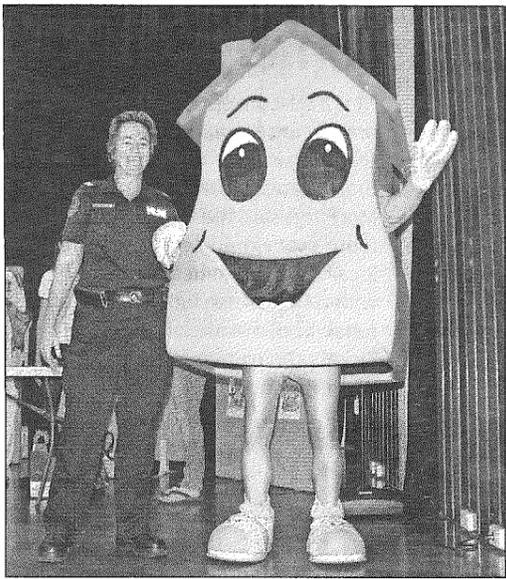


# Residents' help needed to make town safer



IN A bid to help make Nhulunbuy safer, Neighbourhood Watch Support and Liaison Officer Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton (pictured, left) visited the town's community markets on the weekend to encourage locals to take part in Neighbourhood Watch initiatives. The NT's successful community-based crime prevention program aims at the protection of property and personal safety by developing initiatives and educating residents on their personal safety, encouraging neighbours to get to know each other, developing and

strengthening partnerships in the community and creating safer and more secure communities.

"We need people in town who are the eyes and ears of the community," Mrs Middleton said.

"If we want police to catch offenders, we need people to report suspicious behaviour straight away directly to police.

"People have to understand that police don't monitor Facebook to see where something has happened - we need people to keep an eye out in their neighbourhood and ring police when something's not right."

Mrs Middleton said Neighbourhood Watch had a range of initiatives in support of localised police work, including the UV marker kits.

"Neighbourhood Watch is handing out UV markers, for people to mark their property.

"It's not just about locking up your house and car - you can also mark your property to help police identify stolen property and return it to the owner in a timely manner."

As part of her visit, Mrs Middleton also highlighted the need for more Safety Houses in

Nhulunbuy.

Safety Houses provide comfort and safety to any child who may require assistance whilst travelling to or from school.

To become a Safety House member, applicants need to be home or open for business between 7am to 8.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm most week days.

Applicants are required to hold a current Working With Children Ochre Card and will have to undergo an annual National Criminal History Check.

Anyone interested in the projects can visit nhwnt.org.au.

# East Arnhem opportunities highlighted

THE CEO of Developing East Arnhem, Carley Scott (pictured, below), earlier this month travelled to Darwin to promote the region's opportunities.

As part of her speech at the NT Major Projects Conference, Ms Scott said the East Arnhem region was well poised to capitalise on the region's potential - especially when it comes to Indigenous enterprises.

Highlighting East Arnhem in a positive light in a bid to promote future industries and to ensure major projects would benefit the local community, Ms Scott said now was the time to look at opportunities for investment in projects beyond mining.

"East Arnhem Land is a fantastic place for Indigenous Enterprise and at the moment it offers niche opportunities for business people.

"There's been a big move in East Arnhem Land where we've seen people go through a really tough period and now come out the other side to a large degree," she said.

"We're now looking at really exciting projects going forward.

"We can look at the port infrastructure that we've got there and what we can do with aquaculture in particular.

"Agriculture as well is an opportunity for us with exports and movement of products, whether it would be beef product - an industry that is already growing here - or for example the crocodile industry, which is of interest to us.

"But there are a lot of other opportunities, including tourism, which is a growth-area for East Arnhem Land."

Ms Scott said Nhulunbuy's natural assets and its infrastructure would be a big draw card for the region, and locals had a "need and desire" for increased services and products, opening up opportunities for businesses to sell or manufacture their products in the region.

On top of the suitable enterprise opportunities, Ms Scott said the construction industry was already booming, with \$90 million currently being spend on construction and trades projects.

Addressing the town's housing issues, Ms Scott said through Developing East Arnhem housing could be made available for businesses looking at attracting more workers to the region or people looking at setting up new a new business in town.



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