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FUTURE EVENTS

HSNT Bookstall at Parap Markets - Saturday 4 February

Depending on the weather, Janie will be holding a book stall at the markets.
Drop by and say hello

Sunday 19 February - HSNT annual Second hand book sale - 2pm to 4pm



The Historical Society is having a book and DVD sale. We have a great range of books on Territory history and other subjects to suit everyone's interests. Some of our much older books will be going cheap. Book prices start at 50c and DVD's \$1 (movies). Make an offer. (CASH ONLY)

Come along to History House and enjoy our airconditioning and a cuppa .

We are located in Charlton Court which is on the corner of Bishop Street. Pink Middis building is on the corner. Drive into Charlton Court and turn right at the first street. We are located at the end of the court.

**Tuesday 21 February -Speaker Helen Verran, historian - Museum & Art Gallery Cafe
8.30-9.30am**

Helen Verran is a historian and Professorial Fellow at CDU.
This is an Australian Museums and Galleries Association event.

Thursday 23 February - Book Launch at CDU 5.30-7.30pm

Simon Matthias, Director of Advancement, Charles Darwin University invites members to the official launch of *Bold & Lucky - Australia's Colonial Navy 1824 - 1831* which was authored by the late Emeritus Professor Alan Powell.

The Launch will be held in the Colonnade Chancellery, Building Orange 12, Casuarina Campus
If you are attending, RSVP by Wednesday 16 February 2023 to Email: advancement@cdu.edu.au

Sunday 26 February - Talk on the Great Air Race Vickers Vimy by Ken Lai - 3pm

Ken is a curator at the Aviation Museum and was involved in the relocation of the Great Race Vickers Vimy to its new purpose-built, climate-controlled facility at Adelaide Airport.

The talk will be held a History House at 3pm. Afternoon tea will follow the talk.



The Vickers Vimy

**Membership for 2023 (January to December 2023) is now due
If you haven't already paid, the fees are -**

Individual membership: \$70.00

Concession membership
student/pensioner: \$40.00

Family membership: two adults
at one address: \$90.00

Institutional membership \$70.00

We only accept cash, cheque, money order or bank transfer (no credit card).

Bank transfer details: Historical Society of the NT BSB:015 896 (ANZ) Account No: 228391976

Remember to include your "SURNAME & MEMBERSHIP" against your deposit and email your details to hsnt@iinet.net.au if your personal details have changed.

Community Benefit Fund Grant

The Society is pleased to announce that it has successfully obtained a grant from the NT Government to revamp its web site. *Captivate* is the chosen company and preparations have begun on our web site. Thanks to Lyn and Brian Reid who applied for the grant on the Society's behalf and the NT Government for its generosity.

The Vickers Vimy at Adelaide Airport

While in Adelaide for Christmas and New Year, I took the opportunity to view the Vimy in its new purposely built museum at the airport. The museum has a great viewing platform and very informative display boards. The museum is situated on the ground floor and next door to the domestic airport and very accessible. It is well worth the visit.

Congratulations to all those who were involved in the Vickers Vimy relocation project.



The Vickers Vimy cockpit

News from the Museum and Art Gallery

In the first half of this year we will open four new exhibitions: *Montages: the full cut*, *Exit Art*, *Archie100: A Century of the Archibald Prize* and *40: Celebrating four decades of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards*.

We were thrilled to share that Sitzler have been awarded the tender for the Northern Territory Art Gallery and has commenced excavation of the site.

Planning is also underway for the \$100 million Masterplan for the redevelopment of our principal facility at Bullocky Point. This redevelopment will see a new entry, new display galleries and new education and public facilities, converting it into a world-class museum.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PAST EVENTS

HSNT 4th Annual Oration held on Sunday 7 November

Hon Warren Snowdon a veteran of 35 years in Federal Parliament, delivered the oration. Thirty members and guests enjoyed his reflections on the changes that have taken place in indigenous communities and Aboriginal rights in those years. Though there have been many improvements, Warren emphasised the need for more, such as Constitutional change, a voice in Parliament and a Treaty and a Truth Commission. Matt James, Society President, expressed the Association's gratitude to Warren for coming from Alice Springs to Darwin to give the oration. Photos courtesy Lyn Reid



Warren Snowdon



June D'Rozario, Janie Mason & Earl James



Michael Wells & Jared Archibald



Janie Mason & Phyllis Williams



Jan Richardson & Jeremy Hemphill



Helen Bevan & Jan Moore

HSNT Christmas Lunch



Ian Anderson and Maureen Reiter



Wendy James



Lynette Lowe, Ann Groves & Penny Baird



Wendy Asche & Lyn Reid



left: Brian Reid,
Merry Cooper,
Mark Ames, Heather
Boulden & Rosa Norman

103rd Anniversary of the Great Race - 10 December 2022

About 30 people attended the anniversary which was organised by Sergeant Barbara Henderson, RAAF Cadets. It was an informal and short ceremony.



FBHHS President, Wendy Asche spoke about the Great Race Flight.



From left: Mark Ames, Heather Boulden, Merry Cooper, Libby & Peter Siebert, Wendy Asche & Judy Boland



Parap Primary School children displaying their sport house names of aviators - Bennett, Hudson, Smith and Shiers



Jared Archibald arrived in his "Christmassy" classic jeep