

# NT Newsletter



**January edition:** QANTAS schedule changes, Bonaparte LNG, Shell Prelude FLNG, Roper River, Minemakers, Energy Resources of Australia, Western Desert Resources, Abattoir, National Broadband Network, Sports House site rezoned, Alice Springs Development, Kurringal Flats, Completion of Key Dredging at Walker Shoal, EcOz, APPEA 2014, Safety in Action, Brazil Delegation, BEC Events National Transport Commission

## Top story

### QANTAS schedule changes

Qantas have been quietly adding flights to their Darwin schedule for 2014 in order to support the growth anticipated to see coming. There will be 10 new return services per week to and from the Top End, which represents around a 15% increase in frequency and a 10% increase in seat capacity.

The details are as follows;

- Darwin to Brisbane – an additional 4 flights per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) operating as QF836/837. Some extra flying has been taking place since December, but the increase takes full effect from 10 March.
- Darwin to Melbourne – an additional 3 flights per week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) using the existing flight number. This will make the service a daily one from March, and will have the added benefit of freeing up some capacity on the Darwin to Adelaide route.

- Darwin to Perth – an additional 2 flights per week (Wed/Fri from Darwin, Tue/Thu from Perth), operating as QF800/801. These take effect on 07 March.

- Darwin to Sydney – 1 additional flight every Tuesday, which will operate as QF844/845 from 30 March. This will take us up to 14 flights per week in the peak period.

The timings of the additional flights will serve both the Darwin and inbound markets well and there will also be some product consistency benefits through the use of mainly 737-800 aircraft on the routes.

Their schedule from Darwin to the other ports they serve does not change for the current time and there are no changes to/from Alice Springs and Yulara.

*Source: Neil Ager, Manager Northern Territory, Qantas Airways Limited*

## Stats

### January 2014\*

Number of enquiries received: **330**

Total estimated value: **\$31.3 million**

Number of NT nominations: **605**

Number of new NT company profiles: **11**

\*Figures for 1–30 January 2014 inclusive.

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## Welcome

Congratulations to those involved in the proposed Global Export Facility at the Darwin International Airport. There are still hurdles to overcome before such a development actually exists on the ground, but there is considerable work being undertaken to ascertain existing and potential sources of goods to underwrite the viability of this air freight handling facility.

The ramification of such a facility not only involve the underpinning of existing industry sectors e.g. fruit, seafood, meat, etc, but could well support the basis for the expansion of current projects or establishment of new ventures. There is one clear message, however, being imparted by the proposers – you must comply to existing handling and health regulations. Not negotiable.

This message should be sounding familiar, and I'm not isolating that comment to the food industry. Whether it be agribusiness, oil & gas, mining or defence it needs to be abundantly clear that proponents require evidence of capability by way of certification. Feedback indicates we need to embrace more broadly what has become an expanding reality.

I've used the proposed Global Export Facility and the requirement for HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) as an example. You simply cannot play if you don't abide by the rules. Whether or not you've been doing it successfully for 20 years is no longer the point if you want to access these opportunities.

**Kevin Peters,**  
Chief Executive Officer



## Projects

### Bonaparte LNG (GDF Suez)

ICN representatives met with GDF Suez this month and were informed that they are in final discussions with their Engineer, Procure, Construct, Installation and Commission (EPCIC) bid companies KBR / Hyundai Heavy Industries and Technip / DSME. FEED expected Q1 2014.

### Shell Prelude FLNG

Shell Prelude supply base is progressing well with Decmil currently constructing their facility in Berrimah. The operation contract has not been awarded as yet.

### Roper River (Sherwin Iron)

Sherwin has advised that a further shipment of approximately 60,000 tonnes of iron ore from its Roper River tenement has left Darwin Port en route to its buyer in China.

Source: [theage.com.au](http://theage.com.au)

**Minemakers** is betting that a breakthrough in phosphate processing will unlock a Northern Territory giant, penetrate an unstoppably expanding Asian market and secure supply of the most precious commodity of all.

The company has teamed up with US-based fertiliser group Agrifos to pursue new means of upgrading phosphate rock to superphosphoric acid at its massive Wonarah project in the NT's Georgina Basin.

Source: [miningnewspremium.net](http://miningnewspremium.net)

**Energy Resources of Australia** marked a 59% year-on-year reduction in the December quarter as the company

continued to grapple with a leach tank failure. Output for the quarter was 503 tonnes of uranium oxide compared to 1227t in the same period last year.

Source: [miningnewspremium.net](http://miningnewspremium.net)

### Roper Bar (Western Desert Resources)

Thiess makes a return to iron ore mining by securing a \$135 million three-year contract with Western Desert Resources at its Roper Bar Project.

Source: [thiess.com.au](http://thiess.com.au)

### Abattoir (AACo)

The Board of AACO announced Jason Strong, the company's current General Manager Marketing, has been appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Jason has spearheaded a range of marketing and supply chain initiatives, and has been responsible for developing strategies for selling the off-take of the company's Darwin abattoir, which is scheduled to commence production in the second half of 2014.

Source: [aaco.com.au](http://aaco.com.au)

**A simple hose** and the equivalent of a vacuum cleaner may save the **National Broadband Network's** fibre-to-the-premise rollout model. If implemented nationally, it has the potential to deliver fibre to the home at half the cost of Labor's original costing of \$37.4 billion and in just five years, thereby giving fibre a serious advantage on the \$41 billion multi-technology rollout model proposed in the NBN strategic review.

Source: [constructionindustrynews.net](http://constructionindustrynews.net)

**The Sports House site** (Waratah Cres, Fannie Bay) **has been rezoned to MR** (Medium Density Residential)

The site will soon be released through a publically competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process and developers will be encouraged to put forward their vision for the site. Potential developers of this site should keep an eye on the Department of Lands Planning and the Environment website [dlp.nt.gov.au](http://dlp.nt.gov.au) for a notice for RFP.

### New Supreme Courts for Alice Springs

The Territory Government has indicated it will go to tender in March for the development of two new Supreme Courts in Alice Springs.

Source: [newsroom.nt.gov.au](http://newsroom.nt.gov.au)

### EOI - Redevelopment of 1 Dick Ward Drive, Fannie Bay

The Department of Housing is calling for EOIs from the private sector for the redevelopment of a portion of 1 Dick Ward Drive, Fannie Bay, commonly known as "Kurringal Flats". EOIs opened 20 January and close at 2pm 28 February 2014.

Visit [housing.nt.gov.au](http://housing.nt.gov.au) for more info

*The NTG changed the way it advertises and receives tenders. The changes support contemporary and efficient business processes that will save time for businesses in dealing with government. Did you know a free mobile app was released to help support this? Visit the app store and search Tenders Online to access NT Government tenders at your fingertips.*

## Ichthys

As at 30 January 2014, 17,524 company expressions of interest had been received for the Ichthys project, NT companies had received 14,214 nominations and total ANZ nominations were at 20,495.

There are currently 749 packages marked as Awarded on ICN Gateway with 1 new Ichthys work package listed in January.

### Successful Completion of Key Dredging at Walker Shoal

The Ichthys LNG Project has completed the most technically challenging section of its Darwin Harbour dredging program. Successfully avoiding the need for drilling and blasting, an experienced team adopted innovative techniques and technologies as an alternative to remove tough rock at Walker Shoal that was sometimes twice as hard as strengthened concrete. To date, no environmental impacts from the dredging and disposal works have been identified by the Project's scientific environmental monitoring program.

INPEX Dredging Package Manager Harutoshi Usui said a team of over 250 people had worked hard to minimise disturbance to the community and environment, knowing the harbour is very big in people's hearts.

Source: [ichthysproject.com](http://ichthysproject.com)



## Company showcase

## EcOz

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EcOz Environmental Consulting began operating in Alice Springs in 1990 with a small team and relocated to Darwin a few years later. EcOz is fully Territory owned and operated and currently has a team of 20 local staff.

EcOz offers a range of environmental consulting activities across northern and central Australia and, most recently, successfully provided the environmental approvals for the new Western Desert Resources major iron ore project in the Roper Bar region.

The project reached its first milestone - first shipment of ore, in less than two years from the lodging of the first project approval applications for the development. The Environmental Impact Assessment - and all of its many and complex components - was managed and performed by EcOz. This has been a major accomplishment for the company to see these approvals go through both Territory and Commonwealth Legislation in such a short period of time.

The project wasn't without hurdles and EcOz are proud of their achievements with the project given it was developed in an area that was declared a National Park during the environmental approvals stage.

EcOz is an ISO9001 certified company and pride themselves on their ability to safely, efficiently and effectively operate anywhere across the NT and Northern Australia.



## Upcoming events

**Safety in Action** is coming to Darwin for the first time in 2014! Known by many as the gateway to South Asia, Darwin has a booming economy and with so many projects underway, safety is more paramount to the city than ever before!



If you work in an industry where safety is of importance then make sure you attend the first ever Safety in Action Darwin event taking place from the 19 – 20 March 2014.

With free training, safety seminars, and interactive exhibition stay up to date with the latest safety developments and try out new products and services for yourself.

Register at : [safetyinaction.net.au/darwin](http://safetyinaction.net.au/darwin)



**APPEA 2014** CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

6-9 April Perth, Western Australia *sustaining our natural advantage*

The Southern Hemisphere's leading oil and gas event returns to Perth on April 6 - 9 2014 – anticipating more than 3500 attendees from over 30 countries.

For more information visit [appeaconference.com.au](http://appeaconference.com.au)

## Australian Offshore Oil and Gas Delegation to Brazil

Austrade and the Department of Industry are pleased to support an Australian delegation of leading exploration companies, research & development institutions and suppliers of offshore oil & gas technologies, services and equipment to meet with Brazilian offshore oil & gas customers, industry decision makers and influencers.

When: 19 –23 May 2014

Where: Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

Find out more here: [austrade.gov.au](http://austrade.gov.au)

## Becoming a showcase company

**Interested in being a showcase company?** Is your business located within the Northern Territory? Has your business recently been involved in an **exciting** or **innovative** project? Or have you **increased your capability** in order to broaden your contracting opportunities? If so, we would like to 'Showcase' your business in an upcoming Newsletter. Please call or email Elena to discuss on p. 08 8922 9434 or e. [elena.tsangari@icnnt.org.au](mailto:elena.tsangari@icnnt.org.au)

Please Note: inclusion of information in the ICN (NT) newsletter is at the discretion of ICN (NT). Contributing Showcase business will be contacted and confirmed prior to publication.



## BEC events

## | Info for business

**Darwin Digital Enterprise Program**

These workshops, facilitated by online marketing guru Steve Davis from Baker Marketing, help unlock the secrets of new high speed broadband connectivity in a fun and informative way.



Tuesday 18 February 2014

Wednesday 19 February 2014

Venue: BEC Darwin, 20 Catterthun Street, Winnellie (Lower Level)

**Darwin Tradies All Systems Go!**

Put your business at the forefront of the NT's civil and construction boom and manage your risk and take control of your Health, Safety, Environment and Quality responsibilities.

Commencing early March get more information at [www.becnt.com.au](http://www.becnt.com.au) or ring Geoff Pearce on 89 236122 to register.

Introducing the second and final round of the Northern Territory's only risk management program tailor made for tradies and subcontractors.

**For more information and to secure your place at one of these workshops visit [becnt.com.au](http://becnt.com.au)**

**2014 applications now open for the Indigenous Governance Awards**

The Indigenous Governance Awards were created by Reconciliation Australia in partnership with BHP Billiton to identify, celebrate and promote effective Indigenous governance.

The Awards are about sharing success from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations around Australia and showcasing how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are driving change on the ground.

Visit [iga.reconciliation.org.au](http://iga.reconciliation.org.au) to find out more and to apply

**Did you know about the Personal Properties Securities (PPS) deadline?**

The Personal Properties Securities (PPS) Register has replaced over 40 different registers of security interests in Australia, including aspects of the Patents, Trade Marks and Designs registers.

They would like to remind parties with security interests in intellectual property (IP) that in order to protect and maintain their priority:

- all new secured interests in IP must be recorded on the PPS Register; and
- all secured interests recorded on our registers prior to 30 January 2012 must be recorded on the PPS Register before 31 January 2014.

To find out more, visit [ipaaustralia.gov.au](http://ipaaustralia.gov.au)

**The National Transport Commission (NTC)** is seeking [feedback](#) on a proposed national accreditation scheme for pilot and escort drivers accompanying the transport of large and heavy loads across state borders.

Submissions are open until 21 February 2014.

Visit [ntc.gov.au](http://ntc.gov.au) to find out more

**Department of Business** Chief Executive Peter Carew is taking up an interim position in the Department of Chief Minister to develop policy focussing on Northern Australia development.

Department of Attorney General and Justice Deputy Chief Executive Alastair Shields has been appointed as the Department of Business Chief Executive for the five month period that Mr Carew will be working in his new role.

Source: [newsroom.nt.gov.au](http://newsroom.nt.gov.au)

## ICN Gateway news

If you have logged on to ICN Gateway recently, you would have seen a fresh new look for the website. This new look also extends to our industry directories (oil & gas, mining, steel, rail, NBN, water, cleantech and health) and Regional Gateway.

Companies will now find it easier to manage company profiles and expressions of interest. Importantly, the changes will not affect any company information we hold.

To see the new look website, go to [icngateway.com.au](http://icngateway.com.au)

The screenshot shows the ICN Gateway website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ICN Gateway logo, a 'Subscribe to our newsletter' button, and a 'Follow us on LinkedIn' button. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'Stay Connected' and a sub-headline: 'With around \$319 billion in opportunities listed, there's never been a better time to connect with ICN.' Below the banner is a 'Get Started' section with a login form containing fields for 'Email' and a password field, a 'Go' button, and a 'Forgot password?' link. Below the login form is a 'No log in? Create one for instant access.' link and a 'Create Company Profile' button. At the bottom of the page, there are two search boxes: 'Search Suppliers' with the subtext 'Find new competitive partners for your supply chain' and 'Search Opportunities' with the subtext 'Quickly find new opportunities for your business'.



## In the news

Tenders are out for surface remediation works at the ghost suburb of Eaton at RAAF Base, Darwin.

Defence Housing Australia seeks builders who can remove the concrete slabs, driveways, trees and fences from more than 70 lots.

The department is looking for land and soil preparation and management, and protection from erosion.

Eaton sits just behind residential Darwin suburb The Narrows, and Member for Solomon Natasha Griggs was campaigning to have the houses and land released for rent or sale to the public to ease the housing crisis.

But last March Defence announced 200 of the houses would be removed from the land and sold to the public for less than \$100,000 each.

The other 277 homes were to be taken to a holding yard.

The Department said it would keep the land.

Tenders are submitted to the [AusTender website](#).

For details ring Sam Chu on (02) 6217 8577.

Source: NT News, 22 January 2014

A small NT business is cashing in on the move towards green energy.

Eco Power NT has so far supplied two streetlights and is looking to do more.

It is understood that councils including at Oenpelli (Gunbalanya) and Pine Creek are looking to the new technology.

Director Janene Dansie said the lights could be connected to the grid or taken off the grid to work as standalone units.

They cost roughly the same as existing lights and contain LEDs.

The company has recently installed one of the standalone units in a dark laneway at Palmerston which resident Andrew Griffiths successfully campaigned to have council illuminate.

Eco Power NT has also partnered with Chinese company Build Your Dreams to design batteries to enable remote communities to run off-grid on either solar power or hydro power.

Ms Dansie and her husband started the company last April but the long-term Territorians had run an electrical company Electric NT for six years before branching out.

Source: NT News, 22 Jan 2014

ABM Resources NL (ABM) proposes to develop an open pit gold mine at Twin Bonanza in the Tanami Desert. The Twin Bonanza 1 Project is located approx. 750km NW of Alice Springs (by road) and approx. 16km east of the NT and WA boarder. The site is located approx. 33km south of the Tanami road. The proposed mine would be located on a new Mineral Lease (MLA 29822) encompassing 3257 ha within AMB's existing Exploration Licence. The expected life of the mine is 3 - 4 years.

The Draft EIS for this project is open for public comment until 7 February 2014.

Source: Tennant & District Times, 20 December 2013

Visit [ntepa.nt.gov.au](http://ntepa.nt.gov.au) to view the Draft EIS for this project

## CPI

### Consumer Price Index – December Quarter 2013 Released

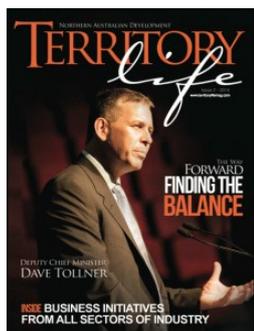
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.8% in the December quarter 2013, following a rise of 1.2% in the September quarter 2013.

The CPI rose 2.7% through the year to the December quarter 2013, following a rise of 2.2% through the year to the September quarter 2013.

Source: [abs.gov.au](http://abs.gov.au)

## ICN in the media -Territory Life

Territory Life, Issue 2 – a Business and Investment Magazine that showcases the economic potential of the Northern Territory to high-level executives nationally and internationally.



Read on page 27 how more than \$330 billion worth of projects are at the tips of local business' fingertips with ICN's powerful online tool, ICN Gateway

Territory Life Magazine - available to read online at [territorylifemag.com](http://territorylifemag.com)

## ORIC

Are you an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act)? Did you know ORIC can help people run their corporations with reporting, governance, training and advice?

ORIC also provides an avenue for new incorporations, delivering a tailored service that responds to the special needs of Indigenous groups and corporations, and striving for national and international best practice in corporate governance.

Visit [oric.gov.au](http://oric.gov.au) for further information

An Aboriginal corporation from Katherine has escaped prosecution for lodging a late general report.

Source: NT News, 15 January 2014



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