Sanderson Round Up

Every year, February, then March come around so quickly - there is so much on across Darwin that time just flies. In only a few short weeks the Malak Markets will be starting up again and then the Dry Season will be here.

In January I became the Government Whip meaning I work closely with the Leader of Government Business to ensure legislation is passed and that Parliamentary business runs smoothly. I survived my first sittings in February and legislation was passed to amend things like Superannuation, Tobacco Controls (vaping), and nuclear waste storage. In March we will look to pass legislation to make the MACCA scheme fairer, change the Water Act and improve the Teacher Registration Board.

You may have noticed that the intersection of Union and Lee Point road has been improved and this was due to the advocacy of a few residents. Thanks to all those people who took the time to sign our petition and we should see further local road improvements this year.

The 77th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin was held on 19 February and we are putting our wartime history onto the National and International Map with the first ever ‘Territory Tribute’ event program. This includes a Writer’s Festival and the free Overture to Peace Concert to be held on 24 April at TIO Stadium. Check out the Territory Tribute Facebook page or see our office for details.

The Arafura Games will start with a fantastic Opening Event at the Waterfront on 26 April. They will run for 9 days and there is a business engagement program running parallel. A range of sports will be on display – details can be found at www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au

In October we will also see the first “Tropical Light” event to help redefine our Wet Season for locals and increase tourism. The Exhibition will run right through to April next year and is the work of reknown artist Bruce Munro. It will certainly bring more colour and life to our CBD.

Many of you would also have seen our new Housing Owner Stimulus and I have included an article in this Newsletter to explain it more fully. A lot of our parks are now looking great due to the good work of the Council, our Mens 60+ Group continues to grow each Thursday and we have started a new Sanderson Bookclub – please drop in if you would like to join.

The Chief Minister gave a ‘year ahead’ speech in early February – please feel free to jump onto Youtube if you wish to hear it in full - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Gw2RH1oW2E

I hope to see you, ‘Around Sanderson’

PET OF THE ELECTORATE: Tupug

Tupug has recently moved from Stuart Park into Anula with owners Sarrita and Chad and is loving having some more room to run around. Tupug has just turned 3 and is a member of the Darwin Pug Club, regularly meeting with other pugs for a catch up. Tupug has a bit of a crazy personality (does not like people leaving her home) but loves her regular walks to the Anula Playground and meeting other local families and their fur-babies. Say hello to Tupug if you see her around Anula!

Feel free to submit photos of your much loved pet to electorate.sanderson@nt.gov.au
Electorate School News

Wulagi Primary School has warmly welcomed new Principal, Louise Corrigan and she has really hit the ground running with lots of positive chatter around the school among parents and teachers alike.

All our school council’s have recently conducted their annual AGMs and it is great to see many new faces prepared to volunteer their time to support their kids, and in some cases, their grandkids education.

Anula has had some longstanding issues with safety around school crossings and so this year they have a number of volunteers helping kids cross safely before and after school. It is important that as drivers we take a lot more care around our schools and ensure we drop our kids off only in the areas that are designated as drop-off zones. Please do not speed or park close to/on our crossing areas as this reduces visibility of kids using the crossings. A big thanks to Barbie, Kane and Janace for volunteering and please contact the school if you are able to help out with this great initiative.

It was lovely to see the Wagaman Primary School kids attend Parliament House in February and witness the opening of Parliament for 2019 – complete with the Chung Wah Lion blessing.

I look forward to meeting the Sanderson students who are coming this month.

Mr and Mrs Woodroffe at Anula Primary School also now have Buddha the Pug as a full time therapy dog who works with students that require comfort when dealing with stress. Buddha loves people and brings a smile to everyone he meets.

New Electorate Arrival - Olivia Louise Knowles

Olivia Louise Knowles was born on Monday 5 November 2018, weighing just 1.9kg! Olivia had to spend two weeks in the Special Care Nursery at Royal Darwin Hospital, where she was well cared for, before getting to come home with her mummy and daddy, Emma Chandler and Jordan Knowles. Olivia is now 15 weeks old and is weighing 5kgs, is the apple of her grandma Vicki’s eye, and starting to sleep through the night with lots of smiles all day. Congratulations Emma and Jordan.

Community Safety ‘Conversation’ – Marrara

At 5pm on 28 March, we will be hosting a ‘Community Safety Conversation’ primarily for residents of Marrara at the Darwin Golf Club. The ‘Conversation’ will be a chance for the community to come together and have a chat about how we can collectively best protect our homes from criminal activity. We will have on hand representatives from the NT Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Victims of Crime.

Please join us to talk about some positive initiatives that we all can do to increase our own safety. If you would like to attend please call us to register (for catering numbers) on 89996781 or drop us an email on Sanderson.electorate@nt.gov.au

Business Spotlight: Harvest Coffee Shop ‘Under new Ownership’

In August Stevie and her husband Joe re-opened Harvest Coffee Shop in Anula. With a combined family of 7 kids this hard working family has really lifted the look and feel of the shop, with a revamped kids area, upgraded kitchen, and the back area is now open and inviting – providing a great space for events and quiet lunches!

You will find Stevie, an Indigenous Territorian, working hard in the shop full-time making food and drinks from the refreshed menu. They have added some more healthy options to the list of ‘Harvest favourites’ and have changed over the coffee to locally roasted D’Town coffee. They also now offer some Gluten free and Vegan options.

Harvest has free wifi, is completely family friendly and of course there is ample free parking out front. They have recently extended their opening hours to – Monday 7 – noon, Tuesday to Saturday 7am to 3.30pm and they will soon be starting Dry Season Sunday trading.

Stevie has also introduced the ‘Karma Cup’ where you can pay forward a cup of coffee to someone that comes in that may ‘just need a cup of coffee’ but might not necessarily have enough to cover.

You have to check out the size of their 3 shot inhouse large coffee – one not to be missed by coffee buffs. They are willing to cater for inhouse and outside events and have both Instagram #harvestcoffeeanula and a facebook page ‘Harvest Coffee Shop’ where they can be easily contacted. Their number is 89273 178 so why not consider them for your next coffee, meal or event? Shopping local keeps our dollars in the Territory.
Awesome Locals: Peter May & the Nightcliff Evergreens

Peter and Mary May arrived in a very wet Darwin in January 1971 and they have been involved in the Sanderson area for over 40 years. After working for Telstra for 38 years, mostly in the NT, Peter retired from the position of Area Field Manager for the NT and is now working for seniors and the community in the NT. It’s well known in his neighbourhood that he has all the tools and equipment to aid his neighbours with small jobs and is always willing to help.

Peter is Vice President of the Evergreens Seniors Club and is also a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee for Seniors, and a member of the Sanderson Men’s Group who meet each week for morning tea and a chin wag on Thursday at 10:00 in our Office.

The Evergreens Seniors Club is his main focus and it has been entertaining and keeping seniors involved in the community since 1989 – with the aim of providing an environment where seniors can meet new friends and enjoy their senior years in good company, and travel to new and exciting places. They meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month during the day.

The group is aimed at all seniors in the Darwin area participating in a combination of outings and in-house activities at their home base, the Nightcliff Sports Club.

We have a quarterly program of events available in our office - anyone interested in joining or for more information please contact Club Present, Carmel Ph 7979 0814 or email: NightcliffEvergreens@outlook.com. They have recently also started a Facebook page.

1. All Territory kids can get free dental care with clinics based at schools right across the Territory – check out https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/hospitals-health-services/dental-services for more details.
2. Your car registration can now be renewed monthly – new options are available when you go to register.
3. More bombs were dropped on Darwin than on Pearl Harbor 77 years ago and the first Japanese Prisoner of War was captured on Melville Island by a Tiwi Islander.

Electorate Office News & Reminders

- We have a new ‘Sanderson Book Club’ starting up later this month. There is always room for more to join and books and snacks are provided. Meetings are monthly so if you want to join, gain new friends and have fun discussions please give us a call on 89996781.
- We also have our ‘After Hours Suggestion Box’ up and running. Whenever our office is not open please feel free to leave your feedback (slip and pens supplied) and if you want us to get back to you please feel free to leave your contact details.
- With a Federal Election to be held in May, are you correctly listed on the Electoral Roll? It’s important that you are listed at the correct address to avoid any problems on election day. We have some forms in our office (or can drop you one) if you need to change your details or you can jump online and change your details at https://ntec.nt.gov.au/
- Did you also know young people can get onto the electoral roll at only 16 years of age?

Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors

The Government is employing 75 Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors (PALIs) to stop problem drinkers getting access to alcohol.

The third squad of PALIs were sworn in on 7 February which took the total to 62 to-date. Recruitment for a fourth squad is also underway. PALIs have replaced Police out the front of bottle shops already in Alice Springs and this has helped drive down alcohol related assaults and domestic violence offences.

As a government we are implementing the toughest alcohol reforms in Territory history and have given police more powers to stop alcohol getting into the wrong hands. This investment will take time to change community behaviour but we are already seeing some good results.

Territory Home Owner Bonus

We know that when people purchase a home they generally put down roots and stay. The New Territory home owner package has been designed to get more Territorians owning their own home.

A key aspect of the new package is BuildBonus, which will see the first 600 people to build or purchase a new home in the Territory to live in (including previous home owners), receive a grant of $20,000.

Additionally, stamp duty assistance will continue to be provided to first home owners, but will be expanded to include any person who builds or purchases a new or established Territory home, provided they have not owned a home in the Territory in the preceding 24 months.

The existing household goods grant scheme and home renovation grant for first home buyers continue. For more information go to: https://treasury.nt.gov.au/