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FUTURE EVENTS

On now - Photographic Exhibition - Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation at the Museum & Art Gallery

A photographic exhibition from the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA) celebrating 50 years of Yolŋu economic independence, enterprise, self-determination, culture and ingenuity.

Gumurr'manydji Manapanmirr Djäma is proudly produced by an all Indigenous Community Curatorial team from Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Ramingining, Milingimbi and Minjilang - where ALPA operates today.

Each photo has been carefully selected by community members and leaders and celebrates the contribution Yolŋu people have made in building better futures and stronger communities.

Experience this insightful exhibition presented by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in collaboration with ALPA.

This exhibition was made possible by the Restart Invest to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund - an Australian Government initiative.

Wednesday 26 July -Speaker Phyllis Williams - Saltwater Cafe, MAGNT- 8.30-9.30am

Phyllis is the Director Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Engagement, National Archives of Australia. This is an Australian Museums and Galleries Association event.

Tuesday 2 August - talk by Brenda L Croft at the NT Archives at 5.30pm

Speaker, Brenda L. Croft's topic is 'Cultural Archaeology: First Nations historicity, historiography and the Archives'.

Brenda's presentation will focus on the role of archives – personal, state, territory and federal – in First Nations creative-led research. The focus will be on specific examples from her creative-led doctoral research project, comprising her thesis Kurrwa (stone axe) to Kartak (tin cup, pannikin): hand-made/held-ground and the collaborative exhibition with her patrilineal community: 'Still in my mind: Gurindji location, experience and visuality.' This multimodal project is grounded in critical First Nations performative collaborative autoethnography, in ongoing close consultation with her patrilineal family and community members.

Saturday 6 August - Saltwater Ceremony - Museum & Art Gallery at 8am

Led by a Larrakia Elder, this important ceremony is presented by Larrakia Nation as part of the opening weekend of the 2022 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards. This Saltwater Ceremony will take place at the water's edge on the beach outside MAGNT as the sun rises. All welcome!

Bring your picnic rug and breakfast basket and enjoy being by the Arafura Sea then head inside to see the 2022 Telstra NATSIAA exhibition.

Saturday 6 August - HSNT bookstall at Parap Markets

Drop in to see Janie who will be running our bookstall and have some specials on offer

Saturday 6 August - Art Exhibition at the Residency, Alice Springs

Opening night of the Exhibition "Mostly Chooks" by local artist, Magaer Lennox
The Exhibition will run until 4 September.

Sunday 7 August - Book Launch at History House at 3pm

Brian Reid's new book *Protection at a Price* will be launched by Dr Steve Farram.

The book follows the shifts in aboriginal protection policy and the price Aboriginal people had to pay for that protection in almost 70 years of Commonwealth administration of the Territory. The book continues the story begun in *Power and Protection* starting with the *Aboriginal Ordinance 1911* when Aboriginal people were believed by many to be dying out. It ends with the *Land Rights(NT) Act 1976* not long before Territory self government, when Aborigines by then had become vibrant part of the Territory community

Drinks and nibbles will follow the launch. The book will be on sale for \$30 (cash preferred)

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

Thursday 1 September - Talk on Cyclone Tracy - Museum & Art Gallery at 11am

Cyclone Tracy struck Darwin on Christmas Eve 1974 leaving behind 66 dead, hundreds wounded, and a city destroyed. Join Jared Archibald, Curator of Territory History for a guided tour of the Cyclone Tracy exhibition and gain insights into one of Australia's worst natural disasters, stories of the people that were affected by it, and how the museum has attempted to interpret this historic event.

Register at the Information Desk in the Foyer from 10:45am.

Meet in the foyer at 11:00am then proceed to the exhibition with the curator.

Participants should be aware this tour will move through the exhibition space with little opportunity to sit or rest. Food and beverage, including bottled water, is not permitted inside our galleries.

Please stow your snacks and drink bottles in a locker behind the Information Desk.



ACTIVITY	National Trust Darwin display and walk
TYPE	Display of OTL artefacts and photographs
DATE	April to November 2022
VENUE	Roadmasters House. 1 McMinn Street, Darwin
COORDINATOR	National Trust Darwin
CONTACT	Trevor Menzies menzies2@bigpond.net.au

NT History Grants

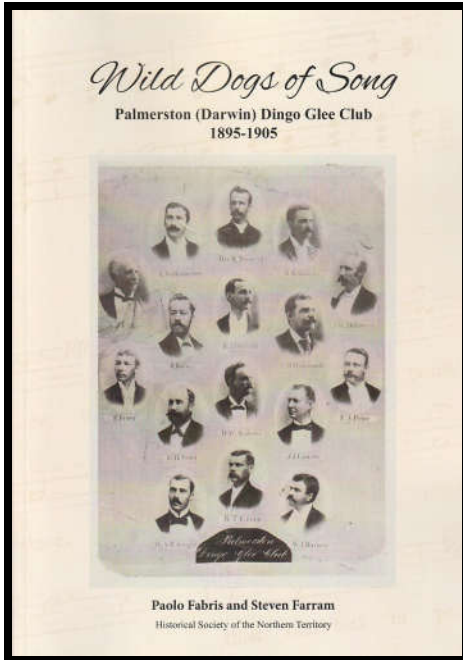
This year's NT History Grants are scheduled to open Friday 29 July.

The History Grants program provides up to \$7000 to support original research on Northern Territory history. The grants aim to broaden community understanding and engagement with Library & Archives NT's collections.

For more information on the grants and how to apply

<https://lant.nt.gov.au/northern-territory-history-grants-program>

New Historical Society Publication - Wild Dogs of Song: Palmerston (Darwin) Dingo Glee Club 1895-1905



Wild Dogs of Song authored by Dr Steve Farram and Paolo Fabris about one of the earliest European musical groups in the Territory.

The book explores the Dingo Glee Club's origins and its operations over a ten year period. The importance of community singing and music is analysed from a historical, sociological and artistic view. A feature of the book is a discussion of all the songs known to have been performed by the club.

The book is available to purchase for \$25 plus \$10 postage.

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Distinguished Benefactors Recognised at Charles Darwin University (CDU)

Donors who have made distinguished financial contributions to the University were recognised at a CDU morning tea in June. Two of those benefactors are life members of the Historical Society

Emeritus Professor David Carment AM and family founded the Maxwell Carment Scholarship in honour of his father, Maxwell Carment. The scholarship provides financial support to students enrolled in their Honours year in Humanities or Social Sciences at a value of \$5,000 over two semesters and it continues to be awarded annually. David taught history at CDU and was a Dean at the University before in 2008.

David recently made the trip to Darwin from Sydney to attend the Scholarship Celebration.

Another valued CDU supporter is Elizabeth 'Janie' Mason AM, University Fellow and CDU's Nursing Museum Curator. Janie established the new 'Morning Star Scholarship' commencing in 2023, which will support six First Nations students through non-trades VET courses over the next three years.



At the CDU morning tea - Janie end left and David 3rd right
Photograph and information courtesy CDU

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PAST EVENTS

HSNT 2022 Victoria River Region Field Trip

The places we visited were Joe's Creek Escarpment Walk, Timber Creek Police Museum Nackaroo Lookout, Bullita Homestead & stockyards and Augustus Gregory tree.



The group at Timber Creek Police Museum



Jane Munday & Christine Tarbutt-Buckley climbing Joe's Creek Escarpment



Morning tea - from left: Ruth Kerr, Lyn Reid, Allan Mitchell, Peter & Libby Siebert, Fiona Scott & Janie Mason



Bullita Homestead



Kevin Coonan & Ian Anderson at Bullita Stockyards



Gregory's Tree. Photograph courtesy Brian Reid

The Chief Ministers NT History Book Award

Congratulations to Mark McKenna's *Return to Uluru* who won this year's Chief Minister's History Book Award. Also congratulations to Historical Society members, Earl James who entered his book *A Tale of Two Townships and Three Antagonists* and Maisie Austin whose book *The History of the Northern Territory Stolen Generations* was shortlisted.



Earl James with his entry & Brian Reid



Don Christopherson, Maisie Austin & Phyllis Williams



Matt Garrick's *Writing in the Sand* was Highly Commended. Matt with Yothu Yindi co-founder Witiyana Marika & family, Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles and Wendy & Earl James on the right