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1. PLAN: THE PLANNING ACTION NETWORK IS A COMMUNITY ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE URBAN AND RURAL LIVING ENVIRONMENT. LAST WEEKEND, THE ANNUAL FORUM WAS HELD, WITH THE TITLE "ITS YOUR

LIFESTYLE: SPEAK UP NOW."

2. TOPICS SHOWED A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES INFLUENCED BY PLANNING, AND HOW IMPORTANT GOOD PLANNING IS TO AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY . ie. - APPROPRIATE TROPICAL ARCHITECTURE, OPEN AND COMMUNITY SPACE, THE FUTURE OF DARWIN HARBOUR, YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY, SKILLS FOR YOUNG DESIGNERS, PLANNING FOR THE DISABLED,

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LANDCARE WORK, AND CASE STUDIES FROM RESIDENTS GROUPS.

- 3. AT THE FINAL SESSION, NOEL TOMES PREMIERED HIS NEW SONG 'THAT'S THE POINT', ABOUT SAVING WICKHAM POINT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.
- 5. MARGARET CLINCH, AS SPOKESPERSON FOR PLAN, SAID 'THE MOST IMPORTANT FORUM INSIGHTS ARE:

THE NEED FOR INTERACTION BETWEEN
GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE WITH THE
COMMUNITY ON PLANNING, SINCE THE COMMUNITY
ARE MAJOR STAKEHOLDERS.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING OUR TROPICAL LIFESTYLE, AND THE INADEQUACY OF RELYING ON THE LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL IMPERATIVE ALONE TO DO SO, AND

THE VARIETY OF TALENT, EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM IN THE COMMUNITY IN RELATION TO PLANNING.'

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