

With Territory business patchy and the economic contraction impacting businesses, the nation's decision-makers were entertained by the Territory's most influential business leaders to accelerate development of the north.



Green Ant Gin.

James Paspaley, Michael Gunner and Matt Wright.

FACING NORTH HEADSTO CANBERRA

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Green Ant Gin cocktails.



Tim Palmer, Mardi Ashkine and Bob Johnston.



Karen Sheldon catered the event.



Jewellery and fashion were displayed on ballerina models.



Ross Baynes enjoying the event.

RESIDENT HAS BEEN PROMOTING THE TERRITORY FOR 14 YEARS AND WAS PROUD TO JOIN OTHER SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES ATTENDING TO SHOWCASE THE STRONG FUTURE WE ARE CREATING IN THE FAR NORTH.



Daniel Motlop and Mikey Wunungmurra.



Ian Kew, Luke Gosling OAM MP, Bill Shorten MP, Chief Minister Michael Gunner MLA and Matt Wright.

Held at Parliament House on Wednesday 13 September and attended by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, 'Facing North' was an initiative of the Darwin Major Business Group (DMBG), in partnership with Northern Territory Government. DMBG was born in January 2017 out of concern the Territory's economy and to save it from further decline, and comprises 14 of the Territory's most powerful businesses. Each business has a record of significant investment and employment in the Territory. Their future success is strongly linked to the performance of the Territory's economy. 'We've been giving collective thought to stimulation of our local economy and to focus the attention of members of the Federal Parliament on what we can offer the Australian economy,' said Ian Kew DMBG Chairman and NT Airports CEO. 'Facing North was a show of bipartisanship and all about elevating the Territory's profile. It generated enormous goodwill and it is important that we now build on this from here.' Jointly funded by the NT Government and DMBG everyone feasted on crocodile, pearl meat, barramundi and Green Ant Gin. DMBG members left nothing to chance, maximising discussions with their guests. 'There are more seats and more votes in the south, but the north is the future. It's our shared future. Canberra and Darwin,' urged Chief Minister Michael Gunner. 'Developing the north is bigger and more important than any one political party, leader or election cycle. 'Imagine what the north could generate with more infrastructure, more people and more attention. The Northern Territory represents one of our nation's great growth opportunities.' For any enquiries regarding DMBG - jodi.linnett@ntairports.com.au



Warren Snowden MP, John and Ros Moriarty, and Senator Malamdirri McCarthy.



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.



Gaurav Sareen, Kylie Taylor and Angela Tomazos.



Taimus Werner, Cameron Angus.



Michael Bridge, Matt Wright, Anya Lorimer and Tim Palmer.



Rose Felice, Michael Scott and Louise Bomford-Scott.