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## Member for Fong Lim

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## MESSAGE FROM TANZIL

**Welcome** to my third quarter electorate newsletter. In this issue you'll find a wrap up of mid-year Legislative Assembly sittings, plus a summary of my recent work on global worker attraction, road repairs and traffic improvement, and leading the Parliamentary Inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) in the NT. There's also a review of the inaugural FANFARE Festival we successfully launched in July, and a snapshot of some of my community engagements over the hectic dry season!

Thanks to everyone for your supportive messages and interaction with our physical and digital office – it's encouraging to see so many of you regularly using our website! With the VAD Inquiry wrapping up soon, and likewise my McKinnon Institute Advanced Political Leadership program scholarship, I'm looking forward to **progressing local problem-solving**; finalising Northcrest's council affiliation, Stuart Park's High Street revitalisation plans, and Bayview's development are priorities. Once again, please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can assist. The team and I look forward to working with you to improve Fong Lim.

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## PARLIAMENTARY UPDATES

In **May** the Legislative Assembly sat for a fortnight, with activity centred around the release of the Treasurer's first budget. Revenue and Appropriation Bills were debated over several days, and laws also passed regarding Portable Long Service Leave, Aboriginal Sacred Sites, Domestic and Family Violence, Water Reserves, Local Government, and assorted Attorney General matters. In response to a motion on Voluntary Assisted Dying, the Government initiated an inquiry to progress the issue for Territorians. Motions were also debated on Gambling Harms, and Eradicating Racism. The fortnight was followed by two weeks of Budget Estimates hearings in **June**, during which Ministers and their government agencies were questioned and the Budget examined in detail. Revenue and Appropriation Bills were passed thereafter on June 19.



**July** sittings began with Ministerial Reports and associated debates on law and order, and the findings of multiple coronial inquests. Laws were debated and passed regarding Public Information, Racing and Wagering, Youth Justice, and Defamation, and several more bills introduced. Motions were debated on undergrounding power in the Northern Suburbs, plus Family, Domestic, and Sexual Violence. A petition opposing the Berrimah Road duplication was tabled by myself, debated and the matter resolved in favour of the petitioners.

In **September** a Ministerial Report was delivered to mark the first anniversary of the Government, reporting on twelve months of Reducing Crime, Rebuilding the Economy, and Restoring the Territory Lifestyle. A Ministerial Report regarding Silkwood and the expansion of Litchfield National Park also featured. Legislation passed included bills concerning Animal Protection, Transport, the Community Benefit Fund, and the creation of Police Public Safety Officers. A motion was debated on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation for the NT, and notably for the first time in years, although amended by the Government was passed by the chamber on the voices without a division vote!

## PARLIAMENTARY SITTING CALENDAR

■ House meeting dates

10 October 2025	11 November 2025	02 February 2026	03 March 2026
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## GLOBAL WORKER ATTRACTION CAMPAIGN

New Zealand is one of the Territory's key sources for skilled overseas labour, and the GWAC an important program which helps to **boost local workforce capability**. Accordingly, I was delighted to support the Team NT delegation to Auckland in my capacity as an Assistant Minister, to contribute towards making the case to our southern neighbours to consider moving to the NT – and particularly work in sectors like primary health care, social services, corrections, law and order, ICT and digital, construction, automotive, and tourism and hospitality. The in-person engagement was an important **targeted initiative**, which will produce good return on investment for Territorians.



## FANFARE FESTIVAL 2025!



I'm delighted to report the inaugural Fong Lim FANFARE Festival was a great artistic and economic success! Over July 4-6 we delivered three awesome events centred around the visiting 21-piece big band **Dr V's Swing Thing**, entertaining, commemorating, and educating. On Friday 4th we began with a glamorous **Swing, Swing, Swing!** Dinner Dance at Dinah Beach, with a sold-out crowd dressing up to dine and dance the night away. That was followed on Saturday 5th at Government House with a special outdoor **Jazz on the Terrace** concert hosted by the Administrator, recognising the contributions of hundreds of community musical volunteers. Finally, on Sunday 6th we put on **Dave Theak's Jazz Jamboree**, an interactive school holiday performance masterclass aimed at inspiring our next generation of young musicians.

Thank you to partners from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the University of Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Sydney Grammar School, Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Association, Haileybury Rendall School, NT Music School, American Australian Association, and Government House for helping to make FANFARE happen. I'm looking forward to making the festival **even bigger and better in 2026**, involving local wind bands, brass bands, and big bands to put on gigs through more of Fong Lim's hidden gem locations!

## ROAD REPAIRS & TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT

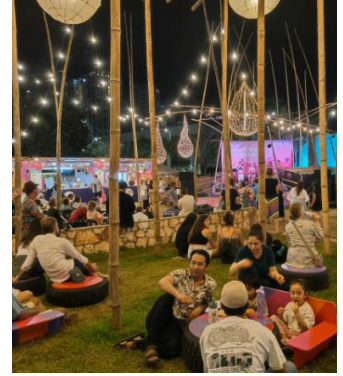
I'm happy to report that I've managed to fix several street infrastructure issues in the electorate. The **Charles Street Stuart Park** sinkage and depression problem has been fully addressed and completed. New kerbs, concreting, stormwater drains, and sidewalks have been built next to the childcare centre and there should be no more pedestrian or vehicle safety worries. Likewise, the **Berrimah Road Duplication** has been resolved – a petition to Parliament and campaigning has successfully stopped the ill-conceived project, which was going to cost a fortune and cause significant unnecessary damage and disruption to local businesses and Haileybury Rendall School. **The Narrows Bagot Road Traffic Survey** has also been recently completed – I am awaiting the results from the Department to help guide next steps on how to make the intersection safer. With Darwin City Council elections finalised, I will next be tackling the upgrade of **Dinah Beach Road**.

## VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING INQUIRY

Over the last four months, at the direction of the Attorney General, I have led the **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee** (LCAC) Parliamentary Inquiry into Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD). This is a highly complex issue that many Territorians care deeply about. Together with LCAC members, I have worked hard to address the terms of reference provided to us, producing a Consultation Paper, two Interim Reports, and collecting evidence across the entire Territory (particularly in remote areas). All of this will contribute towards a forthcoming **Final Report**, which will include full drafting instructions for model legislation to workably enable VAD in this jurisdiction.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Darwin Festivals** I was delighted to launch the 10th Darwin Fringe in July, and attend a multitude of amazing 46th Darwin Festival shows that lit up the city over August! Both world-class festivals featured sensational local and international acts, amazing artistry, and wonderful al fresco atmosphere. Festival Park food, concerts, comedy, circus, theatre, ballet, opera – there was something for everyone. All of Darwin is indebted to the organisers for putting on another magnificent dry-season spectacular – a huge creative and economic success.



**Top End Dirt Karts** Awesome to be at the May season opener for TEDK and also launch the NT Dirt Kart Titles in August. The latter featured 215 super-speedy entrants from across the country competing at Hidden Valley! A wonderful grass-roots family-friendly club that puts on fantastic motorsports entertainment and hospitality.

**Stuart Park Preschool Wheelathon** Slightly less speedy but equally enjoyable was the SPPS Wheelathon and BBQ fundraiser – a total blast in fact! Thanks to Principal Maria Albion, Ms Harding, Councillor Kylie, Hector the Road Safety Cat, the volunteers – and especially Jack for loaning me his bike! Excited for next term!



**Dinah Beach Viking Funeral** Absolutely epic as always! Well done to the DBCYA gang for staging another extravaganza of Norse festivity and fun at my local – so proud to be re-elected as Patron again for 2026. Great music, a huge crowd, unbelievable costumes, archers and a blazing boat – brilliant entertainment for all!



**Northcrest Movie Night** Thanks to the team at DCOH, as well as Lions, Jill the Fairy, and everyone from the lovely Berrimah Northcrest neighbourhood for sharing in a great community movie night. Plenty of popcorn and fairyfloss, plus BBQs, biryanis, and samosas too, for a despicably goodtime all-round!