

Around Palmerston

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- Tuesday
13th May
@ Adelaide River
6pm Sharp @ CMAX



I recently had the pleasure of visiting Lisa Hansen at the Ark Animal Hospital in Yarrowonga. I was absolutely amazed by the workload that Lisa and her business partner Stephen Cutter undertake not only in operating two separate practices, their dedication to wildlife and animals has to be seen to be believed.

Many of you would have heard about the recent rescue of “Ridley” the sea turtle who thanks to a kind donation from Territory Tanks has a place to swim. Ridley is now recovering and doing very well. If there is any business out there who would like to donate or supply a spare water pump and filter could you please contact Lisa at Ark.

In addition to running a veterinary clinic Ark also includes a Wildlife Rescue Program as well as the PAWS program for domestic animals. In the past 3 months ARK has cared for over 1200 injured animals. If this is not enough the they have also commenced a Snake Rescue service (one of our members can testify to the great service they provide), they are also actively involved in the Adopt a School Program, they take on work experience children and have been filming “Outback Wildlife Rescue” a TV program that will be aired nationally in the near future.

Ark are happy to accept any Corporate Sponsorships or donations as well as equipment to assist build enclosures and safe habitats for Wildlife.

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New Starlight Express Van



AT STARLIGHT LAUGHTER IS A BIG PART OF WHAT WE DO TO HELP SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN.

BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

Each year there are over 600,000 child admissions made to hospitals across Australia. Sadly, Starlight reaches only 1 in 3rd of these children. Starlight's ultimate goal is to reach each and every child.

Money raised this Starlight Day, Friday May 2nd helps us reach more kids when they need it most.

HOW YOU AND YOUR ORGANISATION CAN HELP

This year promises to be more fun than ever. You can volunteer on Starlight Day, sell merchandise in your office or hold a Star Party fundraiser event.

VOLUNTEER

Starlight needs 4,000 volunteers to sell merchandise over the Starlight Day period of Friday 2nd of May - Sunday 4th May 2008. Volunteering is a wonderful way for your staff to get together and have some fun. Just a few hours can make an enormous difference to the life of a seriously ill child. Registering to volunteer is easy and you get to choose the location, date and time.

Visit www.starlightday.org.au now to register.

SELL MERCHANDISE

You can support Starlight Day by selling merchandise in your office, or if you're hosting a Star party you can also purchase merchandise to give away or sell during the event (maybe use the key rings as 'admission').

Merchandise can be purchased from www.starlightday.org.au and will be available to order on line from 25th February 2008. Deliveries will be sent via Australia Post from 1st April 2008.

STAR PARTIES

A Star Party is a great way to get together with your colleagues, raise team spirit and raise funds for seriously ill children. Star Parties can be held during the entire month of May.

Celebrate your **STAR** achievers at a morning tea, cook lunch for your colleagues at a **Star-BQ**, turn your staff drinks into a **Super Star Party**, auction off your staff members, have a costume day, a raffle or donate a day's pay to Starlight.



www.starlightday.org.au

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Building The Territory

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All Pro Group NT Pty Ltd



The Darwin office of GJ Gardner Homes is under NEW Management!

The team at All Pro Group purchased the franchise around a year ago and have slowly but surely been re-building the reputation of a local office that through the Australian franchise network has more than 15 000 homes worth of building experience.

Having developed a new team in both the Sales and Building arms they are now ready to provide Darwin with the real deal when it comes to designing and building your home.

“The Darwin market is different to the rest of Australia.” says Tony Whear, the Director of All Pro Group with responsibility for managing the franchise. Tony has been involved in construction in Darwin for more than a decade, so he knows what will work locally. “In the Top End builders usually offer a base price and then add on the requirements of each individual owner. Previously, we had offered a fully priced home and this seemed to make us look more expensive than our competitors, when we are actually very similar.” GJ Gardner is now offering homes with from a base price of \$214 500. This change now allows our customers to compare apples with apples when choosing a builder.

The NEW GJ Gardner offers an alternative in the Darwin home market and we have a few slots still available in our construction schedule.

Don't wait forever to build, call our sales staff on 8999 9688 to find out if we have a home for you.

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E-Mail Scam

Thank you to Dwane from Hollands who alerted us to the following Scam

Territorians,

Hollands Print Solutions is a local Territorian printer producing products such as business cards, brochures and other paper products. They were contacted recently with an order too good to be true! A substantial order in which the buyer was every so keen to close quickly and is more concerned in giving them money than with receiving the product!

The following is the account of the attempted scam and a warning to other companies that this is not limited to the printing industry!

MAKE SURE YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE AWARE OF THIS!!!

The Story unfolds

We were contacted by a "Buyer" via email on the 2nd April.

Hello ,

I am Jennifer Miller, i will like to order some flyers and the types are as below:

This is the specification on the flyers.

1. measures 8.5' x 11'
2. 80# Gloss Text or
3. 0.25 - White boarder
4. One sided

Please provide a quote on 80,000 copie...Please send me the total cost plus tax for the above material.What type of payment do u accept.Let me know asap so i can provide you with my credit card details for payment.Pls include your address and phone number.

Thank you and you have a great day

Bye,
Jennifer

Now the US specifications of 8.5' x 11', 80# Text with the domain of 'h-mail.us' lead us to think it's a US company. So we respond by telling them, we're actually in Darwin, Northern Territory Australia and the shipping cost would be prohibitive. We ask for the location and a phone number to talk to them about it.

Which is ignored.

We then get this email 2 days later. The "Please provide a quote on 80,000 copie..." is identical to the other email. Perhaps they work together and Jennifer forwarded the email to Mackenzie to follow up on? (Now we know is probably an overlap between two scammers.)

Hello ,

I am Mackenzie Brown , i will like to order some flyers and the types are as below:

This is the specification on the flyers.

1. measures 8.5' x 11'
2. 80# Gloss Text or
3. 0.25 - White boarder
4. One sided

Please provide a quote on 80,000 copie...Please send me the total cost plus tax for the above material.What type of payment do u accept.Let me know asap so i can provide you with my credit card details for payment.Pls include your address and phone number.

Thank you and you have a great day

Bye,
Mr,Mackenzie.

We again ask for location and phone number. Which is again ignored.

I am very busy right now,am in at a meeting.Can i provide you with the file.What will be the total cost and your method of payment?
Mackenzie.

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They then supply a design for printing which is a very generic, no location or date. It's for an event and there's no date or location? However, perhaps it's just an initial mockup for Ink Coverage estimates? (Let's the printer determine how much ink they need for the job)

We decide, we'll quote them anyhow. Probably won't receive a response. We email them a quote, apologise for the delay.

That was on Friday. Check emails on Sunday night and have an email there waiting.

Thank you for the email. I prefer quantity A. Can I provide you with my credit card details for payment so we can proceed asap.

We're thinking "you want to proceed with that artwork"? No Date or Location for an Event Promotion? We email them and say our company policies dictate that we cannot proceed until:

- We are able to talk over the phone (we need your number)
- We can get business details for our system
- We can find a precise location for shipment, and
- We can receive the final artwork version.

I also said DO NOT SEND CREDIT CARD DETAILS OVER EMAIL. IT'S NOT SECURE.

He responds by saying he will call me soon (my numbers in my email signature) and that he's an individual.

We get a call and it's patched through to me and there's a long delay and a very thick foreign accent. It was hard to pick with the delay and accidentally talking over him as a result of the delay. I thanked him for the call. I asked him where he is located and he says Victoria and don't worry about Shipping. I asked whether they are going to Victoria? He ignored the question. I then mentioned the Artwork had no date or location. He got agitated and said "No, no, no. Just the one I sent you. The dates and location don't matter".

He said he would email me the credit cards. I said, "No give me the credit card over the phone, email is not secure". Then he said "OK, I'll get them". Then it got cut off abruptly. Now I'm sure it was less than a one minute call.

I sent an email saying thanks for the call, but we still need your phone number to be able to contact you. I thought at this point they were going to Victoria. I mentioned to him that it's important to determine the freight costs since this quantity of product would weigh close to 1 tonne.

I then received an email with information from him saying that it's to go to Ghana In Africa and that he would arrange shipping. Shipping to Ghana means serious shipping costs! Far more than the cost of the printing!

He still emailed me the cards and we tried them. We're thinking, "If I were to steal a credit card, why would I buy printing with it? You can't resell it! It's worthless to anyone else except the person who needs the printing." So the cards must be legitimate right?

They were cancelled cards. Red flags begin to wave furiously. We told him and he kept sending new card details. He got his hands on two more credit cards in 10 minutes? How many cards does he have? In reality, he probably has a bag full of them, sitting in an internet kiosk. We rang the bank and said something isn't right here. They said immediately, "Don't give them your bank details!"

Google to the rescue!

We then began a little internet research and searched for the term, "Please provide a quote on 80,000 copie..." since it was identical in both emails. Perhaps someone has already been scammed and they used the same text in the email to that printer that they did with us and maybe that printer put it on a website? We found a forum post on www.graphicdesignforum.com and that's where we found the variations of the letter sent to other companies. Google to the rescue!

So, how do they make money?

Well this is the trick. From what we read, we didn't get to the clincher part of it. Which is the shipping. What they want is you to use a 'private shipper' which they select. They want you to take the money out of the credit cards and for you to pay the shipping company for it yourself, using their cards. So technically it's not your money it's there's. The email address they give you to make payment to is very long but is usually at yahoo or gmail or something. A free email account nonetheless. The long email address kind of hides the fact that it's from yahoo or google. They will ask you to send the money via Western Union.

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The shipping company is bogus and the person placing the order is the one who is also the shipping company. So they get their money through the shipping. All for a few emails and an occasional skype phone call.

As a result this Scam is not limited to just the printing industry, but also any company that ships goods. For example the Art Industry has been scammed regularly with this method. It's not just with Credit Cards either. Cheques are often used with this type of scam. I've also read that sometimes they ask you to make payment on the shipping upfront.

Seller Beware! Red flags

If you see a combination of a few of the following...keep your wits about you.

- They are very eager to provide payment, even in the first email.
- They are more eager for you to process the payment, then to receive the actual product.
- They have little concern with the specifics of your product. They have no questions for an order of \$2-5K? None at all other than related to shipping?
- They mention Western Union!
- They appear to have no problems supplying multiple credit cards!
- They ignore your attempts to determine their location
- They ignore your attempts to get a phone number (skypeID doesn't count)
- If they phone you, they won't stay on the phone for very long. Again, they show no concern about the specifics of the product.
- They are not interested in alternative shipping! (Even if you suggest you might get better rates)

We're not saying that anyone of these should tip you off, but if 2-3 of them start to coincide, chances are they're a scammer.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND LET YOUR COLLEAGUES KNOW!

regards,

Dwane Hollands
PRODUCTION MANAGER

HOLLANDS PRINT SOLUTIONS PTY LTD

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COMING EVENT: Preloved Fashion Parade & Auction

I am hoping you can assist the Leukaemia Foundation with our next community fundraising event.

I am seeking donations of a different kind to start with. That donation being fashion! That's right, I want you to raid your wardrobes and donate any preloved fashion that you are happy to part with. Preferably the fashion should be designer labelled or at least good quality. Perhaps you have an evening gown or cocktail dress that you only wore once and will never wear again. Or maybe the suit that sits in the wardrobe waiting and waiting to be worn.

The event will consist of categories which will present something like this:

Race Day (including hats)

Weddings (including wedding gowns of course!)

Smart Day Wear (suits, jackets, trousers, skirts, dresses)

Evening/Cocktail

This is a rough sample but will give you an idea of what I am looking for. A similar event was held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre and it was a great success with close to 500 ladies attending who proceeded to snap up all kinds of pre-loved bargains.

Invites to the actual event will be extended to you all once details have been finalised but for now and most importantly securing fashion items comes first.

Please email or call me if you have anything you can kindly donate. We can arrange collection or you can hand deliver or post to our office. Whatever is easier for you. If you live interstate I will cover the costs of your postage. Please call to discuss.

Many thanks,

Simmone Jarvis

Coordinator - Community Development

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The Lighter Side of Life

So, 4 years ago... or maybe, was it, um... approaching 6 now!, anyway you were travelling around a bit, arrived in Darwin and liked the look, feel and smell so you stopped in for a beer. Now you have a mortgage, a dog with some dingo in it called jessie and you have become Darwinised.

You know you're a Darwinite when...

-you don't go out for coffee, you go out for a beer

- the term "fantabulous" makes you cringe

- you crack the s**ts about paying \$3.60 for all-day CBD parking within 1.5 minutes walk to work

- you NEVER go to Mitchell St

- you NEVER go to Kakadu

- having to pay \$50 for a carton of beer hasn't curbed your drinking habits, in fact your need for beer has been exacerbated by the place

- you actually truly believe that every bloke from Sydney is gay (or that going to Throb could turn you gay)

- although Tropical Cyclones are known to be possibly the most destructive storms in the world, you are upset when they miss Darwin

- although Tropical Cyclones are known to be possibly the most destructive storms in the world, you confront the thought of it actually hitting Darwin with ambivalence and neglect to prepare until the very last minute

- at the very last minute with a cyclone imminent you actually go and attempt to buy some water (at night, in a suburb where your other 'NT-hardened' friends won't see you 'fretting like a southern nancy-boy'), you are confronted with a pretty sorry scene in the water aisles as the southerners who are here stealing your jobs and women bought it all the day before. Disappointed you sulk back to your landcruiser past the shelves brimming with soda water empty-handed. TIP:

Next time buy the soda water - it's just water with bubbles in it (and I'm not talking about beer)

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Any business who could help out either of these worthwhile projects please get in touch on the numbers provided below



School Sport NT

Dear Prospective Sponsor,

On November 27, 2008, School Sport NT will be taking a team of 250, 10-19yr old Hockey players, Basketball players, Swimmers and Track & Field students, to participate in the International Pacific School Games in Canberra.

Our team will comprise both able-bodied students and students with a disability competing against teams from all states of Australia as well as teams from about 23 countries bordering the Pacific Ocean. Around 4 000 students will be participating during the Games.

The School Sport Australia Pacific School Games are being hosted by the ACT Government through their Education Department as an educational experience and a showcase of Canberra's cultural icons.

We are currently seeking sponsorship to assist in reducing the levy fro each student. Our current levy is approximately \$3 000 which will cover travel, uniforms, accommodation, all meals for 7 days, excursions, transport, competition levy, medical, insurance, protocols etc.

Each of our team officials has been asked to find two sponsors, to advertise on one of our bags, either our luggage or our competition sports bag.

We are seeking your assistance in supporting our team to raise money to reduce the student levy. For \$200 we will recognise your company's support by printing your business card on each student and team official bag (an estimated 300). All sponsors will also be listed in our newsletters which are distributed to all students and their families.

We look forward to your assistance and sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Yours in School Sport

Helen Taylor
General Manager
2008 Pacific School Games Team
March 2008

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Re: Request for show bag items.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Carolyn Bilston and I am writing to you as the QuickSmart tutor for Batchelor Area School.

QuickSmart is a numeracy program designed to assist students with building speed in knowing basic number facts such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The students work in pairs in an isolated room, they complete some written worksheets as well as using the QuickSmart program on the computer. Their responses are timed and accuracy recorded. Each week, the students are shown their own graph and must try and improve on their speed and accuracy.

Students work with me twice a week for about 20 minutes each session. They work in the program until their speed and accuracy has developed, and then they can return to mainstream mathematics. Generally this takes about 20 weeks, some a bit longer.

As a reward for progressing we have certificates for improving and encouragement etc right throughout the program.

I would love to reward the students on graduation from QuickSmart with a show bag full of goodies. It would be wonderful if you would be able to supply me with some items to put in the bags for example: your own printed pens, rubbers, money boxes, rulers, stickers, balloons, or some little sample packs, any sort of promotional items from your company.

I am budgeting on 30 show bags and I would appreciate your generosity to help me with this project and in return I will acknowledge your sponsorship in our school news letter.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Bilston
QuickSmart Tutor

Lisa Bickley
Acting Principal

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Lighter Side ctd...

- you no longer use the term 'ute' and have replaced it with 'trayback'
- you whinge about \$20 parking fines
- although the location of all speed cameras in Darwin are in the paper every morning, you still manage to get booked often
- you don't know the speed limit on Bagot Rd
- you know what PINTs are
- you have no idea what's happening on Big Brother
- you have no idea about water conservation... why would you? It rains 6 months of the year!
- you have "texted the editor" in the NT news
- you are or know someone in the defence force
- your group of friends changes every few years as people migrate "down south"
- you know the kid that says "and Dad's great deals"

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Waynes World

Dragonflies, Markets, Doonas and Grey Nomads. Could it be the Dry? I don't need to be told how quick this year is going. It seems to be going well. Our last five dinner meetings have all been sell outs. The speed networking at La Beach was something new that worked.

Here's a good news police story. A couple of weeks ago a low life with a knife walked into Driver Supermarket and took the takings, terrorising the staff and putting a blight on our community. Here's the good bit. The staff acted professionally and by the book. The police were on the spot within ten minutes. Within half an hour they had this germ. It would seem this is our police force working to perfection.

Score:	Cops:	1
	Bad guys:	zip

On Saturday, I attended the first exhibition at our new convention centre. It was facilitated by Independent Grocers and hosted 80 exhibitors. May I take this opportunity to congratulate Raelene Kearns and her team from Independent Grocers and Malu Barrios and her team from the Darwin Convention Centre.

Do you know how many days it is till XMAS? You don't want to know.

Wayne