

\$40m DFO Cairns sale

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Revived tourism sector factor in purchase

THE new owner of the DFO shopping centre at Westcourt will tap into the rebounding tourism sector to capitalise on their new \$39.7 million investment.

The Brisbane-based Sentinel Property Group says the property is their biggest retail acquisition and represents "a major boost to Sentinel's national retail portfolio and its growing presence in the North Queensland property market".

Sentinel managing director Warren Ebert said it was "landmark acquisition".

"This is our largest ever retail purchase in both value and size and also provides us with a high profile entry into the Cairns market," he said.

"We have been actively growing our property presence in North Queensland in recent years and have been searching for a prominent Cairns property to which we can add significant value.

"We are delighted to have secured the DFO Cairns retail centre and we now look forward to working closely with its retailers to maximise the

property's solid underlying fundamentals and future growth potential."

Mr Ebert said a recent focus of Sentinel's expansion strategy has been on acquiring property in key locations in North Queensland that were well positioned to benefit from the rebounding tourism sector.

"Sentinel has built its success on identifying and unlocking value where others do not, and we see great potential to capitalise on the size, location and tenancy profile of DFO Cairns with our hands-

on specialist retail leasing and management skills," he said.

"We also believe the property is very well positioned to enjoy the positive flow-on benefits from the rebounding tourism sector in Cairns, already evident in the strong growth in visitor numbers, increased direct flights from China and the major redevelopment of the Cairns airport."

The centre sits on 8.15ha site with a total floor area of 25,000sq m and parking for more than 1500 vehicles.

It is the only direct factory

outlet north of Brisbane and is home to an array of national and international tenants, including Coles, Hungry Jacks, Trade Secret, Bonds, EB Games, Ralph Lauren and Royal Doulton.

Sentinel's capital raising to buy the centre closed oversubscribed from investors in just 24 hours. The property will be held as the sole asset of the Sentinel DFO Cairns Trust, which has forecast three year average distributions of 10.5 per cent per annum.

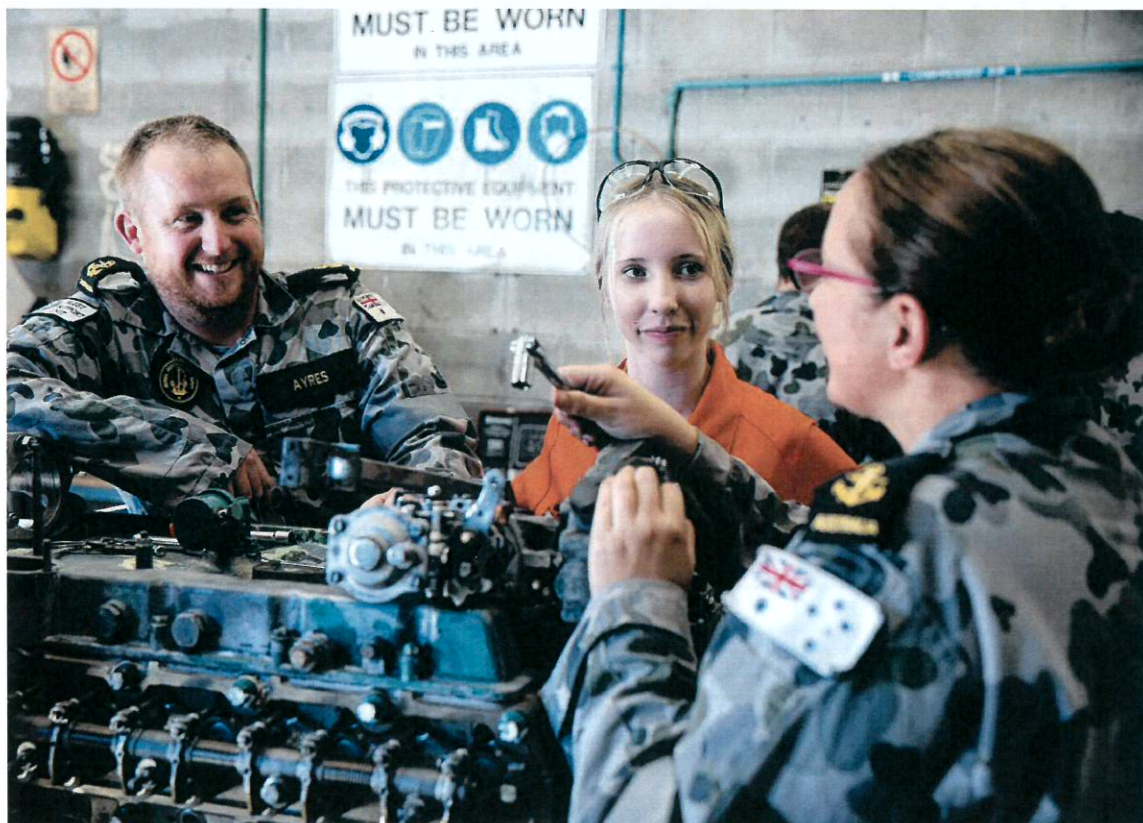
According to CoreLogic RP

Data DFO bought the 8.5ha centre in 2006 for \$45m from Trinity Fund Management Ltd.

It is one of the last DFO centres operated by the failed Austexx group.

Late last year Sentinel snapped up the property housing Big W at Atherton for \$10.35m.

The unlisted commercial property fund manager, established in 2010, has assets under management of nearly \$1 billion and owns and manages a national portfolio of 42 retail, industrial, office, land and tourism infrastructure assets throughout Australia.



NUTS AND BOLTS: Hallie Thorn learning mechanics at HMAS Cairns with Leading Seaman Christopher Ayres and Sam Philips. Defence is running a Women in Navy Technical Trades Camp at HMAS Cairns, Draper Street. The aim is to showcase Navy technical trades to young women considering this career stream. Picture: MARC MCCORMACK

Women get taste of career in Navy

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CAIRNS women chasing the chance to play their part in protecting Australia's borders have been granted insight into Navy trade careers at a technical trades camp in the Far North.

Participants experienced Navy technical trades such as engineering and technician roles in an effort to gift potential candidates the chance to "see and feel" what a career in the Navy could entail.

"Women have shown they're as capable as men when it comes to be welcomed to these sort of roles," Defence work experience program coordinator Jo Heenan said.

"They were able to walk through a submarine, and see what sleeping and eating conditions are like. "Then they understand what they're getting into when they do sign up." Ms Heenan said many students had left with a clearer picture of what roles in the Defence Force were available.

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HE SAID IT

“It was a great ride. If I knew I was going to get the jailtime, I'd have done 100 people more. I would have done it a lot harder”

Texas people trafficker Max Bocanegra reflects on his former life of crime

Cairns Post Love kids at home as well

THE Police Citizens Youth Club and management of the Cairns Villa and Leisure Park deserve high praise for their work with disadvantaged and at-risk kids in Manoora.

Reinforcing positive messages about lifestyle, anti-crime, anti-drugs and staying in school are exactly what such children need.

Even just to have someone take an interest in them and bring some fun into their lives is a major break from the norm for many.

But while this group of special people work hard to make a difference, it will be of little use if the children's lives outside those few hours of intervention continue to be tough. If police and park management explain to kids why it's wrong to steal cars and why it's crucial they go to school, how do they get the message through when the kids might be surrounded by others in the neighbourhood who live their lives doing the opposite?

The people of Manoora are rightfully upset by published evidence of endemic violence and child sexual abuse. With this program at the park reaping rewards, there's a chance for the whole community to get on board and reinforce the positive messages. Otherwise, all the outside help in the world is unlikely to have long-term positive effects – and that's an unacceptable shame.

April Fools fun

Yesterday's April Fool page 3 stunt was largely well received by readers but there were always going to be a few critics.

By far the biggest outrage was felt in Daintree after the Post “revealed” a new McDonald's restaurant would be built up there. Hopefully everyone has calmed down and had a chuckle.

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“THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL FRONTRUNNER HAS A SOLID TRACK RECORD OF WOMAN-BAITING BUT THIS IS HIS MOST FLAGRANT ATTEMPT”



Trump misogyny at new level

SO now Donald Trump's cold war on women has gone hot with his outrageous suggestion women who end pregnancies should be punished.

In an interview with a US broadcaster, Trump said if abortion is banned in the US there has to be “some form of punishment” for women who terminate pregnancies.

Nothing about the men who helped them get into that situation, just the ladies who make a choice women fought long and hard for; the right to control their own fertility.

The Republican presidential front-runner has a solid track record of woman-baiting but this is his most flagrant attempt to wind back women's freedoms. It's nothing short of dangerous.

In this campaign alone he has suggested a female journalist who questioned him in a way he didn't like was on her period – “she had blood coming out of her wherever”, he said on CNN.

Fox moderator Megyn Kelly's crime had been to ask tough questions of Trump during a televised debate about his past demeaning comments about women in life and on social media; his use of words such as “dog”, “fat” and “disgusting” to put down women.



DIVISIVE: Presidential candidate Donald Trump.

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der, Angelina Jolie and Rosie O'Donnell, insulting them as “fat ass”, “slob” and “extremely unattractive” among other things.

These women and others who have dared to cross him have been duly “punished” by Trump with mere ritual humiliation based on their looks or gender.

What punishment would he suggest for women who have abortions?

The former reality TV show star turned would-be conservative presidential candidate said “I don't know”.

Showing how much he cares about women's rights to make their own health choices, he said that even if abortion is banned some women would access it illegally.

He later tried to backpedal, saying abortion was an issue for the states – but the damage was done.

What is truly frightening is that a man quoted in *New York* magazine in the early 1990s as having a philosophy of “women, you have to treat them like s—t” is enjoying such extraordinary popularity in the US.

He has described pumping breast milk at work as “disgusting” and working mothers as lacking in loyalty and not good employees because “she's not giving me 100 per cent. She's giving me 84 per cent and 16 per

cent is going towards taking care of children”.

What about working fathers?

In Trump-land is parenting such a sole domain of women that fathers don't matter or their need to care for children count?

Anger with what governments or parties have delivered you is one thing, and wanting a candidate who can do more for you and “tells it like it is” as “blunt-talking” Trump boasts is understandable in the era of perpetual spin.

But continuing to support someone whose views on women are so overtly degrading and whose aspirations for controlling women's lives are in some ways comparable to the way women are treated under regimes Trump despises is impossible to understand.

Perhaps this latest broadside on our gender will wake Americans up, at last, to the kind of person this man must be.

To quote the conclusion of a March 24 article titled ‘Donald Trump Hates Women, It's The One Position He's Never Changed’ in the influential US journal *Slate*: “Misogyny isn't an incidental part of Donald Trump. It's who he is.”

Women voters, please take note.

Light side



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