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FROM THE EDITOR

You will all note that this page is somewhat different to past editions of the newsletter. I apologise for the long delay in sending this out but we have had a problem with our very antique equipment which meant that I could not print things off the computer. Unfortunately no matter what we did the printers (both old and new) would not work on our system so I am now trying to sort this out. So, for the moment please bear with me.

We congratulate Wendy Carter on being awarded the Kununurra Volunteer of the Year for 2008 and hope that she joins us on our tours in the dry.

Next issue your President will have his column back!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8 FEBRUARY, Sunday:** HSNT quiz afternoon, RSL, Cavenagh Street, Darwin, 1pm for 1.30pm start. *Cost \$10 p.p.*
- 17 FEBRUARY, NT Library, 6pm,** Book Launch by Austin Asche: *An Awkward Truth* by Peter Grose. [An account of the first air raid on Darwin, 19 February 1942].
- 18 FEBRUARY, HSNT Council meeting, 7.30pm,** 55 Ross Smith Avenue,
- 25 FEBRUARY:** HSNT lecture, **MAGNT, 7.30pm:** Matthew Stephen. *Gold coin donation.*
- APRIL: HSNT fundraising sausage sizzle at Harvey Norman's store,** Stuart Highway, Berrimah. 8.30am to 3pm. [*it would be appreciated if you could spare a hour or so to help.*]
- 13 JUNE, Saturday, HSNT/FNAR fundraising at the Adelaide River Races.**
- 7-10 JULY: Sydney, ISOMOS conference: (Un)loved Modern—conserving 20 Century heritage**

EDITORIAL

Those of you who missed the History Colloquium at the Museum in early November hopefully will be reading some of the papers in our journal. Attendance was good and those who attended had a most interesting day learning of current historical research.

Books have started to be delivered to the office as more people check their bookshelves at the end of the year. Some will be kept as additions to our every-growing research library but others will be sold at a booksale to be held in the Dry.

Many thanks to President Brian Reid and his wife, Lyn for a very pleasant afternoon enjoying our Christmas Brunch. About 25 members celebrated along with the two possums in the roof.

My apologies to members who may have paid but who have received a second *Application for Membership* in the mail. You will note that these slips now go direct to the Treasurer which should ensure prompt registration.

Hopefully we will be able to visit Bradshaw Station in 2009, however this may not be at the time of our usual trip, ie. the show long weekend in July. We will keep you posted on developments.

The latest Occasional Paper is now available. Written by Earl James it covers some of his memories of the early days of our Society. Added to Earl's article is *Fort Wellington, Raffles Bay, 1977 Expedition*, an article found in one of our very early newsletters.

Mery Christmas and a safe and happ New Year,
Yvonne Forrest

Members will be saddened to learn of the recent death in Hobart of Diana Thomson, wife of our former Vice Chancellor Jim Thomson. Diana and Jim were enthusiastic supporters of the Society along with all the other groups that they joined when living in the Territory. Diana had been frail for some time but certainly enjoyed a great social life whilst she was able. We send our kind regards to Jim and his family.

NEW ARTICLES/BOOKS ON THE TERRITORY:

BOURKE, Patricia, Sally Brockwell & Clayton Fredericksen (eds): *Darwin Archaeology*. Darwin CDU Press

ISBN 1 876248 98 X

CARMENT, David. *A Past Displayed*. Darwin: CDU Press

ISBN 1 876248 67 X

DEWER, Mickey: *In Search of the Never-Never: Looking for Australia in Northern Territory writing*. Darwin: CDU Press

ISBN 1 876248 06 8

FARRAM, Steve (2008) *Charles 'Moth' Eaton: Pioneer Aviator of the Northern Territory*. Darwin: CDU Press

ISBN 978 0 9803846 1 1

HILLOCK, Ian Mackintosh: *Broken Dreams and Broken Promise: the Cane Conspiracy*. Darwin: CDU Press: [the rise and fall (1879-1889) of the first real trial of large-scale agricultural production in the NT.]

ISBN 1 876248 48 3

KIMBER, Richard Glyn: 'The Sea met the Desert and the Desert met the Sea' *IV: Perkins, Rachel & Marcia Langdon (eds) First Australians; an Illustrated History*. Melbourne: Miegunyah Press, 2008, pp.173-224

ISBN 978 0 522831 5 5

LO, David (2008) *The Long Road to Territory Health; an Account of Clinical Medicine in the Northern Territory 1965-1985*. Darwin CDU Press,

ISBN 978 0 9802923 1 2

MORRIS, John: *The Tiwi: from Isolation to Cultural Change*. Darwin: CDU Press

ISBN 1 876248 60 2

MURRAY, Daena: *The Sound of the Sky: Euro-Australian artists' responses to the Northern Territory*. Darwin. CDU Press

ISBN 0 9802923 0 1

OLIVER, Pam (2008) *Empty North: the Japanese Presence and Australian Reactions 1860s to 1942*. Darwin: CDU Press

ISBN 978 0 9802923 3 6

POWELL, Alan (2008) *The Shadow's Edge: Australia's Northern War*. Darwin: CDU Press: [New edition].

ISBN 978 0 9802923 7 4

RUE, Kathy de la: *The Evolution of Darwin 1869-1911*. Darwin: CDU Press

ISBN 1 876248 90 4

National Archives:

The following series have been digitised and are now available for reference:

F48/0: Correspondence files of the Chairman of Pastoral Leases Investigation Committee. 1922-1938.

F20/0: Correspondence files - railway surveys, road transport and primary production. 1927-1930

E745/0: Native Affairs census in preparation for register of wards. 1955-1958

E1683: Northern Territory Administration report - Lake Mackay expedition July 1957. 1957

NTAC1976/23/0: Unregistered correspondence and historical notes [Welfare Branch]. 1954-1974

NTA1976/5: Correspondence files (pastoral station files) [Native Affairs] 1954-1962.

E1238/1: Report of the Board of Inquiry into Land and Land Industries in the NT [Payne-Fletcher report]. 1937.

E952/T1: Sales schedule, Darwin [Lands & Survey Branch - valuation section] 1958-1962

NTAC1977/161/0: Correspondence files [tourism and national parks section NT Primary Industries] 1971-1972

E114/0: Darwin enemy air raids damage caused by enemy aircraft and miscellaneous correspondence. 1942-1945

E473/0: Folder containing statement notes and comments on proposed court buildings [statement and notes by Justice Kriewaldt]. 1955

F447/0: Correspondence files [Police branch - superintendent of Police] 1959.

FOR SALE

Index of World War II Evacuees from the Top End of the Northern Territory 1941-1942. [2497 names in the following fields: Surname, given name/s, age, sex, nationality, occupation, placement, remarks, evacuated from, destination, departure, remarks, placement.

Cost: \$20

From GSNT, PO Box 37212, Winnellie 0821

The following have been added to our Library:

BENNETT, Scott (ed) (1971) *The Making of the Commonwealth*. Melbourne, Cassell Australia.

BONNER, Neville et al (1977) *Aboriginal Land Rights in the NT: report of the Joint Select Committee...* Canberra: AGPS

DONOVAN, Peter Francis (1981): *A Land Full of Possibilities: a history of South Australia's Northern Territory*. St Lucia: QUPress.

DIRECTIONS for Northern Territory tourism development: a discussion paper [dated] November 1993.

DOUGLAS, Louise et al (1988); *Oral History, a handbook*. Sydney: Allen & Unwin

HILL, Ernestine (1951); *The Territory*. Sydney: Walkabout Pocketbooks.

HOLT, R M and J D Bertram (1981): *The Barkly Tableland Beef Industry 1980*. NT Department of Primary Production technical bulletin 41.

LETTIS, G A et al (1979): *Feral Animals in the Northern Territory: report of the Board of Inquiry*. Darwin, Department of Primary Production.

LOCKWOOD, Douglas (1968) *The Front Door: Darwin 1869-1969*. Adelaide, Rigby.

MARTIN, Brian F, P J Wells & W Lanhupuy (1980): *Pastoral Land Tenure in the Northern Territory: a report...to inquire into the most appropriate form of tenure for pastoral land...*

RAYNER, Robert J (2001): *Darwin and Northern Territory Force*. NSW, Southwood Press

RICHARDS, R J and W J Haylock (eds): *North Australian mine rehabilitation workshop, June 1979: Proceedings*. Darwin: Conservation Commission.

SCOTT, Ernest (1936): *Australia During the War*. St Lucia: UQPress

Our thanks to Alan Powell and the DPI and NRETA Library for their donations.

FROM THE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETIES:

Annual General Meeting and General meeting:

Meeting on 28 September at the Royal Australian Historical Society all States and Territories with one exception were represented. A Fellowship Award for 2008 was given to Associate Professor Don Garden who, as an environmental historian taught for many years in the History Department and the History & Philosophy of Science Department at the University of Melbourne. He has made a significant contribution to our understanding of the history of Victoria and Western Australia, to the local history movement and to history education. Dr Bruce Pennay was also awarded a Fellowship. He is a practicing heritage consultant and is an honorary Adjunct Associate Professor of Charles Sturt University. He has made a considerable contribution to Australian regional history and heritage relating the regional to the national and global in a wide range of studies especially on the upper Murray basin towns like Albury and Wodonga. He has worked extensively with community history groups. It was noted that the federal Minister for Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts recently announced that the National Cultural Heritage Forum was to be discontinued as a standing advisory group and will be replaced with a heritage working group to advise him on heritage matters. This group will comprise individuals who bring experience in economics, tourism and business in addition to expertise in natural, indigenous and historic heritage. The FAHS was represented on the NCHF and it is hoped that we will be consulted with respect to this new body.

The National Standards Taskforce has developed the National Standards for Australian Museums and Galleries in consultation with the museum and gallery sector and with reference to current industry practices, existing resources and museum development and accreditation programmes. There is no plan to deliver the standards through a national accreditation scheme or to monitor their use at a national level. Collecting organisations of all kinds are invited to use the national Standards framework as a practical point of reference and are encouraged to continue to provide feedback, to contribute their insights and report on their experiences as the Standards continue to develop.

The Standards can be viewed on www.collectionscouncil.com.au/latest.aspx.

The following are the elected office bearers of the Federation for 2008/09:

President: Associate Professor Don Garden;
Senior Vice-President: Professor Ian Jack (NSW)
Junior Vice-President: Mrs Esther Davies (Canberra & District Historical Society)
Honourary Secretary: Dr Ruth Kerr (RHSQ)
Honourary Treasurer: Mr Nick Drew (RWAHS)
Advocacy Delegate: Dr Ruth Kerr
Immediate Past President: Dr Helen Henderson (RWAHS)

The RAHS hosted a dinner with their Council members on Friday evening which gave an opportunity to exchange ideas on matters of interest to historical societies. On Saturday a visit to the Mitchell Library to meet the director Richard Neville who outlined the Library's current activities and future directions and Peter Brunton, Accessions Librarian who showed some interesting and important recent acquisitions. Later in the afternoon we visited the Rocks Discovery Museum where Dr Wayne Johnston, Archaeologist with the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority spoke about the history of the Rocks area and the development of the museum.

The Australian War Museum has begun a project aiming to link a photograph to the service record of every Australian who has died in conflict. The AWM recommends that you check the Roll of Honour database to see if a photo has been attached then, if not and you wish to help, you should contact a curator for information by email to photographs@awm.gov.au or by mail to Roll of Honour Photographs Project Australian War Memorial GPO Box 345, Canberra ACT 2601 telephone 02 6243 4943 <http://blog.awm.gov.au/awm/2008/04/14/roll-of-honour-photographs/>