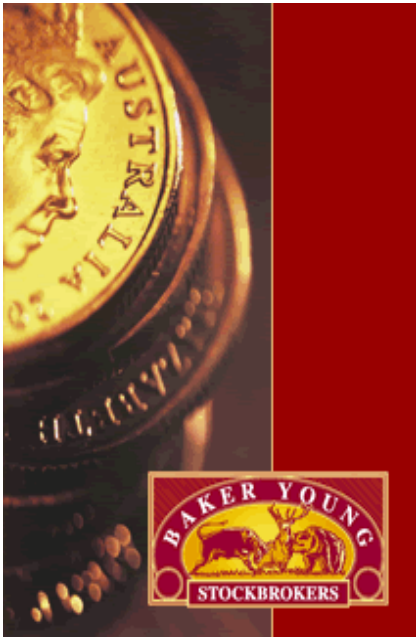


## Community Events

- Somerville Community Services, the Darwin Chorale and Darwin Youth Choir is hosting Carols at the Holiday Inn Esplanade on Thursday, 14 December, 2006. Entry is by a gold coin donation. All funds raise will be donated to disadvantage Territorians.
- Conservation Volunteers Australia is running free daily projects at Fogg Dam and East Point in December. Contact Danielle on 8981 3206.
- Knuckey Lagoon Flea Market will hold a Christmas market on Sunday, 17 December from 8am at 3326 Brandt Rd, Knuckey Lagoon. Cost is \$10 per stall. For booking details phone 8985 5406 or 0408 086 866.
- Palmerston Golf Club will host NT Country Music's social/jam session on Saturday, 16 December. Contact 8932 2498.
- The Smith Family will host Christmas pool parties at Palmerston Leisure Centre on Saturday, 15 December between 3pm-6pm and at Leanyer Recreation Park on Sunday, 17 December. Food and drinks will be available and free of charge!
- The Australia Day Council NT invites all sporting and recreation organisations to join the Australia Day Sports Carnival. Phone 8924 4204.



## A Christmas Present With A Difference



Looking for the special gift that is unique, educates, and can build long term wealth?

Wish your parents or grandparents bought you blue-chip stock years ago?

Baker Young believes investing in shares for children is a great way to start them on the path to an investment nest-egg. That's why we are offering a way for you to give the present that could make a real difference.

Baker Young are offering a reduced transaction brokerage fee of \$38.50\* for all parents and grandparents purchasing shares on behalf of their children/grand

children. And for every parcel of shares purchased, \$10.00 will be donated to Variety, The Children's Charity (NT).

**Call Jamie Myers or Matthew Baker on 08 8982 2888 or 1800 988 753.**



## Right In The Heart Of The City

Located in Knuckey Street, Darwin, the 4 1/2 star contemporary boutique hotel features 132 strikingly appointed rooms.

With state of the art décor to create a modern, cool and relaxing ambience, Darwin Central Hotel is within easy walking distance to cinemas, theatres, restaurants, tourist sites and shopping.

Amenities include 24 hour room

service, 24 hour reception, portorage, guest laundry, in house movies, mini bar, plunge pool, undercover valet parking and sensational food in their restaurant, two cafes and bar.

Discover Darwin City's hidden revelation and take advantage of the \$85\* Special Territorian Rate.

For more details call the Darwin Central Hotel team on 8944 9000.



## Giving The Top End A Lift

Driving while either intoxicated or drunk is dangerous and drivers with a high blood alcohol content (BAC) are at increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries and vehicular deaths.

Every single injury or death caused by drink driving is totally preventable and while society has done much to improve highway safety you can protect yourself.

This festive season, don't drink and drive and don't ride with anyone else who has had too much to drink, don't be fooled, know your limit and be responsible. Use your local taxis and mini buses service as an alternative, call Palmerston Metro Mini Buses on 8932 5577.

## AFA's Christmas Cheer



*Carlo & Angelina Betti*



*Eric Cleak, Jeff McAlpine  
& John Day*



AFA (Australian Financial Advisers) hosted its annual Christmas party on Saturday, 11 November at SkyCity Darwin.

Over 130 people celebrated and danced the night away to the sounds of interstate band Boogie Nights.

A charity auction was also held throughout the night with a grand total of over \$20,000 raised and donated to the NT Cancer Council.

## Larrakia Development Corporation Project Updates

### East Arm Port

Positioned near the entrance to the Adelaide-Darwin Ghan Railway Station this prime 1.2 Hectare site has enormous business potential.

The Larrakia Development Corporation Board is eager to negotiate long term lease and is also prepared to construct a warehouse/storage factory premises to suit an approved tenant.

### Larrakia Environmental Services Pty Ltd

A large employee of trainees and apprentices, the Larrakia Environmental Services provides the chance for Larrakia to participate in the commercial landscaping workforce.

As their skills levels develops, future prospects may arise to expand separate, impartial

businesses.

### Little Mindil

The Corporation welcomes the NT Government's decision to name the SkyCity Entertainment Group as preferred tenderer to acquire Darwin's Little Mindil Beach.



## Introducing the Barra Botel

Locally owned and operated, the Barra Botel is a totally new concept for fishing the Territory, a 70ft mother ship, the Barra Botel provides comfortable air conditioned accommodation for up to 12 people. With a fully equipped and weather sealed stainless steel kitchen, spacious entertainment room, TV/DVD, toilets, hot showers, walk-in fridge, ice machine, freezers and fish cleaning facilities, enjoy all the benefits of modern comfort living and at affordable price.

Outboard fuel is also available so come on tie on your boat, fill the fridge, and relax. The Barra Botel has everything for the ultimate Top End fishing trip!

Contact Luke for all enquiries and booking requirements on 0448 155 988.



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**Supported By**



**Kathryn Gooding**

as an

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of the

**PRBA**

**Kathryn has been running our Events Management since August and has agreed to step and provide valuable input and guidance for the PRBA.**



## **Oh What A Night**



Christmas spirit was alive and well as approximately, 170 members and guests celebrated PRBA's (Palmerston Regional Business Association) annual Christmas party on Tuesday, 12 December at SkyCity Casino.

The star studded guest list was headed by Chief Minister Claire Martin who was also the guest speaker for the evening. Chief Minister Claire Martin who displayed grace, style and a wonderful sense of humour delivered an impressive speech, convincing many members and guest that politicians really do have personalities!

Not to be out shone was Mayor Annette Burke who is sadly fulfilling her final days of reign as the very popular and successful Mayor of Palmerston. MLA Chris Natt, MLA James Burke, MLA Terry Mills, SkyCity General Manager Andrew Wilson, SkyCity Assistant Manager Emmanuelle Cruz and a very composed Southern Cross Manager Nadine Jones capped the star studded list.

Just Us topped the spectacular line up of entertainers which included the beautiful voices of Janelle McKell and Bernadine Croote. Ken Hutton and Betchi Mon Dragon headed stage management but predictably, it was the man in the red and white suit and his helpers that stole the show.

Once again Mr Santa Clause proved his popularity by excited screams of "ho ho ho" and endless request of Santa can I sit on you knee?"

Special thanks to the major sponsors and prize donators which include Southern Cross, Pearl Galleria, Air North, SkyCity, Darwin Frontier Hotel, Nortrade, Baker Young Stockbrokers, Lion Nathan, Cazalys, CMAX Cinemas, Worksense, Penny's Fancy Dress and Holland Print.

Many thanks must also be given to PRBA's Events Manager, Kathryn Gooding, who did an outstanding job of coordinating the evening and last, but not least, PRBA's President Wayne Zerbe who's MC talents are nothing short of brilliant! Here's to Christmas 2006!