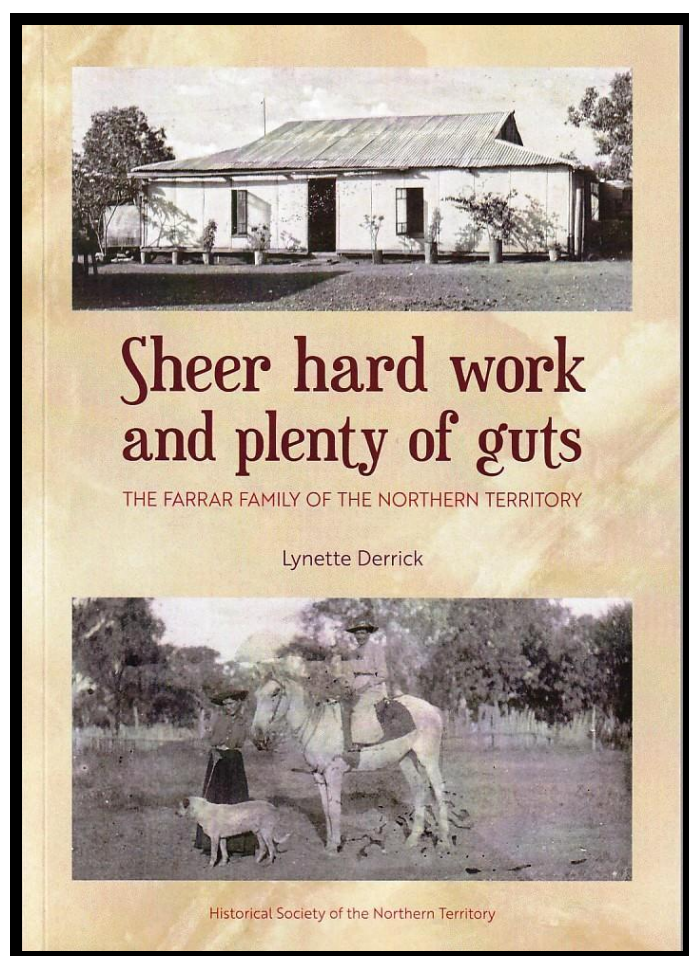


Launch of *Sheer Hard Work and Plenty of Guts: The Farrar Family of the Northern Territory* by Lynette Derrick

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A new book published by the Historical Society *Sheer Hard Work and Plenty of Guts: The Farrar Family of the Northern Territory* by Lynette Derrick was launched on 7 August 2020 at the Recreation Centre Community Room 2, 11 The Boulevard, Palmerston



Most of the research for the book was derived from the author's mother Phyllis Uren nee Farrar and based on her memories and research. Part 1 - Outlines the Farrar family association with the pastoral industry in the remote top end of the Territory from 1880-1942. Part 2 - Details the impact of WW2 in 1942 on Darwin and the Farrar family's evacuation to Ban Ban Springs Station, near Brocks Creek where they faced the war.

The Book contains 143 photos taken between the late 1800s and 1950.

Dr Brian Reid, editor and council member of the Historical Society of the NT was MC. Speaker was Lilly Pyers who spoke about part 2 of the book. The book was launched by June Tomlinson, Hon. Secretary of the Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory.

About 40 people attended the event. A highlight of the evening were the stories told of the author's aunt, Lilly Pyers. Lilly was an "Annie Oakley" back in the days on Ban Ban Springs Station. She owned several American guns, used to shoot kangaroos for food and on occasions, had to protect the station from intruders.



Ian Anderson, author Lyn Derrick & Brian Reid



Janet Leather, Eddie Webber & Lyn Derrick



Jared Archibald, Ian Anderson & Lilly Pyers



Lyn Reid with Covid safe nibbles