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WEATHER  
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TODAY  
**MIN 8**  
**MAX 14**

Cloudy, slight chance of a shower. Wind south to southwesterly, 15-25kmh

TOMORROW  
**MAX 15**

Cloudy

FRIDAY  
**MAX 15**

Cloudy

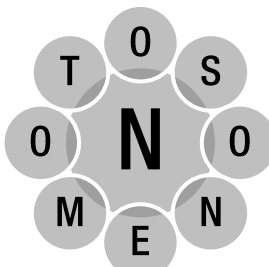
SATURDAY  
**MAX 17**

Mostly sunny



**OZ LOTTO:** Draw 1320. 2, 22, 4, 28, 18, 9, 17. Supps: 32, 23. Div 1 prize pool: \$40 million. Prov prize pool: \$53,484,534.80.  
**MONDAY LOTTO:** Draw 3874. 41, 10, 12, 14, 33, 16. Supps: 40, 15. Div 1: \$1 million; Div 2: \$5633.10; Div 3: \$636.35; Div 4: \$32.05; Div 5: \$18.80; Div 6: \$15.80.

WORD PUZZLE



In making a word each letter may be used only once, and the centre letter must be included. No slang, hyphens, apostrophes or plurals ending in 's'. Minimum four letters.  
Good 17, Very good 23, Excellent 29

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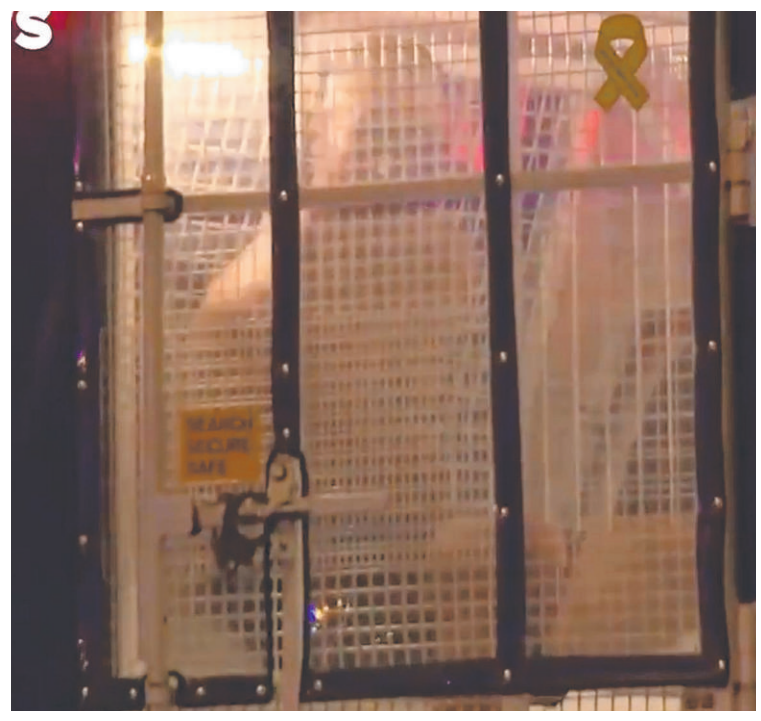
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Armed police surround shooting suspect in Darwin last night; and (above) the suspect is arrested and placed in the back of a police van. Pictures: Picture: KERI MEGELUS, Nine News, ABC



The Buff Club where one of the shootings took place.

'FIRST HE WAS SHOOTING

DRAGGED from a white ute, bloodied and sprawled on the ground, the alleged killer who had terrorised Darwin was apprehended by armed police.

It was the end of a terrifying hour in the history of a city normally plagued by acts of nature.

The first blasts could be

AARON LANGMAID

heard ringing out in central Darwin just before 6pm.

The man walked down Finnis Ave and opened fire.

What followed was a mix of blurred facts and terrifying reality as four men were shot dead and a woman was lucky to survive. "First he was

shooting on the other side about seven shots, bang, bang and then a close range shot boom," one witness said.

"Then he came up those stairs, and then he went straight for that door and blew up the door about two times and then he had another shot inside."

Blasts rang out at the Buff

# SHOTGUN SUSPECT WAS ON PAROLE

## Witnesses describe multiple shootings

AARON LANGMAID

THE crazed gunman who shot dead four men and seriously injured a woman in a shooting rampage in Darwin was on parole and had alleged links to outlaw motorcycle gangs.

Witnesses have described scenes of terror as the man, aged 45, walked into multiple locations in the city's centre, including a pub and a motel and allegedly opened fire with a shotgun.

The man had only been released from prison in January and was required to wear a monitoring bracelet.

It's understood the alleged killer made a phone call to the Darwin Police duty superintendent before he was apprehended outside a Coles Express in central Darwin.

The alleged killer was seen struggling on the road, covered in blood.

Authorities said last night the attack was not terror related but could not confirm if it had been premeditated.

Speaking from London after he was briefed on the attack, Prime Minister Scott Morrison condemned the incident as a "terrible act of violence".

"I just want to send my deep condolences and sympathies to all the people of the territory and all the people in Darwin," Mr Morrison said.

"This is a really tight-knit community and I know that they will be rocked by these events."

Chief Minister Michael Gunner said last night it was a devastating day for the Northern Territory.

"This is not the Darwin we know," he said. "As chief minister on behalf of Territorians our thoughts are with the families and friends of the victims and everybody else who has been impacted."

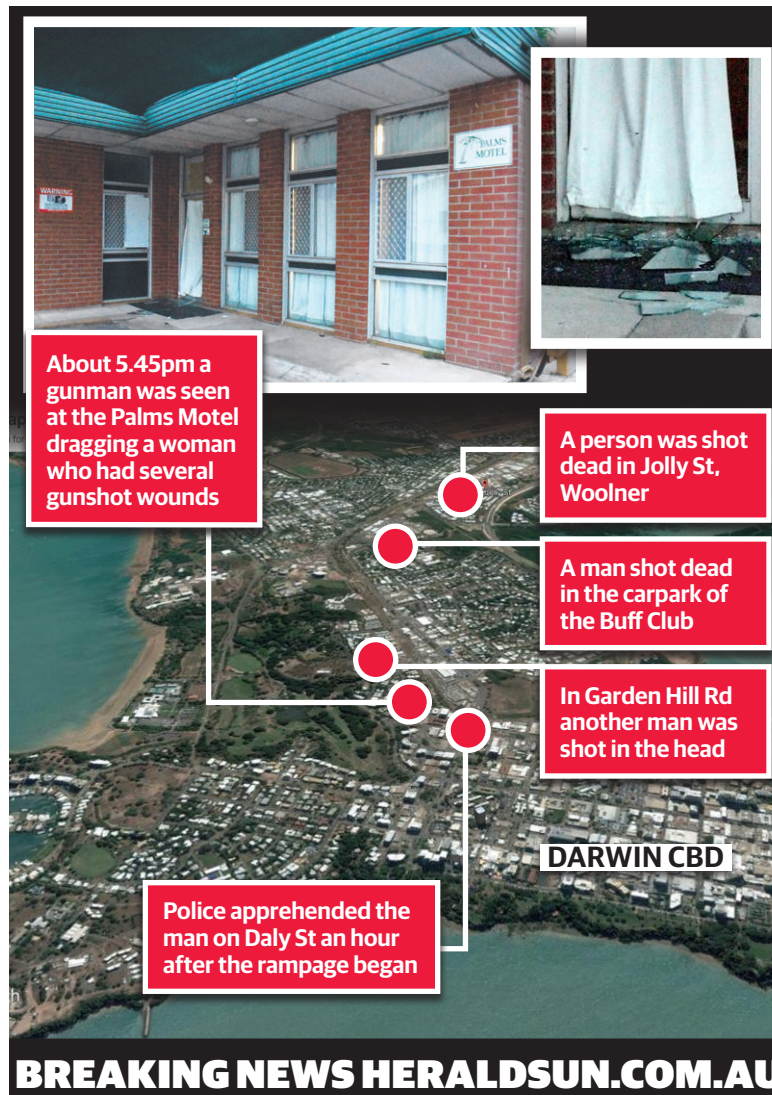
"This is an active police investigation. There are a number of details still to be confirmed."

Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw said police first received an emergency call at about 5.45pm.

"We dispatched a number of our units and were able to track down an individual," he said.

"It was very good work by our Territory Response Group and duty officers."

"A number of crime scenes have



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been declared and the Major Crime Unit are leading that investigation.

"About 100 police are working across at least five crime scenes, including the Buff Club in Stuart Park, Gardens Hill Cres, the Palms Motel, Finnis St, Coles Express, Jolly St."

"This may be an event we prepare for but this is never an event we want to respond to," he said.

"This has been an incredibly difficult night. But Territorians can be proud of this who serve us on our front line."

"He (the alleged shooter) is a man who is well known to police," he said. "He was on parole. I did speak to the

Corrections Commissioner ... around January this year he was released on parole." Mr Kershaw would not say what the man had previously been in prison for.

The suspected shooter called the NT Police Duty Superintendent, who worked with the Tactical Response Group to apprehend him within an hour of the first emergency call.

"We believe he may have been trying to hand himself in," Mr Kershaw said. "He asked to be placed into protective custody, which we did."

The alleged killer was last night being treated at the Royal Darwin Hospital.

## ON THE OTHER SIDE — BANG, BANG'

Club, on Gardens Hill Crescent, the Palms Motel, a Coles Express and on Jolly St in Woolner.

Police later confirmed reports the man tried to enter the Peter Macaulay Centre police station.

One witness in the Pioneer Hotel across the road from the Palms initially believed

he heard a firecracker. "I would probably say that 15 to 20 rounds went off over the next five minutes and when we were sitting at the front here it got very confusing, so everybody was taken inside," he told the ABC.

Another witness said he took a victim out of the motel. "Me and this older

gentlemen, we watched him walk from room to room shooting every room and we couldn't go in there because it was a crime scene," he told the ABC.

"We got one person out, this gentleman over here but we didn't realise there was another person in there."

Facebook user John Rose

said he witnessed a man "shoot up the Palms Hotel".

"He was wearing high-vis, we found one person in the rooms that he shot up. Scary," Mr Rose posted.

"We watched him like 20 feet away, calmly walk into the hotel room shoot the door open and then proceeded to shoot up every room."



Armed police at the scene. Picture: KERI MEGELUS