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**Speak Up:** Should we commemorate the 40th anniversary of Cyclone Tracy?

**YES** It’s warranted. Enough people lost their lives and their property.

**YES** It changed Darwin to what it is today.

**YES** To celebrate where Darwin is now.

**YES** It’s an important thing to remember and it teaches people about Darwin’s history.

**YES** It’s a huge thing.

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**Online comments**

**DAN** Absolutely disgraceful comments from the teacher. I would not want him “teaching” my children. Cassandra.

**Cynthia** So what did the teacher do to help stop this student from what he was allegedly doing? As if you are witness to such goings on and do nothing then you are also contributing to the outcome. Ranting on FB is immature and it’s pretty nasty even if it was the truth. Do not speak ill of the dead. No sympathy or empathy for a teacher who should know better. Tracey.

**Mr Dobbs** if what the teacher said is true then I am sorry but we have free speech in Australia. If it was said by one of the bullied students would there be the same response? Rover 246 of Victor Harbor SA.

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**ON $70m WASTED**

- Asset management waste of money. The problems are many NT government contracts are that they are obliged to hire the lowest price as taxpayers are essentially ignorant and wouldn’t understand choosing a higher tender, even though it might be better in the long run.
- A junk system that not only doesn’t work but can’t be fixed.” Says more about the IT industry than anything else.
- Y2K survivor, Berry Springs

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**ON OTHER THINGS**

- To the lovely red-headed lady at Railway last Wednesday, save the last dance for me again?
- Cardinal G. Pell suggests both govt & church create a compensation fund. So tax payers pay for crimes committed by church employees. Duh!
- Re: aged care. To Hallows Group and all those who have full pockets and want to build a stupid man-made island - Build a nursing home for the aged. They deserve a decent life now they are getting ready for their journey to a better place. We, of Darwin, are a disgrace compared to other states in treating our elderly like this. Shame.
- Concerned citizen
- Have to agree with letter (25/3) about 104.9 FM pro-gramming of late ... Some of the “music” makes my ears bleed and as for the football broadcasts ... doesn’t 105.7 already have same? I thought 100.3 FM (104.9’s sister station) was the station for doof doof doof. Bring back the “old” stuff please! Long-time Listener.
- Well said Paul Kirby, “olde out of touch” 25/3. Spike, Leanyer
- Hilarious, Australia finally taking a harmful dye that’s used in jeans off the shelves. It was taken off European shelves 20 yrs ago.
- Driving on the left unless overtaking; assumed knowl-edge and plain old common sense, not just where signed!!! I assume you also do not move over to let traffic in either ...
- Re: ask the psychics – are you SERIOUS? The reason they aren’t being asked to help is BECAUSE THEY CAN’T!!!
- Oil down $13+ US per barrel over the last month but the pumps still stuck on ridiculous. Makes the govt spin that pump price is dictated by oil price & out of their control another bird flip to low & avg income work-ers & families from a govt historically devoted to big business & the white collar crew. Chap achills

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**PICK OF THE PICS**

Lambells Lagoon Volunteer Bushfire Brigade captain David McLachlan wants to see highly flammable gamba grass eradicated from the Territory “before someone is killed”.

Picture: ELISE DERWIN