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FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 1 October - HSNT bookstall at Parap Markets

Janie will be running our regular monthly bookstall.

Wednesday 12 October - Speaker Adam Worrall - Northern Centre for Contemporary Art at 6pm

Join Adam Worrall, Director Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, on the couch at our 'Director on the Couch' event at the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art. The centre is located in Vimy Lane, Parap - near Saffron Restaurant

This will be an opportunity to learn more about Adam's vision for MAGNT in an informal evening with wine and nibbles. This is an Australian Museums and Galleries Association event and all are welcome.

Friday 14 October - National Trust talk at Burnett House 6.30pm for 7pm start

The speaker is Raine Caldwell who is a secondary school history teacher with a passion for travel. Raine participated in a field study at Masada, which is the great archaeological site in Israel. In January 2020 she was the recipient of a scholarship to attend a Holocaust Studies Seminar in Jerusalem. The title of her talk is "Why is it that Masada continues to be one of the most visited cultural sites in Israel?"

Masada, a natural fortress, was besieged by the Romans between 73 – 74 CE and the remnants of siege camps as well as a colossal siege ramp are testimony to the might and tenacity of the Romans. The story of the siege of Masada plays an important role in Jewish history. The decision of 960 Jewish rebels to commit mass suicide rather than surrender to the Romans has become a symbol of national resistance embodied in the slogan, "Masada shall not fall again".

Join us on the lawn at Burnett House for a cool drink and nibbles at 6:30 pm before the talk.
Entry: \$2 members, \$5 non-members - \$7.50 wine, \$5 beer.
Telephone enquiries to Julie: 0437391393.

Saturday 29 October - History Colloquium, NT Library

Note this date in your diaries. The annual History Colloquium organised by the Professional Historians Association will be held at the NT Library. More information including the program will be provided soon.

Saturday 5 November - Talk by Jared Archibald - "The Track - strategic lifeline to the Top End"

Jared Archibald, Curator of Territory History delves into the fascinating history of The Track and its importance to the war effort in the South West Pacific.

Jared's talk will be held at the Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory 19 Conacher Street, 11am - 12pm

Sunday 13 November - Pearl Ogden Remembrance



A gathering will be held to remember Pearl on Sunday 13 November in Darwin. Details provided at a later date.

If you are interested in attending please register with Yvonne Forrest on 0438840247

WANTED - books for our annual Booksale in February

Are you having a Christmas/New Year cleanup?

If you have any unwanted books in reasonable condition, the Historical Society is happy to take them off your hands to sell at our next booksale. The books can be on any topic - history, archaeology, cooking, fiction, non fiction etc.

We are happy to collect the books from your house or they can be dropped off by prior arrangement at our premises in Woolner.

Contact Bev on 0417868827 or email: hsnt@iinet.net.au

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PAST EVENTS

Launch of *Wild dogs of Song: Palmerston (Darwin) Dingo Glee Club 1895-1905*

Steve Farram and Paolo Fabris' book was launched by Nora Lewis AM, Emeritus Music Director of the Darwin Chorale who enthralled the audience with her humorous speech. Further entertainment was provided by the Darwin Chorale with a singsong and bongo drums.



Authors of the book: Steve Farram & Paolo Fabris



Janie Mason, Julie Mastin & Steve Farram



Steve Farram, Bev Phelts & Libby Siebert



Paolo Fabris & Andrew Edwards pouring the champers

Talk by Neville Pantazis - Parap Fine Foods

Neville brought his parents Rene and Paul along and this became such an interesting talk which involved the whole family. We heard how and why Rene and Paul came to Darwin and how they met each other. Paul like many other Territorians was just passing through and attending his sister's Darwin wedding. He had full intentions of returning to Cyprus. Instead, he met Rene and started work at the Darwin Hospital. Parap Fine Foods was originally located where Prickles is today and moved to its current location in 1980. Neville is very much involved in the revamping of the Parap shopping area. He very generously donated copies of this *book Forty Fine Years* to everyone who attended his talk



From left: Janie Mason,
Ian Anderson, Penny
Baird & Neville Pantazis

Wendy Asche with Paul &
Rene Pantazis



Membership of the Australasian Mining History Association (AMHA)

Are you interested in Australian and New Zealand mining history? If so, this is a fabulous organisation to join. <https://www.mininghistory.asn.au> The objectives of the AMHA is to: · promote and co-ordinate national activities and programmes related to mining history; · encourage the study, discussion, writing and publication of mining history; · encourage the identification and preservation of records, sites, relics and materials relevant to Australasian mining; · act as a focus for correspondence between those persons within Australasia and elsewhere interested in mining history; and · disseminate information of interest to members through a website, newsletter and/or journal.

Membership Application 2022/2023 (July to June) Membership Fees: Full memberships \$45; Joint Family Membership \$55; Unwaged Student \$15; Institutions: \$60 Title (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr., Prof. etc.)

Surname.....First Name.....

Address for correspondence.....

Post Code..... Telephone Email:

Signed date

New Members – For our records, please advise how you learned of the AMHA: (a) through the AMHA webpage; (b) through a member of the AMHA; (c) through attending an AMHA conference; d) through other source (please provide detail) [please circle answer]

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