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BOOKS

ASHFORD Stephen (ed) ABBOTT Hilda 2016

Good Night All About: Reminiscence of Life in Darwin and the Northern Territory 1937-1946

\$20.00 (18.18 & \$1.82 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

Hilda Abbott arrived in Darwin in 1937 with her husband, CLA Abbott, who was the Administrator. During their nine years in the Territory, Hilda was known as an energetic "First Lady". She had previously worked for the Australian Red Cross in Cairo and she revived the Darwin branch. She was inspired by the Territory to record her memoirs as well as writing numerous articles about Territory life. In 1946, the Abbotts' left Darwin and returned to NSW.

AUSTIN Maisie 1995 **The Quality of Life: A Reflection of life in Darwin during the Post-war Years**

\$15.00 (\$13.64 & \$1.36 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

The book is about Maisie's childhood in Darwin's Parap Camp (an ex. WW2 Army camp) during the 1950s & 1960s. Maisie writes about the mix cultural heritage of Parap Camp. Also included are many photographs from that era.

BISA, Deborah 2016

Remember me kindly: a history of the Holtze Family in the Northern Territory

\$45.00 (\$40.91 & \$4.09 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

The Holtze family fled Russia in 1872 and in the following year, arrived in Port Darwin. Maurice Holtze, and son Nicholas were among the first to trial crops in Darwin, eventually developing the Botanical Gardens. This in depth, well researched book discusses the lives of this pioneering family including those of their children, Ludmilla, Nicholas & Waldemar "Wallaby". The book has also expanded to include stories from some of the Holtzes' descendants.

CADOGAN, Jimmy 2012 **The Book of Harry, Eric and Bronte**

\$20.00 (18.18 & \$1.82 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

This is a tragic story of three brothers, Jimmy's uncles, who lived in the Territory undertaking various occupations between the two world wars. They came from Paraguay and were descendants of the New Australia settlement. While only one brother died in the Territory, the other two had unfortunate deaths.

CAMERON, James ed. 2017 **My Name is Bert: Bert Nixon's Memories of Katherine 1931-1990**

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

Bert Nixon was 24 when he arrived in Katherine in 1931. He was originally from England and was on his way to Queensland but never got any further than Katherine. He became a very successful farmer and contributed greatly to the knowledge of tropical agriculture.

CARMENT David 2005 **Australia's Northern Capital:A Short History of Darwin**

\$15.00 (\$13.64 & \$1.36 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

The book covers the history of Darwin when it was administered by South Australia, the Commonwealth Government, until self government in 1978 until the present. Two chapters are devoted to WW2 which had a huge impact on Darwin. The book contains many photographs and is designed for the tourist industry.

DE LA RUE Kathy 2017 **Stubborn City:Darwin 1911-1978**

\$35.00 (\$31.82 & \$3.18 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

A history of Darwin during the time it was ruled by Canberra.

A well researched and complete history of Darwin.

DEWAR, Mickey, 2010 **Darwin - No Place Like Home:**

Australia's Northern Capital in the 1950s through a Social History of Housing

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

The book examines the evolution of the Darwin community through its private and public housing schemes. Dr Dewar also addresses the housing reconstruction of Darwin after the cyclones of 1897, 1937 and Cyclone Tracy in 1974, and after the bombing of Darwin in WW2. The book was the 2011 winner of the Chief Minister's NT History Award

DICKINSON, Janet 1995 & 2012 **Refugees in their own Country:**

The Story of Darwin's Wartime Evacuees

\$20.00 (18.18 & \$1.82 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

This book was republished in 2012 to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin. The anniversary has sparked a renewed interest in the book. Janet tells of the one of the most horrendous journeys that top end women and children had to undertake in December 1941, two months before Darwin was bombed. Janet received a NT History Grant to interview evacuees and the interviews were heart wrenching. In many cases, the women and their children were given very little notice when they were told they were being evacuated from Darwin. All their possessions had to fit in a small suitcase and many didn't get the chance to say goodbye to their husbands. The conditions on many of the ships were overcrowded and carelessly catered for. It was a long and arduous journey with a lot of port stops along the way. Those who didn't have family to go to were billeted with strangers or had to fend for themselves.

DUMINSKI, Marge 2005 **Southport Northern Territory:1869-2002**

\$29.00 (\$26.37 & \$2.63 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

As well as including many early photographs of buildings, Marge has also documented and photographed artefacts collected from Southport.

The book also includes the history and ownership of every title of land.

FARRAM Steven 2017 **Charles James Kirkland**

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Charles Kirkland arrived in Palmerston (Darwin) in 1878, less than a decade after the settlement's establishment. Kirkland proved to be one of the NT's most enduring and successful pioneers and was one of the best-known individuals in Palmerston/Darwin of his day. He had a long career as editor and owner of the *Northern Territory Times and Gazette*. He was also active in the social, civic and political life of the town and as a result became well-acquainted with all the major figures in the community.

FARRAM Steven 2014 **A History Written in Metal: Commemorative Plaques at Charles Darwin University's Casuarina Campus, 1972-2013**

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

By means of using CDU plaques, Steve has taken an unusual approach to documenting the development and history of the CDU. The plaques and the stories behind them show that a range of significant people from federal and state politicians, royalty and university staff over the past forty years have played an enormous part in the progress of the university.

FARRAM Steven 2009 **Mud-punchers, Racehorses and a Roadhouse:**

Bob and Mavis Lindon in North Australia, 1950s-1980s

\$20.00 (\$18.18 & \$1.82GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Bob Lindon arrived in the Territory to drill water for cattle stations and Sydney city girl, Mavis joined him later. Mavis quickly learnt to live in a tent and the skills needed as a driller's offsider. The Lindon's later managed the Renner Springs Roadhouse and founded the local racing club. Their own racehorse Wood won the Darwin Cup in four consecutive years 1959-1962 – a record never beaten. Bob returned to water drilling until his death in 1985

FLETCHER Val 2013

The North/South Transcontinental Railway in Australia's Story

\$35.00 (\$31.82 & \$3.18 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Dr Val Fletcher (nee Snell) was born in Darwin in 1923 and raised here. She was among those evacuated from Darwin just before the bombing of Darwin. Because secondary education opportunities were limited in the Territory, Val moved to Queensland to complete her Master of Arts and her Doctorate. She later returned to Darwin to be with her daughter and family. Val's book takes us back to the very first idea of a north/south railway when South Australia administered the Territory. Her book then takes us through the many aborted dreams of a north south railway and the governments at the time – to finally in 2004, when the dream was realised with the arrival of the Ghan in Darwin.

GIBBS Jack 1995 **Son of Jimmy**

\$10.00 (\$9.10 & .90 GST) Postage & Handling \$6.00

This is the story of Jack Gibbs and his father, James Gibbs who were stockmen, drovers and pastoralists.

GIBSON Eve 2011 **Beyond the Boundary:Fannie Bay 1869-2001**

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

The book focuses on events, buildings and town plans that contributed to the history of Fannie Bay. It covers the first buildings in the area which includes the railway, Vesty's meatworks, and housing. The book records the landing of the first flight from England to Australia in 1919, and the enormous impact that World War Two and Cyclone Tracy had on the suburb.

GRAHAM Beth 2016 (4th reprint) **Dear Family : Letters From Arnhem Land 1962-1966**

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$13.40

A compilation of letters written by Beth in the early 60s when she was a resident at Milingimbi, Croker Island and Yirrkala. Among other activities, Beth taught school while at Yirrkala and these letters provide a rare insight into every day living and working in a remote area. In addition, the letters report on matters related to Land Rights which was emerging as an issue at Yirrkala at that time

JAMES Earl 2015

The Spinifex is Green:Memoirs of the Bush Surveyor in the Northern Territory of Australia 1952-1996

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

This is the 3rd reprint of this book as the first publication sold out at its launch. The book provides a wonderful insight into the early days of surveying in remote and sometimes dangerous areas. These were the days before airconditioned 4WD, car refrigerators and satellite phones. Surveyors would have to camp in the bush for weeks and needed to be very resourceful when faced with mechanical problems, wild animals or accidents. Earl tells it like it was - with no fluff – that is what makes this book so interesting and very readable.

JAENSCH Dean & SMITH Robyn 2015

Turning 40:The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory 1974-2014

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Since the 1930s, there have been efforts made for the Northern Territory to achieve full representative democracy. In 1978, those efforts paid off when self government was granted. The book highlights the Territory's political excitement, controversy and its productivity. It covers the years since the Legislative Assembly held its first meeting in 1974 to the possibilities of Statehood.

KENNEDY Rosemary 2016

Darwin Defied:Records of my Family’s Struggle to Settle in Darwin 1948-1950

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Using her father’s letters, diaries and photographs Rosemary researched her family’s history and life. Her book covers the huge challenges her parents had to overcome in early post war Darwin. It was at a time when military dominance was slowly giving way to the return of civilian society.

KIRKE Kerry 2016 Off the Beaten Track

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

A personal account of health services in Central Australia 1965-1985

LING Ted 2015

Blame and Martyrs:The Commonwealth Government and the Northern Territory Cattle Industry, 1911-1978

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

The story on the Territory’s cattle industry from the cattleman’s side of the story has been well documented. Mainly through the wealth of information held in National Archives, Ted tells the story of the industry through the “eyes” of government.

MASON, Elizabeth Anne “Janie” & BANDIAS, Susan 2017

Life in Radio Land: Stories from the Bush before the Mobile Phone

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

In this age of mobile phones and the internet, it is easy to forget just how important radio communication was to the social well being of the Territory’s population. Radio led to improvements in health care, education, communication and business Those who lived and worked in remote areas would remember the radio “scheds” that revealed so much about outback living.

MASON, Elizabeth Anne “Janie” 2014

From Hospital to University:A Northern Territory Nursing Story

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$6.00

The book provides an in depth experience of the transition of nursing education from an “apprentice” system to an academic one. A nursing course has now developed from learning on the job to becoming accessible nationally via online studies

MOORE Jillian 2012

Top End Nurses:Bush Nursing in the Top End of Australia’s Northern Territory: 1964-1974.

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

The book contains Jillian’s stories of bush nursing in Arnhem Land 1964-1974 with the Anglican Church Missionary Society and then with the Commonwealth Department of Health

OLIVER Pam 2017 **The Intrepid Hilda Abbott:**

Author, Designer, Red Cross Officer, Political Wife, 1890-1984

\$35.00 (\$31.82 & \$3.18 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Hilda Abbott was the wife of the Northern Territory Administrator, CLA Abbott. The frequently unfair criticisms regarding Hilda’s behaviour during and immediately after the Japanese bombing of Darwin in February 1941 are forensically examined. Pam also writes about her achievements while working for the Red Cross and as an interior designer. It is the story of a woman who, while not without noticeable flaws, showed great determination, kindness and loyalty. Her legacy is far more positive and varied than is often portrayed in the historical record.

POWELL Alan 2009 – 6th Edition 2015

Far Country:A Short History of the Northern Territory

\$35.00 (\$31.82 & \$3.18 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

This is a must text book for students of history and others who have an interest in the Northern Territory’s history. Although first published in 2009, this book continues to be in demand so much that its 6th edition was published in 2015. The book covers the Territory’s settlement by Britain, South Australia, the Commonwealth to self government.

POWELL Alan 2015 **The Shadows Edge:Australia's Northern War**

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

First published in 1988 and republished in 2015.

The book is about the Northern Territory and its people as a war zone during the 2nd World War. Darwin was first bombed by the Japanese in February 1942 and went on to experience constant bombing and devastation. The remote and sparsely populated Territory was a challenge to the defence of Australia and the people left to defend it.

REE Gerald Hugo 2015

Loathsome No Longer:Hansen's Disease (Leprosy) in Queensland 1850-1975

\$35.00 (\$31.82 & \$3.18 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

This is a narrative of the management of leprosy in Queensland. Ree covers the discovery of leprosy and the policies and racism that followed. Throughout his work are accounts by patients who lived in the institutions and those who cared for them. While it is about Queensland, it is also a top end/Kimberly story as the practices and attitudes were very similar.

REID Brian 2017 **'To Mend My Situation';The Journey of James Stokes Millner 1830-1875**

\$20.00 (18.18 & \$1.82 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

James Millner was a significant figure during the early years of Darwin's development. Millner was a senior South Australian public servant and was involved in a range of civic organisations.

REID Brian ed. 2015 **In Search of History: Fifty Years of Field Trips by the Historical Society of the Northern Territory 1964-2014**

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Brian has meticulously compiled all of the Society's 4Xwheel drive trips including loads of photographs and information on Territory history.

REID Brian 2011

A Colonial Enigma Resolved:The Rediscovery of Fort Wellington, Cobourg Peninsula

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

This settlement was the shortest British establishment on the northern Australian coast (1827-29), and one of the most challenging in matching its original site plan with archaeological remains. This was achieved only recently by historians and archaeologists. This book covers the history of British settlement in the Northern Territory, past expeditions to the site and recent discoveries.

REID Brian ed. 2009 **Collectors and Museums: Two Centuries of Collecting in the Northern Territory**

\$22.00 (\$20.00 & \$2.00 GST) Postage & Handling \$6.00

Based on a lecture series arranged by the Historical Society in 2007

Articles include: "The Museum and Art Gallery at Bullocky Point: some aspects of its history", "NT history in NT museums", "Frontier Collecting in the Twenty First Century: the Charles Darwin University Art Collection in Australia's NT", a Teddy Bear's Story", "Early Explorer-Naturalist Collectors in the Top End of the NT" & "Aviation History and Collections in the Top End".

SAYERS Susan 2015 **The Not So "Silent Night"**:

\$30.00 (\$27.28 & \$2.72 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

Cyclone Tracy Stories from Doctors, nurses and Health Workers, Darwin, December 1974
Sue has interviewed first hand accounts from nursing and medical staff including herself who were on duty when Cyclone Tracy devastated Darwin.

STACK Ella 2013

'Is There Anyone Alive in There'? Our Cyclone Tracy, Darwin, Christmas 1974

\$20.00 (18.18 & \$1.82 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

Former Darwin Lord Mayor, Dr Ella Stack has written about her personal experience as a medical doctor working with the injured during the devastation of Cyclone Tracy. In May 1975, she was elected mayor "on a heap of rubble" that was Darwin. With most of the population evacuated, Dr Stack, also a member of the Darwin Reconstruction Commission, worked with others to rebuild Darwin.

STEPHEN Matthew 2015

Colour Bar: Remembering and Forgetting Northern Territory Football, 1916-1955

\$40.00 (36.37 & \$3.63 GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

The book covers the beginnings of football and topics such as race, class and segregation. Matthew discusses the evolution of football and its clubs such as St Marys and Hermannsburg. What makes the book more interesting is the contributions from many well known Territorians.

STREET Edward 2012 Editor Brian Reid

Distant Settlements: Convicts in Remote Australia

\$80.00 (\$72.73 & \$ 7.27GST) Postage & Handling \$14.00

Biographical details of the convict mechanics who served at the settlements of Melville Island (1824-1829), Raffles Bay (1827-1829), Western Port (1826-1827), and King George’s Sound (1827-1830)

TAYLOR Jim 2013

Change in Paradise: Groote Eylandt Development, 1960-1974

\$25.00 (\$22.73 & \$2.27 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

Anglican Priest, Jim Taylor moved to the Territory in 1960 with his family to work for the Church Missionary Society. He served as the superintendent of the CMS Mission at Angurugu, Groote Eylandt for nearly 14 years. He then served in other regions of the Territory, retired in 2002 and moved to Denmark, Western Australia. Jim’s book is mostly about his early days in Groote Eylandt, his friendship with the local people, living in the community to the development of the town – a supermarket, services, an aerial tower, a bridge to mining.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS- \$10.00 each (\$9.10 & .90 GST) Postage & Handling \$4.50

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