

FACING NORTH

Wednesday 2 August 2023

Canberra, Parliament House





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Event Summary

Facing North 2023 was a collaborative arrangement between the Darwin Major Business Group and the NT Government to showcase the Territory as a diverse economy with real opportunities and to further cement the position of the Territory as vital to Australia's resilience, growth and prosperity.

The initiative provided a unique opportunity for NT businesses and industry representatives to meet with Federal Parliamentarians and key government and industry decision makers to forge key relationships for the future business and economic benefit of the Territory.

Project Management

Darwin Major Business Group / NT Government Working group

- Avril Baynes, General Manager, Mindil Beach Casino Resort
- Michael Sitzler, Director, Sitzler
- Peter Savoff, General Manager, Darwin Convention Centre
- Polly Lamond, Centre Manager, Sentinel Property Group
- Shaun Drabsch, Chief Executive Officer, DITT
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- Jill Morris, Director Programs and Partnerships, DITT
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Canberra Based Professional Conference Organiser

- Damsel and Sprout



Events & Program

Facing North Pre-Departure Business and Industry Briefing

Tuesday 18 July 2023, 4:30pm - 6pm

Northern Australia Development Office, Development House, 76 the Esplanade Darwin

A valuable pre-departure business and industry briefing was held with presentations by:

- The Honourable Nicole Manison MLA
- Scott Lovett, A/ Chief Executive Officer, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
- Avril Baynes, Chair, Darwin Major Business Group
- Anya Lorimer, Campaign Edge Sprout
- Mez Korbetis, A/Executive Director Strategic Engagement, DITT



Events & Program

Facing North Forum

Wednesday, 2 August 2023

Theatrette, Parliament House 9am - 3pm

A plenary program with facilitated panel discussions and presentations to provide an overview of the Territory's strategic, economic, commercial and cultural capabilities. The four plenary presentations topics included:

- Facing North for a cleaner energy future.
- Facing North to the forefront of Australia's national resilience.
- Facing North for commercial prosperity.
- Facing North to Australia's cultural heart.



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Program





Facing North for a cleaner energy future

Led by Shaun Drabsch, CEO, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

This session explores how the Northern Territory is building on its natural strengths in mineral resources and mining to develop new capability and opportunities further along the value-chain. New strengths are being realised in low emission energy, mineral processing and value adding across a range of sectors. Hear from three industry leaders across these sectors to understand Australia's newest and most northern manufacturing capability powered by renewables and lower-emissions energy, and the Middle Arm Sustainable Development Precinct being developed to attract industries that reflect what the Territory's future

economy will look like – hydrogen, carbon capture, natural gas, advanced manufacturing and minerals processing.

Panel members

- Gareth Manderson, Chief Executive Officer, Core Lithium
- Cathryn Tilmouth, Executive Director Northern Australia, Minerals Council of Australia
- David Connolly, General Manager, Tipperary Group of Stations
- Stuart Knowles, General Manager NT, INPEX

Facing North to the forefront of Australia's national resilience

Facilitated by Jason Schoolmeester, Major Projects Commissioner, Investment Territory



The Northern Territory is home to Australia's most northern capital city, Darwin, which is closer to Jakarta than Canberra. The NT is both strategically and geographically important to Australia's future prosperity and security. The Northern Territory has been at the forefront of many historical conflicts and disaster responses, not least Australia's response to COVID-19. This session explores the Northern Territory's role in Australia's national resilience and response efforts including in Defence, humanitarian and disaster responses and biosecurity.

Speakers

- Dr Alan Dupont AO, NT Defence and National Security Advocate
- Dr John Coyne, Head of the Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Facing North for commercial prosperity

Led by Avril Baynes, Chair, Darwin Major Business Group

Business and industry leaders will highlight the many current and future commercial opportunities that are on the horizon and the huge potential for long term creation of sustainable commercial businesses and new industries. Hear about the challenges these projects faced, and the role of Northern Australia's ingenuity and resilience, in prevailing against these headwinds to achieve commercial prosperity. The session includes case studies of some of the Northern Territory's most fruitful ventures.

Speakers

- Warren Ebert, Chief Executive Officer, Sentinel Property Group
- Dan Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Humpty Doo Barramundi
- Karen Green, Director, Airport Development Group



Partner presentation – The spark of a new wave of economic benefits

Facilitated by Samantha McCulloch, Chief Executive, APPEA

The partner presentation from the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) will be facilitated by Samantha McCulloch, Chief Executive, APPEA and include presentations on carbon capture and storage, the Beetaloo Basin development and Bayu Undan.

Speakers

- Steve Ovenden, Vice President Growth, INPEX
- Joel Riddle, Chief Executive Officer, Tamboran Resources
- Richard Hinkley, General Manager New Developments, Clean Fuels & CCS, Santos

Facing North – Our vibrant untapped blak business sector

Presented by Jerome Cubillo, Chief Executive Officer, NT Indigenous Business Network

The North is home to a burgeoning, vibrant and sophisticated Blak Business Sector. From cultural niche industries like bushfoods and botanicals to mainstream commercial spaces such as construction and resources, Aboriginal Business Enterprises are rapidly demonstrating diverse capability and excellence. Despite Aboriginal procurement policies, access to meaningful and competitive commercial contract environments is still limited – and this is maintaining the "Gap". With over 50% of the Northern Territory's land mass and 90% of the coastline under Aboriginal ownership – developing the north is a pipe dream without a heavily utilised Aboriginal Business Sector. The pure economic value of Aboriginal Businesses to the north is exponential. Join us in the conversation that unpacks the challenges and opportunities our vibrant, untapped Blak Business Sector.

Facing North to Australia's cultural heart

Led by Paul Ah Chee, Chair, NT Aboriginal Tourism Committee

The Northern Territory is Australia's cultural heart, sustained by the vibrant culture of Aboriginal communities and centuries of connection to South East Asia. Hear from the leaders set to show this richness to the world through projects such as the National Aboriginal Art Gallery, the Larrakia Cultural Centre and growth in Aboriginal tourism offerings. Preserving the Northern Territory's creative arts and cultural communities is vital to the ongoing social, cultural and economic benefit of the Northern Territory.

Panel members

- Nigel Browne, Chief Executive Officer, Larrakia Development Corporation
- Jason Elsegood, Director, Cross Cultural Consultants
- Sera Bray, Senior Director First Nations, National Aboriginal Art Gallery



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Time	Details	Location
9.00am - 9.05am	Welcome <i>Dan Bouchier, Master of Ceremonies</i>	Theatrette
9.05am - 9.10am	Welcome to Country <i>Aunty Jude Barlow, Ngunnawal Elder</i>	
9.10am - 9.20am	Opening address <i>Hon Natasha Fyles MLA, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory</i>	
9.20am - 9.30am	Opening address <i>Avril Baynes, Chair, Darwin Major Business Group</i>	
9.30am - 9.40am	Opening address <i>Hon Madeleine King MP, Federal Minister for Northern Australia</i>	
9.40am - 9.45am	Introduction to sessions <i>Dan Bouchier, Master of Ceremonies</i>	
9.45am - 10.30am	Facing North for a cleaner energy future <i>Led by Shaun Drabsch, CEO, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade</i>	
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning tea	Foyer
11.00am - 11.30am	Facing North to the forefront of Australia's national resilience <i>Facilitated by Jason Schoolmeester, Major Projects Commissioner, Investment Territory</i>	Theatrette
11.30am - 11.40am	Facing North - Our vibrant untapped blak business sector <i>Jerome Cubillo, Chief Executive Officer, NT Indigenous Business Network</i>	
11.40am - 12.25pm	Facing North for commercial prosperity <i>Led by Avril Baynes, Chair, Darwin Major Business Group</i>	
12.25pm - 1.15pm	Networking lunch, supported by APPEA for a cleaner energy future	Foyer
1.15pm - 1.55pm	Partner presentation - The spark of a new wave of economic benefits <i>Facilitated by Samantha McCulloch, Chief Executive, APPEA</i>	Theatrette
1.55pm - 2.40pm	Facing North to Australia's cultural heart <i>Led by Paul Ah Chee, Chair, NT Aboriginal Tourism Committee</i>	
2.40pm - 2.50pm	Closing remarks <i>Hon Nicole Manison MLA, Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory</i>	
2.50pm - 3.00pm	Forum close <i>Dan Bouchier, Master of Ceremonies</i>	

6.00pm - 8.30pm

Great Hall Reception and Showcase

Great Hall

Facing North Forum speakers

Ministers and opening addresses



Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory of Australia

Born and raised in Darwin, Natasha Fyles is the 12th Chief Minister for the Northern Territory and has served as the Member for Nightcliff since 2012. The Territory's goal is a \$40 Billion economy by 2030. Natasha's portfolios include Health, Defence and Major Projects reflecting her belief that a resilient and diversified economy and private sector investment are key to achieving this ambitious goal. The goal is ultimately about generating sufficient own source revenue to address the challenges we face.



Hon. Nicole Manison MLA
Deputy Chief Minister
Northern Territory of Australia

Nicole is a born and bred Territorian and has been the Member for Wanguri since 2013, serving as Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory since 2016. She currently holds the roles of Minister for Northern Australia and Trade, Mining and Industry, Tourism and Hospitality, Advanced Manufacturing and Parks and Rangers. Nicole is passionate about jobs for Territorians and building and diversifying a stronger Territory economy. She wants all families to get access to healthcare and housing, and all of our kids to get a great education. Nicole lives in the Wanguri electorate with her husband Scott and three children, Aiden, Grace and Chloe.



Hon. Madeleine King MP
Federal Minister for Northern Australia

Hon. Madeleine King was first elected to Parliament in 2016, representing the seat of Brand, Western Australia and is currently the Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia. Before entering parliament, Minister King worked as an adviser to former minister Gary Gray and also held senior executive roles at The University of Western Australia.



Avril Baynes
Chair
Darwin Major Business Group Incorporated

Avril Baynes came to the Northern Territory in 1984 and for over 33 years she explored various career opportunities, starting in hospitality and owning Bojangles Saloon in Alice Springs. She completed a Bachelor of Laws and worked as a Federal Court Associate, later practicing in commercial litigation and employment law. Eventually, her passion for hospitality brought her to the Mindil Beach Casino Resort, where she climbed the ranks to become General Manager in 2020. Additionally, Avril actively contributes to the community through various business and advisory boards.



Paul Ah Chee
Chair
NT Aboriginal Tourism Committee

An Aboriginal man from Alice Springs in Australia's Northern Territory, Paul has been engaged with the tourism industry over the last 24 years. A founding member of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Tourism Advisory Council, Paul currently has representation as a Director on the Tourism NT Board, Chairperson Aboriginal Tourism Committee, Director on the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association interim board and member of the Arid Lands Environment Centre board of management.



Sera Bray
Senior Director First Nations
National Aboriginal Art Gallery

Sera Bray is a proud Arrernte woman from Central Australia who has made incredible strides in construction, economic development and program management. Sera is the Senior Director, First Nations on the National Aboriginal Art Gallery Project – Central Australia's most significant project. Before joining the Northern Territory Government, she held a senior position with the Central Land Council, responsible for the renewed economic participation focus. Sera also holds the position of Chair at Desert Knowledge Australia.



Nigel Browne
Chief Executive Officer
Larrakia Development Corporation

Nigel is a descendant of the Larrakia and Wulna peoples and is the CEO of the Larrakia Development Corporation. Nigel holds a Bachelor of Laws and his other professional roles include Crown Prosecutor, Aboriginal Lands, and Policy Adviser. Nigel is a Director at The Healing Foundation, Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation, Aboriginal Area Protection Authority, AFLNT, Menzies School of Health Research and the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence amongst various other appointments.



David Connolly
General Manager
Tipperary Group of Stations

David Connolly has extensive experience and knowledge in the northern cattle industry and is the current President of the NT Cattlemen's Association. Following a livestock agency career spanning almost 20 years, David joined the Australian Agricultural Company, overseeing the operational requirements of over 30 stations. In 2015 Mr Connolly took over as General Manager, Tipperary Group of Stations, and under his management the operation has capitalised on significant diversification opportunities.



Dr John Coyne
Minister for Northern Australia
Federal Government

Dr John Coyne is Head of the Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre and Head of Strategic Policing and Law Enforcement at ASPI. John has worked in intelligence and national security for over 25 years and established the Northern Australia Strategic Policy Centre. He has been an intelligence professional at tactical, operational, and strategic levels across military, regulatory, national security and law enforcement organisations.



Jerome Cubillo
Chief Executive Officer
NT Indigenous Business Network

Jerome Cubillo is a proud Larrakia and Wadjigan man who was born and raised on Larrakia country. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network and has been on the board of the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation since 2018, was elected as the Chairperson in 2021. His diverse professional career is a testament to his strength of character and ability to see past the now and into the future.



Shaun Drabsch
Chief Executive Officer
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade

Shaun is the Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade. He has more than three decades of executive appointments spanning the public and private sectors. Shaun has an honours degree in economics, is a PhD candidate in the field of infrastructure project governance, an Executive Fellow of the Australia New Zealand School of Government, and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Dr Alan Dupont AO
NT Defence and National Security Advocate
NT Government

Dr. Alan Dupont AO is the Defence and National Security Advocate for the Northern Territory Government and founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Cognoscenti Group. One of Australia's best-known strategists, he has an international reputation for his expertise on geopolitical risk, defence and national security having worked extensively at the interface of security, politics, business and technology.



Dan Bourchier
Master of Ceremonies

Dan Bourchier is a multi-award-winning journalist and broadcaster with the ABC. He is co-host of the current affairs show The Drum and special correspondent for The Voice referendum. He has reported across the country and around the world for more than 20 years. Dan grew up in the remote Northern Territory town of Tennant Creek, where he was mentored by elders from around the region.



Warren Ebert
Chief Executive Officer
Sentinel Property Group

Warren is a highly experienced and respected property industry professional who established Sentinel Property Group in 2009 after more than 25 years' high-level experience in the property industry. Warren has driven the rapid growth of Sentinel as it has acquired an impressive portfolio of counter-cyclical commercial property acquisitions and consistently posted industry-leading returns for investors. Warren's in depth knowledge of all property sectors, supported by the specialist skills and analysis of the wider Sentinel team, is central to the group's proven buying and value-adding strategy.



Jason Elsegood
Director
Cross Cultural Consultants

Jason Elsegood is the Director of Cross Cultural Consultants, a privately owned and managed Aboriginal business based in the Northern Territory, operating nationally and internationally. His company is committed to creating opportunities for social, economic and cultural development through the delivery of strategic training solutions and bespoke consultancy services. Jason is a proud Aboriginal man born and raised on in Darwin (Larrakia Country) with extensive expertise in First Nations community development and engagement, honed over 30 years of working and living in regional and remote Northern Territory communities.



Karen Green
Director
Airport Development Group

Karen has over 30 years' experience in Chartered Accountancy in Western Australia and the Northern Territory, working for numerous public and private clients, including consultation, facilitation, and development of strategic plans. An equity partner in the Deloitte Darwin office for over 20 years, she led the Private and Public Advisory Services team in the Northern Territory. Karen has extensive experience in providing engagements plans, stakeholder engagement, development plans, strategic planning, and investment attraction to the private and public sector.



Richard Hinkley
General Manager New Developments, Clean Fuels & CCS
Santos

Richard J. Hinkley is currently Vice President Darwin & Bayu-Undan hub, Santos Energy Solutions, responsible for all operational and commercial activities in North Australia and Timor-Leste, supporting the Santos 2040 vision to deliver net zero by 2040. His responsibilities include Bayu-Undan end of field life and decommissioning, Darwin LNG operations, Bayu-Undan carbon capture and storage, Darwin LNG life extension, Train 2 expansion, and clean fuels production. Richard joined Santos in early 2022 after a 25-year career at Chevron Corporation.



Stuart Knowles
General Manager Northern Territory
INPEX

Stuart Knowles is the General Manager, NT at INPEX. Stuart represents INPEX at a corporate, local and community level while maintaining vital external relationships with government, business, and energy industry stakeholders. Stuart's background includes a successful career in the Australian Army and NT Public Sector. He has qualifications in auditing, professional management, is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and sits on the Chamber of Commerce NT Board of Directors.



Gareth Manderson
Chief Executive Officer
Core Lithium

Gareth has almost 30 years' industry experience, leading mining and processing businesses, focusing on building high performing teams, and establishing strong relationships with Indigenous Peoples, Government, and regional stakeholders. Gareth joined Core after 22 years at Rio Tinto, most recently as General Manager Sustaining Capital, Rio Tinto Iron Ore, where he oversaw the successful delivery of diverse projects in Western Australia's Pilbara region. Previously, Gareth held senior leadership roles in Rio Tinto's Aluminium Product Group.



Samantha McCulloch
Chief Executive
APPEA

Samantha McCulloch is the Chief Executive of the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA). Ms McCulloch is an internationally recognised carbon capture, utilisation and storage expert with more than 20 years of policy, industry and technical expertise from previous roles within government, industry associations and the private sector in Australia and internationally. Before joining APPEA, she spent 7 years at the Paris-based International Energy Agency, including as head of the CCUS Unit.



Steve Ovenden
Vice President Growth
INPEX

Steve joined INPEX in August 2022 as General Manager for Growth, where he is responsible for INPEX's Bonaparte CCS opportunity in the Petrel sub-basin offshore Darwin, as well as other growth-related business development and optimisation activities in Australia. Prior to joining INPEX, Steve was Vice President WA for Santos where he was responsible for Santos' Upstream Business in WA. Prior to that Steve spent close to 20 years with US energy major ConocoPhillips, where he held various roles across Australia and the US.



Dan Richards
Chief Executive Officer
Humpty Doo Barramundi

Dan Richards is part of a fifth generation Territory family that has grown from Australia's smallest producers of Barramundi 30 years ago on a farm located on the banks of the Adelaide River. As Chief Executive Officer of Humpty Doo Barramundi Dan has been instrumental in developing the company alongside his father Bob Richards to become Australia's largest producer of premium quality saltwater barramundi with national supply contracts with Woolworths and Costco as well as premium dining venues across the country.



Joel Riddle
Chief Executive Officer
Tamboran

Joel Riddle joined Tamboran Resources as Chief Executive Officer in 2013. He has more than 27 years' experience in the upstream oil and gas industry and was previously with Cobalt International Energy. Joel has served various technical and leadership roles at ExxonMobil, Unocal and Murphy Oil. In 2022 Joel was appointed to the APPEA Board of Directors. Mr Riddle holds a Bachelor of Science with Honors in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration.



Jason Schoolmeester
Major Projects Commissioner
Investment Territory

As Major Projects Commissioner, Jason leads Investment Territory with a focus on the Territory's pipe line of facilitated and strategic projects, including projects granted Major Project Status, and facilitates a whole-of-government approach to winning investment. Jason has over 20 years' experience holding key leadership roles in economic development, major projects and infrastructure and strategic policy development, delivering projects in the Defence, Energy, Gas, Manufacturing, Mining, Agribusiness and Space sectors.



Cathryn Tilmouth
Executive Director Northern Australia
Minerals Council of Australia

Cathryn Tilmouth is a born and bred Northern Territorian of Aboriginal heritage with links to Central Australia through her Arrernte father. She joined the Minerals Council of Australia as the Executive Director of Northern Australia in February 2022, where she is proud to promote and advocate for the development of a sustainable and valued minerals industry in the Northern Territory and Northern Australia.

Great Hall Reception and Showcase

Wednesday, 2 August 2023

The Great Hall, Parliament House

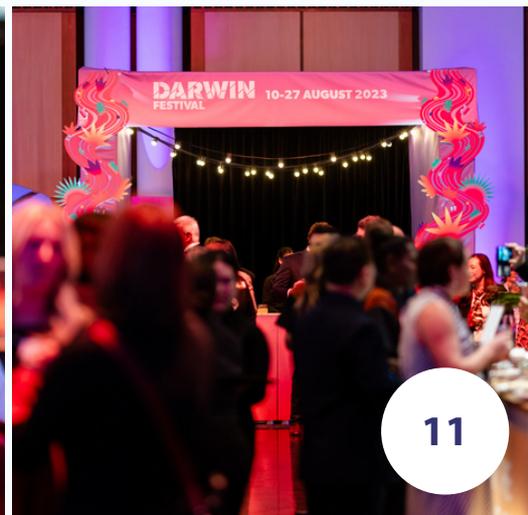
Hosted by Northern Territory Federal Parliamentarians together with Hon Natasha Fyles MLA, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, and Avril Baynes, Chair, Darwin Major Business Group

An evening showcase of the very best of the Northern Territory, featuring Territory industry, produce and talent, with a unique Territory inspired menu. Over 350 guests included Federal and NT Parliamentarians, senior members of the Federal and NT governments and senior business and industry leaders.

A wonderful Welcome to Country was provided by Aunty Jude Barlow.

The Chair of the Darwin Major Business Group, Avril Baynes addressed guests in her opening speech which was followed by the addresses from:

- Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, the Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA
- Prime Minister, the Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
- Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Peter Dutton
- Mr Luke Gosling, OAM, MP, Member for Solomon



The evening was designed to showcase Darwin and the Territory as a sophisticated, professional, modern and diverse economy.

19 Exhibitors showcased their NT products and services at the Showcase.

The Exhibition display was coordinated with a uniformed display concept featuring the signature artwork.

The following Organisations and Companies exhibited:

Dept. of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
 Dept. of Industry, Tourism and Trade 4DBaru
 Dept. of the Chief Minister and Cabinet National
 Aboriginal Art Gallery
 Northern Hub
 Ventia
 Darwin Festival
 Centrefarm / ALEDA
 Office of Northern Australia
 Core Lithium
 National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre
 CareFlight
 INPEX
 Sitzler Pty Ltd
 APPEA
 Santos
 Charles Darwin University
 NTBIN
 Kungka's Can Cook
 Kakadu Kitchen



Territory hospitality was at the forefront of the evening, as was the NT sense of humour.

Guests were greeted on arrival by two giant, sequined, high-heeled performing crocodiles who set the tone for an evening of surprising and unique offerings.



Guests entered the Great Hall through an extraordinary light and sound installation from Parrtjima (<https://parrtjimaaustralia.com.au/>) from Central Australia where they found themselves immersed in the colours, sounds and spirit of the NT.



A Native Culinary Journey from the Centre to the Top End featured a canape menu using ingredients unique to the Northern Territory, prepared by the Territories finest proponents of bush food – **Kakadu Kitchen** (representing the north) and **Kungkas Can Cook** (representing the centre).

Canapes were served from an attractive display, featuring the tropical greenery of the north and the many indigenous bush food ingredients that are native to the Territory.



Menu

Kangaroo Fillet glazed with wattleseed balsamic Kutjere (bush tomato) chutney saltbush chips

Mini Saltbush Koftas Native Basil Tzatziki

Paperbark Smoked Buffalo

Barra Mango Curry Balls

Pearl Meat Skewers

Anantye Bush Potato Macadamia Cream, Rosella Jus, Native lemon grass

Additional vegetarian item

Water Lily Salad

Mini Quandong Tarts with wattle mascarpone whip

Green Ant, Kakadu Plum, Choc Dipped Strawberry and Cream

Beverages equally featured products unique to the Northern Territory. There were cocktails designed specifically for the evening and showcasing locally distilled gin, an alcoholic lemonade, territory brewed beers and non-alcoholic cocktails featuring Indigenous ingredients.

Drinks were served from the Darwin Festival Bar, its colourful façade contributing to a sense of fun and informality on the night.

Serving staff were provided by Saltbush Social Enterprises (Saltbush), a not-for-profit organisation that believes that a person with a job is a person with a future. Saltbush tailors flexible services in local indigenous communities with a ‘boots on the ground’ philosophy to deliver local solutions to local Indigenous challenges in the NT.



Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair Foundation was represented by much lauded NT fashion designer Paul McCann whose extravagantly glamorous gowns drew much admiration from the fashion-conscious Canberra audience.



Guests at Facing North were treated to a haunting blend of ancient Aboriginal and contemporary music with a performance by Ngulmiya Nundhirribala, from Numbulwar in Arnhem Land. Ngulmiya performed work from his self-titled album with his son Nayurryurr and two other Territorians, double bass player Anthony Gray and violinist Emma Williams. The senior ceremony man, who has been performing for more than 20 years, is in demand around the world.



Master of Ceremonies - Dan Bouchier

Both the Forum and the Showcase were MC'ed by Territory born journalist and television presenter Dan Bouchier. Dan is best known for his work at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Sky News Australia. He is currently leading the ABC coverage of the Voice to Parliament as ABC Referendum/Voice Correspondent, and hosting ABCs The Drum.



Post-Event Networking Function

Wednesday 2 August 2023 9pm - 11pm

Ostani Bar

Following the Great Hall Reception and Showcase, attendees continued to connect and network with delegates in an informal setting



Registrations

Registration Statistics





63%

of registrations were representatives from the Northern Territory

54%

of registrants had not previously attended a Facing North

64%

of registrations were from corporate, industry or non-government organisations



The top three things registrants said they hoped to achieve by attending were:

1. Demonstrate Support for the NT
2. Further Develop Existing Relationships
3. Connect with National Decision Makers