



Teacher Henni Zwerwer, 49, with a picture of Louis at the Stuart Highway rest stop 150km south of Alice Springs. Picture: CHLOE ERLICH

It's the Dog on the Tuckerbox

By REBECCA FALCONER

A ROTTWEILER appears to be re-enacting the famous *Dog on the Tuckerbox* song in Central Australia.

Rest stop maintenance worker Greg Matthews, 47, first noticed Louis the dog about six

weeks ago at a rest stop 150km south of Alice Springs.

Since then, passing travellers have stopped to give the friendly rottweiler, who is about 18-months-old, food and water. But no one can persuade Louis to leave the rest stop.

Greg's 49-year-old partner Henni Zwerwer said: "It won't go

into any car. It's like it's waiting for it's owner. It's such a lovely dog. It's in good condition, but it's losing it's condition. Something's going to happen to him if he stays there."

Many people have tried to help Louis, especially an anonymous nearby station worker.

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By CHELSEA ROGERS

POWER and Water yesterday ruled out moving a gas turbine which has sparked angry resident complaints about noise.

The power utility is understood to be investigating an option to install an exhaust silencer "mechanically treat" the problem.

The utility has also revealed that it may need to add additional turbines to Ron Goodin Power Station if demand for electricity grows.

Manager of generation services Jean-Luc Revel said moving the \$10 million 12MW Titan 130 gas

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aiming high

By GAVIN KING

THE booming sound of drums under the sails in Todd Mall kicked off the 2006 NT Young Achiever Awards yesterday.

The annual event recognises contributions to the community by people aged between 14 and 26.

The organisers are hoping for a swag of Alice Springs entries after the 2005 awards failed to find a winner from the town.

The awards feature eight categories in areas such as arts, sports, career and the environment.

St Philips College Year 12 student Brooke Baldow led a dance troupe performance at the launch.

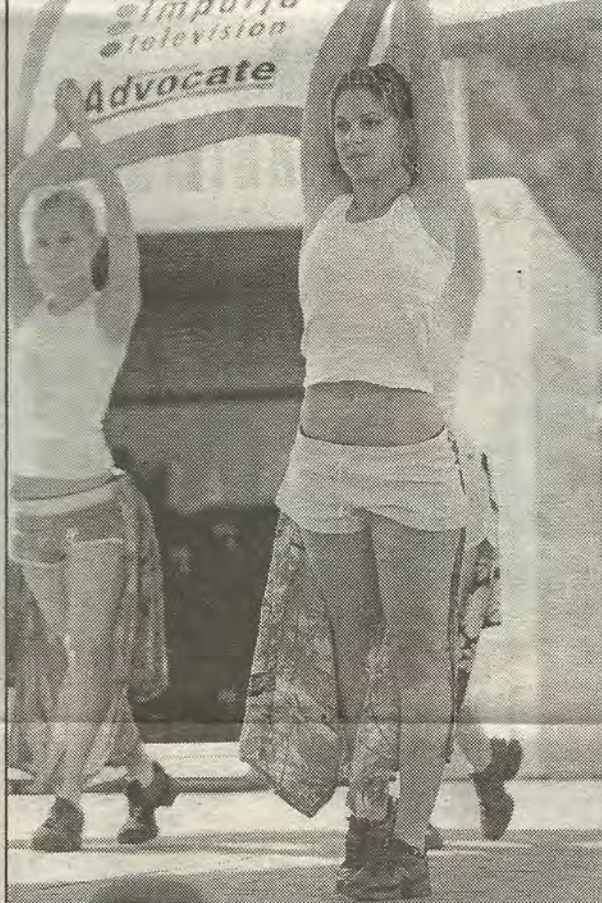
A variety of live drummers also impressed the crowd.

Brooke said: "I do a lot of things within St Philip's but I'd like to do more out in the community."

Project director Jeffrey Hopp said the awards encouraged and rewarded young people.

Prizes include \$1000 for category winners and an additional \$1000 for the Young Achiever of the Year.

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HIGH School dancer Brooke Baldow, 17, leads a dance troupe at the launch of the 2006 NT Young Achiever Awards. Picture: WILL CADDY

power station not too far away.

Action

Power and Water's consultants are due to start measuring noise near Berger Court within two weeks.

Dozens of residents who have contacted the *Centralian Advocate* want immediate action to reduce the noise.

The utility expects to have its report by November.

Mr Revel said one option to reduce noise was to fit an exhaust silencer supplied by the turbine manufacturer.

Power and Water must also consider the impact of noise emanating from the air intake.

There are two primary sources of the noise – the air intake and the exhaust.

Mr Revel said: "It is a combination of both but I do believe what people are referring to is exhaust sounds, but measurement is going to provide us with scientific data."

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'Louis deserves a good home'

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The station worker named the dog in a poster placed on an emergency water tank at the rest stop.

The poster said: "Please do not feed the

dog. Louis was dumped here about a week ago. I'm trying to catch him but he is very timid. Therefore, to gain his trust, I am coming twice a day to feed him in the same car so hopefully he will get to know me.

"I really appreciate everyone's generosity but he needs to trust one person, so that he can be caught and given a proper home. I have spoken to the RSPCA. As I live 15km away, it would be a great help if you check his water bucket. Thank you."

The mysterious message has since been taken down.

Henni said she hoped that a kind family might want to take Louis on.

She said: "He looks like a family dog. He deserves a good home after sitting there for six weeks."

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