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# HONOUR ROLL.



## HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

|                         |                          |                  |                   |                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Paul Everingham         | Denise Everingham        | Harry Giese      | Nancy Giese       | Bernie Kilgariff |
| Aileen Kilgariff        | Len Kittle               | Phylis Kittle    | Charlotte Mohring | Paul Sitzler     |
| Mina Sitzler            | Cheryl Walker            | Hermann Weber    | Ruth Weber        | Barry Wyatt      |
| Kath Wyatt              | Peter Sitzler (deceased) | Lorraine Sitzler | Charlie Taylor    | Baldey Morris    |
| Noel Buntine (deceased) | Patty Buntine            | John Hare        | Gary Nairn        | Marshall Perron  |
| Cherry Perron           | Roger Vale               |                  |                   |                  |

## FINANCIAL LIFE MEMBERS

|                       |                   |                      |                   |                    |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Nathanael Christopher | Nathanael Pam     | Finch Fred & Lyn     | Ostermeyer Berndt | Brenton Jeffery    |
| Zlotkowski Paul       | Zlotkowski Sue    | Diano Dino           | Diano Diane       | Rousos Michael     |
| Nowell David          | Nowell Guilaiana  | Reid Jeff & Florence | Browse Barry      | Webb Tom           |
| Webb Wendy            | Casey Geoff       | Casey Terry          | Fitzgerald Colin  | Fitzgerald Deborah |
| Stone Shane           | Stone Josie       | Burlinson Kingsley   | Gomatos Lillian   | Jordan Mary        |
| Builder Ian           | Barker Francois   | Nelson Alex          | Sutton Jeff       | Sutton Kay         |
| Weber Herman          | Weber Ruth        | Thomas Wayne         | Thomas Margaret   | Lim Richard        |
| Lim Sharon            | Coombe Peter      | Tuzewski             | Tuzewski David    | Anictomatis John   |
| Vlamos Smallis        | Vlamos Nomiko     | Nicolakis John       | Perron Marshall   | Perron Cherry      |
| Grice John            | Grice Jan         | Cavanagh Suzanne     | Thomson Tim       | Reed Mike          |
| Reed Anne             | Severin Peter     | Sticca Pap           | Maschke Harry     | Waudby Bill        |
| Coulter Barry         | Galton Helen      | Iliou Savas          | Forster Norm      | McBean Ian         |
| Webb Marralyn         | Townsend Henry    | Griffiths Dick       | Lumsden Ian       | Lam Frank          |
| Lam Julie             | Poole Eric        | Markham Tony         | Platt Les         | Keeler David       |
| Heenan Brendan        | Freyling Keran    | Hanzel Michael       | Hanzel Vicki      | Nairn Gary         |
| Robertson Ross        | Standing Barry    | Anthony Michael      | Holding Simon     | Ryall Tony         |
| Kennedy Edmund        | Rowland Graeme    | Stephenson Ray       | Blake Jeffery     | Fogarty Lloyd      |
| Grice Philip          | Grice Trisha      | Grice Glenda         | Houdek Sigg       | Houdek Doris       |
| King Kevin            | Leigh Terence     | Calder Sam           | McKerrow Shirley  | Dyer John          |
| Dyer Val              | Kennedy Bob       | Poole Libby          | Harris Peter      | Glynn Paul         |
| Dick Gregory          | Lines Maxwell     | Lines Jacqueline     | Hoffman Annette   | Chisholm Roy       |
| Chisholm Janet        | Bayly David       | Bayly Penny          | Holt Donald       | McCarthy Terry     |
| Cavanagh Greg         | Lyons Margaret    | Rau Peter            | Tambling Grant    | Heenan Beverley    |
| Hughes Yvonne         | Paroulakis Harley | Paroulakis Phyne     | John Mousellis    | Tambling Sandra    |

## PAST EXECUTIVE ELECTED 1974

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| President         | Alf Hooper  |
| Vice President    | Len Kittle  |
| General Secretary | Rex Jettner |
| Treasurer         |             |

## Elected 13/10/75

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| President         | Eric Manuell  |
| Vice President    | Alf Hooper    |
| General Secretary | Rex Jettner   |
| Treasurer         | Michael Doyle |

## Elected 7/5/76

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| President         | Eric Manuell              |
| Vice Presidents   | R. Dickinson & Reg Harris |
| General Secretary | Rex Jettner               |
| Treasurer         | Graeme Lewis              |

## Elected 27/5/77

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| President         | Rex Jettner             |
| Vice Presidents   | Merv Elliot & P. Tiffin |
| General Secretary | Anne Amos               |
| Treasurer         | Graeme Lewis            |

## Elected 20/5/78

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| President         | Rex Jettner              |
| Vice Presidents   | Merv Elliot & Reg Harris |
| General Secretary | Anne Amos                |
| Treasurer         | Graeme Lewis             |

## Elected 3/6/79

|                   |                         |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| President         | Barry Wyatt             |
| Vice Presidents   | Merv Elliot & Anne Amos |
| General Secretary | Graeme Lewis            |
| Treasurer         | Tony Ryall              |



### **Elected 1.8.80**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Barry Wyatt  
Hermann Weber & Anne Amos  
Kath Neilson  
Graeme Lewis

### **Elected 21.6.81**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Barry Wyatt  
Hermann Weber & Graeme Lewis  
Kath Neilson  
Grant Heaslip

### **Elected 14.2.82**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Graeme Lewis  
Hermann Weber & Bob Oaten  
Liz Andrews (Deceased)  
Grant Heaslip

### **Elected 5.6.83**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Graeme Lewis  
Hermann Weber & Bob Oaten  
Phil Purich  
Steve Hatton

### **Elected 19.8.84**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Graeme Lewis  
Hermann Weber & Rick Setter  
Barry Wyatt  
Christopher Nathanael

### **Elected 10.8.85**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Graeme Lewis  
Hermann Weber & Bill Forwood  
Barry Wyatt  
Christopher Nathanael

### **Elected 10.8.86**

President  
Acting President 8.12.1986  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Graeme Lewis  
Shane Stone  
Shane Stone & Bill Forwood  
Barry Wyatt  
Christopher Nathanael

### **Elected 31.1.87**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer  
Treasurer 7.11.1987

Grant Heaslip  
Shane Stone & Christopher Nathanael  
John Hare  
Bill Forwood  
Bob Brough

### **Elected 15.5.88**

President  
Acting President 4.6.1988  
Vice President  
Vice President 6.8.1988  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Shane Stone  
Shane Stone  
Richard Lim  
Charlie Taylor  
John Hare  
Bob Brough

### **Elected 19.8.89**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Shane Stone  
Richard Lim & Helen Galton  
Charlie Taylor  
Bob Brough

### **Elected 11.8.90**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Gary Nairn  
Richard Lim & Charlie Taylor  
Suzanne Cavanagh  
Des O'Toole

### **Elected 31.8.91**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Gary Nairn  
John Hare & Bob Kennedy  
Suzanne Cavanagh  
Andrew Macrides

### **Elected 28.8.92**

President  
Vice Presidents  
Vice President 1.5.1993  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Gary Nairn  
John Hare & Richard Lim  
Chris Lugg  
Suzanne Cavanagh  
Andrew Macrides

### **Elected 7.8.93**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Gary Nairn  
Richard Lim & Chris Lugg  
Suzanne Cavanagh  
Andrew Macrides

### **Elected 20.8.94**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Suzanne Cavanagh  
Chris Lugg & Linda Fazldeen  
Charlie Taylor  
Andrew Macrides

### **Elected 26.8.95**

President  
Vice Presidents  
General Secretary  
Treasurer

Suzanne Cavanagh  
Linda Fazldeen & Kevin Eastburn  
Charlie Taylor  
Andrew Macrides



# HONOR ROLE (continued).



## Member Of The Year. Commenced 1988

### Paul Everingham Perpetual Trophy

- 1988 David Keeler Alice Springs Branch
- 1989 Christine Afianos Tennant Creek Branch
- 1990 Alex Nelson Greatorrex Branch
- 1991 John Hare Sanderson Branch
- 1992 Sherry Meakin Sanderson Branch
- 1993 Not Awarded
- 1994 Not Awarded
- 1995 David Sanderson Nelson Branch

## Branch Of The Year. Commenced 1988

### Paul Everingham Perpetual Trophy

- 1988 Casuarina/Marrara Peter Trenchard Branch Chairman
- 1989 Darwin John McCormack Branch Chairman
- 1990 YCLP Annette Eccles Branch Chairman
- 1991 Sanderson Glenda Stripling Branch Chairman
- 1992 Katherine David Goodward Branch Chairman
- 1993 Alice Springs Erhard Lee Branch Chairman
- 1994 Nightcliff/Millner Graham Lucas Chairman
- 1995 Victoria River Kevin Eastburn Chairman

## Special Certificates Of Merit.

### Commenced 1988

#### Awarded 1988

- Sharon Lim Alice Springs Branch
- Helen English Alice Springs Branch
- Hon. Leo Connellan National Party Of Nsw
- Chris Nathanael Koolpinyah Branch

#### Awarded 1989

- John Valder CBE Liberal Party Of Australia
- Fred Canaris Darwin Branch
- John Hare Sanderson Branch
- David Collins Vanderlin Branch
- Paul Davey National Party

#### Awarded 1990

- Elizabeth Eustance Darwin Branch
- Glenda Stripling Sanderson Branch
- Charlie Taylor Brennan Palmerston Branch
- Shirley Mckerrow National Party Australia
- Michael Matthewson YCLP
- Paula Matthewson YCLP

#### Awarded 1991

- Jack & Joan Thomas Nelson Branch
- Vic Feldman Sanderson Branch
- Richard Lim Alice Springs Branch
- Frank Lam Darwin Branch
- Chris Lugg Brennan/Palmerston Branch
- Stuart McDonald National Party

#### Awarded 1992

- The Right Hon Ian Sinclair Robyn & Des Otoole Darwin Branch
- David Goodward Katherine Branch
- Georgie Nutton Vanderlin Branch

#### Awarded 1993

- Graham Schmidt YCLP Alice Springs
- Erhard Lee Alice Springs
- Herman Weber Alice Springs
- Peter Harris Jabiru

#### Awarded 1994

- Alex Wood Katherine Branch
- Anne Reed Katherine Branch
- Bonnie Stephens Katherine Branch
- Joe Davis Brennan/Palm
- Wendy James Darwin

- George Gameson Darwin
- Leslie Godwin Darwin
- Linda Fazldeen Cas/Mar
- Bruce Fryer Sanderson

#### Awarded 1995

- Gary Mills Darwin Branch
- Dorothy Green Darwin Branch
- Grace Sivell Araluen Branch

## Don Dale Memorial Trophy For Public Speaking. Commenced 1990

- 1990 John McCormack Darwin Branch
- 1991 Chris Lugg Brennan/Palmerston Branch
- 1992 Not Awarded
- 1993 Amanda Gadsby YCLP Alice Springs
- 1994 Not Awarded
- 1995 Not Awarded



# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.



## **Suzanne Cavanagh, President.**

Suzanne Cavanagh is married to Bob and they have four children: Mark, Danielle, Samantha and Benjamin. She has lived in the Territory since early childhood, spending the early years in Tennant Creek, followed by boarding school in Queensland and all her adult life in Darwin. Suzanne joined the Party in 1977 and has been an active member ever since, holding the positions of Branch Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer. She was elected General Secretary of the Party in 1990 and held that position for four years. In 1994 she was the first woman to be elected President of the Country Liberal Party. Suzanne is currently employed as Development Officer at St. John's College, Darwin.



## **Linda Fazldeen, Vice President.**

Since joining the Party six years ago, Linda has held the position of Branch Chairman of Casuarina/Marrara Branch from 1991 to 1994; is currently an Executive Member of the Branch; has served on Management Committee from 1992 to present; held the office of Vice President of the Party since 1994 and is a member of the Country Liberal Women's Standing Committee. Living in the Northern Territory for seventeen years, she is an enthusiastic champion of Constitutional Development for the Territory.



## **Kevin Eastburn, Vice President.**

Kevin Eastburn is a 55 year old Bee Farmer—born to a farming family at Boradine NSW. He has been married to Rosemary for 34 years and they have three grown up children, Murray, Wade and Dale. Kevin joined the CLP in 1991 and has been a Central Council Delegate for much of that time. Kevin was the Chairman of Victoria River Branch in 1995.



## **Charlie Taylor, General Secretary.**

Charlie Taylor has been in the Northern Territory for 35 years and spent 33 years as a police officer living in most areas of the Territory before retiring in 1994. He was a foundation member of Sanderson Branch and has held positions on the Executives of the Sanderson, Katherine and Berrimah/Palmerston Branches since 1983. Charlie was Chairman of the Berrimah/Palmerston Branch from 1987 to 1989, a Vice President of the Party during 1988 and 1990 and the General Secretary in 1989. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Party

and is currently the General Secretary.



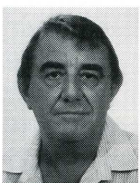
## **Andrew Macrides, Treasurer.**

Andrew Macrides, Dip Bus (Mgt) B Bus (Acc), MBA, ASA, AAIM, CMHRM Andrew Macrides is a 36 year old NT public sector employee who is married to Christine. They now have three delightful daughters, Sarah, Lauren and Katie. Born and educated in Darwin, Andrew has been a member of the Country Liberal Party since 1983. He is a former Chairman of the Nightcliff/Millner Branch and has also served as both Chairman and Treasurer of the Darwin Young Country Liberal Party. He is currently in his fourth term as Party Treasurer.



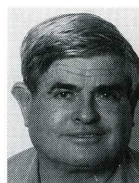
## **Steve Balch.**

Steve, who has lived in the Territory since 1967, has been married to wife Gwyn for 23 years and has 3 sons. The family lives in the Darwin suburb of Nakara. Steve joined the Casuarina/Marrara branch of the CLP in 1983 and in 1994 was preselected to run for the seat of Wanguri to contest the last NT General Election. In 1995 he was elected as Chairman of the Sanderson Branch, a position he still holds. Steve has also been an active Central Council and Annual Conference delegate and in 1995 was elected to Management Committee. Among his leisure interests Steve lists his family, the garden, scuba diving and he is also an avid sports fan. Steve is currently Chief Executive of The Territory Lottery Company.



## **Harvey Fewings.**

Has been a member of the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party since 1983. Firstly the North Darwin Branch, now the Nightcliff/Millner Branch, for much of that time being an active member of Central Council and the Branch Executive. An Army Officer for most of working life, now a project manager for business development in remote communities throughout the Top End. Has three children, now grown up, two graduated from Northern Territory University in Law and Economics and the third is studying Law and Business at the same university. Likes vigorous debate, Strauss waltzes, cricket, Collingwood, bush barbeques and books about the sea. Dislikes fish soup, political correctness, and only very recently, Julian McGauran.



## **Brendan Heenan.**

Brendan is 56 years old, born in Alice Springs, is married to Beverley and they have 6 grown up children all employed in Alice Springs. Educated in Alice Springs then boarding school in Adelaide, then to Melbourne with the Burnley Horticultural College. Market gardening in Alice Springs for 18 years. Started a nursery and landscaping business, and in 1984 opened the MacDonnell Range Holiday Park in Alice Springs. Joined the Greatorex Branch in 1990 and is a financial life member. Stood for the seat of MacDonnell in 1990, became Greatorex Chairman in 1995. Re-elected in 1996.



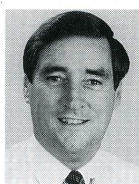
## **Fiona Darcy.**

Early political interest was evident when Fiona joined the Young Conservatives when a teenager in England. After years of travelling and working in some wild places Fiona settled at Mallapunyah Springs with the Darcy family. Fiona joined the new Gulf Regional Branch of the CLP, later becoming Secretary and Treasurer. Fiona is currently Chairman of the Vanderlin Branch.



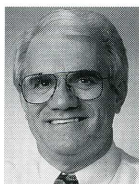
## **Hon Shane L Stone MLA, Chief Minister.**

Shane Stone serves on Management Committee in his capacity as Chief Minister of the Northern Territory. Shane also served on Management Committee between 1986-1990 in his capacity as Vice President, then President of the CLP. Originally from Victoria, Shane was a primary school teacher and later a barrister before being elected to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly in 1990. Shane is married to Josephine and have a son Jack and a daughter Madeleine both born in Darwin.



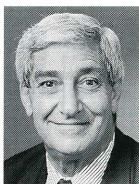
## **Hon Mike Reed MLA.**

Mike Reed, 51 years of age, is married to Ann and they have three children—Steven, Megan and David. Mike arrived in the Territory in 1975, and spent 12 years in the NT Public Service as a Ranger and Katherine Regional Manager of the Conservation Commission. He won the seat of Katherine by the hair of his chinny chin chin in March 1987, and more recently by an overwhelming majority at the June 1994 election. First appointed to the Ministry in July 1988, he serves on the Management Committee following his appointment as Deputy Chief Minister in June this year. Mike is currently Treasurer, Minister for Lands Planning and Development and Minister for Mines and Energy.



## **Sen The Hon Grant Tambling.**

Senator the Hon. Grant Tambling, 53, is Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Regional Development and a member of the Federal Executive Council. These appointments followed the March 1996 Federal Election and add to a political career spanning more than 20 years. Grant Tambling served on the Darwin City Council and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1980. He has been a Senator since 1987 and has held a number of Shadow Ministry positions in opposition. He has served as National Party Whip in the Senate and Deputy Leader of the National Party in the Senate. Grant has been an active member of Darwin's commercial community with previous interest in life assurance and newsagencies. Married to Sandy, they have an adult son and daughter.



## **Nick Dondas AM MP.**

Nick Dondas, 57 years, is married to Moira and has two children Katrina and Amelia. Nick had been in Territory politics for 20 years where he held various ministerial portfolios. He was the Speaker of the NT Assembly from 1989 until he resigned from Parliament in 1994. He was elected to the Federal Seat for the Northern Territory in March this year. He has been appointed to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence Foreign Affairs and Trade, Joint Standing Committee on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Affairs and the Statutory Committee on Native Title and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund.



# CENTRAL COUNCIL DELEGATES.



*Party President* Mrs Suzanne Cavanagh  
*Vice Presidents* Ms Linda Fazldeen  
 Mr Kevin Eastburn  
*General Secretary* Mr Charlie Taylor  
*Treasurer* Mr Andrew Macrides  
*Chief Minister* Mr Shane Stone  
*Deputy Chief Minister* Mr Mike Reed  
*Senator for the Northern Territory*  
 Sen. Grant Tambling  
*Member of the House of Reps*  
 Mr Nick Dondas  
*Trustees* Mr Bern Kilgariff  
 Mr Don Delosa  
 Mr Joe Davis  
*Special Councillors* Mr Hermann Weber  
 Mr Marshall Perron  
 Mrs Wendy James  
*Alice Springs Branch* Mr John Guy  
 Mr Rod Thomas  
*Araluen Branch* Mr Simon Holding  
 Mr Jack Wolstencroft  
*Brennan/Palmerston Branch* Ms Joy Kuhl  
 Ms Karen Wilson  
 Ms Toni-Marie Geddes  
*Buchanan District* Mr Rod Hollingsworth  
 Mrs Margaret Vigants

*Casuarina/Marrara Branch*  
 Mr Byron Wauchope  
 Mr Wayne Keeping  
 Mr Philip Fraser  
 Ms Linda Fazldeen (Alt Del)  
*Coomalie/Goyder Branch*  
 Mr Tim McGuffog  
 Mrs Jackie Hargreaves  
 Mr Terry McCarthy (Alt Del)  
*Cox Peninsula Branch* Mr Skip Howard  
 (To Be Advised)  
*Darwin Branch* Mrs Shirley McKerrow  
 Ms Rosemary O'Reilly-Martinez  
*Fannie Bay Branch* Mr Michael Kilgariff  
 Mr Frank Lam  
*Gove Peninsula Branch* Mrs Gwen Davey  
 Mr Noel Swan  
*Greatorex Branch* Mr Brendan Heenan  
 Mrs Norma Leigh  
 Mr Bill Munro  
*Gulf Regional Branch* Mr Neville Andrews  
 Mr Paul Zlotkowski  
 Mr Peter Cole (Alt Del)  
 Mr Frank Shadforth (Alt Del)

*Jabiru Branch* Mr Brett Funnell  
 Mr Tom Kairupan  
 Mr Peter Harris (Alt Del)  
*Katherine Branch* Mr Wolf Sievers  
 Mr Ted Morris  
*Nelson Branch* Mr Chris Lugg  
 Ms Christine Nathanael  
*Nightcliff/Millner* Mr Peter Styles  
 Mr Harvey Fewings  
 Mrs Heather Galvin  
 Mr Brian Taylor (Alt Del)  
*Sanderson Branch* Mr Steve Balch  
 Mr Mick Palmer  
 Mr Jeff Critchlow  
*Stuart Branch* Mr Tony Bohning  
 Mr Russell Naismith  
*Tennant Creek Branch* Mr Rex Simpson  
 Mr Mark John  
 Mr Kym Cook (Alt Del)  
 Mrs Natasha John (Alt Del)  
*Vanderlin Branch* Mrs Fiona Darcy  
 Mr Siggie Houdek  
 Mrs Doris Houdek (Alt Del)  
 Mr Tony Oxford (Alt Del)  
*Victoria River Branch* Mr Alex Wood  
 Mr Michael Whelan

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

*Alice Springs Branch* Mr Tony Markham  
 Mr Russell Lynch  
 Mr David Bottrall  
*Araluen Branch* To Be Advised  
*Brennan/Palmerston Branch*  
 Mr Terry Mills  
 Mr Rod Hooper  
 Ms Narelle Mackaway  
*Buchanan District* Mrs Margaret Vigants  
*Casuarina/Marrara Branch*  
 Mr Allan Whykes  
 Mr Brian Richardson  
*Coomalie/Goyder Branch*  
 Mr John Lugg  
 Mrs Teresa Lugg  
 Hon Terry McCarthy (Alt Del)  
*Cox Peninsula Branch* (To Be Advised)  
*Darwin Branch* Mr Tony Field  
 Mr Andrew Liveris  
 Mr Gary Mills

*Fannie Bay Branch* Ms Diana Stout  
 Mr Phil Temple  
 Mr Noel Scarborough  
*Gove Peninsula Branch* (To Be Advised)  
*Greatorex Branch* Mrs Shirley Brookshaw  
 Mrs Margaret MacCarthy  
 Mrs Sharon Lim  
 Mrs Maree Miller (Alt Del)  
*Gulf Regional Branch* Mr Les Daw  
 Mr Frank Shadforth  
 Mr Peter Cole (Alt Del)  
 Ms Dorothy McKey (Alt Del)  
 Mr Phillip Barrett (Alt Del)  
*Jabiru Branch* Mrs Joy Miller  
 Mr Joe Qualter  
*Katherine Branch* Mrs Patty Buntine  
 Mr Harry McNaught  
 Ms Carolyn Wilson

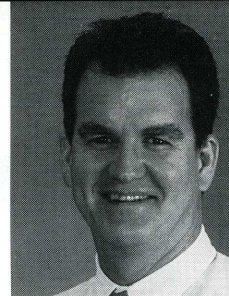
*Nelson Branch* Mr Bob Flanagan  
 Mr Keith Pennell  
*Nightcliff/Millner* Mr Martin Blandy  
 Ms Janice Johnston  
 Ms Christine Knox  
*Sanderson Branch* Mrs Eileen Browne  
*Stuart Branch* Ms Gayne Cooke  
 (To Be Advised)  
*Tennant Creek Branch* Mr Kym Cook  
 Mr Tony Boulter  
 Ms Kay Rose (Alt Del)  
 Mr Glenn Bennett (Alt Del)  
*Vanderlin Branch* Mr Les Opperman  
*Victoria River Branch* Ms Debra Aloisi  
 Mr Shaun Coutts  
 Mr Ronnie Booth



# EDITORIAL.

**MICHAEL KILGARIFF.**

Editor.



**W**hat is it that makes the Country Liberal Party one of the most successful political parties in Australia over the last 20 years?

To find the answer to that question, one must look past the Parliamentary wing, past the Management Committee and Central Council, and look at the membership of the Party.

That is the root of the success of the CLP. The CLP is a Party of Territorians, for Territorians, to serve the interests of Territorians.

The CLP does not represent, nor should it even contemplate representing, the interests of the Liberal and National Parties in the Territory. On the contrary, the CLP and our representatives in Canberra are there to put our views to them.

Without the membership of the CLP providing the grassroots support, feedback and advice to the Party and the Parliamentary Wing, the CLP would have floundered long ago.

Even in times of crisis, the membership has provided the continuity that has enabled the CLP to continue to represent Territorians.

This is why the CLP has the highest per capita membership of any party in Australia. Furthermore, the membership of our Party is probably more reflective of

the demographics of the relevant constituency than any other political party.

The attendance, membership and activism of our Branches is something of which the Party can be proud.

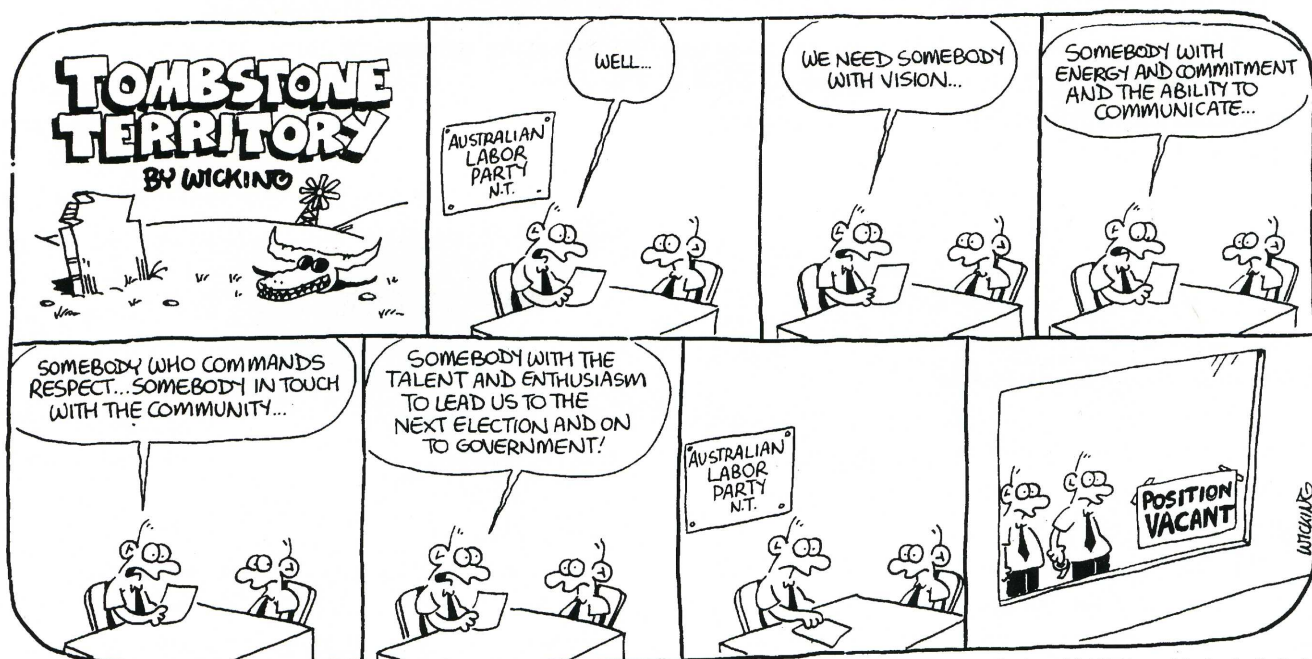
The history of the Party is bedded deep in the conviction that the Territory should have a political party that owes its allegiance to the Territory and Territorians.

The CLP also has a long tradition of pragmatism which recognises that a political party must continue to win to implement its policies. The ideological battles that our opponents indulge in has never been a feature of the CLP.

The robust debate one finds on the floor of Council and Conference is not seated in long term resentments and ongoing ideological battles, but rather emerges from questions about how benefits might be delivered to Territorians in the context of our broad policy direction.

The ongoing strength of the CLP is the loyalty that members of the CLP give to our Party and their commitment to the Territory.

The success of this magazine is also a clear illustration of the commitment of Territorians to the CLP. The advertisers have been prepared to put their name to it and you can return that commitment by supporting them.



Courtesy of Col Wicking and the Sunday Territorian.



# EXCITING TIMES AHEAD.

## HON. DARYL MANZIE MLA.

Minister for Mines and Energy. Minister for Power and Water.  
Minister for Arts and Museums. Minister for Territory Insurance.



**T**his is certainly an exciting time to be assuming Ministerial responsibility for Mines and Energy; there is every indication that the Northern Territory is on the brink of a new "boom" in mineral exploration and production.

The prospects for the NT's oil and gas sector, in particular, are growing almost daily. In fact, seven major discoveries in the Timor Sea recently, have confirmed what has been suspected for a long time—that we have a major offshore petroleum province to our north.

It is a sign of industry confidence in the Territory that a number of major Australian producers look set to invest about \$2 billion in the development of new offshore production fields in the Timor Sea over the next five years.

A further \$1 billion is being invested by these and other companies on further exploration and appraisal in the area.

Onshore, the Territory Government has invested in a dynamic marketing campaign to attract new industry exploration to the NT.

Already we have had encouraging responses from international companies interested in prospective inland areas such as Central Australia.

Increased exploration and production will generate significant development opportunities in the Territory's regional centres.

I am pleased to have also taken on the complementary role of Minister for Power and Water.

In this capacity, I intend to support the Power and Water Authority's commitment to establishing a reliable long-term supply of natural gas for electricity production in our regional centres.

We are fortunate in the Territory to live in a region which is universally acknowledged as being resource rich.

It is clear that mineral exploration and production will continue to play a significant role in the future development of the Territory: we are already attracting worldwide interest.

In 1995, international attention to the Territory's potential was buoyed by the discovery of a gas field to our north which is believed to be the largest gas discovery in the world that year.

In fact, the gas field is quite possibly one of the largest ever in Australia and stands to rival the best of the famous Bass Strait discoveries of the '60s and '70s.

This one gas field alone has an estimated total reserve equivalent to 1.79 billion barrels of oil. At today's prices it could be worth up to \$45 billion.

Developments like this will bring to Territorians a multitude of benefits and opportunities.

For example, one of the range of options being considered for the huge Timor Sea gas discovery includes an onshore Liquefied Natural Gas plant or a pipeline to Darwin.

Increasing numbers of Territory companies are taking advantage of the growing demand for supplies and services which are generated by exploration and production activity.

The Territory Government is working collaboratively with industry with the aim of ensuring environmentally sound development and to maximise the opportunities for economic benefits flowing to Territorians.

The Territory Government has developed strategies to actively support local business participation and promote local content.

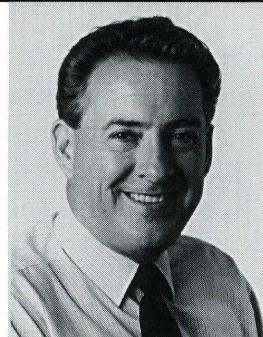
Mining activity is very much a part of our legacy here in the Territory.

Territory history provides us with many colourful accounts of the courage and resourcefulness of our early miners and fossickers who rose to the challenge of the elements and the isolation.

In my capacity as Minister for the Arts and Museums, I have the dual role of preserving our rich historical and cultural heritage, as well as fostering and showcasing Territory talent.

It will also be my Ministerial duty to oversee the continuing success of another valuable Territory institution—the Territory Insurance Office.

The future looks bright for the Territory and I look forward to meeting the challenges of my new departmental areas in a bid to further the prospects of all Territorians.





# NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CLP.

**TIM BALDWIN, MLA.**

Member for Victoria River.



**A**t the time of writing this column, the Northern Territory Country Liberal Government has just passed the half-way point in its present term of office.

During that period of two years, I have had the good fortune to participate in three election campaigns and maybe a fourth (Stuart by-election) by the time you read this article.

All of these campaigns, including my own in 1994 were, for my part, conducted in the more remote rural areas of the Northern Territory. The Arnhem by-election and the Federal election offered further opportunities to test strategies and develop ideas that can be used to enhance the CLP vote in the bush.

I have always been of the view that Aboriginal people are historically conservative voters in a general sense and as Aboriginal Territorians take more and more control of their assets they tend to favour conservative, stable policies.

Unfortunately, this view has not reflected in voting patterns within communities around the Territory, but that's not to say that it cannot be changed.

The challenge for the Country Liberal Party is to develop strategies that, over the long term, will lead to more votes in the bush. By building on our more recent successes and I'm sure that by the time this edition of Focus is printed, the Seat of Stuart will have Tony Bohning as its Member, the CLP can claim to be as much representative of the bush as it is of the suburbs.

Successes in the bush for the Country Liberal Party in the last two years would have to include the Arnhem by-election where we managed to pull back almost 20% of the primary vote in one of the safest Labor seats in Australia.

As well, the CLP has fared reasonably in the mobile polls during Nick Donnas' and Grant Tambling's Federal campaign. Not any better

than in the past, mind you, but held its own.

I'm happy to say that my own seat of Victoria River returned a very good result from its three mobile booths. While a reasonable average from mobiles across the Territory is around the 30% mark for the CLP, the average in Victoria River was 48.8%.

An opportunity to build on these figures now exists that hasn't been available to the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party for the last 13 years. We must take advantage of opportunities presented by a federal Coalition Government to provide an alternative view to people in the bush and in doing so, strengthen our vote.

Our Federal Members, Nick and Grant, along with our MLA's and our dedicated Party members, can capitalise on the window of opportunity that exists now to secure jurisdictions that have long been seen as "organised" Labor domains.

In respect to Nick's seat (the most marginal in Australia) headway made in the bush by the CLP will ensure his successful continuation, as it will Grant, but at the local level the CLP will benefit by winning and holding some of the more marginal and volatile bush electorates. Including my own, the Victoria River Electorate.



**Shaun Coutes, Mike Reed and Tim Baldwin man the CLP booth in Katherine.**



# VOTING IN THE NT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## THE HON TERRY McCARTHY, MLA.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory.



**P**rior to the consideration of the Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill 1995 by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, which involved the free or 'conscience' vote, there was some speculation on the possibility of an equality of votes being recorded in a Division during the consideration of the Bill.

The role of Presiding Officers of the Northern Territory Parliament, in the event of there being an equality of votes, became a matter of consideration, generating public interest and comment.

Research into practice and precedent both in the Legislative Assembly and other parliaments indicated that the according of a deliberative and casting vote to both the Speaker and the Chairman of Committees in the Northern Territory parliament appeared to be inconsistent with the rules in place either by way of constitutional provision or standing orders in most other Westminster type legislatures.

Since 1 July 1978, there has been no occasion where an equality of votes has been recorded in the Legislative Assembly. Further, there is no recorded incidence of an equality of votes being recorded in the Legislative Assembly before the enactment of self-government legislation and similarly, during the existence of the Legislative Council between 1948 and 1974.

While the present provision of a deliberative and casting vote for the Speaker of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly is provided by the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 of the Commonwealth, the provision of deliberative and casting votes has been provided for since the first partially-elected Legislative Council of the Northern Territory was established in 1947.

The Northern Territory parliament is yet to record any instance of the requirement for the giving of a casting vote by either the Speaker or the Chairman of Committees.

The debates in the Commonwealth Parliament at the time of the passage of both the Northern Territory (Administration) Amendment Bill in 1947 and the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Bill in 1978, do not provide any indication of the reason for the provision of both deliberative and casting votes.

Some suggestions have been made that it may have been a general rule of local government authorities and other Territories that the Presiding Officer had a deliberative and casting vote and that at the time of the establishment of the Legislative Council this was considered to be an appropriate voting mechanism.

Another suggestion is that, because at that time, the Administrator of the Territory was the ex officio Presiding Officer, the according of a deliberative and casting vote would ensure that, in the event of a 'tied' vote, the 'government' of the day would have its decisions prevail.

A further suggestion is that at the time of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act being enacted in 1978 the Assembly had only 19 members and it may have been considered that each member should have a deliberative vote so as not to 'disenfranchise a significant portion of the electorate'. The casting vote facility was also required to resolve deadlocks.

This is a matter under active consideration by the Sessional Committee on Constitutional Development as it proceeds to draft a constitution. One option might be for the provision of an optional deliberative vote or a casting vote, ie., if a deliberative vote is used and the Division results in an equality of votes, the question is resolved in the negative and, if the optional deliberative vote is not used and the Division results in an equality of votes, a casting vote by the Chair is mandatory so as to resolve the matter.

This option addresses the representational issue in a small Parliament such as the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly and also provides a mechanism for the resolution of deadlocks.





# THE COUNTRY LIBERAL PARTY, YOUR TERRITORY TEAM.

## *A Declaration of Our Beliefs . . .*

The Country Liberal Party is a Territory Party dedicated to the advancement of the Northern Territory. It represents Territorians who, while believing in putting the Territory first, recognise their wider responsibilities to Australia as a Nation.

The Country Liberal Party is a progressive party and works for social and economic, as well as political progress, whilst seeking to protect traditional conservative values and principles.

The Country Liberal Party believes the best way of achieving its goal is through the advancement of the Liberal values of individualism and reward for effort and productivity combined with social justice and compassion.

The Country Liberal Party believes in the inalienable right of freedom for all under the rule of law; in equality before the law; and equal access to the protection of the law.

The basis of Country Liberal Party philosophy is the recognition of the freedom, rights and responsibilities of the individual in an open society.

The Country Liberal Party believes in a just and fair society which encourages the innovative, protects the disadvantaged and accepts diversity of race and lifestyle. It is committed to the furtherance and maintenance of a harmonious, multi-cultural society.

Country Liberal Party philosophy is based on economic growth, with the emphasis on private enterprise as the central role.

The Country Liberal Party is committed to the development of the Northern Territory wealth producing industries for the social, economic and political benefit of all its citizens.

The Country Liberal Party believes in the promotion of institutions and frameworks that encourage, rather than frustrate, individual energies. It believes in effective and efficient government.

The Country Liberal Party supports the Federal system of government and the encouragement of cordial Commonwealth/Territory relations in the Territory's move towards Statehood.

The Country Liberal Party believes that these goals and ideas can only be achieved by an approach to Government which takes equal account of all Territorians, irrespective of their status within the community.