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FUTURE EVENTS

Monday 26 July - Conversation with Sally Bothroyd & Matt Nable at the NT Library, 5.30-7.30pm

Matt Nable is an accomplished actor, author and screenwriter. He has starred alongside famous names such as Robert DeNiro, Guy Pearce and Eric Bana and his popular film releases include *Killer Elite*, *33 Postcards* and more recently *The Dry*.

The conversation will explore plot development, the representation of racism in literature and also the impact of Darwin's tropical landscape in the story.

There will be book signings and an opportunity to purchase the book on the night.

Exhibition - "Black, Red & Yellow: Unity and Identity" at NT Library



"Black, Red & Yellow: Unity and Identity", commemorates the 50th anniversary of the first raising of the Aboriginal flag on 12 July 1971. The flag was designed by Harold Thomas, a Luritji/Wombai (Alice Springs) artist.

Featuring photographs, paintings, prints and memorabilia, the exhibition tracks the journey of the flag from a symbol of protest to national icon and considers the significant moments that were instrumental to its wider acceptance.

The Exhibition is open until Sunday 17 October 2021

Friday 6 August - Government House Open from 3.00pm to 6.30pm

Saturday 7 August - Parap Markets

Drop in and say hi to Janie Mason who will be holding a HSNT book stall at the markets.

Saturday 7 August - Living with Possums - 8.30-10am - Burnett House

It's a possumpalooza!!!

National Trust, Wildcare NT and Gardens for Wildlife will be holding a 'Living with Possums' event.

- Explore Burnett House and its surrounding gardens
- Hear from Wildcare's NT possum experts including a Q&A
- Get up close with possums
- Donate a possum box to Burnett House
- Sign up to the Gardens for Wildlife program

All attending will have the opportunity to take home a possum box made at the Darwin Men's Shed

Sunday 8 August - NT National Trust Luxe Bazaar

Fashionists will converge on the Myilly Point Heritage Precinct next month in the name of charity to help raise funds to improve the lives of young people. In partnership with The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Australia NT and The National Trust of Australia NT, Ronald McDonald House Charities North Australia will hold Darwin's first *Luxe Bazaar*. The *Bazaar* is an opportunity for locals to sell their pre-loved high end/brand name fashion and accessories.

Local vendors will be accompanied by some of Darwin's favourite clothing charities and fashion houses. Attendees will be entertained by the Band of the 1st Brigade Darwin and food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Entry is by gold coin donation and stalls are available for rent on the day for \$25.00 to interested parties.

For more information or to rent a stall contact National Trust. Email: office@ntnationaltrust.org.au or phone: 8981 2848

Tuesday 10 August - Droving Days by Roger Steele at NT Archives, Millner at 5.30pm

National Trust Devonshire Teas are back on - \$10 p/p

On the third Sunday of every month until October, National Trust NT throws open the louvres and doors at the heritage-listed building for Devonshire Tea in the picturesque, recently revamped grounds of historic Burnett House in the Myilly Point Historical Precinct. Burnett House is the only remaining two-story house designed by architect Beni Burnett and is managed by the National Trust.

Its recommended to book on line at <https://www.nationaltrustntstore.com/product/devonshire-tea-burnett-house>. If online bookings are sold out, please call Julie: 0437 391 393

Thursday 19 August - Trivia Night at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club - 7pm-9pm

Friends of the Darwin Botanic Gardens will be holding a trivia night at the DTBC. Botanical expertise not required but questions will be plant themed, the arts, geography, history, local knowledge and sport. Raffle and heads and tails as well

All funds raised will help the Friends improve Darwin wonderful Botanic Gardens

Cost \$20 per person and includes a complimentary Coopers. Teams are up to 8 people

Bookings - <https://www.trybooking.com/BSVMH>, email: bookings.fodbg@gmail.com or phone: 89854179

**Saturday 21 August - CareFlight's 2021 Sunshine Club Hangar Ball - 5.30pm
at 10b Lancaster Road, Marrara**

The Darwin Hangar will be transformed into Parap's Sunshine Club - the birthplace of Darwin's culturally rich and diverse music and dance scene during the 1940s and 50s. The Sunshine Club reflected and celebrated the melting pot of cultures in Darwin. It was a space where everyone was welcome, creating a fusion of music and dance that helped break down barriers in the wider community. The Hangar Ball will be a night to remember as you take a step back in time to this by gone era. Sip on locally designed cocktails and enjoy a three course Territory inspired menu. Charlie King and Amy Hetherington will host the evening and music from the Darwin Rondalla Band and The Mystics will bring the hangar to life. The night will be complete with a live auction and reunions with past patients.

Tickets are \$250 per person, or \$2500 for corporate tables of ten.

All funds raised from this unforgettable night will go towards providing our advanced trauma teams with essential training and medical equipment, as well as enabling the NT Rescue Helicopter to continue saving lives.

To sponsor the event, purchase a corporate table, or donate products and services please contact Felicity Lolias on 0438 746 607 or email events-nt@careflight.org

**Tuesday 24 August - History of Crocodile Management in the NT by Grahame Webb,
at NT Archives, Millner at 5:30pm.**

Saturday 4 September - Seniors Expo

The expo will be held at the CDU Stadium Sitzler Netball Centre, 235 Abala Road, Marrara from 10am to 2pm. For more information www.cotant.org.au/seniors-expo-2021

**Tuesday 28 September - Colonial Frontier Massacres by Robyn Smith, at NT Archives,
Millner at 5.30pm.**

27 September - 1 October 2021 - History Mining Conference, Burra SA

The Australasian Mining History Association is running a history mining conference in Burra. Conference sessions will be held on Monday 27 September, Wednesday 29th September and Friday 1st October, with sessions from 9.00am to 5.00pm. at the Town Hall, Market Street Burra.

The conference dinner on Friday 1st October will also be at own cost, and will be held at the Burra Hotel, just down the street from the main conference venue.

Optional Tours: On Thursday 28 September a bus and walking tour of the Burra Mine and town will take place, and on Thursday 30 September a similar tour of the Kapunda mine and town. Both are 'buy your own lunch' venues.

Another optional Post-Conference tour takes place on the 2nd and 3rd of October when we visit Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo, with accommodation available at Kadina and Wallaroo

Anyone wishing to make either oral or poster presentations should submit by using the abstract template that can be found on the website at; <http://www.mininghistory.asn.au/next-conference>

Early bird registration \$300 p/p

Register at <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=43862> .

Saturday 30 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 closer to the date.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

Launch of Exhibition "Black, Red & Yellow: Unity and Identity" - 12 July 2021

This exhibition marks the 50th anniversary of the first raising of the Aboriginal flag. Maisie Austin launched the Exhibition, then speakers artist Chips Mackinolty, Darryl Cronin and curator Don Christophersen spoke about the history of the flag.



Chips Mackinolty speaking to the audience



Viewing the Exhibition

2021 Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Award - 21 July

This year's winner was *The Bible in Buffalo Country, Oenpelli Mission, 1925-1931* by Sally May, Laura Rademaker, Donna Nadjamerrek and Julie Gumurdul



Congratulations to HSNT Committee members Brian Reid and Derek Pugh and also to HSNT members Maisie Austin and Matthew Stephen whose books were short listed.

From left: Chief Minister Michael Gunner, Maisie Austin, NT Administrator Vicki O'Halloran & Darwin Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis

Photograph courtesy Maisie Austin

Short listed books -

- Maisie Austin and Matthew Stephen, *The Cummings Family: Family, Belonging and Connection to Country*. Darwin: NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, 2020
- Derek Pugh, *Port Essington: the British in North Australia 1838-49*. Darwin: 2020
- Brian Reid, *Power & Protection. The contest between the Government Residents and the medical Protectors of the Aborigines in South Australia's Northern Territory*. Darwin: Historical Society of NT, 2020.

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 2021 (July to June)

Membership Fees:

Full memberships \$35; Joint Family Membership \$45; Unwaged Student \$15; Institutions: \$50

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]

Return membership form to:

Mel Davies, Treasurer, AMHA, Business School, Economics MBDP M251, University of Western Australia, Crawley 6009, Western Australia or email: mel.davies@uwa.edu.au

Payment by Cheque: Cheques should be made payable to AMHA.

Electronic Payment: You can pay for membership at :
<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=41906>