



22nd November 15



**Kids Soccer Activities
from 12pm
Dunking Machine
Food Stalls**

**C.I SOCCER FEDERATION
VS
ZURICH SWISS SENIORS
TEAM**



28th November 15



@ Shire of Christmas
Island Public Library

5th December 15

**CI Women's
Association
Early
Christmas
Party**



Photo above & banner:
Brown boobies in flight
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Lack Of Information For Local Residents On Refugee Escape

Information regarding the escape of a person, his subsequent death and following riots at the Immigration Detention Centre of the weekend of 7-8th November was not shared to local residents in a timely manner.

From the evening of Saturday 7th November, the island abounded with rumours of an escapee from the centre. This caused justifiable concerns throughout the community on a range of levels around safety for one's family and property as well as concern for the individual at large, presumed to be in the unforgiving night jungle environment of Christmas Island.

As it were, one female resident reported a break-in at her residence at 4am Sunday morning. She awoke to a male person in her house who quickly fled after she made it known she was awake. This type of incident is extremely rare on Christmas Island with residents truly unable to recall the last time anything of this nature happened.

Residents could only draw a correlation between the intruder and the escapee; however, news came the following day that the escapee had died in the vicinity of the Immigration Detention Centre.

The escapee, reported by media outlets to be Fazal Chegani a Kurdish man in his 30s, was seemingly a victim of the terrain around North West point. Residents would know that sudden crevasses, cliffs and pits appear along the shelves of Christmas Island, reflective of our island geology as essentially the tip of a mountain. The Department of Immigration and Border Protection issued a statement on its website newsroom.immi.gov.au on the 8th November that the cause of death was not known and that the coroner will make an investigation.

It is the WA State Coroner's Office that attends to these matters on Christmas Island.

Residents, local agencies and organisations were extremely critical of the Commonwealth Agencies involved in Immigration and their contractor SERCO for not being forthright with any information during the initial escape to the local community. An individual in their care was at large on an island that as residents know from March 2011, has residences and businesses within walking distance of the IDC.

Why weren't residents notified on Saturday 7th that there was a person who escaped from NWP?



Mr Fazal Chegani a detainee at from the IDC

Where is the accountability to local residents when this blatant kind of secretive behaviour takes place?

Who is responsible for disseminating information during an escape from an alternative place of detention (such as Phosphate Hill and Construction Camp) or the NWP facility itself?

What is the protocol for getting cleared information out to the community? Is there a protocol? If so, why wasn't this protocol followed? If there is not protocol, why not? Surely lessons were learnt after the tumultuous March 2011 event?

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