



## **Historical Society of the Northern Territory**

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### **NEWSLETTER MAY 2023**

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## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **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.

### **Saturday 6 May - Open Government House to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles - 5.30pm - 9pm**

Celebrate the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla, on the beautiful grounds of Government House.

The Administrator and Ms Jones invite you to enjoy music from the Band of the 1st Brigade and view highlights of the Coronation live from Westminster Abbey on screens provided at Government House.

The State Rooms will be open for self-guided tours between 5.30 and 6.15 pm with the Band of the 1st Brigade performing live from 6.30 pm.

Bring your friends and family together at Government House to share in this historic occasion with an evening of music and celebration. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from local providers.

Entry is free but tickets are essential. book at  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-coronation-celebration-tickets-610648234307>

### **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](mailto:lant.oralhistory@nt.gov.au) or ring 8999 7177 during Library hours.

## **11, 12, 13 & 14 May - Seabreeze Festival, Nightcliff Foreshore**

THURSDAY 11 May OPENING EVENT:

6:30pm for a 7pm movie showing is "The Boat with No Name" Film Premiere at BCC CINEMAS CASUARINA | Starring a local cast from Nhulunbuy and surrounding Homelands.

FRIDAY 12 May ON THE FORESHORE:

5pm - 10pm for a jam packed foreshore full of Stages and Spaces and Food Stalls and snazzy ol' al fresco dining and One Mile Brewery Bar locations reaching from "Zen Rooftop Dance Stage" Sunset Park (Aralia Street end) to "Banyan Music Stage" Nightcliff Park (Chapman Road end) Followed by an After Party at Nightcliff Sports Club | 10pm - 1am

SATURDAY 13 May ON THE FORESHORE:

3pm - 10pm for another jam packed foreshore full of Stages and Spaces and Food Stalls and snazzy ol' al fresco dining and One Mile Brewery Bar locations reaching from "Zen Rooftop Dance Stage" Sunset Park (Aralia Street end) to "Banyan Music Stage" Nightcliff Park (Chapman Road end) - BUT with a brand new set of awesome artists performing AND The COMMUNITY VILLAGE & RIPPLE EFFECT SPACE will be sharing. Followed by an After Party at Nightcliff Sports Club | 10pm - 1am

SUNDAY 14 May ON THE FORESHORE

2pm - 8pm for a more MOTHERS DAY chilled out but glorious vibe of foreshore Stages, Spaces, Food Stalls AND snazzy al fresco dining with One Mile Brewery Bar locations reaching from "Zen Rooftop Dance Stage" Sunset Park (Aralia Street end) to "Banyan Music Stage" Nightcliff Park (Chapman Road end) - BUT with a brand new set of awesome artists and presenters AND today the SAND SCULPTURE COMPETITION will be judged at 5.30pm on Nightcliff Beach. Followed by an After Party at Doms Bar & Lounge | 9pm - 11pm

### **Friday 12 May - Book Launch - *Old Darwin Hospital Reunion 2009: I remember when....* 3pm-5pm at Harry's Place, 1 Willaroo Street, Tiwi**

As part of the International Nurses Day celebrations, Janie Mason's (editor) book will be launched by the Honourable Professor Hugh Heggie, NT Administrator. An introduction to the book will be given by CDU, Vice Chancellor Professor Scott Bowman AO.

The book is a collection of stories from nursing staff who worked at the old Darwin Hospital (Myilly Point) and will be on sale for \$25 (cash only)

If you wish to attend RSVP is needed. Please phone 89466385 and leave a message

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

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 a 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 a 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 Dr 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!

**Sunday 21 May - Arafura Music Collective 5-6pm at Mines House, NT National Trust**

Arafura Music Collective invites you to join us for the first of our 2023 Louvred Lounge Series at the historic Myilly Point Heritage Precinct, in the intimate space of Mines House.

Tickets \$28.50

Experience some of our favourite early music vocal and instrumental works from composers Purcell, Dowland, Frescobaldi, Caccini, Vivaldi, and Ernesto Baron.

Our Arafura Early Music Ensemble are historically inspired musicians who are passionate about early music.

With musicians Ania Tait, Bill Grose, Brian Cullen, Claire Kilgariff, Hester Wright and Michael Bardon It's the perfect opportunity to take a dive into Baroque music, from its earliest roots through to the Galant period.

Come and experience the magic of early music in the beautiful setting of Myilly Point Heritage Precinct. Very limited tickets! Tickets \$28.50 See you there for a relaxing Sunday arvo.

**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](http://www.matesofthemurrniji.com.au)

**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.

We have invited Market Stall Holders from Berry Springs and Freds Pass as well as local ones. There will be 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 also be for sale - books and t-shirts. See attached flyer for more information.

**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 become available soon.