**Dirty traits out in the open**

- A WOMAN was outraged when she saw a driver open the door of his white ute as it travelled down McMillans Rd towards Palmerston and empty a shopping bag full of rubbish onto the road about 1pm last Thursday. NT registration: 508 948.

**Numberplate wit**

- A MAN was seen driving a car in Darwin with the numberplate ON.BAIL... And the Magpie courier service has an interesting registration on its delivery van: SWOOP. By the way, there are no magpies in Darwin — the nearest can be found at Katherine.

**Pain at RDH**

- ROYAL Darwin Hospital has 11 consultant anaesthetists on its Christmas wish list! This begs the questions: Why is the hospital losing them and what will be the effect on operating waiting lists?

**In the same sty**

- ABC reporter Michael “Dutchy” Holland has been appointed second-in-charge of the police media office. Some of his mates aren’t impressed. Chris Glassock, who used to work for the ABC in Darwin, writes on Dutchy’s Facebook: “Working to spin for the NT pigs, hey!” And the ABC wonders why it gets scant co-operation from the police.

**Fishing around**

- A WACKY headline on a NT Government press release backfired. The heading was “World’s Biggest Barramundi at Palmerston Boat Ramp” — a reference to the big barramundi Barramundi being used to build the new ramp. A Queensland plumber magazine phoned the Government and excitedly asked for more news on the monster fish.

**Hale moves on**

- DAMIAN Hale has found a new job after losing his Solomon seat in the last election. He is now a registered lobbyist in Federal Parliament and has a couple of companies on his books. “A bloke still has to eat,” he says. He is undecided whether to contest Solomon again next time.

**Thief harangued**

- A MAN was happy to be arrested after breaking into Jasmin Allan’s house at Tennant Creek. He was confronted by the angry householder and ripped an extraordinary volley of abuse. The woman’s 11-year-old son told her mum: “That bloke will need trauma counselling after that.”

**Ant bite delight**

- JOB benefits always play trip on the minds of applicants — and you won’t get too many offers like the one in Saturday’s Careerone. The list of plusses outlined for a tree climber position included “good pay/hard conditions”, “getting bitten by green ants”, and “praying for rain on a hot day”.

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