



Historical Society of the Northern Territory

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FUTURE EVENTS

Wednesday 12 April 10am-12noon - Workshop | Searching for Family Treasure in Trove at CDU

Have you ever wanted to research your family history but didn't know where to start? Join MAGNT Assistant Curator of Territory History, Paige Taylor, for a two hour workshop at Charles Darwin University to learn how to begin researching your family history.

This workshop will be held at the Charles Darwin University campus, Ellengowan Drive Casuarina in Purple 12.3.17. Please refer to the map to locate Purple 12. The workshop room can be found in this building, on level 3, room 17. Cost \$14.28

Bookings essential - book at -

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/workshop-searching-for-family-treasure-in-trove-tickets-575144652137>

Saturday 15 April 11am-12noon Talk - Archie 100: A Century of the Archibald Prize at the Museum & Art Gallery Theatre

From famous faces to local heroes, Archie 100: A Century of the Archibald Prize, is a fascinating walk through 100 years of Australian life, art and culture. Join Art Gallery of NSW Curator of Australian Art, Natalie Wilson, as she talks about this ambitious project that celebrates a century of Australia's most renowned portrait prize.

Saturday 6 May - HSNT book stall at Parap Markets

Janie will be running our book stall at the markets. Drop by and score yourself a discounted book.

Monday 8 May - NT Library - 9am-2pm - Oral History Interview Training

The NT Library is offering free oral history training.

Do you know of any amazing seniors with great Territory stories to tell?

In a half-day workshop, you will learn what oral history is and how to plan and conduct a successful oral history interview. Participants will be invited to donate their subsequent interviews to the Library Oral History Collection. This is a collection of 2,800 oral history interviews that is growing all the time. Book fast because spaces are limited.

An interest in history and an ability to listen are essential!

To register interest: email; lant.oralhistory@nt.gov.au or ring 8999 7177 during Library hours.

Sunday 14 May (Mother's Day) 11.30am - 12.15pm - Celebrate - Granny Lum Loy - A true Territorian at the Museum & Art Gallery Theatrette

The celebrations will begin with a talk by MAGNT Assistant Curator of Territory History, Paige Taylor, who will present just some of the hundreds of Chinese objects held in the MAGNT Territory History Collection.

Followed by Talk - A true Territorian: Portrait of Grandma Lum Loy - 12.30pm - 12.50pm

MAGNT Senior Curator of Art, Bryony Nainby, will discuss the 1979 Archibald prize finalist painting, A true Territorian: Portrait of Grandma Lum Loy painted by Geoff La Gerche who was dubbed an 'eyeball realist' for his super-scaled portraits. Following formal studies in Melbourne, La Gerche spent years in London at the Royal College of Art before returning to Australia. In 1979, he took up an artist residency in Darwin, which is where he produced this portrait.

Followed by Talk - Granny Lum Loy, the Matriarch of Darwin's Chinese Community - 1pm-2pm

Descendants of Granny Lum Loy and some of her close friends will discuss her life and the lasting impacts she had on the Darwin Chinese community including a presentation by Dr Natalie Fong on a little-known aspect of Granny Lum Loy's life and the concept of mui tsai (imported maids) in Australia. Speakers Elizabeth Kwan, Roland Chin and former Administrator of the NT, Ted Egan AO, will discuss elements of Granny Lum Loy's life with host former Chief Minister, Clare Martin AO. And of course, Ted Egan will perform his famous song written about Granny Lum Loy!

Monday 5 June - Mates of the Murrniji Muster - Newcastle Waters

Mates of the Murrniji will be holding a Muster at the old Newcastle Waters township at 2pm. Book your accommodation early. For more information - www.matesofthemurrniji.com.au

27-30 July - HSNT Field Trip - Darwin Show Weekend

This year our trip will be in the Daly Waters, Newcastle Waters and Elliott region. Base camp will be at Hi-Way Inn/ Daly Waters. Detailed information on the trip will be available in future newsletters.

Chief Ministers NT History Book Award

Entries for the Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Award are now open!

This Award recognises the most significant book about Northern Territory history published in the previous 12 months.

The winner will be announced at a ceremony in July and will be awarded \$1,000 in prize money. Entries will be open until midnight on Monday 10 April.

For full details and to submit your entry visit - lant.nt.gov.au/chief-ministers-northern-territory-history-book-award

Historical Society's AGM held on 26 March

Our new Committee members are -

President: Matthew James; Vice President: Bev Phelts; Secretary: Libby Siebert; Treasurer: Lyn Reid; others - Brian Reid, Derek Pugh, Clayton Frederickson, Ian Anderson & Wendy Asche
Thanks to Austin Asche who continues to be our Patron.



AGM photograph courtesy Derek Pugh

Seeking missing HSNT Occasional Papers

The HSNT is in process of digitising all its publications but we have some missing ones. If you have one of these occasional papers below, could we please borrow it to digitise or you digitise it for us. Contact Brian Reid email: bandreid@bigpond.com or mobile: 0429 389 840

- Manning, Brian. Labour History (1/2007)
- Nelson, Des. Trip to Cobourg Peninsula. (2/2007)
- Opitz, Judy. Tourism and Rock Art in Kakadu. (4/2007)
- Rosenzweig, Paul. Adventurous roving natures. (5/2007)
- Jones, Timothy. Ping Que. (6/2008)
- Nelson, Des. The Rock Named Uluru. (12/2010)

Newcastle Waters - Junction Hotel Repairs

Last year Newcastle Waters Station (owned by Consolidated Pastoral Company) received a grant of \$10,000 through the NT Heritage Grants Program to undertake repairs to the Junction Hotel.

The NT Government Heritage Branch offers these grants via the Department of Territory Families by application on an annual basis.

Within the heritage-listed Newcastle Waters Historic Township, a number of properties are privately owned by Consolidated Pastoral Company (CPC), including the Junction Hotel and adjacent lots.

Over two very hot days, staff from Newcastle Waters Station worked on the Junction Hotel and surrounding grounds and buildings.

The National Trust owned Jones Store have also received a \$8,500.00 grant for much-needed roofing repairs.

Expressions of Interest: Community Reference Group

Do you have a passion for Territory history and culture and the work of libraries and archives? Our Community Reference Group is an indispensable source of advice that provides guidance to the NT Library & Archives about what Territorians most need from us: what we should be collecting, what events and exhibitions we might hold and how well our services are running.

NT Library & Archives are currently seeking expressions of interest from members of the community to join this group, which will involve four one hour meetings per year.

Membership from all over the Territory is encouraged and participation by videoconference is supported. Membership of the group is for a three year term.

To find out more and submit your expression of interest visit - lant.nt.gov.au/contribute

2023 Northern Territory Literary Awards

Entries to the 2023 Northern Territory Literary Awards are open

Emerging or established writers from across the NT are encouraged to submit their unpublished works into the following categories:

- Brown's Mart Theatre Award
- Charles Darwin University Creative Non-Fiction Award
- Charles Darwin University Essay Award
- Flash Fiction Award
- Kath Manzie Youth Award
- NT Writers' Centre Poetry Award
- Zip Print Short Story Award

The winners of each category will receive a cash prize and an NT Writers' Centre membership and masterclass, and a double pass to the 2024 Brown's Mart season.

Plus, works by winners and finalists in all categories (except Theatre) will be published in the 2023 NT Literary Awards booklet!

Entries will be open until midnight on Monday 15 May.

For more information and to submit your entry visit - lant.nt.gov.au/northern-territory-literary-awards