Dear Residents

What a big year 2012 has been, and with your help 2013 can be even bigger! This is my first year on council, and since being elected, I have worked hard at getting the best results for our community.

Some of my achievements to date include:

- LED Street lighting trial in Leanyer.
- New footpath for Grasslands Cres
- Haritos Park Playground upgrade
- Had the first ever Richardson Ward Christmas Party

It hasn’t always gone my way though, recently I have been disappointed with some decisions of council like the recent decision to prune the trees on east point and the decision to raise our allowances so quickly after we were all elected.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those who supported me on those issues, and to let you know that I intend to keep taking up the fight for you.

In 2013, I will continue my shopping stall visits, and as always I would love to hear from you about any Council issues or concerns you may have. Don’t hesitate to contact me via phone, email or Facebook or simply come and see me at my shopping centre stall on the first Saturday of every month at Hibiscus Shopping Center from 10-12 noon.

Sincerely,

Alderman Rebecca Want de Rowe

PS - Did you know that I am a Justice of the Peace? If you require any documents signed or certified call me on 0414 893 733 to make a time or see me at my shopping centre stall

PET PARK UPDATE

As you may know, I am pushing City of Darwin to look into the feasibility of a pet park within the Darwin Municipality. Some aldermen feel the public doesn’t want a pet park, which is why I have decided to begin a petition — to show them we do!

In February 2013 a report will be brought to Council on possible locations and designs of a potential pet park. This is when I intend to present our petition to the Lord Mayor and my fellow aldermen.

Have you signed the pet park petition yet? We now have 950 signatures but we want more. On the other side of this newsletter you will find a copy of the petition. Please share it will your family and friends and return it to me with as many signatures as possible by 15 February 2013. Your support on this issue is greatly appreciated.

LEE POINT ROAD DUPLICATION

The Council recently approved construction of the first stages of the Lee Point Road upgrades in the Richardson Ward area to commence in 2013, these include:

* Upgrade to the Tambling Terrace intersection up to the first intersection of Muirhead.
* Duplication of Lee Point Road from Vanderlin Drive to VRD Drive.

These upgrades form part of the identified works in the Developer Contribution Plan for Lee Point Road. City of Darwin will commence public consultation shortly to provide the community the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed design of the duplication. Following the consultation process it is expected that work will commence in the 2013 dry season. If you have any queries regarding this process please email me at rebecca4richardson@gmail.com.
RICHARDSON WARD CHRISTMAS PARTY

The first ever Richardson Ward Christmas Party was held on November 17th at Casuarina Pool and was a HUGE success, with an estimated 400 people attending throughout the afternoon.

Santa almost didn't make it after his sleigh couldn’t take off due to bad weather but the NT Police came to the rescue, ensuring he arrived on time! The afternoon included many fun activities including: slippery slides, face painting, the Holy Spirit School Choir, and Hyper the Clown and her magic show. Congratulations to Cath Van Wessel who won the lolly jar competition—I’m sure those lollies didn’t last too long!

A big thank you to Soccer NT for selling drinks on the day, Leanyer Primary School for their fundraising BBQ and the Casuarina pool staff for looking after us so well.

I am already looking forward to doing it all again next year – so please let me know if you have any suggestion on how we can make the day even better in 2013!

PET PARK PETITION

TO THE LORD MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF DARWIN.

We the undersigned, petition the Lord Mayor and Alderman of the City of Darwin to build a pet park in the northern suburbs. We believe a pet park will
- Provide a greater amenity to the Darwin Municipality
- Promote responsible pet ownership
- Promote and enhance an active lifestyle
- Provide a safe venue in the northern suburbs for dog socialisation – which makes for happier, healthier dogs

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