

Around Palmerston

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Next Event

- Tuesday
12th February
@ Cmax Cinema
7pm onwards
Stay for a free movie afterwards as well

PRBA CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTO'S

SUPPLIED BY

INFOCUS PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

IF YOU HAD YOUR PHOTO TAKEN AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY, CHECK THEM OUT AT:

<http://www.infocusnt.com/pEvents/2007/20071211f.html>

YOU CAN PURCHASE THE PHOTOS ONLINE IN A RANGE OF SIZES TO SUIT.

THANKS MICHAEL FOR THE FANTASTIC PHOTOS AND EVEN SOME CANDID SHOTS

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2008

Home

And

Lifestyle

Expo

Thank you to those who have expressed interest in participating in the inaugural event. We are pursuing with this and registration forms will be available shortly from www.prba.com.au (under the Home and Lifestyle Expo Events heading)

Date: Saturday 8th March 2008

Time: 9:00am - 5.30pm

Venue: Palmerston Recreation Centre (next to the Library)

This is a chance to showcase your products or services to one of the fastest developing areas in Australia.

Stay Tuned and keep an eye on
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A LOOK AT THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE



A Big thanks to Wayne for giving me the number of his Hairdresser
(yeah, yeah)



Some Interesting Items that I have learnt in 2007

1. If you get a phone call to ring 90# there are people out there who will use this to make long distant phone calls. Do not panic as Telstra and the Federal Police are on to it.
2. Never put my Handbag on the passenger seat when getting into my car at the shopping centre
3. A gang has relocated from Melbourne to Perth and are hopping into cars at Service Stations ready to kidnap the driver when they come back
4. Microsoft has the ability to see who I forward a test e-mail onto and I will be paid a fortune. (should be handy with Christmas coming up)
5. By e-mailing everybody I know I can help stop whaling in Japan

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I would also like to share this interesting Workers Compensation Report

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your request for additional information in Block 3 of the accident report form. I put 'poor planning' as the Cause of my accident. You asked for a fuller explanation and I trust the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. When I completed My work, I found that I had some bricks left over which, when weighed later were found to be slightly in excess of 500lbs. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the side of the building on the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the bricks.

You will note in Block 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 135lbs.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel, which was now proceeding downward at an equally impressive speed. This explained the Fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collar bone, as listed in section 3 of the accident report form.

Slowing only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley. Fortunately by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of beginning to experience pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel.

Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, that barrel weighed approximately 50 lbs. I refer you again to my weight.

As you can imagine, I began a rapid descent, down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up.

This accounts for the two fractured ankles, broken tooth and several lacerations of my legs and lower body. Here my luck began to change slightly. The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, in pain, unable to move, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope and I lay there watching the empty barrel begin its journey back down onto me.

This explains the two broken legs. I hope this answers your inquiry.

Kind Regards,
Mike Pashby

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School 1963 vs. School 2007

Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fistfight after school.

1960 - Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up mates.

2007 - Police are called, SWAT team arrives and arrests Johnny and Mark. Mobiles with video of fight confiscated as evidence. They are charged with assault, AVOs are taken out and both are suspended even though Johnny started it. Diversionary conferences and parent meetings conducted. Video shown on 6 internet sites.

Scenario: Jeffrey won't sit still in class, disrupts other students.

1960 - Jeffrey is sent to the principal's office and given a good paddling. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2007 - Jeffrey is given huge doses of Ritalin. Counselling to death. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. School gets extra funding because Jeffrey has a disability. Drops out of school.

Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his neighbor's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

1960 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.

2007 - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy is removed to foster care and joins a gang. Psychologist tells Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison. Billy's mum has an affair with the psychologist. Psychologist gets a promotion.

Scenario: Mark, a college student, brings cigarettes to school.

1960 - Mark shares a smoke with the school principal out on the smoking area.

2007 - Police are called and Mark is expelled from School for drug possession. His car is searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario: Vinh fails high school English.

1960 - Vinh goes to Remedial English, passes and goes to college.

2007 - Vinh's cause is taken up by local human rights group. Newspaper articles appear nationally explaining that making English a requirement for graduation is racist. Civil Liberties Association files class action lawsuit against state school system and his English teacher. English is banned from core curriculum. Vinh is given his Y10 anyway but ends up mowing lawns for a living because he cannot speak English.

Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers, puts them in a model plane paint bottle and blows up an anthill.

1960 - Ants die.

2007 - Security and ASIO are called and Johnny is charged with domestic terrorism. Teams investigate parents, siblings are removed from the home, computers are confiscated, and Johnny's dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario: Johnny falls during recess and scrapes his knee. His teacher, Mary, finds him crying, and gives him a hug to comfort him.

1960 - Johnny soon feels better and goes back to playing.

2007 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces three years in prison. Johnny undergoes five years of therapy. Becomes gay.

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WAYNES WORLD

Welcome to 2008 for PRBA. It is shaping up to be a busy year and already our events are taking shape. Kathryn and Paul have been beavering away at our first Home and Lifestyle Expo. Thus far we have about 20% of the booths sold. This is shaping up to be one of our biggest undertakings.

Gary Haslett and I will start to film the content for our February Cmax Show. We did this for the first time last year so this time we'll be able to refine how we go about it. The idea is to show our members aerial vision of what's being built and what's in the pipeline to be built. This will be augmented by interviews with developers. There will also be vision and interviews with other types of industry and services. The idea is you get to see these projects on the big screen in the comfort of the Cmax Cinema. By the way, CMax cater the evening. We will have some of the developers there to answer your questions.

Our Christmas Show seemed to go pretty well. We had some wonderful young local talent I must thank.

The Palmerston Concert Band
Yuliana Pascoe
Shaun Hutton

And the extraordinarily talented Janelle McKell. One day when you see her treading the world opera stage, just remember she was from Palmerston.

Thanks also to NAB for organising the inspirational Raelene Boyle. Thanks to Chris Natt who spoke so proudly of his family and his Christmas plans. We are so lucky here in the NT that our pollies are so accessible and giving of their time. Thanks to our new Patron, Paul Henderson. I'm sure the last thing he needed, two days after being elevated to Chief Minister, was me hassling him to be at our Christmas show. He graciously accepted, then as a bonus he addressed the gathering.

Lastly thanks to our wonderful committee who by name are:

Leon Loganathan
Andrew Byrne
Amanda Lohman
Matthew Baker
Sarah Tucker
Paul Chin

And our amazing Event Manager, Kathryn Gooding.

It's 2008, let's get into it. As I write this there are only 359 days to Christmas.

PRBA WISHING EVERYONE THE BEST FOR A
SUCCESSFUL 2008