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MEMBER FOR PORT DARWIN

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## Meet some of our young leaders of the future.



*I had much pleasure recently in presenting these students (above) from the Stuart Park Primary School with their House captain and vice-captain badges. It was a most rewarding occasion and from my observation the Territory has some promising young leaders of the future in the making. Pictured with school principal Mrs Lesley Foster and myself are (left to right): David Clark, Daniel Lyngcoln, Jason Babbini, Catrioni Scott, Keenan Johns, Ayesha Chin, Cassandra Cooper, Natalie Hubbard.*

## MOVE POWER UNDERGROUND?

With my colleague, Minister responsible for PAWA, Max Ortmann, I've discussed plans to redirect Port Darwin electricity underground.

Port Darwin is one of three electorates in Darwin supplied by above-ground power with

foreshore locations susceptible to cyclone and storm damage. The efficiency and security of underground power could benefit both consumers and the supply authority, but the cost (about \$3000 per block) is prohibitive. PAWA might consider alterna-

tives (such as a contribution from block owners, which could include the installation of PAY TV cables). I seek your comments or alternative ideas. Please ring my office or write to me - GPO Box 559, DARWIN NT 0801.





## SLINGS AND ARROWS

There is an old saying in politics - "a rooster one day, a feather duster the next".

In recent times, various members of the Opposition have been doing their best to drag me away from the chicken coop.

While the feathers are flying, it is very reassuring to receive solid support from the people of Port Darwin. Being the target of a political vendetta is not what you'd call a bed of roses, but it's a central thrust of ALP strategy these days.

In the heat of battle, it is good to see that Territorians (eg: Wicking above) do not take the mud-slinging too seriously. Mud will not keep me from the fray when parliament resumes this month.

## HELPFUL HINTS FOR DARWIN BUSINESS

A new booklet to help people thinking of starting a business in the Northern Territory has been released by the Department of Industries and Development.

*Mike Riley*  
'Small Business Contacts' is a pocket-sized publication listing key contacts from whom a person starting a business may need to find information.

The booklet will also be useful for people already in business who want to access Government programs.

The publication has been designed for simplicity and readability.

It was produced in the Territory and is the first in a series being produced by DID's Business Advisory Service.

The others we have

planned include guides to getting started in small business, preparing a basic business plan

and a basic marketing plan, and an overview of small business and the law in the NT.

## SENIOR CITIZENS DRIVING COUNCIL SPORTS & LEISURE

More than 8000 people aged 55 years live in Darwin and Palmerston.

Many want involvement in community experiences, and seek a variety of recreation and leisure options to suit their pocket.

The Council on the Ageing NT (Inc) is increasing recreation and leisure options for older adults and at the same time, promoting awareness of organisations who offer recreation and leisure services.

A recreation and leisure information service is being established to record activities, hobbies, interests, clubs, sports, games, holidays, tours and voluntary services suitable for older adults.

An events booklet to be released in June will outline recreation and leisure activities from July to December 1993. It will provide all the information needed about transport and other arrangements, offering a wealth of options.

For more information about these services, or enquiries regarding the booklet, please contact Debra Mill at the Council on the Ageing on 481511.

## GOVT SUPPORT FOR SENIOR TERRITORIANS

Our Senior citizens and pensioners have access to a Concession Scheme administered by NT Health and Community Services. The NT Pensioner Concession Card entitles you to a number of concessions including spectacles, electric-

ity, council rates, garbage charges, water rates, sewerage rates, motor vehicle registration, drivers licence, bus service travel and interstate travel.

To be eligible, you must be a permanent resident of the NT and

belong to one of the following categories: female 60 years or over; male, 65 years or over; holders of a DSS or DVA pension and valid Pensioner Health Benefits (PHB) and Transport Concession Cards, with an NT address; TPI ex-servicemen/women; low-income superannuants holding a Commonwealth Health Care Card; aged war service veterans and war widows.

## DARWIN STUDENTS DRIVEFREE

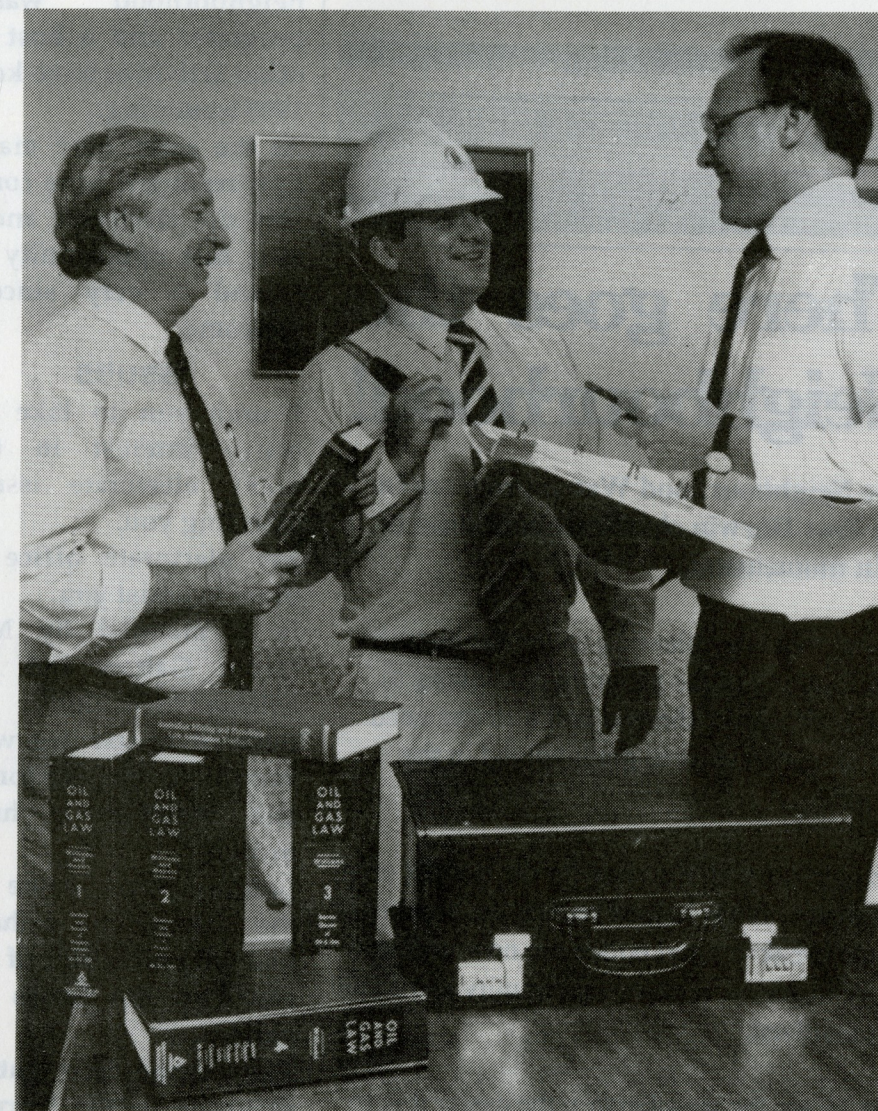
Territory Schools now have a student driver education program at no cost.

Previous student driver programs have not absorbed the cost of driver training or the license fee. The program removes the financial burden for parents.

The course includes eight hours practical and six hours theoretical training.

The driver education program is being introduced in all Darwin and Alice Springs high schools, Government and non-Government.

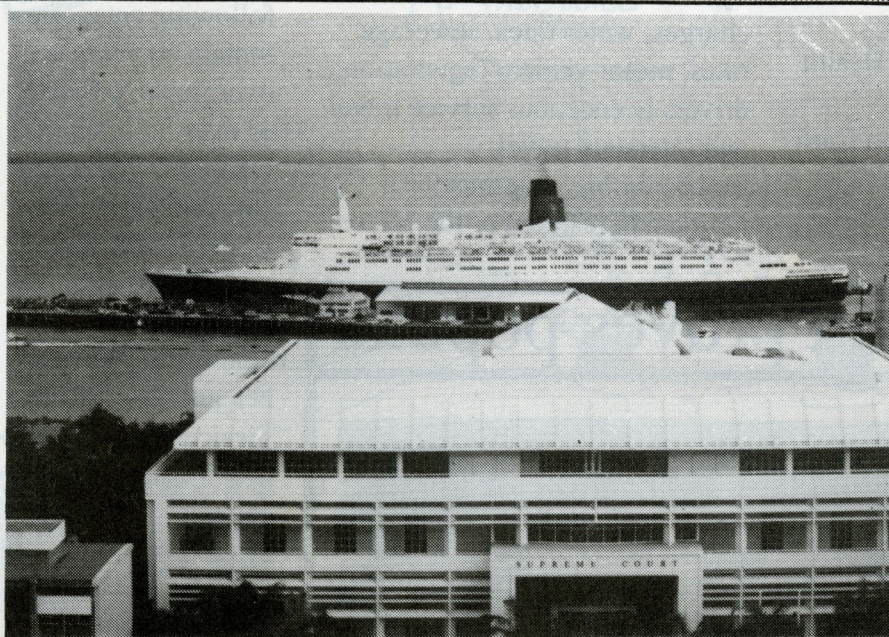
## New Uni unit proves popular



I would like to wish the 40 students who have enrolled in the mining law unit at the Northern Territory University all the very best for 1993. This is the first time mining law has been available as an option to law degree students at the NT University. The Unit was introduced this year following consultation between lecturer Mr Kym Livesley and the law faculty. Education Minister Fred Finch and I were given a brief run down on the course by Kym (pictured above) who has put together a comprehensive lecture program.



## SITTING ON THE DOCK OF THE BAY...



The arrival of the luxury cruise liner "QE2" in Darwin, and repeated appearances by the "Fairstar" and "Ocean Pearl" are creating a sense of excitement and anticipation among many Darwinites.

The one-day visit by the world's largest passenger ship was worth as much as \$500 000 to the local economy. The QE2 carries 1400 passengers and about 500 of these disembarked for the day.

QE2's operator, Cunard, intends to survey passengers on their impressions of Darwin as part of its consideration for future visits. Naturally, Darwin put on its best face for the visit and much of the credit for the occasion rests with the Darwin Region Tourism Association.

## There goes the Neighbourhood!

**The Neighbourhood Watch program for the Port Darwin electorate continues to gain momentum.**

It is particularly pleasing to see the numbers participating in the program continuing to grow. However there is still a strong need for more residents to get involved in the program.

Neighbourhood Watch is for the benefit of all residents. It has helped reduce the number of home break-ins and police are now urging more residents to show community spirit and get involved.

The larger the membership the easier it is to maintain the program's momentum.

If you can spare a couple of hours each month, just phone the Berrimah Police Centre on 223534 during working hours and find out how you can help the community to help itself.

## Take an interest

The Port Darwin electorate has been the centre of more activity probably than any other electorate.

Beautification, the wharf and city area precinct projects, Cullen Bay, the neighborhood watch programs and a host of other activities have kept 1993 humming.

At the same time many new residents have come into the electorate and I take this opportunity to extend a very sincere welcome.

### Issues

I urge you to take an active interest in the many electorate issues affecting you.

My electorate office is there to assist you.

It is manned by Mrs Helen Galton and Mr Michael McCallum.

Both of course are well known to the electorate and maintain a high profile.

Judging from some of the discussions I have had with members of the electorate the issues are varied.

They range from future planning of the Darwin Central area to matters such as recycling and underground power.

If there is anything you would like dealt with in future issues please contact my office on this number 81 4644.