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**Territory tough local shows 3.5m saltie who's boss, four years after his beloved pooch was dramatically killed by a croc** **STORY P5, SHOCKING VIDEOS NTNEWS.COM.AU**



Goat Island owner Kai Hansen took on a 3.5m croc with a frying pan, four years after his dog, Dumb Blonde, was killed by a saltie (inset).

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## 'No link' between funding cut, grandstand

**THOMAS MORGAN**

RACING, Gaming and Licensing Minister Chansey Paech has insisted there is "no relation" between government efforts to recoup \$12m from the Darwin Turf Club (DTC) and an \$11.6m cut to racing, gaming and liquor licensing funding.

Mr Paech repeatedly said

during Budget Estimates that discussions about the government's efforts to recoup \$12m granted to build the DTC grandstand were "ongoing" with the organisation.

Former chief minister Michael Gunner last year vowed to recoup government money granted to the DTC after an Independent Commissioner Against Corrup-

tion report into the tendering process.

The 2022-23 budget papers show an \$11.6m cut to "racing, gaming and liquor licensing" within the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade.

Mr Paech said this variation had "no relation" to the grandstand saga.

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“The investors weren’t able to get people to the Territory. Only Queenslanders were able to visit and this is a gamble when they’re promising to spend money.

“It’s a chance now for inves-

tors from NSW and Victoria to come and inspect what they’d invested in.

“They’re so excited they’re jumping out of their skins to get to Darwin and see what they bought ... and look at other investment opportunities.

“We want to showcase all there is to see in terms of lifestyle and investments in Darwin.”

While reluctant to reveal the identity of the millionaires who are behind the project, Sentinel believes the investor

caravan will open up further interest in Darwin from cashed-up interstate buyers.

“There’s some really big hitters who have an eye for a solid investment,” he said.

The visitors will be transferred to Casuarina Shopping Square by bus on Wednesday morning and will spend two hours in the centre sampling food and beverage options as well as visiting some of the 190 stores at the complex. They then head to Casuarina Club.

Infrastructure NT freight and logistics senior director

Tracey Lines will be a guest presenter.

Other guests include Environment Minister and Casuarina MLA Lauren Moss, Ashley Heath from Ward Keller and Lily North from Belong Group.

Mr Ebert hopes to develop Casuarina Square into a town centre that will provide residential and lifestyle choices for residents and visitors.

Sentinel has invested heavily in the Top End during the past couple of years including purchasing the CasCom building and Wishart cold stores.