

# Businesses give \$10,000

**Local business people have given \$10,000 to charity and been updated on the Darwin Convention Centre building project.**

More than 130 business people from the Top End took a sunset harbour cruise and enjoyed dinner with the Palmerston Regional Businesses Association.

Chief Minister Clare Martin and most members of Cabinet joined the cruise to share the Government's "grand plan" for the waterfront and central business district.

Contracting engineers updated the party on the Convention Centre, now more than half completed and due to open mid 2008.

Plans for Darwin - including the new Defence Museum,



**Clare Martin and Wayne Zerbe.**

Ribbons of Green and State Square - as well as Palmerston were laid out.

PRBA president Wayne Zerbe said the night was a chance for business people to offer MPs feedback on those plans and

hear from contractors building the Convention Centre.

The real winners at the event were local charities, who shared \$10,000.

Proceeds from the PRBA's recent golf day fundraiser went to Riding for the Disabled, Carpentaria Disability Services, RDH Children's Ward, Camp Quality, Goldfish Bowl, Good Shepherd Lutheran School and ovarian cancer research.

A copy of A Dragon's Tale signed by Dragons Abreast members was auctioned for \$550.

Mr Zerbe picked dinner at the Boardwalk Café as the social highlight of the night.

The PRBA has members in Darwin, Palmerston, Kakadu, Perth, Toowoomba and all over Australia.