

Historical Society of the Northern Territory

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Secretary: Libby Siebert : Treasurer: Lyn Reid; others - Brian Reid, Derek Pugh, Clayton Frederickson, Ian Anderson & Wendy Asche.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 24 February – NT Library – Chinese New Year – Celebration of Culture - 10am-3.30pm

Celebrate Chinese New Year 2024, the year of the Dragon, with the Confucius Institute and Library & Archives NT

Learn about Chinese culture through traditional music, movement, games and art.

The Confucius Institute's specialist teachers will present a range of demonstrations offering insights into ancient activities still widely practised today.

Attendees will learn about classic themes in Chinese painting and be treated to a traditional tea ceremony using authentic tools and techniques.

Participate in Tai Chi Baduanjin, the Eight Brocade, and hear about the fascinating world of ancient Chinese music and instruments, while learning of the culture's rich musical heritage.

Come for one session or stay for the day. Entry to this event is free.

Tuesday 12 March – Museum and Art Gallery – Territory History Collection tour - 11am-noon Cost \$14.28

Join MAGNT Assistant Curator of Territory History, Paige Taylor, for a behind the scenes tour of the Territory History Collection. See firsthand the shelving units that tower overhead housing the thousands of historical relics and objects that MAGNT cares for. Learn how these objects tell the stories of the history of the Northern Territory from the 1800s until today.

Bookings essential – www.magnt.net.au/whatson

Sunday 24 March at 3pm - Historical Society's AGM

The Historical Society will be holding its AGM at History House. Please come along and support us. If you are interested in being on our committee, a nomination form along with the agenda are at the end of this newsletter. The Committee meets at History House monthly (except December & January) – every third Wednesday at 6pm. Meetings are short and usually finish between 7pm and 7.30pm

The AGM Minutes 2023 are attached. The audit report will be available at the meeting.
Drinks and nibbles will follow the AGM.

History House is located at 1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner. Charlton Street is off Bishop Street (on the corner is pink Middis Lighting). Turn into Charlton Street then first right into Charlton Court. History House is at the bottom of the court.

4-18 May – History & Heritage Festival

The NT National Trust will be running activities during this period celebrating our history. A program will be available closer to the date.

As part of the celebrations, the Society will hold a sale of its publications. Old stock will be severely reduced in price. (CASH ONLY)

Drop in for a cuppa at History House on Saturday 18 May 2-4pm.

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.

7-15 September 2024 - Conference - Australasian Mining History Association – Leonora WA

The conference will take place in Leonora from Monday the 9th to Friday the 13th of September. Transport will be provided at cost price for those who need it from Kalgoorlie-Boulder to Leonora on Monday the 9th of September stopping along the way & returning more directly by 12 noon on Saturday the 14th of September. However, for those who are interested there will be an optional weekend of site visits in Kalgoorlie-Boulder on Saturday the 7th & Sunday the 8th of September, in which case you should plan to be in Kalgoorlie-Boulder by Friday the 6th of September at the latest. Call for Papers will be soon.
For more information – www.mininghistory@asn.au

20 – 23 September 2024 – Conference – Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia – Chung Wah Society Call for Papers

The Chung Wah Museum Society will be hosting the 9th China Conference in Darwin. If you are interested in giving a paper, please see attachment for more information
In responding to the Call, please use the email address: museum@chungwahnt.asn.au

21 to 24 March 2025 - Australasian Conference 2025, “Connections – Past – Present – Future” – Brisbane

The conference will be held over three days, at Brisbane Technology Park, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains Qld.

This combined 17th Australasian Conference on Genealogy and Heraldry and 5th History Queensland State Conference is an important event for family and local historians to:

- Provide access to world renowned speakers from the United States of America and the United Kingdom as well as Australasia, who will also present Masterclasses.
- Provide an inspiring platform of speakers who can inform across a wide range of topics and levels of expertise.
- Offer opportunities to participate in Masterclasses presented by the keynote speakers.
- Highlight the significant work undertaken by volunteers as they link individuals with families, ancestors, and communities.
- Provide a forum for societies to discuss the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.
- Celebrate the bicentennial of the founding of Brisbane on its current site.
- Introduce the wider community to the benefits of researching through family and local history societies.

For more information - www.connections2025.org.au

2023/2024 NT History Grants

Congratulations to Society members who have been award grants

- Derek Pugh - The Ragged 13 - The Territory's Bushrangers
- Matthew Stephen - NT Football History

Submissions for the 2024/2025 grant round will open in July.

Membership for 2024 (January to December 2024) is now due

The fees are –

Concession membership student/pensioner: \$40.00

Individual membership: \$70.00

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

Institutional membership \$90.00

You can now pay on line via credit card on our new website

www.historicalsocietynt.org.au/membership

Alternatively, you can pay via cheque, money order or bank transfer

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@inet.net.au if your personal details have changed.

Seeking Lindsay Crawford's Grave

He was working at Powell's Creek Telegraph Station and died 'of exposure' in 1901. His death notice states that he is buried in the vicinity of Newcastle Waters.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of his grave, please contact Derek Pugh – Email: derekpugh1@gmail.com



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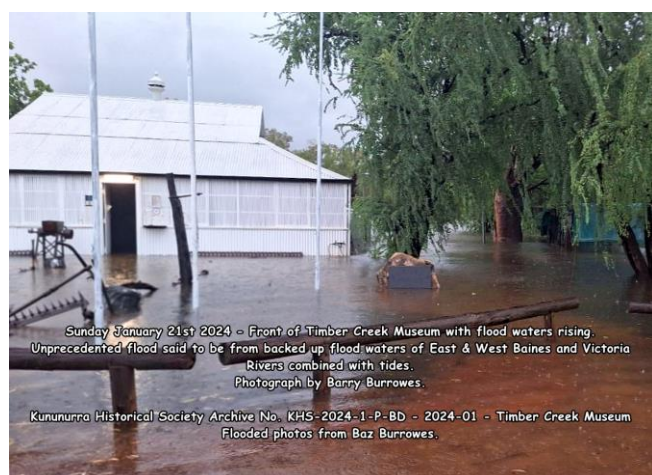


Devastating News About the Timber Creek Police Museum

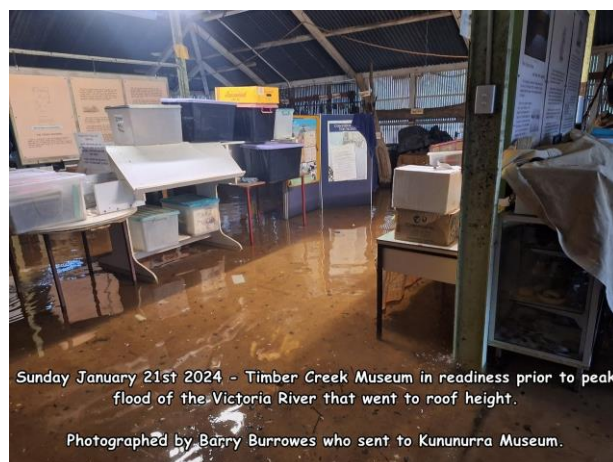
The Historical Society's field trip last July included a visit to the Museum and Baz Burrowes, the manager was very generous with his time showing us around. Therefore it's heartbreaking to relate that the Museum was completely flooded to the roof level on 22 January. The following account was reported by Andrew Barker, Kununurra Historical Society

Very sad to report that on Monday I had a phone message from Barry Burrowes, who has been managing the Timber Creek Museum, stating, "Museum gone will call from Darwin." The next day Baz started sending photographs of flood waters rising around the museum and by the afternoon of Sunday January 21st 2024, they had entered the museum. There is a photo showing how they had stacked vulnerable items above the waters and from all previous floods had only expected "a foot or two" of water. They came back later and stacked it higher but nobody had expected the waters to rise to roof level, otherwise much could have been moved and saved, however that was not to be. Barry had to move his truck and gear on the Sunday but much of his own gear was left and hence lost at the museum. By Monday January 22nd the waters had risen to roof height and Barry was evacuated to Darwin, taking some photos as he flew out. It is a shame to see this destruction and we hope that the museum and many items can be salvaged. The flood appears to have been unprecedented in written records, apparently caused by a combination of the flood waters of the Victoria, East and West Baines Rivers meeting high tides in the lower Victoria River, forcing all to back up into Timber Creek.

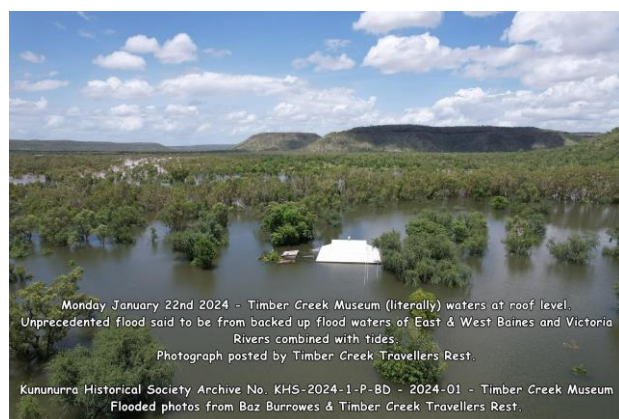
Photos by Barry Burrowes, Timber Creek Museum. Photos supplied by Andrew Barker



Timber Creek Museum 21 January 2024



Items/artefacts stacked up high not expecting the flood waters to go much higher. 21 January 2024



It's amazing the difference a day makes. The Museum is now covered to the roof. 22 January 2024



24 January 2024

The Historical Society's Annual Journal

This year's issue of the HSNT journal is being compiled and contributions are now invited. Articles up to 8000 words and short reports up to approximately 1500 words are sought on topics relating to Northern Territory history, heritage or archaeology. If you are interested in offering a contribution, please email the journal editor Clayton Fredericksen - clayton.fredericksen@cdu.edu.au

Regional Museum Grants

The Regional Museums Support program has returned to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Caddie Brain, the new Regional Museum Officer, has joined the MAGNT team in this role supporting the Northern Territory's incredible network of regional museums. Caddie has worked in arts, journalism and technology projects across the NT for over a decade in both Darwin and Alice Springs.

This role has returned to MAGNT and will be supporting a Regional Museums Grants Program that will open for applications in March.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
3pm Sunday 24 March 2024**

Welcome and thanks

Present

Apologies

1. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 26 March 2023

2. Business arising from minutes of AGM

3. President's Report

4. Treasurer's Report

5. Election of Office Bearers

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Honorary Secretary**
- **Honorary Treasurer**
- **Council Members [up to 8]**
- **Public Officer**
- **Authorized Person [ATO]**

6. Other business

**Nomination Form
Historical Society NT, PO Box 40544, Casuarina NT 0811**

I,
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hereby accept the nomination for the position of

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[please print] on the Council of HSNT 2024/2025

Signed :

Nominated by :
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Seconded by :
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Date :