Sanderson Good Neighbour Family Fiesta

On Sunday 3 July hundreds of people gathered in Anula Park for our Good Neighbours Family Fiesta.

The crowd was entertained with live music by Community band Capricornia, the Keltikka Irish Dancers performed and much to the delight of many children, HelpNT-The Rock provided rock climbing and a jumping castle. CGee from Mirror Mirror on the Wall did face painting and Manipulation Morris from the Burning Circus made balloon art for the duration of the fiesta.

Representatives from the Sanderson Neighbourhood Activity Centre, Sanderson Middle School, Girl Guides NT, Arthritis and Osteoporosis NT, Casuarina Lions Club, Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT and the Sanderson Scout Group manned information booths whilst volunteers tended the sausage sizzle, drinks stall and sold raffle tickets.

Over $1000 worth of raffle prizes were donated by Pauls Service Centre, Team Northern Suburbs, Hingston Restaurant, Carlee Hair Design, Body Sanctuary, Northlakes Amcal Pharmacy, Darwin Golf Club and I.

The proceeds of the Family Fiesta were donated to Dawn House. This will enable them to run a holiday program for the children living in Dawn House accommodation.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the day a huge success and the generosity of the donors of raffle prizes.

I am pleased to advise that we were able to raise over $1400 on the day.

The Power and Water Smartphone App is now available to customers for download from iTunes and Google Play.

The app functionally includes:

- Tariffs and pricing information
- Customer forms for connection and disconnection of services
- Customer forms to allow reporting of faults
- Report meter readings
- Reports on dam levels and links to water efficiency content

Lights for Sanderson Middle School Oval

I am proud to advise that work has commenced at Sanderson Middle School to install new lights on both ovals for community use.

The Sanderson Neighbourhood Activity Centre is going from strength to strength and the oval lighting will aid in the delivery of more sporting activities for young people in Sanderson. For more information on the NAC please contact the Director Paul Wyatt on 8920 1040 or email paul.wyatt@ntschools.net.

John Moyle Update

Many of you will know John from his long term dedication to volunteering and fund-raising activities for charities outside my office at Northlakes.

John was diagnosed with Melioidosis in early February, which meant a very lengthy stay in the Darwin Private Hospital. The medical and support staff at the Private Hospital did an outstanding job caring for John. It is believed he is the oldest person at 97 to have contracted and survived this soil-borne disease.

Whilst in the hospital, he had many visitors from both old friends and new.

I keep in regular contact with John and I was also lucky enough to catch up with him at my Good Neighbours Family Fiesta on 3 July 2016.

John has asked me to let his friends know that he misses being able to spend time with you at his regular spot and is looking forward to being able to resume his ‘duties’ as soon as he can. I am sure you will all join me in wishing John a speedy recovery.
Darwin flood mitigation works progress at Marrara Basin

The NT Government has delivered on its commitment to reduce flood risks in Darwin with flood mitigation works progressing at the Marrara Triangle Flood Detention Basin.

The Darwin Flood Mitigation Committee took account of information and community feedback and has implemented a works plan for the Rapid Creek Catchment to an estimated total value of $11.8 million that included:

- The construction of a detention basin at the corner of Henry Wrigley Drive and McMillan Road to hold flood waters in a large flood events.
- Flood proofing assessments and works in affected homes to reduce the impact of flooding and sewerage contamination in homes.
- Power and Water Corporation to fund and install back-flow prevention devices to all properties at risk of sewerage contamination in Millner.

The NT Government remains committed to reducing the risk of flooding in Darwin by implementing the measures outlined by the Darwin Flood Mitigation Committee to improve community safety and limit the damage, disruption and costs associated with major flood events.

Million Dollar Fish

The second season of Million Dollar Fish will have even more prize hooks to lure anglers and promote tourism in the Top End.

Registrations have opened for the competition to begin on October 1 when 101 barramundi will be tagged and released at fishing locations across the Northern Territory.

One will carry a million-dollar prize tag and the other 100 fish will be worth $10,000 each if caught.

An extra $160,000 of bonus prizes will also be awarded, making one of Australia’s richest fishing competitions even richer. Happy Fishing!

Register NOW for the Darwin Relay For Life

September 16 - 17, 2016

Relay For Life is an amazing event that gives the community the chance to celebrate cancer survivors and their carers, remember loved ones lost and fight back against a disease that affects too many.

Cancer Council NT is committed to reducing the impacts of cancer for all Territorians, we do this by offering support, education and information to anyone affected by cancer and we can only continue our work with the support of the community.

To register your team today and kick off your fundraising - visit www.relayforlife.org.au/get-involved/register

Seniors Month

Seniors Month is held in August each year and is a fantastic month for older people in the Northern Territory.

It is a great opportunity to celebrate the positive aspects of ageing.

Seniors Month activities are aimed at encouraging older people to have a healthy lifestyle, become involved in a new activity, connect to the community and to create opportunities for continued involvement in activities.

Seniors Month activities are at www.nt.gov.au/community/seniors

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