



From the Chair

I believe there was a wonderful turnout for Australia Day and congratulations to the Australian of the Year, Alana Pritchard; Junior Australian of the Year, Johnathan Aspinall; Sportsperson of the Year, Garreth Smith; Young Sportsperson, Tia Dixon-Toomey; and Event of the Year, Soiree with the Youth Orchestra.

Congratulations too to all the worthy nominees. We have a town which contains some wonderful people who make a difference for all of us.

I would like to make a special mention of the other events nominated for 'Event of the Year', the P&C Melbourne Cup Luncheon, and the Fishing Classic. The "Fishing Comp" has become an icon of Weipa and includes a large committee who work for months to prepare for the event and distribute profits around the Community.



Thank you to all the organisers of this year's Australia Day and participants.

An exciting year ahead looms for Weipa with many events already in the pipeline. These include:

- International Womens' Day Lunch 8 March
- Quiz Night (proceeds to RFDS) 21st March
- Cape York Womens' Meet 22 May
- Weipa Fishing Classic 5-7 June
- Vibe Alive 17-18 July
- Weipa Fun Day 25 July
- Bull Ride 15 August
- Q150 Film Festival 10 October

I am sure there are many other events that as yet do not have a date. Please let Shane at the Bulletin or Town Office know of other events planned.

More information on the events I have listed and how you can be involved will be published soon.

The Film Festival is part of Queensland's 150th birthday celebrations and Weipa was fortunate to be chosen as one of the remote areas where Pacific Films are showing a variety of films in an outside location.



At the beginning of January, WTA held an in-house workshop to work through alternative ways for the future governance of Weipa.

These materialised as:

1. Status Quo under RTA
2. Move to full normalisation
3. A hybrid agreement with RTA and Dept Local Government

The pros and cons of each were vibrantly discussed. We urge you, the residents of Weipa, to let us know your thoughts and preferences.

To this end after our meeting on Friday 20th February, we invite the public to a "sausage sizzle" @ 5pm in the area outside the Council Chambers (Town Office building).

Remember, Members of the WTA are here for you. Cheers.

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INVITATION TO ALL

**Sausage Sizzle, 5pm 20 February 2009,
Council Chambers (Town Office building)**