PALMERSTON BOMBING COMMEMERATION

February 15th, 2013

Member for Drysdale, Lia Finocchiaro, is sponsoring a Bombing of Darwin Commemoration in Palmerston on February 19th.

“The area that became Palmerston 40 years after the Japanese raids was subject to a number of incursions during the two years the bombings took place,” Ms Finocchiaro said.

“There were military installations in the area, and the Japanese bombers targeted the Stuart Highway and airstrips in the general vicinity.

“Twelve aircraft took part in a raid around Knuckey Lagoon on July 27th, 1942. and there was another around Coomalie Creek on November 27th, 1942

“In addition there were raids on a Searchlight Unit in the Ironstone area in Berrimah as well as attacks around Southport and Noonamah.

“The 17½ Mile Camp was at the front line of an anticipated land raid by the Japanese.

“Given the significant role the Defence Force through Robertson Barracks plays in Palmerston, I thought it was important that a Bombing of Darwin Commemoration took place in the City.

“The event will be hosted by the Palmerston 50+ Tuesday Club and feature a presentation from writers and historians Peter and Sheila Forrest.

“The Forrests will provide a historic context to the raids and talk about their significance to Darwin and the Top End today.”

The morning tea will take place at Gray Community Hall on the corner of Essington Avenue and Victoria Drive between 10am and 1pm.

For catering purposes contact the Drysdale electorate office on 8999 5397.

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