

## Historical Society of the Northern Territory

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## FUTURE EVENTS

### **Saturday 27 May 10am-11am - Audio Tour Launch | Fannie Bay Gaol: On the Inside**

You are invited to unlock Darwin's early prison history through a new immersive audio experience.

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory are launching their new app *Fannie Bay Gaol: On the Inside*

This is a powerful, narrative-driven tour that shares untold stories of the Northern Territory's longest running prison which opened in 1883 and closed in 1979.

Recorded binaurally, the tour features immersive 3D stereo sound recorded with the help of dozens of Darwin locals at Fannie Bay Gaol.

Fannie Bay Gaol, corner of East Point Road and Ross Smith Avenue, Fannie Bay.

#### **What to bring:**

Please bring your smartphone to access the free app and headphones for the best experience. We also recommend bringing a water bottle and hat as the gaol site can be hot. The app will be available on the Apple Store and Google Play. The app is recommended for people aged 12+.

### **Wednesday 31 May -Speaker Brittany Pfeiffer, Marrawuddi Arts & Culture - Museum & Art Gallery Cafe 8.30-9.30am**

This is an Australian Museums and Galleries Association event

### **Saturday 3 June - HSNT book stall at Parap Markets**

Janie will be holding our book stall at the markets. Drop in and say hello.

### **Monday 5 June - Mates of the Murrniji - Muster**

The Muster will be held at the Newcastle Waters Historic Township at 2.00pm Monday 5 June 2023. Foundation Mates, Krafty, Ted Egan, accompanied by wife Nerys Evans, Frank Dalton, Pat Carmody and Sally Martin will be there and look forward to welcoming the Mates.

The major sponsor, Carlton United Breweries, under the guidance of both Lincoln Jenkins and Darren Coote, will also be on hand to ensure that appropriate rehydration products will be available for thirsty participants. Bring your own food and dietary requirements.

Afterwards, the group will retire to the Daly Waters Historic Pub for their traditional debrief.

For more information Email: [contact@matesofthemurrniji.com.au](mailto:contact@matesofthemurrniji.com.au)

**Wednesday, 7 June - 6.30 to 7.30am**  
**Wednesday 26 July - 6.30 to 7.30am**  
**Wednesday 16 August - 6.30 to 7.30am**  
**Government House - Yoga on the Terrace**

Start your day with a beautiful sunrise yoga session followed by gentle meditation on the Terrace at Government House. Hosted by Darwin Yoga and Meditation, this class is suitable for everyone, even if you've never tried yoga before. Bring your yoga mat, water bottle and a towel.

**Friday 23 June 2023 - 3.00 - 6.00pm**  
**Saturday 24 June 2023 - 10.00am - 2.00pm**  
**Open Days - Government House**

Open Days are a wonderful opportunity to view the historic State Rooms and beautiful tropical gardens at your leisure. Light refreshments, family friendly activities and entertainment will be provided by local community organisations and everyone is welcome.

**Sunday 23 July - Opening of Southport Community Hall - 8am-noon**

Southport Progress Association Inc will be having a fun day for their official opening of their community hall.

There will a market and a variety of food and coffee.

A supervised Jumping Castle, face painting and on site certified Playground Equipment under shade and Icy Poles free for kids. Southport merchandise will be for sale - books and t-shirts.

**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. The itinerary for the trip has already been sent out to members.

If you are interested in joining the trip or have any questions, please contact Bev or Brian via email: [hsnt@iinet.net.au](mailto:hsnt@iinet.net.au) or phone: 0417868827. Confirmation will be needed by the end of June so that we can email field trip notes out to participants.

**Newcastle Waters Historic Township Master Plan**

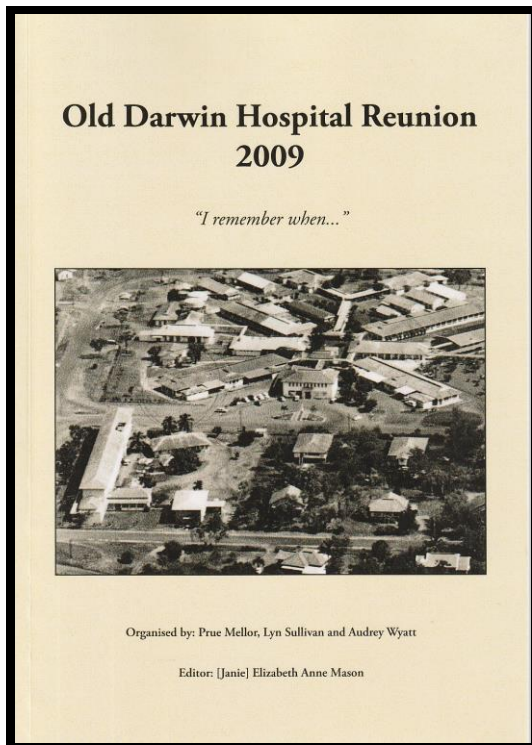
The TourismNT funded document provides a wonderful foundation for future planning (subject to funding) for the heritage listed Newcastle Waters Historical Township.

The Master Plan will assist in progressing the upgrading of important items such as interpretive signage and streetscapes planning.

You can view the plan here -

[https://www.matesofthemurrnaji.com.au/images/PDFs/Newcastle\\_Waters\\_Historic\\_Township\\_Master\\_Plan.pdf](https://www.matesofthemurrnaji.com.au/images/PDFs/Newcastle_Waters_Historic_Township_Master_Plan.pdf)

## New Historical Society Publication - *Old Darwin Hospital Reunion 2009*

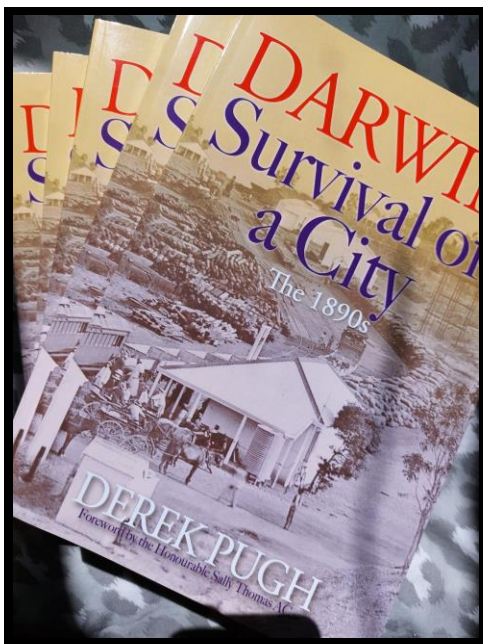


The book was launched on International Nurses Day by His Honour, Professor Hugh Heggie, NT Administrator.

The book can be purchased from the Historical Society for \$25.

Contact Bev on 0417868827 or email: [hsnt@inet.net.au](mailto:hsnt@inet.net.au)

## New Publication by Derek Pugh - *Darwin, Survival of a City The 1890s*



Price is \$ 39.95

Available at all bookshops

Modern Darwin is a young city in an ancient land. It is a beautiful, vibrant tropical city dubbed the 'Pearl of the Arafura'. But It wasn't always so nice. Derek Pugh's series on the settlement of the Top End and the early history of Darwin tells the true story, warts and all, of this most distant of South Australian settlements and its extraordinary characters. A city young enough to be photographed from its very first days, each book is well illustrated using those photographs.

The final book in the series, "Darwin, Survival of a City The 1890s" recalls the last last decade of the nineteenth century. It was a tough time for South Australia's Top End settlement of Palmerston. The major industries of mining, pastoralism, and agriculture suffered from downturn, disease, and distance. The South Australians had had enough of their 'white elephant' and, when Palmerston blew away in the Great Hurricane of 1897, the calls for the Territory's return to the British Colonial Government grew louder.

But the Territory, as ever, was full of resilient and resourceful characters. They appear in these pages: judges, railway gangers, bushmen, murderers, buffalo hunters, hoteliers, Chinese miners, Aboriginal station hands, explorers, cross-country cyclists, murderers, and more.

Territorians were, as Banjo Patterson described them, full of 'booze, blow and blasphemy' – but even he couldn't wait to get back.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

### Book Launch of *Old Darwin Hospital Reunion 2009* at Harry's Place, Tiwi on International Nurse Day, 12 May

Janie Mason's new book which she edited, was introduced by Professor Scott Bowman AO Vice Chancellor, Charles Darwin University who highlighted the "spicy bits" in the book and had the audience in fits of laughter. The book was then *launched* by His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, NT Administrator. Among the 70 people who attended the launch were Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister and Luke Gosling, Member for Solomon.



Prue Mellor, Audrey Wyatt, Lyn Sullivan with Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister



Janie Mason, the Editor and co-authors/organisers Audrey Wyatt, Prue Mellor & Lyn Sullivan



Hugh Heggie, NT Administrator launching the book



Allan Mitchell, Marc Surmont & David Swift





Colin & Judy Beard



Jeremy Hemphill, Heather Boulden & Ian Anderson



Hugh Heggie, NT Administrator & Libby Siebert



Luke Gosling, Member for Solomon & Janie Mason



Merry Cooper & Mark Ames



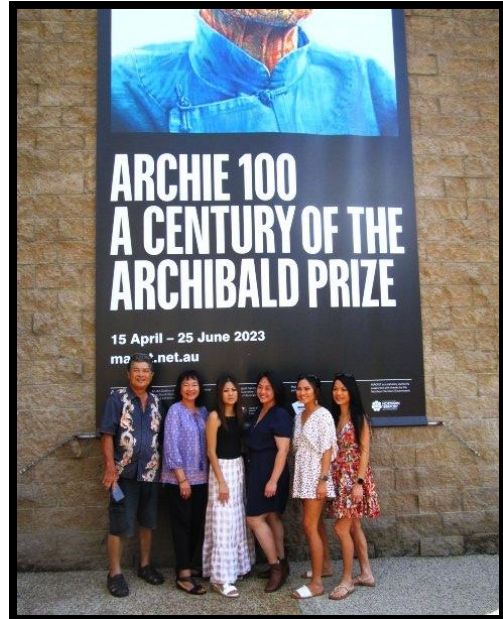
Frank & Judy Firkin & Brian Reid

### Talk on Granny Lum Loy on 14 May

The talk was hosted by former Chief Minister, Clare Martin AO and speakers were Dr Elizabeth Kwan, Roland Chin, Dr Natalie Fong and Ted Egan AO. The talk was booked out with most of the audience being descendants of Granny Lum Loy. A highlight was Ted Egan's song and poem about Granny written and performed by him.



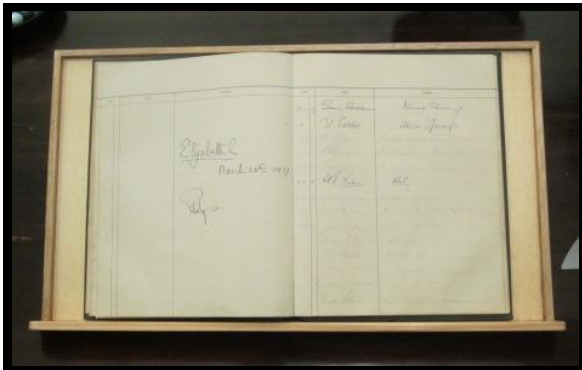
Nerys Evans & Ted Egan



Descendants of Granny Lum Loy, Austin and Mim Chin and daughters

### Government House Coronation Celebration on 6 May

Government House hosted a Community Coronation Celebration to mark the coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla at the Government House. Tables, chairs and large screen were set up on the patio so that the audience could watch the coronation.



Guest book signed by Queen Elizabeth II



Photograph of King Charles III and Queen Camilla