

# HSNT Newsletter

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

22 APRIL, Wednesday: HSNT lecture, MAGNT, 7.30pm: Pearl Ogden *My Family, Your Family*. Gold coin donation.

26 APRIL: HSNT fundraising sausage sizzle at Harvey Norman's store, Stuart Highway, Berrimah. 9 a m to 3pm. [*it would be appreciated if you could spare a hour or so to help.*]

10 MAY, Sunday: HSNT workshop with Pearl Ogden: *So you want to Self Publish*. Cost \$5pp. To register ring 8985 3595

8 JUNE: HSNT day trip [Queens Birthday, yet to be discussed].

13 JUNE, Saturday, HSNT/FNAR fundraising at the Adelaide River Races.

7-10 JULY: Sydney, ICOMOS conference: *(Un)loved Modern—conserving 20 Century heritage places*.

24-26 JULY, HSNT weekend at Fort Wellington, Self drive—information closer to date.

26 SEPTEMBER; Saturday, boat trip around Darwin Harbour to celebrate Darwin200. Cost \$25pp.

Hopefully the Federal Government boost to universities will see a reversal of this trend.

Brian Reid

Patron: The Hon Austin Asche AC, QC

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The appearance of this Newsletter will coincide with the twentieth edition of the Society's journal, *Journal of Northern Territory History*. It began in 1989 with a committee of the Society convened by Professor David Carment with the object as spelled out in the first editorial 'for a journal in which scholarly articles, documentary extracts, reviews and notes on libraries and archives could appear'. Under subsequent editors, Dr Suzanne Parry and Emeritus Professor Alan Powell, the journal, with this as its guidelines, has steadily grown in stature and is now widely recognized as an important source of NT historical research. Recently the Society entered into an agreement with the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology for the journal to appear in the Informit-e electronic library. This refereed journal is also an important site where researchers can publish their work and have it academically recognized. Unfortunately the cut-backs to the history programme at Charles Darwin University over the last few years have substantially reduced this potential source of publishable work. The NT's history is relatively long by Australian standards, complex and, until recently, little worked by historians.

## EDITORIAL

Yet another Annual General Meeting has passed and the following are your Committee for 2009:

PRESIDENT: Brian Reid  
VICE PRESIDENT: Yvonne Forrest  
HON. SECRETARY: Janie Mason  
HON. TREASURER: Earl James

COMMITTEE: Alan Powell, Bev Phelts, Matthew Stephen—David Mearns will still look after the web page but has retired from the Committee.

We sold three books in the ACCU Lottery at the AGM but still have some to go—this money all comes back to the Society so I would encourage you to buy a ticket—they are \$2 per ticket and \$20 per book of 10 tickets. I would like the money in by May so that we can finalise the account.

Steve Hallam has finished the latest book to be published by the Society. Titled *Mud Punches, Race Horses and a Road House: Bob and Mavis Lindon in North Australia 1950-1980s*. Cost is \$20 to members.

To help celebrate the birth 200 years ago of Charles Darwin, the Society is planning a cruise around Darwin Harbour on the morning of **Saturday 26 September, 9.30am to 12.30pm**. This will tie in with a conference Charles Darwin University is planning for the preceding Tuesday/Thursday and will have Emeritus Professor Alan Powell giving a commentary. There will be nibbles and you can get a drink from the bar of the *Spirit of Darwin* ferry. Tickets at \$25 per person will be available closer to the date but you can register your interest with Janie Mason on 8945 0691 (evenings)

We are asking for assistance for our

Sausage Sizzle at Harvey Normans' on **Sunday 26 April between 9am and 3pm**. We need people to assist with the cooking and selling books, lottery tickets, etc. and those interested in giving an hour or so can contact Yvonne Forrest (8982 4235/Monday, Wednesday/Friday mornings) or Bev Phelts (8981 823, evenings)

Please remember that the next evening lecture will be on **Wednesday 22 April at the MAGNT at 7.30pm**, (gold coin donation). Historian Pearl Ogden will speak on *My Family, Your Family* and it will be an introduction to her workshop on **Sunday 10 May**. The workshop will discuss *'So you want to Self Publish'*. Cost will be \$5 per person which will include tea/coffee etc. and papers. It will be held at our office, **55 Ross Smith Avenue, Parap between 1pm and 4pm**. Please register with Yvonne Forrest (8982 4235) or Pearl Ogden (8985 35595) if you wish to attend.

Our weekend camp in July will be to Fort Wellington on the Cobourg Peninsula following up on our trip last year. Hopefully we shall have a copy of a map that was found in the Mitchell Library (NSW) that shows the position of some of the buildings. We shall try and find some traces of the Fort that was built. Hopefully we shall also be able to visit Bradshaw Station—we are waiting on permission but have been 'passed' by a number of the groups responsible for the area so are more than half way to getting there—after two or three years! This weekend will be in mid-August hopefully.

Yvonne Forrest

## NEW BOOKS

CADOGAN, Jimmy (2009) *Cadogan, from Abergavenny to Australia and beyond 1829-2005*. Helensburgh, Anno Domini 2000

ISBN 978 09804 001 51

FARRAM, Steve (2009): *Mud Punches, Race horses and a Road House: Bob and Mavis Lindon 1950-1980s*. Darwin; HSNT [cost \$20.00]

FRAME, Tom: *Evolution in the Antipodes: Charles Darwin and Australia*. UNSW Press

MCCALMAN, Iain *Darwin's Amada*. Viking Press

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Steve & Marion Farram

Roger Heapy

Lucio & Catherine Matarazzo

Joanne Parish

Ruth & Andrew Telfer

Emeritus Professor David Carment is now Vice President of the History Council of New South Wales. He chairs the Council's History Week Working Party—perhaps we can get some ideas for functions from him! David is an individual member of the Council as opposed to an appointed member representing an association.

## NT HISTORY GRANTS

*Applications for Northern Territory History Grants close on Friday 1 May 2009. Grants are for expenses incurred while undertaking projects relating to Northern Territory history and to encourage and support original research. The total allocation is \$50,000 for 2009 and single grants may range from \$500 to \$7000. Individuals, societies and community organizations are eligible to apply but not Territory, State, Local or Federal government agencies. Grants can cover travel and accommodation, administrative and technical assistance, stationary and consumables, incidental research fees and copying charges. Full details from [www.nt.gov.au/nreta/ntas/grants/index.html](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/ntas/grants/index.html)*

The National Library of Australia has put out a new journal—*The Library magazine*—the first edition has articles on the first book published in Antarctica; Beautiful Book bindings; A Frenchman and his love for Parrots; Romance between the covers of Australian comics; For Labour and Humanity (RG Watt and Australia's international conscience) - a worthy read!

## ARCHIVES REPORT:

### JOURNALS RECEIVED:

Dispatch (2009) vol.24,no.2/February  
History (2009) 98/December  
History News (2009) February/March  
Historical Society of SA journal (2008) no.36  
John McDouall Stuart newsletter (2009) 124/  
December  
Memento (2009) 36/January  
Placenames Australia (2008) December  
Queensland Historical journal (2009) vol.20,  
no.8/November; (2009) vol.20,no.9/  
February  
RHSQ bulletin (2008) 725/November; 726/  
December; (2009) 727/February  
Royal Australian Historical Society journal (2008)  
vol.94, part 2/December  
Signals (2008/09) 85/December/February  
Territory in Trust (2008) vol.25,no.2/July-  
December

### GENERAL

Flora Smith from Port Macquarie wanted information on the grave of grandfather John Samuel Arnold, reported in the Northern Territory Times and Gazette on 31 January 1908 as being sent to the Palmerston Hospital by train but dying soon after admittance. He was buried at the Two & Half Mile Cemetery [now Goyder Road cemetery] by Rev. J Drabble. We have confirmed that he was buried there but have no plot number.

Pam Cowell of Wagga has asked about her great uncle Allen 'Bub' Keith Potter, a jockey killed in a race fall in Darwin around 1931. This has been passed on to the Darwin Turf Club.

Richard Bigwood is writing a book and needs information on an Army inquiry held about August 1978 by Major Pound re South Vietnam—he has been directed to the Defence Force Public Relations Department but others may have more information.

*Yvonne Forrest,  
Honourary Archivist.*

## BITS AND PIECES

The Australian National Maritime Museum, working with the National Museums Liverpool (UK) is looking for former child migrants to tell the story of child migration from the United Kingdom in the period 1870-1967. During this period children were sent under various migration schemes to distant British dominions and, while this has been explored to some extent in films and books over the last 15 years, no museum has covered the breadth or the emotional upheaval experienced by the children. Contact is curator Sally Hone, telephone 02 298 3777 or email [shone@anmm.gov.au](mailto:shone@anmm.gov.au)

*[Signals, 85/December 2008-February 2009, pp.35-36]*

The **HISTORY of Medicine Cruise** in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea takes place between 18 October and 1 November 2009 — contact is email [info@jonbainestours.co.uk](mailto:info@jonbainestours.co.uk)

To be led by Mrs Sue Weir and visiting Olympia, Epidaurus, Istanbul, Sochi, Trabzon, Sinop, Sevastapol, Ephesus and Athens, it sounds a wonderful way to see sites of medical, archaeological and cultural interest around the Mediterranean Sea.

**Eye of the Storm, the Alice Springs Writers Festival** will be held between 1-4 May 2009.

To be a celebration of Indigenous and non-Indigenous writing highlighting Centralian stories there will also be many interstate guests. To be held at Madigan's Restaurant at the Desert Park, contact is 8941 2651 or email [festival@ntwriters.com.au](mailto:festival@ntwriters.com.au)