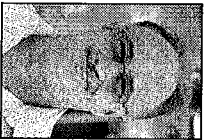


## Speak Up: Should cat owners be forced to register their cats?

**NO** Why do we need to register our cats?



**MICHAEL CAIN, Darwin City,**

**YES** Bloody oath. My boss has four cats and even walks one of them. I thought they already had to be registered.



**SAM WILSON, Gunn**

**NO** I don't know if you can track it, there's so many of them.



**JOHN CONNOLLY, Bayview**

**YES** Because they kill native animals and it will make people accountable for them.



**WAYNE ROBERTS, Darwin City**

**DON'T KNOW** Maybe people should have to register to have kids too.



**KARLI HVATT, Leanyer**

## Letters

LETTER OF THE DAY

# Hold land for benefit of all

LUDMILLA residents are concerned by the mismanagement of the ecologically diverse urban bushland on both sides of Dick Ward Drive.

Last year, part of the land was rezoned for light industry and Gwelo Investments has a caveat over the seaward side.

As apply stated by the NT News, "Don't ruin our unique city" (Editorial, October 31).

Ludmilla residents want to know how land set aside in 1979 for community use can be held by an incorporated association whose constitution requires a membership of "no less than five... of which half must be Aboriginal".

As Bill Day writes (Letters, October 31), there are fewer safeguards in regulations more suited to a darts club

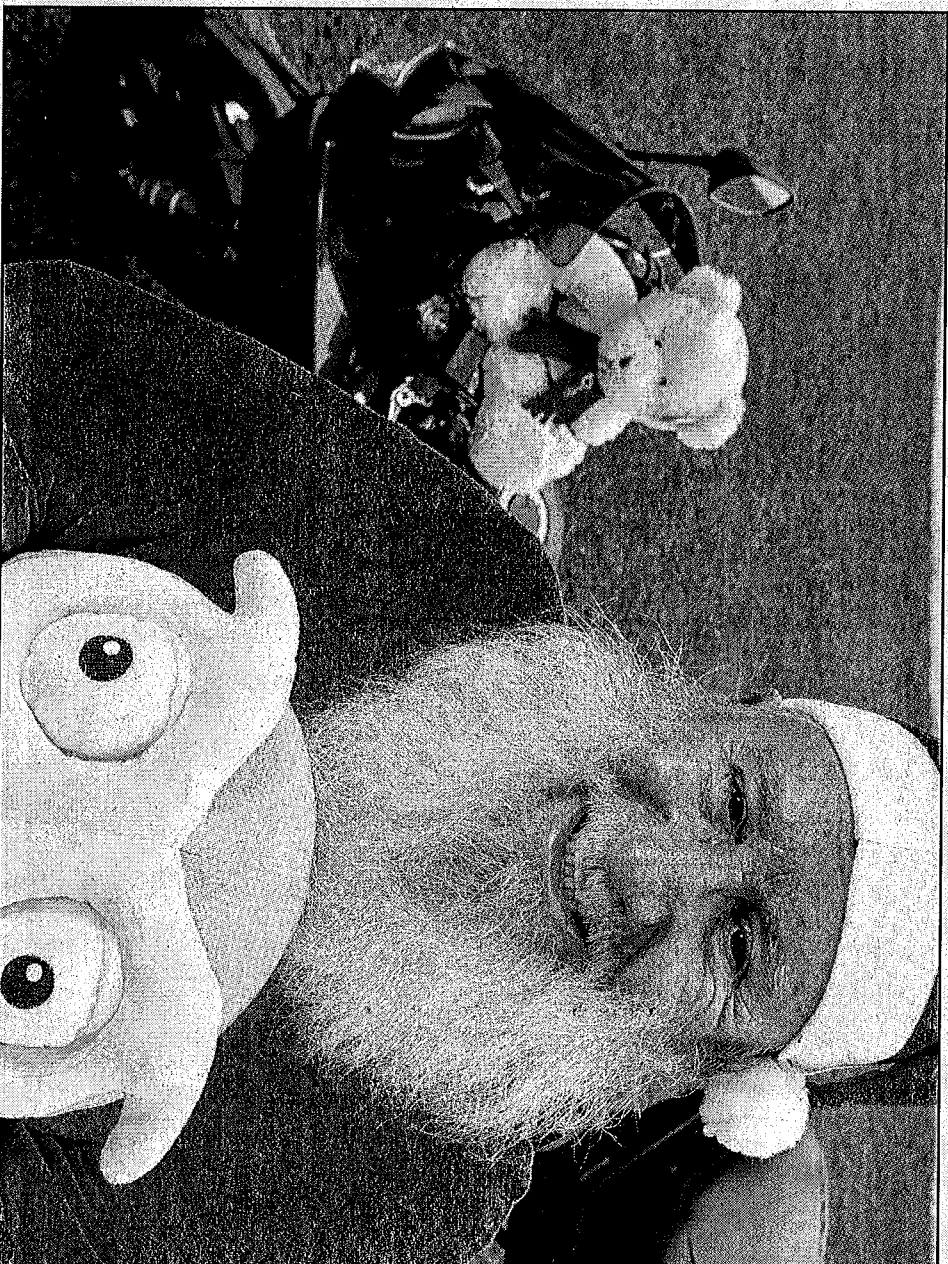
than a body holding 301ha of community land.

Originally the land was to be held in trust by the Northern Land Council under the Land Rights Act, but after that Act excluded land in towns, a defunct association was revived to be the holder of the special purpose lease.

The constitution of that association has been amended several times since, further defining qualifications for membership to exclude most Larrakia and other interested people.

Surely it is time to set up a fully representative trust to hold the land as a wilderness, heritage, education and culture park in the interests of the environment, the Larrakia people and all of Darwin. **Concensed Ludmilla residents**

## PICK OF THE PICS



John Allwood will dress as Santa and lead 300-plus motorbikes carrying toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal from Casuarina Plaza into the city and then out to Berrimah on December 7

Picture: HELEN ORR

## online comments

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### ON DOC SMACKS CHILD

I think this is a total over reaction. If it had been my child I would have been apologetic to the Dr and other patients for my child's behaviour. Given a door is hardly something a child should be playing with. There has been times I have been in waiting rooms where I have felt like asking the parent to control their children running amok. **Get a life of Darwin**

Mum should have been mortified - by her son's behaviour. Parent's job to teach

kids how to behave and the boundaries. **Anne of Darwin**

If it would have been my kid I would have stopped him playing with the sliding door. How many times have we seen parents just sit their while their kid disrupts everything around them? Take some Leadership and and control back that's why we have so many kids running wild in Darwin. Yes the Doc should not have done it but the parent should take responsibility for their kids actions. **Seth of Nth Subs**

Just happened in WA. Cats must be sterilised, microchipped and registered. \$200, \$60 and \$40 for 3 years respectively. Less on a pension, not much tho. Expensive especially if you have more than one cat. -Jilly Darwin Born and Bred

If you hit your own kid you can be charged for assault but if someone else dose it can be put under child safety to get away with it. Thats nice to know. **Local 2013 of Darwin**

The docs in the wrong- but they are just human he said sorry. Everyone is human but we must have consequences.

The Doctor should be on some disciplinary measures. **Chelse of Marrakai**

### ON CAT REGO

I am a cat lover, however cats are murder on our wildies. My bloke was sterilised and microchipped years ago, and has the run of the neighbourhood. He is totally

housebroken, however he will still bring home lizards, birds, mice etc. You can only teach them to bond with you, and live with you.. you CANNOT tame them. Registration and chipping is the way to go. **Woodie**

I have no problems with this plan as long as it is for the reasons that BYRMSY states. Make sure that the registration fee is MINIMAL. This will at least provide some incentive for responsible cat owner to register their moggies. **W**

Another revenue raising strategy. **The Phantom of Darwin**

Cats owners should be made to register their cats the same as dog owners are. All cats should be sterilized. we are sick to pick up dead lizards, frogs and birds in the garden every day being killed by cats. **Al Moppo of Cairns**

## txt the editor

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### ON TEACHERS

Minister Chan please explain. How many teachers could you employ for relocation costs of evicted Music school and NTOEC?

Most teachers would agree that throwing good money after bad at parts of remote schooling needed serious review. But why target everything, even what was working well?

Wish I could go on strike for better pay. my boss would laugh his head off then tell me if I don't like pay I can eff off n find other job. **Stephen, H/dao**

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It is sad those of you who bag the teachers as a whole merely display your own ignorance of this disturbing situation. My wife is a teacher, she works hard at her job, doesn't actually get 3 months holiday and is devoted to the children she teaches.

Maybe listen to, parents...not more teachers. just better ones. -luv ya darwin.

Re Teachers dispute. Simple solution, just rename them as traffic controllers as they have a open cheque book budget problem will fix ASAP! **Andrew, Fannie Bay**

Speare fishing is the way to go, get in quick and go home with a feed, all you amateurs wasting time with your 'lures' and 'live baits' - **Coops, Palmerston**

Had a mate admit that she and large number of her colleagues only became teachers because of the huge amount of paid study time available to achieve higher qualifications and get better paying jobs! At least she was honest. **Nana, Cas**

### ON DOC SMACKS CHILD

Doc smacks child- so what! control your child if you know what the word means! Fed up on whingers.

I was there, the Doctor was in the right. You need to keep your child under wraps. That child was being a little \*\*\*\*\*. **PA, Palmo**

A smack on the bottom is legal and is for the safety of the child. It can be a lot less severe than jamming a hand in the sliding mechanism. Too many parents let their kids run amok teaching them no safety and no respect. Sounds like an excellent doctor.

### ON OTHER THINGS

So Matt Conlan didnt make a token announcement at the start of his speech... Who cares? Where is the acknowledgment for the English, Chinese, Greek, Scottish, Vietnamese, Italians, et al, who shed blood swear and tears building this country, and made it great? Sick of PC stuff. **Jon, Malak**

Re: healthy an horrified sydney'sider! Surely you cant be for real with that comment? You just pullin our legs huh! we survive on barra mangoes, magpie geese, salty plums an pausiced coffee! How does the rest of oz survive? **Dumb Dumb**

Saw a great thing the other day, 4 mounted police on the beat in the CBD even better was that one of the riders was the Assistant Commissioner on ya Shayne.

Slowest ATM in the NT is the Commonwealth one beside Shanannigans on Mitchell St. **Still Waiting**