

SENTINEL'S SHOPPY SUNDAY



Sentinel Property Group executive chairman Warren Ebert visited new purchase Casuarina Square. Picture: (A)manda Parkinson

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NEW Casuarina Square owner Warren Ebert made his first visit to the centre since finalising its purchase earlier this month.

With settlement due at the end of March, Mr Ebert and other members of the Sentinel Property Group team

joined shoppers on a Sunday afternoon amble through the Territory's largest retail and entertainment precinct.

As well as the \$400m the Sentinel Group paid for Casuarina, they recently splashed on a city apartment to accommodate the businesses' representatives when in

Darwin. "It's quite a large unit and will have a bit of an office there," Mr Ebert said. Short-term priorities are improved lighting, clean-up and paint-job, primarily around the carparks. Also a priority is fast-tracking and finalising plans to shift the Casuarina bus interchange to an alternate location to deliver an

additional 50,000 sqm for developments, including residential and worker accommodation.

"We've got to continue to work through on the bus stop but that's got to be finalised by the government," he said. "There's been discussions for quite some time with GPT and the Territory government

and we'll want to have some input in that and see what they're going to do about putting in extra carparking, because you can't have a successful bus interchange if people can't park their car.

"That's pretty expensive so if you're going to do it, do it once and do it right."