

Historical Society of the Northern Territory

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FUTURE EVENTS

Friday 4 August - Speaker Ken Lai at the Eva's Café, Botanic Gardens, 8.30-9.30am

Ken is the President of the Darwin Aviation Museum. This is an Australian Museums and Galleries Association event

Saturday 5 August - HSNT book stall – Parap Markets

Janie will be selling our books at the markets. Drop by and snap up a special.

Friday 11 August - NT Library – Tiwi Textiles – 12.30-1.30pm

Artists Bede Tungutalum and Diana Wood Conroy will discuss the 50 year history of First Nations textiles and print making.

Friday 18 August – National Trust talk – speaker Peter Waggitt – 5.30pm

Peter has been Director of Mining Compliance in the NT, and also worked on the closure of Ranger mine. His talk is on "NT Heritage Pine Creek Miners Park & Geotrail"

Join us at Burnett House for a cool drink and nibbles at 5:30 pm. Talk at 6 pm. Entry \$5.

See attached flyer for more information

Thursday 24 August - Sunday 27 August at the Darwin Uniting Church, Conference "Truth Telling: From Colonising to Covenanting"

Conference fee \$260

This Conference will have a focus on the history of the Uniting Church and its predecessors in Northern Australia. It coincides with the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the Methodist Mission at Milingimbi in Arnhem Land and the 150th anniversary of the commencement of the Darwin congregation of the now Uniting Church.

For more information google "Church National History Conference 2023"

Thursday 24 August – talk by Don Christophersen on Charlie Flannigan – noon -1pm at Charles Darwin University, Northern Institute, Yellow Building 1.2.48, Casuarina campus

Charlie Flannigan was a young Aboriginal stockman and a renowned horseman from Queensland who worked at various cattle stations in the Northern Territory. Events at Auvergne Station in 1892 resulted in his incarceration at Fannie Bay Gaol and his execution the following year.

During his ten months' imprisonment, Charlie was kept in chains in solitary confinement. He was also given pencil and paper with which he produced a startling collection of images of people and places he had known.

In this talk, Don Christophersen discusses his new book, *A Little Bit of Justice*. The story of Charlie Flannigan – the first man to be executed in the Northern Territory. Don also shares many of Charlie's drawings and explains why he wanted to research his story.

Saturday 2 September- excursion to Marrawuddi Arts & Culture Centre, Jabiru

The Australian Museums and Galleries Association invites interested people on a bus trip to Marrawuddi Arts & Culture Centre, Jabiru

7.45am for 8am start return at 6pm (approx.) The meeting point for the bus will be Bargain Car Rentals, 99 Mitchell Street. There is plenty of street parking in the area.

Cost \$65 to be paid via cash on the day. (includes light lunch)

Numbers are limited, please book early.

Bookings essential – book at -

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amaga-nt-excursion-to-marrawuddi-arts-and-culture-tickets-673594277617?utm_campaign=post_publish&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_content=shortLinkNewEmail

Tuesday 19 September – Trivia Night - Trailer Boat Club 6.30pm start

The National Trust will be holding a Trivia Night 'Peeling Back the Territory" \$20 per person and includes a Cooper Ale. See attached flyer for more information or contact Julie 0437 391 393

Vale Roger Davey 1942-2023

The Committee is saddened to hear of the sudden death of Roger in early July. Roger was a valued and long term member of the Historical Society. He was so full of life and enthusiasm for Northern Territory history that it is hard to believe that he has gone. We shall miss him very much. A service to commemorate his life will be held mid August. Details will be announced in the NT News.



Roger Davey at the History Colloquium last October with Eddie Webber & Janet Leather

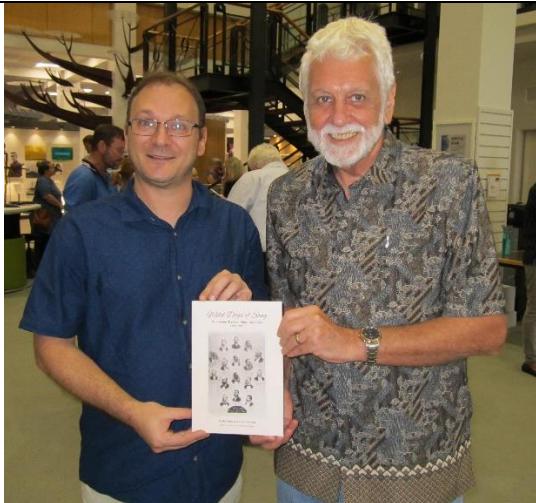
HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Award held at Parliament House on 17 July 2023

This annual award is for the most outstanding book about Northern Territory history which had been published in the previous year (2022). Entries are judged on originality, depth of research, use of primary sources and its contribution to Northern Territory history. The winning entry received \$1,000.

Congratulations to Historical Society member, Associate Professor Steve Farram whose book *Wild Dogs of Song: Palmerston (Darwin) Dingo Glee Club, 1895-1905* was shortlisted. The winner of the book award was Shannyn Palmer for her book *Unmaking Angas Downs*.

HSNT members Janie Mason, Brian Reid and Derek Pugh also submitted book entries.



Co-authors of *Wild Dogs of Song* Paolo Fabris & Steve Farram



Steve Farram, Wendy Beresford-Maning, Bev Phelts & Robyn Smith



Chanston Paech, Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage, Shannyn Palmer, Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister, Mark Monaghan, MLA Fong Lim



Wendy Garden, Janie Mason & Libby Siebert

27-30 July - HSNT Field Trip - Darwin Show Weekend

This year our trip was taken in the Daly Waters, Newcastle Waters and Elliott region.



A group photo at the Pic Willetts statue, Newcastle Waters



Libby Siebert, Margaret Donald & Peter Siebert inside Jones Store, Newcastle Waters



The group at the Overland Telegraph Station joining poles, Hayfield Station.
Photo courtesy Jane Munday



The group at the front of Jones Store, Newcastle Waters



Lunch at Newcastle Waters



Dinner at HiWay Inn, Daly Waters

23 July – Southport Community Hall Official Opening

This event was well attended and supported by many stall holders. Natasha Fyles, Chief Minister and Eva Lawler, MLA Drysdale also attended the event. It was lovely cool dry season morning with the smell of good hot coffee in the air.



Natasha Fyles & Eva Lawler with the Southport Progress Association Committee



Natasha Fyles



Merry Cooper with the map of Southport



Bev Phelts with some of the artefacts found in Southport (pottery, iron instruments)



Stalls at Southport



The new community hall