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AROUND PALMERSTON

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From The President

Can I start this newsletter by thanking all who were involved in our meeting at CMAX in particular Andrew Cripps and his team from CMAX, Kathryn Gooding, Robyn Shaw and Paul Chin. Its like any of these new things we try, you cross your fingers and hope that our members enjoy the event. We seem to have done what we set out to do. That is to show some of the bigger projects with input from some of the major players. I must also thank those developers who took the time to be interviewed and give us an inside to their projects. To get 100 people to the cinema is very encouraging for me and I thank all of you who took the time to be there. Lastly and most importantly can I thank Gary Haslett from Websafe. Gary put in a huge effort to film and edit



Wayne Zerbe
PRBA President

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Month In Review

TOP END CONFIDENTIAL

In the bid to push for statehood and remind listeners that Territory laws can be overturned at any time by Canberra, a series of ads titled "Is That Fair?" will soon hit our top end airwaves.

Described as the end of an era, iconic Darwin caravan park Sundowner recently closed it's doors to make way for a giant retail centre.



Those who recently attended the 2007 Darwin Entertainment Centre season were given a preview of a term that is heavy on theatre, comedy and children's entertainment.

Work on a campus for the Batchelor Institution for Indigenous Tertiary Education and the Centre for Appropriate Technology in Alice Springs is to resume with Sitzler Bros contracted to complete the building.

The NT Government recently invited all Palmerston residents to celebrate the official opening of the new \$10 million Palmerston Recreation Centre with a sausage sizzle and activities day.

FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont)

I can reveal that some of the material did not get to him until the night before. He worked right through the night to get the job done. To me Gary is the quintessential professional and I'm very grateful for a job well done.

See you,

Wayne

WELCOME TO

Palmerston Real Estate

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Vice President's Diary

Dear Members

By the time you get this newsletter the Treasurers from the States and Territories would have met with Federal Treasurer Peter Costello for their annual ding dong battle over the carve up of the GST amongst other things. I'm sure most of you are over the blame game that goes on between the two levels of Government about who should cut taxes. The bottom line is that the Commonwealth Government is collecting more in income tax and company tax because of "bracket creep" and mining doing so well. By the same token the NT Government has been collecting windfall stamp duty because of the housing boom as well as receiving consistently more GST than expected.

Meanwhile I can report I did receive a letter from the Treasurer in response to my submission on the aggregation issue and consultation in relation to the proposed tax administration legislation (see last month's newsletter). Unfortunately, the Treasurer has taken the position that the Commissioner knows best when it comes to aggregation and we have to rely on his discretion not to aggregate. I don't agree with this approach because in my view the Commissioner is not exercising his discretion where he should and builders (and others) are having to pay more stamp duty (in some instances more than double the amount) than they otherwise would. I don't believe it is justified and I will be asking the Treasurer for a meeting to discuss this important policy issue. I'd like to see the legislation changed so that it is fairer and we put an end to this revenue grab.

On a better note, the Treasurer has allowed an additional period of a month to make submissions on the draft taxation administration legislation. I'll make a submission on that on behalf of the PRBA. If any member would like to look at the draft legislation or discuss it please let me know.

Regards

Leon.



Leon Loganathan
PRBA Vice President



Guest Writer

Due to technical difficulties with the Around Palmerston On Air section, we have decided to amend the content of this page.

As a financial member, we are offering you all the opportunity to guest write a column in our monthly newsletter.

Content may include:

- ◆ A more comprehensive business profile ie full page
- ◆ Biography of business owners or directors
- ◆ Raising current issues pertinent to your business (newsletter is distributed directly to Members of Parliament)
- ◆ Upcoming major events
- ◆ or any other topic

To submit your content (including images), please email news@prba.com.au by the 20th of each month. Articles will be printed on a first received basis.

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What's On ?

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.

Darwin parents and school communities are being urged to comment on the future of the South Australian Certificate of Education which the Territory has used as the basis for the NTCE. For more information visit www.deet.nt.gov.au/education

Vinnies Palmerston Centre require fit and reliable volunteers for their pick up and delivery service. For all interested applicants please call into the centre at 3 Rolyat Street.

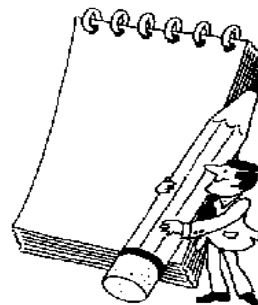
Telstra is calling on nominations of businesses who have displayed excellence for the Northern Territory Business Awards. For more details log onto www.TelstraBusinessAwards.com

Arafura Games is seeking volunteers to assist in the areas of transport, team attaches, media centre, information booths, accreditation, communications and medal presentations. Details can be obtained by phoning 8982 2340.

Internationally recognised as a school of excellence, Kormilda College invites enrolments for 2008. Places exist in Years 7 & 10. Visit www.kormilda.nt.edu.au or phone 8922 1611.

Calling all nominations for the Nursing & Midwifery 2007 Awards. Categories cover Acute Care, Aged Care & General Practice, Community Health, Enrolled Nurses, Graduate of the Year, Mental Health, Midwifery, Remote Health and Living Legend. For more information visit www.nursing.nt.gov.au or telephone 8951 7594.

Applications for Round 1 of the 2007/08 Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Programs are now open. Details can be obtained by phoning 8999



APRIL DINNER MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10th April 2007

Time: 7.00pm-9pm

Venue: Finlay's Joint

Cost: \$45 per person

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