

OUTRIGGER TOWER SET TO RISE



Chief Minister Clare Martin and Gwelo Developments' Managing Director, Evan Lynne with the foundation stone of the Pandanas Darwin development.

THE CONSTRUCTION of a \$130 million apartment tower in the heart of Darwin accelerated after the first ceremonial stone was laid yesterday.

Chief Minister Clare Martin laid the foundation stone for Outrigger-Pandanas – which will include 200 serviced holiday apartments and 67 private residential apartments.

Gwelo Developments' Managing Director, Evan Lynne said it would also include a 17 story office building with a landscaped and accessible roof.

“You don't get a better vote of confidence than this – a major developer investing \$130 million,” said the Chief Minister.

“Outrigger Enterprises believes in the future of tourism and real estate in the Territory and is backing its judgement with bricks and mortar.”

Local company Gwelo Developments will employ about 300 people during construction – up to 100 people will work in the building when it is finished.

Three-quarters of the apartments have already been sold – including 164 serviced and 31 residential apartments.

The company manages 51 hotel/resort accommodation properties with more than 12,000 rooms in Hawaii, Australia, Micronesia, Fiji, Tahiti and New Zealand.

Regional economic committees selected

MINISTER for Regional Development, Paul Henderson has announced the appointment of community and

private sector members to the newly formed Regional Economic Committees for Alice Springs, East Arnhem, Katherine and Tennant Creek.

He said the new Regional Economic Committees will allow for a more focussed effort on delivering long term benefits for the Territory.

“The Committees will facilitate direct engagement of local community leaders, the private sector and key government personnel, and will focus on economic development opportunities to suit their region, such as tourism in Alice Springs or mining in the East Arnhem region,” he said.

Committee members will provide advice to better ensure Government policies and plans reflect the economic needs of their region, and play a central part in the development and roll out of Economic Development Plans for their region.

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Corporation to manage Darwin Waterfront Precinct

A BILL has been introduced in the Territory Parliament designed to establish the Darwin Waterfront Corporation.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said this statutory body will manage the Waterfront precinct after construction.

“In the short term, the Corporation will own and manage land in the precinct and work with the Territory Government and Darwin City Council on adjoining land,” she said.

The Corporation will also promote the precinct as a place of residence and a venue for public events and entertainment.

It will eventually manage all of the parks and public spaces and provide local government services to the precinct.

These responsibilities include the maintenance of facilities, traffic and parking control, street lighting, garbage collection and the passing of by-laws.

The Corporation will charge rates in a similar fashion to that of Darwin City Council and is intended to break even, in cost revenue terms, over time.

Artist receives corporate sponsorship by ABN AMRO

WELL KNOWN Australian artist, Trish Robson has completed a corporate-sponsored residency at the remote Indigenous community of Epenarra, south-east of Tennant Creek, as part of a project to assist Indigenous artists to market and sell their art.

The residency was funded by ABN AMRO Australia, in partnership with World Vision Australia and Barkly Regional Arts, following a request from the Epenarra community, also known as Wetenngerr.