Call Gwelo's bluff

RE: the planned development of the old Woolies site.

Wow, what arrogance by Gwelo Developments in refusing to follow regulations regarding providing carparks, and threatening to “not proceed and (it can) stay vacant indefinitely” if it is forced to follow the regulations. Well, call their bluff, I say. We would like that eyesore to be developed, but we are also used to it the way it is.

So if they are happy to have an unproductive, expensive piece of land sit idle because they refuse to follow the rules, reject their application. The community is sick of the arrogance of developers.

V. Champion, Darwin

We have choices

I must admit I was a little concerned about the letter by “Unhappy (Past) CLP voter”, (NT News, February 12), advising readers that TIO had doubled the excess for this person’s insurance policy.

After walking with my fingers, I discovered there are approximately 18 insurance or broker companies listed in the Yellow Pages that are located in Darwin. QBE, CGU, MGA Brokers, Elders, Catholic Church Insurance, Arthur J. Gallagher, AFA Insurance Brokers, Marsh Pty Ltd, Holdfast Insurance Brokers, Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd, Elia’s Anatomist, Aon Risk Solutions, Insurance Advisernet, Top End Insurance, ZIB Insurance Brokers, North Australian Insurance Brokers and David Ling General Insurance.

I also found there are six political parties other than the CLP. Australian Labor Party NT, Australian Sex Party NT, Citizens Electoral Council (NT Division), First Nations Political Party, Palmer United Party and The Greens.

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Attacks on all fronts

The recent spate of crime in Darwin - mostly perpetrated by teenagers - has become increasingly concerning.

A couple of these sorts of incidents might not raise alarm bells. We definitely agree with the old saying that one is too many, but have come to accept the fact that bored kids will do stupid things. It was bad enough to start to hear stories about nightly break-ins and car thefts in Palmerston and the northern suburbs. Things became so frequent, so bad, that locals started night patrols and talk of vigilante action.

And, things have become even worse. Barely a week goes by without a sickening attack on a bus driver or a carjacker. Barely a day goes by without reports of teenagers behaving disgracefully.

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...and another thing

The NT’s reputation for being the least romantic is not surprising, with the stereotypes that often emerge about those in certain professions and preferred pastimes.

It’s not one side or the other to blame though - it comes from both ends of the stick.

Guys, presenting a metre-long barra to your girl is not romantic. Girls, a guy might be more than what they seem, so give them a go.

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