Welcome

Hi Everyone

Down to the business end of the semester, and no doubt everyone is putting in a little extra to fulfill all your uni commitments and prepare for exams.

Remember to maintain your balance and eat well and get some fresh air every once in a while. You will be in great shape to study and prepare if you look after yourself and stay healthy.

Look for tips on exam preparations and healthy living popping up on our Facebook page over the coming weeks.

If you haven’t joined our Facebook page, search ‘International House Darwin’ to stay in the loop.

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iWitness Resident Input
If you would like to include anything in the next issue of iWitness please email rosie.king@cdu.edu.au
By Louise Errington

A Charles Darwin University student, who has earned his stripes in some of the world’s most remote and exotic Third World nations, has recently joined the Media team on a 70-day work placement.

Now 30, Bachelor of Humanitarian and Community Studies student Peter Clouting has travelled the world as a volunteer since age 15, tackling assignments in China, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Papua New Guinea, Pakistan, Tanzania, and most recently, Sudan.

In 2008 CDU became the first university in the world to offer an undergraduate degree that qualifies students to work as humanitarian logisticians for international aid agencies or community and welfare workers in remote communities.

Aside from his studies, he also is running CDU’s sailing program for socially disabled children.

Peter recently started a three-month placement in CDU’s Office of Media, Advancement and Community Engagement, which he said would give him the communication skills he would need as a humanitarian professional, possibly specialising in disaster relief.

“Communication is important for humanitarian work. It helps raise awareness of issues being faced, either at home or abroad, and how people can help,” Peter said.

“It’s the kind of work that suits people from a wide range of backgrounds, including nurses, teachers, public relations professionals and sports coaches.”

The life skills and experiences that Peter has gained from volunteering also draw him back to the field time and again to continue his important work.

“Every time I come back a better person,” Peter said.

“There are a lot of things going on around the world that you hear about, but don’t really relate to. Humanitarian work helps you understand a little more.

“It is what I receive in return that makes me go back. Being able to see and do things that as a tourist would be impossible.

“It’s not only the local village life, natural landscapes and ancient buildings that interest me, but also how people live and their culture.”
Mandorah Day Trip

Catch the ferry from Cullen Bay Marina out to Mandorah. Mandorah Beach offers an unspoilt and spectacular view of Darwin and its harbour.

On the Mandorah point is the famous Mandorah Beach Hotel, the self-proclaimed “pub with no chips”. This pub has a relaxed outdoor atmosphere and the views are breathtaking.

The Mandorah Jetty is a great place for fishing and you could catch some queenfish, shark, barramundi or mackerel.

Event details:
When: Saturday 25 May
Time: Bus departs the IHD office at 10.15am sharp
Where: Mandorah Point
What to bring: Money for lunch, swimmers, towel and sunscreen
*Transport and ferry fare provided
MAINTENANCE

All maintenance requests must be logged online. To do this please follow these steps:

1. Go to www.cdu.edu.au/ihd
2. Click the ‘Log Job’ button on the right hand side of the screen
3. Log onto the Housing Portal using the login details created when submitting your initial application. If you have forgotten these please contact the IHD Office and they can provide them.
4. Click ‘Maintenance tab’ at the top of the page
5. Select ‘New Job’
6. Complete the online form. Ensure you provided as much detail as possible.
7. Save and continue

*IHD will not accept maintenance request in person or over the phone as written evidence of the request is required.*

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Have you got a great idea for an **event** or something you would like to contribute to the **newsletter**?

Email your ideas to rosie.king@cdu.edu.au

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**LITCHEFIELD DAY TRIP IS NOW SOLD OUT**

*Thanks for the great response for attending this event.*
Mandorah Day Trip

Enjoy a day on the beach at Mandorah. Buy lunch and drinks at their hotel and enjoy some ball games or go for a dip in the beach.

Register Online

Date: Saturday 25 May
Time: 10.15am - 6.00pm
Location: Meet at the IHD Office
Bring: Swimwear, towel, money for lunch

www.cdu.edu.au/ihd
facebook.com/EventsIHD
Cookin’ with Thomas
We had a great Mexican Cookin’ with Thomas night. It was my pleasure to see heaps of you came to join us on Wednesday. After discussing the compulsory attendance on the End of Semester Bash we jumped straight into the culinary indulgences of the famous Mexican cuisine.

We experienced your tasty, and sometimes colourful dips along with Mexico’s authentic dish of Chilli con Carne. Those tacos were a perfect match to your dips of Guacamole, Cashew nut and “the special pink”. I can definitely say it was a big hit and we all had a marvellous time together.

My dear Cookin’ with Thomas funs and all fellow IHD residents please keep your eyes open for upcoming events such as the last Cookin’ with Thomas event and the End of Semester Bash.

Sunday Cricket
Four teams gathered at IHD’s historical Central Lawns to play 2 days of Smash & Grab Cricket. The first game of the tournament was between Hells & Angels (H&A), captained by Rajveer Bijarnia, against the favourites of the tournament Power Puff Boys (PPB), and led by their ace bowler – Farhan Nawaz. PPB’s misfields were overcome by an impressive batting display to hold out for the win.

In the next game, H & A took on the Bengal Tigers, who were being captained Kazi Faraz. The Tigers put in an organised display in the field and won the match with an over and wickets to spare. In the Tigers’ next match they took on The Red Frogs, with many debutants and a couple of professionals amongst their ranks, the Frogs were mauled by the Tigers. The hungry tigers took on the PPB next and this was a preview for the finals, PPB failed horribly with the bat – 3 run outs, 2 stumpings and 1 bowled! The Tigers chased the total comfortably with an over to spare.

In the last match of the group stages The Red Frogs played H&A for the consolation 3rd place in the group, without their professionals the Frogs succumbed to the jaws of defeat once again leaving Hells & Angels in 3rd position. The Bengal Tigers are in 1st place with Power Puff Boys in 2nd, the final between these two sides to decide IHD’s first Cricket Champions takes place on the 19th of May 2013!

Next Match: Sunday 19 May 9.30am on the IHD Central Lawns

For details on upcoming events check out www.cdu.edu.au/ihd
NOTICES

Clean Up After Yourself
All residents are reminded that it is your responsibility to clean up after yourself at all time.

As adults it is up to you to approach the people making the mess and advise them to clean up. If this does not work you are welcome to lodge a complaint report at the front office. You will be required to provide the name and room number of the offending person as well as a description of the incident and the outcome you would like.

To those making the mess, take this as a warning that your fellow residents will not put up with messy and immature attitudes.

You live in a communal environment and your actions affect those around you.

Vacating Rooms
The semester is quickly coming to an end. If you are vacating your room please remember it is a condition of your accommodation that you ensure your old room is clean, tidy and free of rubbish and debris before you officially vacate and return your key.

The House Service Supervisor will inspect all rooms once vacated and as per the 2013 Resident Handbook, any rooms that are not properly cleaning will be charged a cleaning service fee.

Swipe Cards and Hot Spots
Your Swipe Card needs to be updated once every seven days.

To update your card you need to swipe your card at a ‘Hot Spot’.

Hot Spots are clearly marked and located all over the IHD campus. To update your card make sure you:
• Hold your card against the Hot Spot location for approximately 2 seconds.
• Wait for the light on the Hot Spot to turn green. Once the light is green, your card is updated.

After Hours Assistance
Resident Leaders are on-call every day after 5pm to help you with lock-outs, security issues and other emergency situations.

To contact the resident leader you can use the security phones provided in each building,

Please do not call the Resident Leaders for non-urgent matters.
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