

MEDIA RELEASE

NEW NAME FOR PALMERSTON CRANE: 'JASPER'

Mackay, 2 Darwin, 23 September 2016: Local nine year old student, Ava Kiely, has won \$1000 worth of books for Girraween Primary School, after suggesting the name 'Jasper' for the tower crane installed at the Palmerston Regional Hospital construction site.

The 'name the crane' competition, run by Northern Territory Government and Lendlease, received nearly 200 entries from seven local primary schools.

Palmerston Regional Hospital is a \$170 million new hospital funded by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, located in Holtze about 20 minutes' drive from Darwin CBD. When construction is completed in early 2018, it will be a 116 bed hospital, including emergency care, maternity, and provision of elective surgery amongst other services.

Helping to build the hospital is a tower crane supplied by local subcontractor Highrise Cranes and Rigging.

Ava, along with her classmates, teacher and Principal Helen Chatto attended the naming ceremony on Friday 23 September, where the crane's name became official. A cheque for \$1000 was donated to Girraween Primary School to purchase books for the school. The books have been purchased through local business, The Bookstore Darwin, who contributed to the prize by discounting the cost of the books to the school by 10 per cent.

On her entry form, Ava wrote: "I gave the crane the name 'Jasper' because Jasper is the name of my Aunt's dog and he is strong for a Jack Russell, just like a crane."

Runner up was Ava's classmate Kobe Gruzaowski who suggested the name 'Mr Marvellous'.

General Manager of Lendlease's Building business in Northern Territory and Queensland, Tony Orazio, said while there were some very good names suggested, Jasper was a stand-out.

"I'd like to thank all the students that suggested names for the crane. The project is going well, with extremely high local participation rates.

"So far we have awarded 100 per cent of work packages to local subcontractors – that's approximately \$79 million worth of work so far - which is good news for local workers, industry and the Territory economy," said Tony.

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About Palmerston Regional Hospital

Palmerston Regional Hospital is the Northern Territory's first new public hospital in almost 40 years, delivering accessible healthcare for Palmerston and Darwin rural residents.

Due for completion in 2018, the hospital is set to be the most technologically advanced hospital building in the Northern Territory, with 116 beds, treating thousands of residents each year and employing 340 staff.

The hospital will deliver a range of core services including; general medicine, surgery, maternity and child services, 24/7 emergency department, sub-acute integrated treatment, specialist support services, ambulances and services such as pathology and pharmaceuticals.

The Palmerston Regional Hospital project is jointly funded by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments.

