Braitling News
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Christmas 2013

Framing the Future

Right now.
That’s the message that I’ve been delivering to Territorians when I’m asked when the Government is going to take advantage of major projects in our region and start to drive economic growth for the future.
After just over 12 months in Government, I believe there are positive signs of an economic turn-around.
We have released our Framing the Future vision statement and our blueprint for economic growth is already delivering a number of key achievements, but the work is only just beginning. There is a lot to do.
We are a young, energetic government that’s not afraid to work hard.

“Now is the time for us to shine”

I believe we have the talent, resources and work ethic to take advantage of the enormous opportunities that are currently in front of us.
Territorians appreciate that Australia’s economic future as a whole will hinge on the prosperity of the country’s North and a “think-big” approach.
Now is the time for us to shine. The window of opportunity for north Australia is now open.
The Territory’s best years are ahead of us and I am determined to see every Territorian benefit from this prosperity, no matter where they live.
As we head into 2014, I encourage all Territorians to take an active role in this future.

Work progressing at Elliott Street
It’s great to see that redevelopment works at the Elliott Street complex are well underway.
The renovation works on the 30-dwelling public housing complex are taking place under the Government’s Real Housing for Growth plan and are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2014.
Once finished, 10 dwellings will be sold to eligible low to middle income purchasers under a targeted home buyer initiative; as well as 10 being sold to the private or non-government sector for use as dedicated accommodation for seniors.
In addition, 10 dwellings will be made available for affordable rental for key service industry workers for 6 – 12 months, after which they will also be offered for sale to eligible purchasers.
The Government is committed to providing more affordable home purchase options for Alice Springs residents.
These works are being undertaken by a combination of local contractors and prisoners, who are operating under the supervision of the Department of Correctional Services.
Funds from the sale of properties at this site will be reinvested to support future Territory Housing projects.

Christmas Message
As we head into the festive season, we are reminded of the importance of family and loved ones. I take this opportunity to wish all Territorians and extended families a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
I’m already looking forward to seeing in the New Year and the exciting challenges that lie before us in 2014. We’ll be ensuring that the hard work across Government continues for the benefit of all Territorians.
Regards
Adam

Break-ins down by 57% in Alice
Record reduction in past 12 months

Power & Water prices locked in
We have “…fixed prices in power for the next three years. No change. We have said what the incremental increases will be, they are fixed in stone.”
* Chief Minister Adam Giles, Parliamentary Hansard, 10 Oct 2013
Tiger Airways returns with flights between Melbourne, Sydney and Alice Springs four times a week.

The arrival of Jetstar in Central Australia will open up Uluru and make it more accessible to more travellers from Australia and around the world. Flights operate between Ayers Rock and Sydney four times a week.

Free wireless internet in Todd Mall.

The Alice Springs Youth and Community Centre is receiving a major upgrade and will become a comprehensive youth precinct for young people and the local community.

The Chairman’s XI tour match between Australia and England played in Alice Springs. This match has benefited our tourism industry and the local economy with cricket fans from the world over including the Barmy Army coming to town.

The three hour Weekend Sunrise live broadcast from Alice Springs on Australia Day was the top rating Free-to-Air morning show across the five major metropolitan cities according to OzTAM ratings.

The redevelopment of the Todd Mall completed with Government providing the Alice Springs Town Council with $5 million to complete the upgrades.

Relocation of Tourism NT headquarters to Alice Springs – new HQ officially opened in the Todd Mall on 28 June 2013.

An agreement with the Parramatta Eels that will see NRL matches played in the Territory until 2018. Centralians will be able to see the big stars of the NRL in action in Alice Springs.

$5.51 million in additional funding for the Alice Springs Hospital Emergency Department and $21 million for maintenance works at the Hospital.

Commercial break-ins have halved in Alice Springs.

Committed to 120 new police positions. Four squads have either started training or have already graduated this year.

In Alice Springs, 20 positions have been created.

Undertaking an open speed limit trial on a 200 km stretch of the Stuart Hwy between Barrow Creek and Alice Springs, commencing 1 Feb 2014.

Established new minimum sentencing guidelines for assaults.

Darwin Symphony Orchestra performed at Uluru and Alice Springs Golf Club in October.

Introduced mandatory three months jail for assaulting a person in their workplace causing harm.

Introduction of one punch homicide legislation.

Proceeds of crime seized in the past financial year totalled $4.1m, compared to $800,000 only two years ago.

A new strategic plan for the NT tourism sector, including a target of growing a $2.2 billion visitor economy by 2020, was released in October.

$4m per year ongoing for the $75 Sport Voucher Scheme to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to participate in sport.

AFL premiership game on May 31 between Melbourne and Port Adelaide at TIO Traeger Park.

Geelong Cats and Melbourne Demons will play in Alice Springs on February 28, in the NAB Challenge pre-season competition at TIO Traeger Park.

Secured a 2-year agreement with Adelaide United A-League club to provide assistance and expertise to improve the quality of junior coaching in Alice Springs.

$3.3m has been allocated to upgrade Anzac Oval.

Redtails hit Japan

While in Japan recently I had the pleasure of presenting a Redtails jumper to the senior executives of Toshiba who are the Redtails major sponsor. The NT Government also assisted with $75,000 in funding to support the trial matches in the NTFL Competition.