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The CrossFit Darwin team gets that sinking feeling during the famous Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta at Mindil Beach. Picture: Glenn Campbell

Chief Minister commits to tackling worsening Territory scourge

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CAMDEN SMITH

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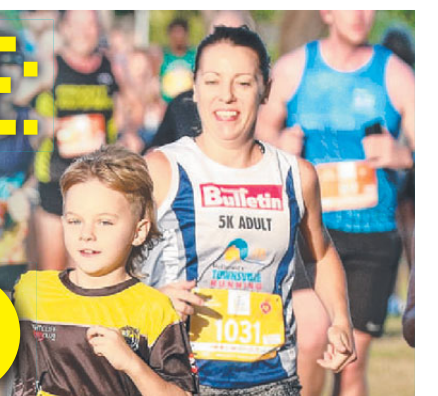


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Trespass law review targets repeat pests

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Clarification of the law was sought by the new owner of Casuarina Square shopping centre, Sentinel Property Group chief executive Warren Ebert.

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Speaking last week at an investor roadshow at Casuar-

ina Club, Mr Ebert said Chief Minister Natasha Fyles had committed to clarifying rules around the Trespass Act as they relate to permanent bans on unruly patrons.

“So if you have locals creating problems you (escort) them out, then they just come in another door,” Mr Ebert said. “But the chief minister said there is legislation under the Trespass Act and they’re getting that to us.”

“Any angle we can find to destroy their fun we’re working on it.”

At a Property Council corporate lunch at Mindil Beach Casino Resort on Friday, Ms Fyles addressed concerns

around itinerancy and anti-social behaviour.

“Everyone in the Territory has the right to go about their daily life without putting up with humbug or worse,” Ms Fyles said.

“I acknowledge that the community is experiencing unacceptable levels of anti-social behaviour and property crime, and I won’t pretend that isn’t happening.

“Some of it is cyclical, some of it is seasonal, but we need to prepare for that and we need to try and stop it before it happens.

“I won’t shy away from those difficult conversations. I wanted to assure you of

that. We are committed, invested in the generational change that it will take and we are starting to see those benefits.

“But I also have listened and I know the community wants to see short- and medium-term solutions as well as longer-term generational change.”

One of those solutions could be amending the Trespass Act – although the chief minister on Friday shied away from committing to changing the Act to impose such a ban.

The government is first looking to clarify the intent of the Act, which has had a

number of amendments since its 1987 passage through Territory parliament.

“I had a meeting with Sentinel Group and they raised that specific issue,” Ms Fyles said. “We undertook to go away and have a look at the legislation to ensure there is clarity for them as property owners to understand their rights around that type of situation.

“What rights has (a property owner) got if someone is continuing to cause anti-social behaviour? We’ve got a complex legislative system and we have, in terms of anti-social behaviour, a number of measures.”

NT launches to infinity and beyond

THE Northern Territory’s space industry was set to launch into the stars late on Sunday night with the first of three NASA rockets due to launch from Equatorial Launch Australia’s (ELA) Arnhem Space Centre.

It was set to be the first NASA rocket launched from Australia since 1995, and the first time NASA had ever launched from a commercial spaceport outside the US.

Gumatj Corporation chairman Djawa Yunupingu said his organisation wanted to create a bright future for Yolngu families and take up new opportunities – the space industry being one of them.

“We are active partners in the Arnhem Space Centre and with ELA, helping to construct the infrastructure and supporting its operations,” Mr Yunupingu said.

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