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AROUND PALMERSTON

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From The President

It's 300 days till Christmas, that's about 200 working days. Is it any wonder we continue to hear "gee this year is going fast". The upside is it's going fast because we all seem pretty busy. There is just so much happening out there, to demonstrate the size, scope and variation of some the things that are happening around the top end, Gary Hasslet and myself are busy filming some of the bigger projects either under construction on the drawing board or recently completed.

We are interviewing some of the developers, contractors and business owners to give you a first hand insight into some of the most exciting projects in the NT. Part of what you will see is an aerial footage of all these developments plus on the ground shots of progress to date and drawings and models of future new assets.

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Wayne Zerbe
PRBA President

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Month In Review

Top End Confidential

The NT Government is set to release more land in Palmerston within the next six months. The new suburb of Bellamack is projected to house 1000 homes with a percentage to be reserved for first home and low income buyers.

Plans for the May 2007 Arafura Games have commenced which include 3000 people from 30 countries and competition in 23 sports.

Territorians can now go online to conduct Centrelink business after a technological upgrade. The self serving facilities will mean people no longer have to queue.

130kmh speed limit continues to hurt top enders with biggest motorcycle dealers, NT Motorcycle now considering relocating interstate.

With more than a year from completion, interest in Darwin's new convention centre has not slowed with confirmation of two more major bookings.

NT unemployment rate drop to 2% from a steady growth in economy and best lifestyle nationwide..

From the President cont

We are going as fast as we can on the filming but just like building sights, filming can be bugged by the weather. To give you the best possible overview it may be that our March meeting is one week late on Tuesday, 20 March.

To give you the best possible vision in total comfort we will be showing the footage at CMAX Cinema for a miniscule \$35. You'll get a terrific spread of hot and cold platters created by CMAX's own Margaret Fulton – Val Hayvock and after you'll all get a choice of CMAX movies at no charge. What a night! Watch our website for invitation details.



WELCOME TO

NT Evolution Pty Ltd

DHL Express

Industries Services Training

The Loan Market

Account Direct

Vice President's Diary

Three of your Committee Members (Wayne, Paul and I) recently met informally over coffee with Chris Natt (Member for Drysdale), James Burke (Member for Brennan) and Charlie Phillips (Clare Martin's Senior Ministerial Advisor). These meetings allow us to touch base with the polities and raise any issues of concern to our members. It's good for the polities and its good for our members.

I raised an issue that is affecting a lot of people who have purchased more than one block of land in the Mitchell Creek Estate in Palmerston. The Revenue Office is assessing duty on these transactions as if they were one transaction instead of separate transactions. What this means is that people are being charged more stamp duty (in some cases double the amount of stamp duty otherwise payable). I reckon this is unfair and I'm sure many of you would agree. You can find the text of my submission to the polities at www.prba.com.au. I understand the matter has been referred to the Treasurer Syd Stirling and we hope to hear from his Office on this issue soon. I'll keep you posted...

On Thursday 15 February 2007 the NT Government lost a major case involving Alcan and more than \$47.5 million in stamp duty. The NT Commissioner of Taxes will have to re-assess the transaction and I guess the worry for business is that if they have to hand back a large part of the \$47.5 million, then the NT Government is going to have a big hole in its budget.

Talking about the Budget, last year I attended a Government round table discussion on what business would like to see in the Budget. We understand this is an annual event and usually occurs in February, however this year we have not heard anything about it...

Finally please note that the Northern Territory Budget will be handed down on Tuesday, 1 May 2006. Shortly after this the PRBA in conjunction with some of its members will host the Annual Budget Breakfast for Charity. We will keep you updated closer to the date. Hope you can make it.



Leon Loganathan
PRBA Vice President



Around Palmerston On Air

In case you missed the Around Palmerston episode on Southern Cross, we will be listing the highlights in this section.

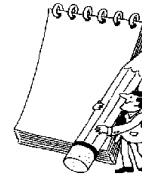
Stay tuned in the next edition for the summary.

To view the most recent episodes, please visit www.prba.com.au

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What's On



CDU Yolngu languages and culture short courses will be held from 29 Feb until 27 March from 5pm to 7.30pm. Full fee \$450 includes interactive CD and reference books. Phone 8946 6624

Registrations are now open for fuel tax credits for businesses who uses heavy road vehicles over 4.5 tones to find out more visit www.ato.gov.au/fuel schemes or phone 13 28 66.

Palmerston High School Parent /Teacher Consultation and AGM will be held on 7 March. Consultations will commence at 4.30pm with the AGM to resume at 7pm. Call 8935 0222 for more details.

Woodroffe Primary School Council will conduct it's AGM on the 6 March at 7.30pm. All parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

The AVI Volunteer Recruitment Drive running from 17 Feb to 11 March is seeking Australians to work in Asia, the Pacific, Africa and Middle East-Contact toll free 1800 331 292.

An estimated 150 travel agents from around the country will converge on Darwin next week for the annual Destination Darwin Showcase. Get your NT News Destination Darwin Guide on the 27 Feb for more details.

Telstra is calling on nominations of businesses who have displayed excellence for the Northern Territory Business Awards.

For more details log onto-
www.TelstraBusinessAwards.com

Hosted by the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency services, a Public Safety Expo will be held at the Peter McAulay Centre Berrimah on 21 July. Exhibitors and Sponsorships are required for the expo. For further information phone 8922 3185.

Have your say about business! Minister Vatskalis invites you to talk about current issues facing small business in Palmerston. When: 6 March from 6pm to 7.30pm at Everything Electronic, 25 McCourt Rd, Yarrowonga.

RSVP 8999 6888 or
business.dberd@nt.gov.au

MARCH DINNER MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 13 March 2007

Time: 6.45pm-9pm

Venue: CMAX Cinemas

Cost: \$35 per person

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