



Yuval Rotem

## Heavy guard for Israeli ambassador

THE Alice Springs Civic Centre was ringed by Federal Police when Israeli Ambassador Yuval Rotem dropped in to say hello to the town officials.

But it didn't faze Mr Rotem who was relaxed and told Mayor Damien Ryan that he liked Alice Springs.

"It's my kind of town, just like home."

Then he told the town council he wanted to work with them to attract more Israeli tourists to the region.

Mr Rotem said: "There are 10,000 Israeli backpackers coming to Australia every year and we'd like to see them go beyond Sydney and Melbourne."

Mr Rotem also said there

was opportunity for the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce to open a branch in Alice Springs.

He said: "This is a very lovable city, and from what I've read about growth of population and the level of business a branch is something that needs to be considered."

The mayor said Mr Rotem's

visit was "low key" despite federal police securing the building.

Mr Ryan said he was delighted by Mr Rotem's enthusiasm and welcomed his support.

Mr Rotem, his wife Miri and children Itai and Rent also visited the Desert Park, the Todd Mall and Central Australian Aboriginal Congress.



The latest status symbol

## Alice joins iPhone launch

ALICE Springs will be one of 17 Telstra locations around Australia to release the highly-anticipated new Apple iPhone today.

Telstra has received limited stocks of the phone, so only selected stores will be selling it.

NT corporate affairs manager Jane de Gault said the Alice Springs store was expecting "huge numbers of people through the doors".

She said: "We have spread the stock around the country as best we can to give people a chance of getting one."

"We will continue to fill our stores as more stock arrives and will keep people updated on the iPhone availability."

The iPhone plans start at \$30 per month with an upfront cost of \$279 for the 8GB model and \$399 for the 16GB model on 24-month contracts.

The Telstra shop is located in Todd Mall.

Australia's time zone means it is one of the first countries in the world to launch the new phone.

# Jenni left in lurch by TV farmer

Carenda Jenkin

ALICE Springs-born Jenni Cawood thought going on reality TV show *Farmer Wants A Wife* would end three years of singledom.

But the single farmer the 25-year-old picked to be the man of her dreams dropped a bombshell on Monday night.

Farmer Mick told Jenni and four other women who were all on a group date that he was leaving the show to focus on his drought-stricken property at Goulburn, New South Wales.

He later admitted to having feelings for Jenni, who is the great grand daughter of John Cawood - the first Government Resident of Central Australia.

But Jenni, a personal assistant now working

in Brisbane, said yesterday she was shocked by farmer Mick having feelings for her considering the limited amount of time they had spent together.

Jenni said: "I don't believe in love at first sight. We weren't given enough opportunity to make a connection - especially during the speed date."

"I was shocked to hear that Farmer Mick had feelings for me."

Jenni said her identical twin Amie gave her the confidence to sign up for the reality show.

Jenni said: "I'm not desperate and dateless - I just haven't found the right person."

"So with the show I thought there was no harm in trying - I've been single for three years and been very picky."

Jenni's dad Craig Cawood, who lives in Darwin, said he was proud of his daughter.



He said: "I've been spending my Monday nights on the recliner - I'm proud of her."

Jenni is the great niece of Sister Marie Cawood, the nun who was mugged by a teen in Alice Springs as reported in the *Centralian Advocate* in April of this year.

Jenni's grandfather Ian Cawood was a ranger at Uluru when Azaria Chamberlain went missing in August 1980.

And Jenni's great grand father Stan Cawood was one of Central Australia's

transport and tourism pioneers.

Stan, when he died on October 17, 2003, at the age of 96 years, was the last witness to the events of the tragic and controversial Kookaburra incident.

In June 1929, he was cook and relief driver for a party which took a

lorry across country from Newcastle Waters deep into the Tanami desert to recover the bodies of airmen Anderson and Hitchcock.

The aviators had crash landed the Kookaburra two months before and died when unable to clear an area for takeoff.

Alice Springs-born Jenni Cawood - supposed suitor farmer Mick took off back to his farm, but it didn't matter much to Jenni anyway.

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