

FUNDED PROPOSALS HAPPENING IN THE NT IN FIVE YEARS



The Darwin Waterfront Precinct has revealed its stage 2 development proposal, including surf parks, snorkelling lagoons, pools and playgrounds.

facility being spruiked as a “second port” by former deputy prime minister Barnaby Joyce.

It will involve “common user infrastructure” that will be used by multiple companies for advanced manufacturing, including potentially

hydrogen.

“The Northern Territory has the opportunity to use these abundant resources to manufacture on an international scale, competing with other countries for both high-volume and high-value commodity markets, and

capitalise on its proximity to large Asian markets,” the plan said.

“It is estimated that the project will inject \$16bn of private sector investment and support up to 20,000 ongoing jobs by 2040. Stage 1 is expected to unlock about \$5bn-\$8bn

in private sector investment, depending on their chosen technology platform.”

Deputy CLP leader Gerard Maley said the strategy was “great for the future of the NT”.

“Unfortunately, this strategy is being driven by a gov-

ernment that has racked up \$9bn in debt, failed to deliver a single major project since coming to power in 2016, and overseen a sustained decline in population growth,” Mr Maley said.

“Labor is putting the cart before the horse,” he said.

Worker crushed by shelf

TIA EWEN

WILD weather has left a man in hospital after temporary shelving fell on his leg.

Initial reports from St John Ambulance said a bucket from an excavator fell and crushed the leg at Nhulunbuy.

However, NT WorkSafe has said it was the poor dry season weather that had contributed to the injury.

“Preliminary inquiries indicate workers at the worksite had strung up tarpaulin as protection from the wind and rain,” a statement from NT WorkSafe said.

“Strong wind has blown the tarpaulin against temporary shelving, which has subsequently fallen on to the worker and injuring his leg.”

The injury was reported to NT WorkSafe on Wednesday, soon after it happened at 6.30am.

“Our inquiry is ongoing and the outcome will determine the appropriate regulatory response,” the statement said.

“NT WorkSafe reminds all workplaces to secure materials and equipment on worksites to ensure they are not impacted by strong winds and become a hazard.”

The man was flown to the Royal Darwin Hospital.

Safe deposit in poo bank

WHILE you might be thinking about banking your savings for later in life, US experts say we should also be thinking about banking our poo.

They propose that people could bank samples of their own poo when they are young and healthy for potential use in a poo transplant later in life to help rejuvenate the bacteria in their gut.

There is already one personal “poo bank” open in the US where people can bank their own poo for future treatment of gut infections.

The experts say more well-designed animal and human studies are needed.

Senator to tie the knot in coming days

THOMAS MORGAN

TERRITORY Senator Malarndirri McCarthy will tie the knot on Saturday with partner Richard Bryant, with at least one federal minister flying into Darwin for the event.

Her Labor colleague Luke Gosling was one of the first to break the news on Mix 104.9’s Katie Woolf on Thursday, describing it as a “big occasion”.

“Senator Don Farrell is going to be in town for Territory Day, but he’s going to be here as the Minister for Tourism now in the federal government,” Ms Woolf said during an interview with Mr Gosling. “What’s he coming to the Territory for?”



Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and partner Richard Bryant

“He’s actually coming up here for Senator Malarndirri McCarthy’s wedding,” the Solomon MP told the surprised radio host.

“It’ll be a good weekend.”

Earlier on Thursday, Today Show host Karl Stefanovic wished Senator McCarthy good luck at the end of a segment.

“Malarndirri, before we go,

you’re getting married this weekend,” Stefanovic said. “We just wanted to wish you, on behalf of everyone here at the Today Show, all the very best. We love you, congratulations, it’s going to be a fantastic day for you.”

The senator announced her engagement to Darwin teacher Richard Bryant in January last year.

After Labor’s win at last month’s federal election, the re-elected senator was appointed Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians and Indigenous Health. She first ran for federal parliament in 2016, having worked as a minister in the Territory government and as a journalist.

Bone density lost in space

ASTRONAUTS on long missions experience the equivalent of 10 years of age-related bone density loss, even after 12 months of recovery, according to a small international study.

The research investigated the shinbones of 17 astronauts after being in space and found that people who went on space missions for longer than six months had substantially less bone recovery than people who were in space for less than six months.

Nine of the astronauts did not fully recover their shinbone total bone mineral density after 12 months of recovery.

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