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A message from your new representative in NT parliament

Hello Johnston!

After a whirlwind first two weeks of Parliament, it has been wonderful to be back in the electorate and catch up with people at the office, at the markets, at schools, in gardens and at community events.

An update on Parliament

The laws passed in the first sitting of Parliament were 'assented to' by the Administrator last week, which means they are now in force. A number of you have been in contact with concerns about additional police harassment of Aboriginal people, and the lack of information about the impact of these laws. Please let me know if you have any concerns about this and I will follow up.

Rally against the Criminal Code Amendments Bill to lower the age of criminal responsibility

The next sitting of Parliament begins on Tuesday 26th November. There are 3 new bills on the agenda: payroll tax, fine recovery and first home buyers grants. More information about these proposed bills is available online. I'll share more about what I know about them all next week, but again if you have questions or comments please get in touch.

The Territory Coordinator

We also know the CLP will be introducing a new law for the "Territory Coordinator". This is a new role which gives almost unlimited powers to an unelected official to fast-track decision making, override NT regulatory authorities, and even change the application of Acts with 'the primary objective of driving economic prosperity'. This represents an extreme threat to our democratic process and if you have concerns about it, I urge you to let the Chief Minister know. There was an initial 'consultation' where the draft paper was sent out to 12 organisations. The CLP has said that this is the beginning of the process, and that they are happy to hear from people. Get in touch with the Office if you would like to know more!

Opening of the CDU Danala City Campus

In the Office

We are so happy to welcome Viv Clarke who has started as our Electorate Officer. Viv is looking forward to meeting all of you! And a huge thanks to the wonderful people who worked and helped out in the office over the last 2 months as we set up – Lara, Alice, Ali, Kathy, Elsabe, Sara, Beth, Maddy and others. We love our connected community! If you are interested in volunteering with us, at the office or out in the community, please call or email the office, or get in touch on social media.

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The **community space** is being used by more and more groups which we love – please get in touch if you would like access to a free airconditioned space to meet in! Call the Electorate Office on 8999 6620 or book via the website at www.justinedavis.com.au

Thanks to Faye who donated all these lovely plants for the Johnston office!

Right: Thanks to Gerry Wood (former independent MLA for almost 20 years) for dropping into the office and for your wisdom and advice.

Below: A wonderful morning at the beautiful Alawa Primary School farm working bee

Johnston Updates

It was wonderful to see Johnston resident Franck Gohier nominated for NT Australian of the Year awards on Monday night.

We would love to keep celebrating the successes of Johnston locals – contact us at the Johnston Electorate Office if you have a story to share!

Proud to stand with Uncle Richie standing strong for people and country

Assembly at Nemarluk School with Terry

New Mural at the Jingili Shops

Ted is a Jingili local resident and a painter and street artist who off his own back painted an amazing mural with a friend on the wall of Jingili shops as a way to connect and brighten the community. You can follow Ted on Instagram at @zestenberg13.

Ted's mural at the Jingili Shops

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Community Town Hall Event

Meet Justine Davis, hear about her work so far as your representative in the NT Parliament, and share what is important to you.

Wednesday 20 November, 5.30 - 7pm
Moil Primary School
At the outdoor assembly area (undercover)

Staying in Touch

I will continue to make myself available in the community as much as possible – please come and say hello if you would like to chat! There is also a Town Hall meeting planned as an opportunity for the whole electorate to get together and share ideas and concerns before the last week of Parliament for the year.

Monday 11 November, 5-6pm	Jingili Shops
Wednesday 13 November, 5-6pm	Sabine Rd Shops, Millner
Tuesday 19 November, 5-6pm	Alawa Shops
Weds 20 November	Town Hall Meeting, Moil
Every Sunday, 8am – 1pm	Rapid Creek Markets

You can also stay up to date via:

- A weekly blog on the website
- A monthly e-newsletter (subscribe via the website!)
- This newsletter in your letterbox, and available at our stalls and the Johnston Electorate office

Please let me know if you have questions, any issues you want raised or anything that you would like me to find out more about. I am here in this job for you!

Please also feel free to come to Parliament when it is sitting! The Public Gallery is open 10am – 12pm, and 2pm until close, 26 - 28 November.

I am committed to sharing as much information with you as I can about what is going on in NT politics. Follow me on social media at **@justine4johnston** for regular updates.

Find me and the amazing Johnston volunteers outside your local shops or Rapid Creek Market to talk about the things that matter to you in our community

What's On

There are lots of events coming up as we come to the end of the year. All events are free unless otherwise specified.

Native Plant Giveaway
Sat 9th November
Alawa Oval, 65 Lakeside Dr, Alawa NT 0810
Collect your free plants and help green up our community. The giveaway is for Darwin residents only and proof of residence is required. Please note there is a limit of six plants per household.

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CWA Art and Craft Stall Fair
Saturday 16 November, 8 – 11am
27 Bishop St, Woolner NT 0820, Australia

Art, craft, children's toys, children's clothes, gifts, pottery, textiles, quilts, jewellery, knitting, crochet, Christmas items. CWA Devonshire teas will be available.

Tactile Arts Christmas Makers Market
Saturday/Sunday 9 & 10 November, 9am – 4pm
Territory Netball Stadium, 235 Abala Road, Marrara

A diverse selection of beautifully handcrafted work, produced in the Top End by some of our finest artists, crafters, designers and makers, and take home some truly unique and beautiful gifts.

Celebrating Trans Awareness Week
Monday 18 November, 5pm
Contact the LGBTI Living Well by NTAHC for venue

Celebrate Trans Awareness Week in a joyful, relaxed gathering by the water. Whether you're part of the trans community, an ally, or family, everyone is welcome here. We'll order pizzas to fill our tummies including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free. Accessible parking is available nearby, and we'll be situated close to the accessible bathrooms. If you have any specific access needs or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Bring along a picnic rug or camping chair to get comfy, and if you're up for a swim, don't forget your swimwear!

Drop-in Session: Accessibility Is Everyone's Concern!
Monday 11 November, 10am – 12pm
Casuarina Library, 17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

City of Darwin is seeking community input on the development of an Access Strategy that will address the access needs of various groups of people within the municipality.

Help us understand community perspectives, concerns and priorities for accessibility in Darwin.

City of Darwin officers will be available at the Casuarina Library to assist anyone who would like to complete the survey. Online and hard copy surveys will be available on the day. Survey closes Wednesday 13 November. For more information visit: engage.nt.gov.au/access-strategy.

The Green Ant Christmas Craft Fair 2024
Saturday/Sunday 23 & 24 November, 9am – 4pm
Royal Darwin Showgrounds, Entry fee $4-$5

The Green Ant Christmas Craft Fair, formerly the Marrara Craft Fair, is an annual Darwin tradition, it features local jewellery, art, and crafts, along with face-painting and food — a perfect festive outing!

Casuarina Christmas Pool Party -
Saturday 23 November, 8.30AM - 12PM
Casuarina Pool, 17 Gsell St, Casuarina

Come along to meet Santa, join in activities with Fun Bus, dance to the DJ and enjoy a free sausage sizzle and free coffee for the parents.

Wet Season Native Plant Sale & Biodiversity Day
Sat 30 November, 8am – 2pm
Riyala, 255E Gullick (Elizabeth Valley) Road, Noonamah

Come down to Riyala, a stunning native bush retreat near Noonamah, to celebrate the Wet! Shop over 2,500 native plants available across 120 species, enjoy activities for all ages including guided walks, interactive wildlife displays, help identify plants and animals, live music, food & drinks. Fundraising for the Top End Native Plant Society.

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