Town council split over the future of Old Timers’ camp

By KIERAN PANNAN

Aldermen were divided on Monday in their response to Mayor Fran Kilgariff’s call to close Old Timers Camp, site of the recent stabbing murder of a 22 year old woman and the double bashing of another young woman, all in the same week.

Alderman Melanie van Haaren said the “100% supported” the call—“It simply and will be welcomed by the community”.

She said council should have a formal motion to back the mayor.

Ald Robin Lambley moved such a motion, but said it would not be too difficult to relocate the residents.

The release said the camp had “eight houses, three sheds and approximately 40 people recorded as residents”.

“I would hope through the closure the aged residents would have access to a better quality of life, and possibly even be relocated to the Old Timers Retirement Home,” said Ms Kilgariff in the release.

Ald Samih Habib drew on his taxi-driving experience to describe the reality of the camp. “There are so many people camping at the sites. Without a solution for them you don’t solve the problem. Where are you going to put them?”

“If you’re happy with them in your backyard, I’ll support the motion.”

Ald Jane Clark was concerned that council did not have enough information to make a decision on the motion.

She was also concerned about “due process”, following the drawn out controversy over the closure of the Laver Court Lawney (which will now stand). Ald Cedric Campbell echoed concern about due process and asked if the residents of the camp had been asked for their thoughts on their “destiny”.

She also wanted to avoid a “divisional debate” and was reluctant to endorse the mayor’s view.

Ald Murray Stewart saw it as a “freedom of speech” issue and said the broader taskforce implement the council’s MOU with Tanami. She said it was “early days” and “The current taskforce is addressing the issues and will implement (not its recommendations) we won’t see what’s going to happen.”

He said council would do better to lobby government to “cough up” for increased security for the Old Timers retirement village next door.

“We are right to expect town camps to be integrated into our system,” said Ald Koch, but he also urged caution because of the town council’s MOU with Tanami.

At this point Ald Lambley withdrew her motion, Ms Kilgariff thanked aldermen for their support but said it would be “an advantage not to have a council view” on the matter.

The ALICE SPRINGS NEWS later asked Ms Kilgariff how she reconciled her call for the closure with the work of the town camps taskforce implementation committee, on which she sits. She said it was “early days” and CONT. PAGE 10.

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An early solar energy failure: the huge array on Ayers Rock Resort hotels, initially designed to be part of the heating and cooling system.

What would be the cost of those panels, and the hardware such as batteries and converters required to produce that power?

What is the annual cost of the current photovoltaic generation in Alice Springs?

Are PV systems adequate to run to large buildings such as schools and offices?

Desert Knowledge Australia said it ‘facilitated’ the parties that got together to develop the solar cities bid but DNA is not an expert in photovoltaic power.

DNA brings the experts together.

We didn’t have much input into the solar aspect of the submission.

We are involved with the research and monitoring.

Power and Water or Alice Town Council should have those figures.

Explains media officer Finnie Muster: “The main concern is how much is being increased, and how much has been increased, after last year’s consultation. In the interim, the facility will provide a much-needed service to the community and will be ready for the 2016-17 academic year.”

Energy Committee: Preparing to make changes in our lives to conserve energy.

Energy Champsions: A model for the rest of Australia and the world to follow. The News asked Bushlight’s Great Basin­ dorff, who headed the bid team, why all the reasons we’re putting forward are good intentions in the future, rather than reasonable energy achievements in the past.

Was it because the latter are more thin on the ground?

“The purpose of the bid was to show how we could make better use of the available funding to demonstrate and trial solar technologies in Alice Springs,” Mr Behrendorff explained.

“If we are successful a solar cities team will be created consisting of three or four people (perhaps more from time to time) who will be responsible for implementing all of the various initiatives and facilitating the monitoring and reporting requirements of the Federal Government and local government.”

Meanwhile the “solar technology demonstration facility” will be built at the Desert Knowledge Precinct south of The Gap, with a renewable energy capacity equivalent to taking about 25 cars off the road.

DKACEO John Stilgenbauer says technologies could include solar water heaters, solar water pumps, combined heat and power systems, organic Rankine cycle (ORC) generators, and solar photovoltaic panels, both fixed arrays and those which follow the direction of the sun.

“The facility will provide about 3,700,000 kwh per year, which is enough to supply about 42 houses in Alice Springs.”

Shadow in solar system

BY ERWIN CHILANDA

For a town aspiring to the title solar city the renewable energy business is uncoordinated and far from user friendly.

Take a simple question, for example: how much would it cost to supply all the electric power needed to supply all cattle stations in one of the 900 dwellings in town with a solar power unit?

That depends...

If you’re paying at the rate the Centre for Appropriate Technology charges the taxpayer, the answer would be $24,500.

If you’re guided by the Desert Knowledge Australia on the yet to be chosen solar power display, the cost would be $30,500 — a quarter of the Bushlight price.

Took the clue...

The Alice Town Council received bids from six rooftop systems to date in the Territory, with two in Alice Springs.

Origin Energy in South Australia submitted an “average house” cost of $30,000, with the possibility of installing them incrementally.

They quote the payback period as 12 to 15 years.

On the other hand, the climbed-hill 400 systems on roofs in South Australia submitted a “deemed” cost of $30,000, with the possibility of installing them incrementally.

The Alice News asked some major players in the local renewable energy industry fundamental questions, given the global headwinds blowing against global warming.

How many square meters of photovoltaic panels would be needed to supply all cattle electric power needed in Alice Springs?

More trouble for high school at Ayers Rock: Yulara’s $2.5m boarding school has no boarders

BY KIERAN FINNANE

There are staff and students at the three campuses of Nyangalijara - Blacklow, the indigenous school for Indigenous students of the Mulitjaya, Impapa and Docker river communities, but its boarding facility based at Yulara is closed.

The boarding facility cost $2.5m and was opened just 18 months ago.

The college was operated until last year by the Nyangalijara Aboriginal Corporation, now in administration, with the Federal Government in six months time.

Meanwhile the “solar technology demonstration facility” was held outside of business hours, enabling the board and auditees to spend on specialist technical and financial consultants.

We would have liked a bigger budget — some other corporations spent more than five times this amount on their bid,” says Mr Behrendorff.

“Bewildered?”

Explains media officer Finnie Muster, from Desert Knowledge Australia: “The Centre of Appropriate Technology contributed to the development of the bid but did this in a voluntary capacity also.”

It is not cut the worst: the Federal Government is six months late with signing of the remaining two solar cities.

Nyangalijara (a Sydney western suburb) and Alice Springs have already been nominated, sharing $45m in the initiative announced by Prime Minister John Howard in 2004.

Rumoured to be still in the running for the 20 two cities yet to be announced, and sharing the remaining $34m, are Alice, Perth and Kalgoorlie.

The spokesperson said the college is currently staffed by “an Acting Principal and teachers have met with parents and students, and with the communities. Care is being taken to keep the communities informed of school activities.”

Not the spokesperson canrnt on reports of troubles at Blacklow in the three communities, three students suicides by teenage girls in the past few years.

Questions about numbers of students enrolled, or how their progress was being measured were also not answered and are internal information.

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SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE
Opinion

My kingdom for a beard!

The Territory is a unique place. No one has to tell you, the local reader, that. But if you haven't figured it out, simply turn an outside light at night and wait for the dozens of little monsters that will come ramping out. Hilarious criticises the likes of which I have never seen.

But it isn't just the flora and fauna — the Territory is socially unique as well. We even have terms that describe these social idiosyncrasies. "Territory Time" is one such term.

Territory Time is the term that perfectly describes Einstein's theory of relativity. Einstein said that time and space can bend. If you can time back far enough, the essence, "Human up and have first Harry ... you have everything prepared and mummy needs a drink."

"Territory Formal" is another term of our Terrestrial lifestyle. The fact that it's been thrown much harder to put on a suit means that the inventive flannel of times simply changes the rules of the social engagement. Or doesn't bend to suit not to suit.

In the "Territory" a man can wear shorts and a sleeve shirt at a gala dinner. How brilliant! Never will a man have to be uncomfortable for the sake of fashion.

I don't own a dog or a suit and tie. Look at one of the florists here in town. A man with a very curly moustache and a beard. Mustache. He must talk to you about your severe minute and Valiums the next.

I sometimes find myself feeling a bit less than the acceptable level of masculinity here in the Territory. Sometimes, I find that when I'm talking to mates that there is the occasional look of derision.

I don't know nearly enough about the Flacco or Chevy engines and I read no books or newspapers. This is only an occasional sin.

Most of the time I have been able to bluff my way through and at least look is there have some interest in the subjects of the pub conversation. It's not that I'm uninterested. Far from it. It's just that I haven't taken a Category-A level interest in these subjects before.

The ability to bluff my way through conversations that has helped. As has wearing a beard. My beard is probably the most outrageously about me to be honest.

... Irony.

But if you haven't figured it out, turn the light off and wait. But if you haven't figured it out, turn the light on and wait. It's even more unique as well.

My face will be naked, exposed and frightened. Like a baby seal on a bench full of birds of prey, I will not have this hair in the door to most conversations and I'm a little concerned that those looks will become more frequent.

There really are only a couple of things that could happen. A big tattoo, which would probably be far too painful, or a soulless cut of a big dog and a crash course on basic mechanics, gulp, I'm in trouble.

- Rex Mooney
Chief Executive Officer
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Letters

'Shutouts' descending on Alice

Sir — You may be aware of the internal interest group The Neville Shute Association (www.nevilleshute.org) .

Many of us "Shutouts" are descended from your town all around the world, born April (22 to 27), forth. Five Biennial Neville Shute Norway Foundation Conference (http://www. nevilleshute.org/gatherings.ph p). We are very interested in hearing from any town folk who may have a recollection, or passed on story of meetings of Neville Shute's visiting Alice in January 1949, and later in June of 1952.

We know from Shute's own log of his visit in 1949 that many of the people he met and places he visited in Alice were then used by him as characters and local colour for his book "A Town Like Alice.

Shute was also an associate of the pioneering English aviator Sir Alan Cobham who also flew himself to Alice much earlier, on 1st September 1926. We welcome any information relating to this visit too.

We still have some places at the conference left, so welcome any of your readers to come along.

Philip Nixon
Barragga, North Yorkshire, UK

Nurses: limit overtime

Sir — Last week the Territory Health Minister Chris Burns was confronted in Parliament with proof that Territory nurses were working up to 19 hours a day. He ducked for cover saying, "The oversight of the Health Minister, the number of hours they work is the responsibility of the directors of nursing in each institution."

This was nothing more than a cheap shot at the Department's newly changed structure in which the Minister and the Health Department bureaucrats are accepting responsibility for the state of the health system in the Territory.

Sir — No one really has to leave at eight o'clock can be bent as six or seven o'clock can be bent as eight or nine o'clock, if you popped by at quarter past seven. My eight o'clock meant eight. The glaring of the host meant that lime was of the country and wouldn't live by any other. It afforded us a flexibility others parts of the country don't have.

When I was living in Sydney, eight o'clock meant eight.

The glasses of the best if you popped by at quarter past seven! You'd never willingly run up late again. Weekends filled to the brim with children's birthday parties means that time back far enough is a thing of the past ensured you'd never have to wait.

TALK OF THE TOWN

EXELO INSTALLATION HAS BEGUN

Installation of the new Exelo self-cleaning toilet has begun! Located in the Hurtle Street carpark alongside Australia Post, the new toilet utilises all modern-day features, including automatic doors, electronic basin unit, no touch flushing, electronic toilet tissue dispenser and a short sanitisation cycle after every use. The new toilet can be pre-programmed, to allow for full-clean sanitisation cycle after every use. Council envisages huge cost savings in cleaning expenses, and the solid design and lack of fixtures will also help reduce ongoing vandalism and need for repairs.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean Up Australia Day is this Sunday 4th March. To register a site, or to locate a registered site in Alice Springs, visit www.cleanup.com.au. Council will be waiving all fees for participants in Clean Up Australia Day at the Alice Springs Landfill and Green Waste Processing Facility on Conomagee Road.

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN EXPO

In 2007 the community can access more Council information at the Centralian Expo on March 9 and 10. In addition to the ever-popular promotion of responsible pet ownership, information on local by-laws and animal control, Council will have an appearance by Boomba on Saturday afternoon, library information, brochures, information sheets and giveaways, and much more for the community and visitors to access.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The annual Alice Springs Public Library Book Sale is on this Sunday 11 March from 1-4pm in the Andy McMell Room at the Council Civic Centre. $3 to fill a plastic shopping bag, $10 to fill an orange shopping bag, $5 for a friendly shopping bag. People are encouraged to bring their own bags.

"I saw a dog with a beard.

The Alice Springs News awards $1000 to the winning story.
Kevin’s fight for his home on the range

By ERWIN CHILANDA

Todd River Downs is as remote and inhospitable a place as any in the world, 200 km east of Alice Springs, populated at the northern edge of the Simpson Desert, boiling hot in summer, and now several years into a cattle killing drought.

Instead of getting desperately recounted rains, last month 200mm — eight inches — dumped on the station in moments, cutting the whole road to it.

Kevin Pick has been there for half a century, and he wants stay until he dies.

He lives in three tin shacks and a curroon, has no running water, no air conditioning and a diesel generator he rarely bothers lighting out much of his meagre wages for his home.

It’s rough but it’s home — a home Kevin’s been fighting to keep for a quarter of a century, in a range war whose latest weapon is high-calibre rifles fired from low-flying helicopters, wiping out much of his lucrative cattle herd.

His fight is to keep his property free from heavy-long road vehicles, whose latest weapons are big-wheel trucks, logging the sole road to it.

Kevin isn’t allowed to build a house on the station, although the foundations were put down decades ago.

Kevin’s fight is with the NT Government, the Commonwealth, the NT Police and the NT’s Land Councils.

Three years into a cattle killing drought, the NT Government stopped Kevin building a proper home (family photo, below right)

Kevin’s mother was Ada Smith, an Arrernte woman from the Arltunga gold fields.

Her large family span the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, from the former Santa Teresa Catholic Mission, now the Lajamanu Apurle community, all the way through to where the Arrernte lands meet the Watarrka region at Pupunya, 200 km west of Alice.

Kevin’s step-sister, Natalie Ross and Cheryl Shembri are nieces. They live in Alice suburbs.

Kevin’s fight is with the CLC, Territorial departments and Federal Government under the Northern Territory Government. The CLC advise the NT Government departments to stop killing cattle for their own profit.

Kevin says the CLC can dictate to NT Government departments, helping Kevin fight his fight.

Three women may be, they’re pitied against a land council with a staff of more than 100, a budget of more than $5m, and a legal department with several lawyers.

More frighteningly, land councils can operate in secrecy, truncating government departments can only dream about.

For example, land councils are exempted from Freedom of Information provisions.

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- so what’s stopping you?
Cattle gunned down in range war

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him from using his cattle
brand.
Without it Kevin can’t
sell his cattle, forcing him
onto welfare last year – for
the first time in his 67
years.
And the CLC hired
the chopper-borne marksmen.
Kevin says half of his 400
now lies rotting and
flyblown in the red dirt of
Todd River Downs.
Kevin’s has lived there
since 1951, first with his
uncle, Willy Smith.
In 1956 Kevin took
the grazing license.
Under the Land Rights
Act the CLC managed to
secure Aboriginal freehold
rights to about half of Central
Australia.
It was able to claim “unused” Crown land
and existing Aboriginal reserves.

Excluded from claims was “alienated” land, such
as covered by freehold and
mements, including pros-
tional leases.

Tragically for Kevin, he
and uncle Willy never suc-
cceeded in getting a pastoral
lease and always operated
under a grazing license.

The fact that both of
them were illiterate no
doubt had a lot to do with this.

Grazing licenses did not
automatically protect their
holders from land rights claims.

However, the Federal
Minister for the Aboriginal Af-
fairs, who schedules land
under the Land Rights Act,
could have knocked back
the claim over Kevin’s
land.

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Cattle gunned down in range war

Years On: “Where the hold-
er of a grazing license will
suffer serious detriment, the
Minister might well decide
that he is not satisfied that
there should be a grant of
the land.”

Yet the Minister, Robert
Tickner, ignored the claim,
although the report to him
by Land Commissioner Sus-
tance Olney had to say:
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IMPROVEMENTS

If a grant were made, Judge Toobey said, the
Commonwealth should
compensation “for
the loss of the grazing license
including the value of any
improvements thereof.”

Kevin has not seen any
such compensation money,
although he says the CLC
has hinted that he could
get a grant if he walked
off the land.

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Weil before the claim
was lodged, former Land
Commissioner Judge
Toobey wrote in 1978:

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Going public

By KIERAN FINNANE

The Art Land Culture Ideas Incubator, to take place in Alice next week, sounds weighty but the core idea is simple: the arts have something to offer when it comes to bringing vitality to our public spaces.

It’s an idea whose time has come: there are plans afoot for a major redevelopment in the CBD, being led by the town council; the council has a public art policy, with a 2% allocation from future major capital works projects (though there’s still no plan for public art at the Civic Centre); the Territory Government has public arts funding, with the first grants having been made; and the Uniting Church is in full stride with its own revitalisation plans for its properties in the CBD.

While all of this is likely to be concentrated in the CBD the incubator has a much broader scope. The incubator itself is not directly concerned with public spaces. The incubator is not one participants can relate to spaces in town, or to spaces on land or communities hundreds of kilometres from here.

The two day program is not one participant can drop in and out of it’s open only to those who commit to the duration.

Says organiser Kieren Sanders, "I watch This Space, which is hosting the incubator; ‘I pushed hard against it being another talkfest, where people leave with amazing ideas that then disappear into the ether. Instead it’s a process that will work towards answering a basic question: How can we create innovative programs that result in the way public spaces are being developed?"

Tracy Spencer of the Uniting Church will be taking part. The church has already kicked off a public space project with its Story Wall, which is to relocate the northern boundary to the church grounds and can be used as a projection screen.

Following a couple of events last year, there’ll be further screenings in the evening of March 8, as part of the incubator program. The official launch will come with the Opal Indigenous Youth Film Festival later this month.

Says Rev Spencer: “The church’s thinking about the wall is around three words – welcoming, connecting, encountering.

“We want the Central Australian community to see itself reflected on the wall, both through the content of the screenings and in their production – Central Australian stories by Central Australian people so that we learn and understand more about each other and feel proud of who we are."

Rev Spencer says the wall will also be an impor- tant tool in the local conversation with tourists.

“We want to ensure all the time in Adelaide House trying to sort through the stereotypes, especially about Aboriginal people, which is one reason why it will be good to launch the wall with the Indigenous youth film.”

She says balance and diversity in the program will be achieved across the year.

The screenings are necessary short, starting after dark and finishing by 9.30pm, out of sensitivity to residents and other users of the mall.

“We want each program to be enough to stimulate conversation but not so much that people are overwhelmed and all their questions seem to have been answered.”

A small curatorial group is being formed to make decisions about programming, with key criteria being cultural sensitivity, heritage and a voice for youth.

The art work on this rubbish bin is partly concealing another rubbish bin: what can the town council possibly have in mind?

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Despite good intentions, the painted rubbish bins that now adorn the CBD fall short of the need to recognise with a work of public art the huge achievements of Aboriginal artists. And this is not a comment on paintings themselves, many of which are lively and charming.

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The unfortunate symbolism of the association of rubbish bins with the arts has something to do with the arts themselves, many of which are lively and charming.

They are haphazardly placed, showing complete disregard for their artistic role and – when placed right next to another generation of bin – even for their function.

They are readily vandalised and in the mail they compete with a lot of other visual information, much of it already associated with Aboriginal art.

There are fine design minds in Alice Springs next time we’re looking at our public spaces, let’s use them – K. FINNANE
11:00 Australian Story
12:00 Rage (M)
7:30 Planet Earth: Seasonal Forests (PG) [s] - Explore the
3:00 Viktoria Mullova: Between Perfection And Freedom
12:00 Midday Report
11:30 Fresh Cooking
7:00 Midday Report
12:00 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG)
9:00 Insiders [s]
12:00 The Bold & The Beautiful (PG)
5:00 QLD Weekender [s]
2:20 National Treasures [s]
8:00 ABC News [s]
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9:00 ABC News [s]
5:30 Today
6:00 Grand Designs: Sussex [s]
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11:00 Smallville: Splinter / Solitude (PG h,v) [s] - Clark is
7:00 Ugly Betty: Queen's For A Day (PG) [s] - Betty uses
4:55 WorldWatch - Japanese News 5:30 Hong Kong News
6:15 Children's Programs: Cray Silks (s) - Pogo Possum
12:00 Business Report
12:30 Masterpiece On Saturday: Fury! - Spectacular River
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"One Minute To Zero"

12:00 Midday Report

1:30 Movie: "The Set-lip" (PG) ('49) Stars: Robert Ryan.

9:00 Extras:

6:00 Chelsea Programs:

'The Ghost Ship" (PG) ('43) Stars: Richard Dix

7:00 ABC News

6:00 National News

11:40 Jonny Zero: I

3:00 Children s Programs:

1:00 The New Inventors

1:30 Blue Heelers (M v,a)

8:30 Yamba s Playtime

2:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show:

4:00 Seven News

2:30 The Mary G Show:

3:30 M'A'S'H

5:30 Temptation

9:00 Medium: Profiles In Terror (M v) [s] -Allison helps a

2:00 Insight

6:00 World News Australia

2:30 Cutting Edge

1:00 One World

2:00 Arabic News (In Farsi)

3:30 Greek News

9:00 World News Australia

5:30 Global Village

11:30 The 4400 (M)

9:00 8 Simple Rules

11:00 Breaking News

5:30 National News

12:30 The Catch-Up (PG)

11:00 Chicago (M v,s,v)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Australian Government**

**Department of Veterans’ Affairs**

**Were you involved in The British Nuclear Tests?**

The Australian Government announced in June 2006 that it would provide non-liability health treatment for all multiplex centers for all Australians who participated in the British Nuclear Test Programs in Australia from 1952 to 1963. Participants include:

- military personnel;
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- and third party civilian contractors.

If you served at any of the British Nuclear Test Sites in Australia call toll free 1800 044 029 to request a claim form and obtain advice on how to apply.

For more information on the new health care arrangements for the nuclear test participants, go to www.dva.gov.au/health/spec_programs/unected/index.htm

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There aren’t enough good cover hands,” says Bill Davis, musician and music producer.

“There are so many great songs out there, not everybody has to write their own.”

But Fly 990 has the best of both worlds, with their non-consisting of covers and original songs by NoKToRNFL who make up one half of the band.

With 8 acoustic guitars, and drummer of excellence, Fly 990 perform an eclectic mix of the songs that you wouldn’t normally hear from a local cover band.

I’ve never heard these guys before.

I didn’t manage to get an interview with the band due to scheduling, but I am guided by what I was told by manager Matthew Grugaps when trying to organize the interview.

The quote — yes that’s my dad. I think the words stand alone but they weren’t said in regard to this band at all! No, the phone isn’t even mine, it’s a professional shot, and I was emailed it. Yes, I’m writing this cover article!

Not even an original! Have I been reduced, in my role as ‘junior reporter’ to writing a press release — a mere cut and paste?

That’s not what I’m about. I want to be writing about something actually going on, and who’s going hard around town. Not be fetched by someone’s manager to make a rave review, especially when I’ve never even seen the band.

I feel reduced by even having to retaliate (no hard feelings boys, I’m sure you put good on a show.)

Sadly it was “Knock-BackToRNFL” for me this week. In actual fact, I have listened to a few tracks that were recorded recently at the On the Rocks studio, and I know that NoKToRNFL are very accomplished musicians.

No doubt they cover songs like a cut and polish covers a Master.

I was told by Matthew that the name, Fly 990, is the number plate of NoK-ToRNFL’s German box player David Lam’s old model Opel Kadett sedan.

Fly 990 perform regularly at the Pickin and Hound in Alice Springs, with other occasional performances at Lasseters Hotel.

They have also performed at Melanie Punti Bar and will perform on the Saturday at The Masquerade.

For more information regarding Fly 990 or NoKToRNFL contact... It’s not a press release, really.

**REVIEW by ADELE SAINT and MARCUS HANSEN**

A distinguished cast heads up The Good Shepherd, the epic story of the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency, the secret service thought to be the real head of the US Government.

The film begins in 1961 with the aftermath of the Bay of Pigs incident, when the CIA launched a failed attempt to assassinate Cuba’s Fidel Castro.

In fragmented recital it portrays the agency’s rise through the exploits of Edward Wilson (Matt Damon), from his recruitment as a promising Yale student in his first slate of the double-dealing of counter-intelligence in WWll, and the break-down of his own family life as he struggles through the uncertainty of the agency’s formation during the Cold War.

ADELE: I found The Good Shepherd to be a very confusing movie, full of incongruity.

On the one hand we are immersed in CIA secrecy, allowed by the director to view what is going on, but on the other hand, we have no idea what the jargon and codes stand for and are ultimately in the dark.

The confusion is furthered by the poker-faced Edward Wilson because while he unveils the weaknesses of his enemies, his character remains uncle to us, even though we follow him so closely throughout. I also didn’t like the pace of the film.

It has a slow start and a slow ending with a little bit of rushing through the middle.

The best performances of the movie in my opinion were John Travolta, as Robert De Niro in support roles. I recommend The Good Shepherd to people who like seedy movies that only make sense by not making sense.

MARCUS: Despite being too long, The Good Shepherd is nonetheless an intriguing look at the mad-games and politics of espionage. With names such as Matt Damon, Angelina Jolie, Michael Gambon, Alec Baldwin, and the Man himself, Robert De Niro, starting and directing, one would think this movie was intended for greatness. And, yeah, it’s not bad. Viewers will need tenacity to hold on through an incredibly dis-tailed story-line and an unnecessarily lengthy film.

The well-handled suspense and excellent acting helped carry a movie that would otherwise have been too many more laborious.

Basically this movie is a breakdown of the agency’s evils. With a story of a man prepared to sell his soul and his family for his country, and the suggestion that the organization is really in control of the US President, the CIA of the film deserves the tag it’s been given here: The Good Shepherd, in other words, God.

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**RACE**

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Honda CB 250 Road Bike. Hard to come by, Model V.G.C. Ideal Learning Machine. $3490 - Out the Door

Yamaha YZ 450 F. 2006. Special Anniversary Model (Yellow). Alloy Frame, 5 speed. Local bike. This will be a collection item. Was $6990. This week, grand off, $5990


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Snakes and Go

Works on paper, bark and canoe from the Arakujun Collection

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