

Network nous the key to success

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REPRESENTATIVES of Aboriginal organisations from across the Northern Territory will converge on the Alice Springs Convention Centre for the APO NT Innovating to Succeed Forum on March 3.

The APO NT Aboriginal Governance and Management Program will be running the forum and manager Wes Miller said the day would be about learning from each other and networking in its highest form.

"This is a free full day event for managers and board members of NT Aboriginal organisations to network and hear how others in the industry are using innovative approaches to successfully run their programs, expand their businesses and strengthen their sustainability in a self-determined way," he said.

Mr Miller said that the environment in which we work in now is subject to very rapid change.

"Organisations do have to be flexible to be able to move quickly. And this day is talking about that. It's about how we run our businesses better and make them resilient enough to cope with the changes that come," he said.

The day will be opened by the Chief Minister and a keynote address from the 2016

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National Indigenous Governance Award winner, Western Desert Dialysis.

CEO of Western Desert Dialysis, also known as Purple House, Sarah Brown said that being invited as a keynote speaker at the forum is another chapter for this organisation that began with a simple idea 16 years ago.

"Our story is really about grassroots, determination to make life better and people learning the challenges of running an organisation along the way," Ms Brown said.

"We've learnt lots ... so hopefully we can share that and have some fun. We've got some funny stories to tell as well."

Participants at the forum will hear case studies from pioneering organisations on a range of topics including governance, starting commercial ventures and transitioning to independence.



Wes Miller and Sarah Brown are preparing for the APO NT Innovating to Succeed Forum to be held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on March 3.

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Cadets perform well at Gold Coast competition

THE recent cadet competitions held at Movie World on the Gold Coast saw top placings among the St John Ambulance Northern Territory competitors.

Alice Springs' Zoe Johnson, who competed in the individual category, placed second out of five other states.

Casuarina placed third out of five other states in the team category. NT placed third.

"It felt great to place at nationals, as this was probably my last time competing," team member Lauren Coghill said.

"It was a wonderful end to the amazing experiences I've had throughout my years com-

peting." Team member Luke McLaughlin was also excited about the result.

"It felt fantastic to place at national competitions, after such a long time competing and being a part of the competitions process," he said.

The competition required cadets to work through differ-

ent scenarios which centred on a new *Batman* movie being filmed at Warner Bros. Movie World.

St John Ambulance cadets were given possible situations which could arise at such an event and were required to assist and provide appropriate services when responding.

New Darwin RFDS base

CENTRAL Australian patients who need medical assistance farther afield will soon be flown into a new purpose-built base at Darwin International Airport.

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) has been evacuating patients from Central Australia and the

Kimberley region to Royal Darwin Hospital for almost 80 years, using a combination of hangar sublease and shared access arrangements with general aviation providers at the airport.

The new \$4m facility will be completed in June this year, providing enhanced care.



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