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A Territory Government initiative



Banned Drinker Register rolled out

The Territory Government is tackling alcohol-related crime through a Banned Drinker Register, helping to enforce problem drinker bans Territory-wide. For the rest of us it's drinks as usual.

Anyone buying takeaway alcohol in the Territory now needs to have their ID scanned against the Banned Drinker Register at the point of sale.



Banned Drinker Register

Since 1 July 2011, the Banned Drinker Register and associated ID scanners have been rolled out to more than 80 per cent of the identified takeaway liquor outlets in the NT.

The Banned Drinker Register is operational in all of the major regional centres of Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs as well as all premises along the Stuart Highway.

The remaining liquor outlets – in very remote communities and communities with successful permit systems in the East Arnhem area – will be operational by the first half of 2012.

The Banned Drinker Register and ID system are working to turn off the tap to problem drinkers across the Territory. This is just one measure in a package of alcohol reforms to improve the health and safety of Territorians.

The process of securing an exemption will require Employers to indicate what mechanisms are in place to promote the safety of Territory children in workplaces and volunteer organisations. It will ensure staff and employers are not in breach of the legislation.

Visit the [website](#) to find out more.

The Boating Knowledge Quiz



Boating Knowledge Quiz

With about 22,000 recreational vessels in the Territory, recreational boating is certainly popular.

To enhance water safety the Marine Safety Branch (Department of Lands and Planning), with NSW Maritime, has devised The Boating Knowledge Quiz, an online multiple choice test.

The simple quiz was developed to help small boat users become more responsive to the large number and diverse types of vessels and marine environments in the Territory. From 60 possible questions the quiz randomly selects 25 multiple choice questions each time it is attempted. If you drift off course you'll be pointed in the right direction so you can learn how to play it safe on our waterways. Do the quiz as many times as you like.

Serious boating incidents are a risk to the boating community. Over 20 pleasure craft rescues occurred last year in the Darwin area. While there were no fatalities, the potential for a serious incident is always present. An

Barkly Work Camp Officially Opened

The Northern Territory Chief Minister, The Hon Paul Henderson and Minister for Correctional Services, The Hon Gerry McCarthy, officially opened the Barkly Work Camp on 8 September 2011. The Barkly Work Camp, located on the outskirts of Tennant Creek, focuses on education, training and employment – key elements of the *new era in corrections*.



Barkly Work Camp

\$5.37 million has been allocated to the Barkly Work Camp, which has been operational since 11 July 2011.

It can accommodate up to 50 low-security inmates under the supervision of correctional officers.

Under the *new era in corrections*, greater emphasis is placed on reintegration and facilities have been built at the Barkly Work Camp to accommodate community leaders participating in the Elders Visiting Program.

The Barkly Work Camp provides economic and social benefits for the Barkly region through reparation programs, expenditure in local businesses and employment opportunities. A Community Liaison Committee has been established to actively promote correctional programs and to be a conduit between the work camp and the Barkly region communities.

Non-government and non-profit organisations can participate in the reparation programs by providing work placements and developing community projects for prisoners. Interested organisations should contact the Barkly Work Camp for further information.

For further information contact the Barkly Work Camp on (08) 8962 4548 or email ntcsinquiries@nt.gov.au

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understanding of basic boating practices can avert spending unplanned lengthy periods at sea, traumatic injury or even death.

Rescue missions are often responses to boats running out of fuel and engine failure due to improper maintenance. These are easily avoidable problems, reinforcing the need to carry and be familiar with the use of emergency equipment, including lifejackets, V-sheets, flares and workable EPIRBs (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons). Safety equipment, together with the navigation protocols that help prevent a maritime disaster, are key components of the test.

The Boating Knowledge Quiz has been endorsed by the Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council

Road Safety Package Hits NT Schools

Tennant Creek Primary School is the first Territory school to receive a new road safety teaching resource, targeting Years 3-6 students.

The education package provides teachers with learning strategies to deliver key safety messages on passengers, pedestrians, wheels, road rules and signs.

All Territory primary schools will receive this resource.



Road Safety package

Department of Lands and Planning Acting Manager of Road Safety, Shaan Myall, said “teaching students about road safety is a key priority and the *Safer Roads Primary Years* package provides teachers with the tools to do this”.

“It is vitally important that children learn safe behaviours on and around our road environment,” she said.

“The package can be used in urban, rural and remote settings, with teachers from Tennant Creek Primary School being the first to undertake training in the resource.

Clearance Checks – The Ochre Card

From 1 July 2011 it is mandatory for people in the Northern Territory who have contact or potential contact with children in certain specified areas of employment to hold a Working with Children Clearance Notice.

Clearance Notices are designed to keep children safe by preventing those who pose a risk to the safety of children from working with them, in either paid or volunteer work. Everyone who is issued with a Working with Children Clearance Notice will also receive an Ochre Card. The Ochre Card can be carried with you as easy proof that you hold a Working with Children Clearance Notice.

When a Working with Children Clearance is lodged, employers must request an exemption to enable the employee/ volunteer to work with children while the application is being processed. Exemptions are approved the Chief Executive of the Department of Children and Families and will usually be for a period of 90 days.

“Incorporation of road safety into the curriculum was one of the recommendations of the Road Safety Taskforce” she said.

The implementation of the resource is being overseen by the Department of Lands and Planning with the Department of Education.

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