

Historical Society of the Northern Territory

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FUTURE EVENTS

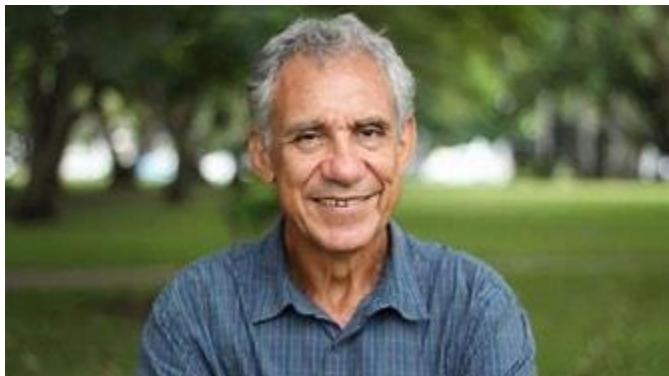
Wednesday 25 October - Speaker Rebekah Raymond, Curator of Aboriginal Art & Material Culture - Museum & Art Gallery Cafe 8.30-9.30am

This is an Australian Museums and Galleries Association event.

Saturday 28 October – History Talks: History Colloquium, NT Library

The annual History Colloquium organised by the Professional Historians Association will be held at the NT Library. The Society will be selling its books at the colloquium (cash only) Colloquium entry is free. The Program is attached.

Sunday 5 November – HSNT 5th Annual Oration – Speaker Charlie King



Charlie is a sports commentator for Darwin's ABC Radio. He is renowned for his work in child protection and established the 'No More' initiative in 2006 which used sport to campaign against family violence in Australia. Charlie was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his service to broadcast media and the Indigenous community in 2015. This was upgraded to Member of the Order of Australia (AM) at the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours for his service to the Indigenous community of the Northern Territory.

Charlie's topic will be "Reflections on the Territory".

Our Oration will be held at History House, 1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner at 3pm.

Nibbles and drinks will follow the talk. RSVP by Tuesday 31 October email: hsnt@iinet.net.au or 0417868827 (leave a message)

Sunday 26 November - HSNT Christmas Lunch at History House at Noon

This will be a sit down luncheon consisting of cold meats (turkey, chicken, ham), salads and puddings. Soft drink and wine included.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 20 November email: hsnt@iinet.net.au or 0417868827 (leave a message)

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

Sunday 10 December – Celebrating the Anniversary of the Great Race

The Aviation Historical Society of the NT will conduct the commemoration event at the Fannie Bay Ross Smith monument site (corner Ross Smith & East Point) commencing at 10.00am and concluding by 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Our new Website

After working on the new website during the past year, it is now up and running.

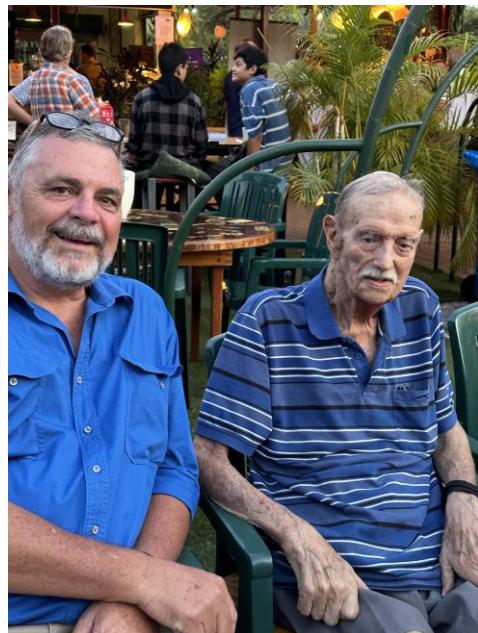
Please take a look at our new flash site www.historicalsocietynt.org.au

The Society thanks the Community Benefit Fund which provided a grant and the tireless efforts of Brian and Lyn Reid and Peta (Captivate) for the development of the site.

Northern Territory Documentary *Twenty to the Mile*



Question and Answer time at the end of the documentary



Presenter Derek Pugh with HSNT Patron Austin Asche AC KC, a community sponsor of *Twenty to the Mile*.

Andrew Hyde's acclaimed film *Twenty to the Mile* sold out at its premiere showing at the Deckchair Cinema. There was so much demand to see it that people were turned away. Subsequently, a second showing a couple of weeks later also had a full house. The Q&A session after each viewing of *Twenty to the Mile* was also well attended. This should bode well for its future.

The film tells the story of Charles Todd's successful wiring of the Australian continent with the Overland Telegraph Line 150 years ago, and our subsequent telegraphic connection to London and Europe.

The star of the film is Australia. Hyde's awesome cinematography displays our country from the Flinders, through the desert and dust, to the tropics. The difficulties the OTL teams experienced, and the effect of their arrival on the Indigenous people who lived on their traditional lands, are treated with care and sensitivity, whilst not shying from the naked truth.

The producers were able to fund the film mostly via sponsorship, including from several dozen Darwin 'community sponsors'. "The help of friends and family got this film over the line. Without their support it's doubtful we would ever have been able to make it", said presenter Derek Pugh.

The film is yet to be sold, but there are several "irons in the fire" regarding television and film festival opportunities, and the producers are optimistic.

Information supplied. Photos courtesy Ian Richards

This will be the last newsletter for the year. The Historical Society Committee wishes all our members a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year. We shall see you all in 2024.

