

Around Palmerston

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Darwin Reef “n” Wrecks is a locally owned and operated fishing charter business. They offer packages from local ½ day charters through to custom designed fishing packages. I was recently lucky enough to go on the 2 day ultimate fishing package.

Being at best a novice fisherman who has been on the occasional day charter I accepted an invite from Sarah Tucker to go on the ultimate 2 day package,. The pressure was on because if I came back from another fishing trip empty handed my future fishing days were going to be very limited, this was my big chance to show my doubting family members that I could catch something other than the occasional shark or stingray , I wanted to catch a decent fish for a change. With this in mind at 3.00 am Saturday morning I arrived at Cullen Bay marina armed with spare clothing and alcohol as I was informed everything else would be provided. Shortly afterwards we headed through the lock on our way to “Flat Tops” approximately 70 miles out to sea (or in nautical terms about 8 hours away).

On the way to Flat Tops we trolled a couple of lures and landed a large Spanish Mackerel and a number of Tuna. Off to a great start and we hadn't even got to the good spots yet. My excitement was building as to what we would encounter.

Shortly after lunch time we arrived at the first mark and with eager anticipation everyone dropped their lines and the action began. The fishing action kept up throughout the day and well into the night with a break for food and the occasional drink being the only interruptions. At the end of Day 1 we had caught Tricki Snapper, Red Emporer, Red Jew Fish, Large mouth Nanagi not to mention several large sharks that I managed to attract to my bait.

After a night on the boat we were up early the following morning and went to several locations where we caught a range of fish from Coral Trout, GT's and two giant Cod that were simply huge.

The whole weekend was fantastic everybody who went on the trip was well looked after by Travis and his crew. All meals were provided and were of exceptional quality. The service received by all aboard and the help with the gear and bait was first class. All equipment on the boat was well cared for and was kept in immaculate condition. If you are after something that little bit different away from your mobile phones and office then I would highly recommend you go on a charter with Darwin Reef “n” Wrecks. They cater for individual fisherman, through to groups and corporate clients, from the novice

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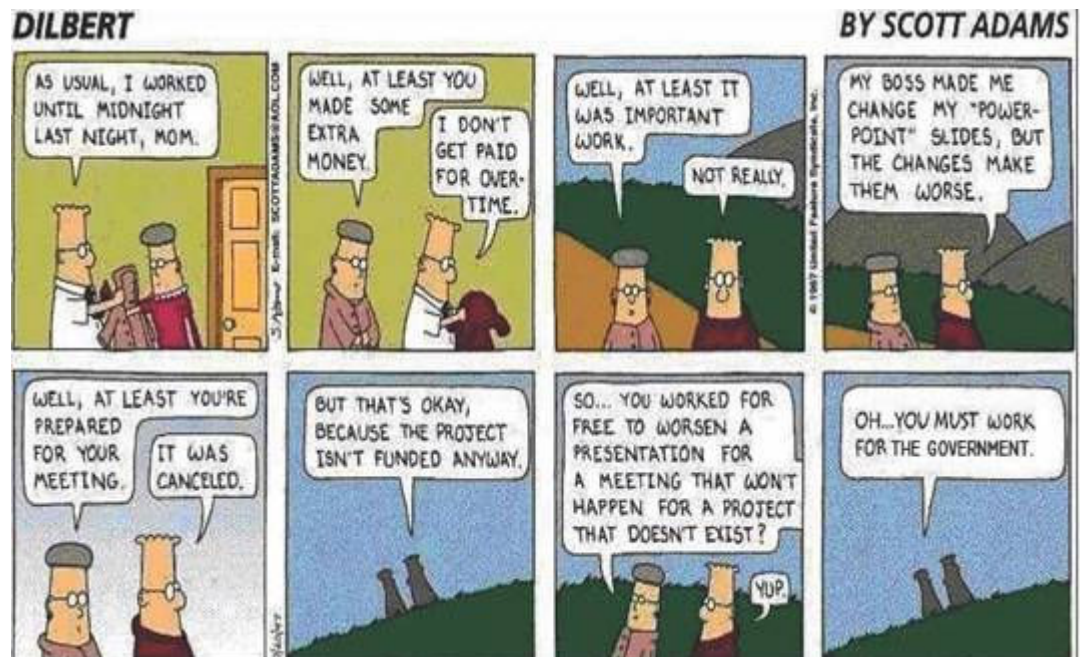


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Many members who have attended recent functions will have gotten to know Allan Brahminy and heard of the terrific work he and his wife Natasha are doing to help trouble youth. Some of you may even have seen the documentary DVD that has been produced regarding one of Brahminy's intervention programs. Basically the programs that are run by Brahminy Youth are directed towards young offenders, drug, alcohol and sexual abuse victims. Brahminy Youth has terrific success and is able to help these youths reintegrate into society and overcome their problems and addictions.

Given that we have a born and bred Northern Territorian who has shown that he can successfully develop programs that the Salvation Army and other large organizations want to use, and given that government ministers in other states have been talking to Allan to help set up similar programs for their youth you would think that the NT Government would try to get behind Brahminy Youth. The sad fact is that despite letters to local politicians and in attempting to meet both the "Soft on Crime" and "Tough on Crime" camps nobody appears to be listening. Maybe they think a local Territorian could not possibly know the solution to the problems facing our own local youth and they are better off getting advice from "down south". Also fact is that Allan has not approached the Government asking for any financial assistance, he is merely trying to inform the government that the Northern Territory has the skills and expertise to deal with the youth crisis it is facing, and is available for consultation.

It would appear that the Government is paying lip service to the current crisis facing many young people in the Northern Territory. The good news however is that many local organizations have banded together and have provided assistance for recent programs (Direct Air, Parks and Wildlife, Kakadu Park (fed.gov), Gulyambi Cruises, Cobourg Adventures (beach huts), Cobourg Park Management, Australian Air Express, Brahminy Youth, Top End Homes, NT Custom Sheds and Wangi Tourist Park).

At present Allan is in the middle of constructing a state of the art facility that is purpose designed to cater for the needs of troubled youth. The facility when fully operational will provide schooling, counselling services, Animal enclosures, skill building workshops, kitchen and living areas.

So it is time to ask government both Territory and Federal to sit up and take notice and act immediately on this issue.

If you have any issues with Government or would like the PRBA to obtain information regarding any matter affecting your business email your questions to news@prba.com.au

If you have any story ideas or would like to make a special mention of service received from PRBA members then we would like to hear from you.

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Waynes World



Editors Note: At the time of going to print we could not locate a photo of Wayne Zerbe. To Assist please imagine a cross between the two photo's above.

Its Jingle Bells time already... where did 2007 go??

What a way to end the year...we welcome

- a new Chief Minister
- a new Deputy Chief Minister
- a new Prime Minister

and of course

- a new Government in Canberra

The PRBA welcomes them all.

Welcome to the world to Harrison Malcolm John Trainer, the first bub of Lyrella and Todd Trainer. From all at the PRBA, we congratulate the Trainers and look forward to receiving Harrison's PRBA Membership Form.

It's been a big year for us. We've had some great dinner get togethers, a great Budget Breakfast (thanks Leon) and a hugely successful Golf Day (thank Andrew).

Let me take this opportunity to thank my hard working committee. The effort these people put in is nothing short of amazing.

Lastly let me thank all of you for being involved in the PRBA and let me wish you all a wonderful Christmas Season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS