Welcome

It has been a very busy time of year for ICN, especially in Central Australia
with our official opening earlier in the month to cement our presence in the region. Kevin Peters, ICN NT CEO hosted the launch with Chief Minister Adam Giles who highlighted the importance of supporting and working with local industry to providing maximum opportunity and access to projects large and small.

This heightened regional presence has proven well received and Alice Springs Town Council is the first LGA to recently sign up to use ICN's Regional Gateway to broaden the advertising of their tenders. Regional Gateway is a separate system intertwined with ICN Gateway; we encourage you to review your notifications settings to ensure you’ve enabled notifications for Regional Gateway.

New projects and project opportunities have become a regular occurrence on ICN Gateway as ICN has been actively identifying new areas for local companies to get involved in. Keep your eye out for 2 new project pages scheduled to go up during May for the Owen Springs and Tennant Creek Power Stations along with increased activity occurring on existing pages.

We've have also seen a great increase recently with many local businesses registering with ICN to ensure they are in the mix for procurement and NT Government opportunities from the recent Buy Local campaign.

Charmaine Barrett
Operations Manager

Company Showcase
Bradshaw Concrete Design

Being a third generation concretor, Brett Bradshaw has been in the decorative concrete and overlay industry for 12 years. Sensing the opportunity for a custom concrete design company in Darwin, Brett officially started trading in the Territory as Bradshaw Concrete Designs (BCD) just over a year ago, and recently moved the business into an industrial premise in Winnellie. BCD specialise in custom concrete designs, existing concrete refurbishment and concrete polishing.

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Project News

Sea Dragon

Known as Project Sea Dragon, the $US1.5 billion proposal by Seafarms Group is to build 10,000 hectares of production ponds on Legune Station near the Western Australia/ Northern Territory border, capable of producing 100,000 tonnes of black tiger prawns a year for export.

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EOI for new Health Headquarters

The Northern Territory Government is seeking Expressions of Interest (EoI) for a new headquarters for the Department of Health. Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Corporate and Information Services Peter Styles said the EoI is calling for “suitably qualified and experienced developers/building owners to supply up to 12,000 m2 of office accommodation for the Department of Health”.

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Ichthys LNG Project

Laing O'Rourke Australia has secured an A$ 200 million package to deliver a range of miscellaneous civil finishing works including concrete pavements, hand railings and foundation works. An A$ 80 million package has also been secured by Territoria Civil to deliver roads and paving works including asphalt laying and permanent traffic signage.

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Infrastructure spend ensures sustainable future

The Northern Territory Government has spent over $500 million this financial year, as part of the record $1.5 billion infrastructure program. More than $33 million was awarded in infrastructure projects in March to upgrade National Parks and coastal reserves, sporting facilities and other vital infrastructure throughout the Territory.

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Defence

More than $1 billion of infrastructure investment is already planned in the NT over the next decade with more to come over the next few years. In addition to that more than $2 billion will be spent on upgrading facilities to meet the rotational needs of the US Marines. A large portion of this work will also be completed in the Territory.

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Palmerston Hospital

Work on the $150 million Palmerston Regional Hospital (PRH) remains on track with the ground floor concrete slab now being laid. The 116-bed facility is jointly funded by the Federal Government ($110 million) and the Northern Territory Government ($40 million) and will open its door to patients in 2018.

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See more - NT Project list

Good News Story - Lend Lease
Lendlease’s Building business is the largest contractor in Australia, with a commitment to leading the way in safety, sustainability, quality and customer focus. Lend Lease are currently the Managing Contractor for Palmerston Regional Hospital and are honoured to partner with the Department of Defence on upcoming projects in the Territory.

Info for Business

Business Innovation Support Initiatives
The BISI program includes vouchers of up to $25,000 and competitive grants of up to $60,000 to support Territory businesses to commercialise innovations, by starting research, undertaking feasibility studies, building prototypes and developing activities and trials. Applications close on 15 May 2016.

Small Business Export Loan
Small businesses will find it easier and quicker to access the finance they need to support their products and services exports, with the new Small Business Export Loan launched today by Efic, Australia’s export finance agency.

Deferred GST scheme
If you import goods you might be able to defer payment of GST by applying for the deferred GST scheme. GST is payable on most imported goods. It needs to be paid before the goods are released from customs, unless you are part of the deferred GST scheme.

FWBC ON Site
You can now get the free App ‘FWBC ON Site’ with the Building Code 2013. It includes compliance questionnaires that assist with measuring compliance with the Code, and importantly, drug and alcohol requirements on site. The App is available on any device (iOS or Android) and can be downloaded from the AppStore or the Google Play Store.
**Carramar Flats apartments got to auction**
The public housing complex ‘Carramar Flats’ in Katherine, a vacant complex consisting of 20 townhouses, is set to be auctioned in May 2016. The sale proceeds will go into the public housing capital works program. The auction will take place on Wednesday 25 May on site. For more information about the auction contact Elders Real Estate Katherine on 8972 3232.

**Buy Local**
Northern Territory businesses, suppliers and sub-contractors will now enjoy even greater opportunities to benefit from NT Government Infrastructure tenders with the implementation of a number of initiatives to enhance the local benefits achieved through the Buy Local Plan.

**Northern Gas Piepline**
Jemena have released a work package for Early Works on ICN Gateway which is now open to express an interest until 11th May 2016. Jemena’s prime contractor for construction, Mc Connell Dowell will have majority of its work packages released.
and on Gateway late 2016, but will release some packages sporadically as they start to focus on design, planning and development.

**Ord Stage 3**

The Ord Stage 3 irrigated agricultural development has taken a major step forward. The proposed development will provide up to 14,500 hectares of new farming land by extending irrigation channels from Western Australia into the Northern Territory.

**Central Petroleum**

Central Petroleum announces positive developments at its 50%-owned Mereenie field in relation to the Northern Gas Pipeline along with showing support for the Alice Springs Community.

**Pioneer Mine**

The Northern Territory Government is continuing its Indigenous employment initiative and has awarded a tender to Alice Springs based firm Tangentyere Constructions to complete works at the Pioneer mine in Hatches Creek.

**Clarke Energy**

Clarke Energy has committed to using ICN and ICN Gateway on the Owen Springs and Tennant Creek Power Station upgrades. Clarke Energy have recently held industry briefings in Alice Springs and
Tennant Creek to outline the project plans and urged businesses to express an interest via the gateway site, which will be live during May 2016.

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**Alice Springs Town Council**

Alice Springs Town Council have uploaded their first tender to ICN Regional Gateway on the 29th April for Provision of Asset Revaluation Services. ICN encourage people to enable their ‘Regional Notifications’ so they are advised of these new regional opportunities.

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**Arafura Resources**

Arafura resources have been holding community consultation and information sessions regarding the Nolans project. Arafura have also release thier quarterly activities report and added a document summarising its EIS to their website. Any businesses wishing to register an interest in the project are encouraged to do this via ICN Gateway.

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**Mereenie Loop**

EOI for work packages on the inner Mereenie loop have closed and Sitzler Bros are working through EOI to finalise who its contracts have been awarded too which will be displayed on gateway pages once contracts have been finalised.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **May 5** Darwin Mining Club Luncheon - Newmont Tanami  
- **May 13** MBA BUSSQ Tradies Golf Day  
- **May 24-25** 4th Annual Katherine Regional Forum  
- **May 26** Manufacturers Council Briefing with Brendan Sowry, Lend Lease
May 24 Chamber of Commerce Budget Breakfast  more
May 26 MBA Territory Budget Breakfast  more
June 6-7 The Timor-Leste International Investment Conference  more
June 20-22 Developing Northern Australia Conference 2016  more

Profile Improvement Workshops

ICN NT will be conducting profile improvement workshops throughout Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs in 2016. These workshops will be aimed at those wanting a little extra help to complete their ICN profile and learning how to use ICN Gateway to receive maximum benefit.

To submit your expression of interest to be involved in these workshops, please follow the link below. As events are organised, invitations will be issued.  more

Statistics - April 2016

605 Searches for local capabilities undertaken

$27.3m Est. value of local opportunities

737 NT businesses connected to local opportunities

23 New NT businesses listed with ICN
ICN out and about

ICN was once again proud to support HPA - “Helping People Achieve” at their event during April. What a great turnout for this company that's doing amazing things.

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