

ADDRESS BY  
HIS HONOUR MR TOM PAULING AO QC  
**ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**  
ON THE OCCASION OF  
**AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**  
Government House, Darwin  
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Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you here today and in doing so I acknowledge the Larrakia people and their ancestors, traditional owners of the land on which this house stands.

It is a particular pleasure to note the diversity of organisations and areas that you represent:

- Peter Beamish, King Ash Bay Fishing Club
- Amanda Denouel, née Ah Toy, 4<sup>th</sup> generation Territorian from Pine Creek.
- Businesses and organisations:
  - Skycity (Tanya Aylett)
  - Kerrys (Karma Watson)
  - Australian Fuel Distributors (Anna Poulas)
  - NT Police Fire and Emergency Services Strategic Planning Command (Helen Marris)
- Greek Orthodox Community
- Chung Wah Society.
- Quilters and gardeners from the rural area, and here I would like to make special mention of Lyn Finch's continued support of the Cancer Council as a long-standing volunteer.

I know that you all have extremely busy lives and the fact that you went the extra mile for the Cancer Council in May of this year is much appreciated. Nationwide, more than \$440,000 was raised and the Northern Territory contributed in excess of a quarter of the total, with the tally is still rising.

Central Australia's funds raised also exceeded previous years due to outstanding work by the Ngurratjuta Corporation, and volunteers in Yulara and Tennant Creek.

Collectively, you managed more than any other state or Territory with the exception of NSW – and they had nearly four thousand donors compared to our four hundred or so!

A staggering 106,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed In Australia each year, therefore your efforts to support The Council Council are vital.

So many of us have been touched by the disease affecting friends or family.

I would now like to hand over to Mrs Helen Smith, CEO of the Cancer Council NT.

Thank you.