



## **Historical Society of the Northern Territory**

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### **President's Report by Dr Brian Reid**

In an attempt to be a little different this year our Annual General Meeting was held at Burnett House. It was followed by a lecture jointly arranged by the Historical Society and the Larrakeyah Branch of the National Trust. The well attended lecture was by Leichhardt enthusiast Dan Baschiera and was delightful in its detail if rather controversial in its conclusions. It was a very successful evening but from the point of view of the AGM, rather chaotic, so we will need to think a little more about it for next year.

My President's Report from the AGM is below -

'It is difficult not to be celebratory about the past 12 months. Our Journal prospers and has been expanded to include NT archaeology thanks to the professional efforts of Alan Powell and Clayton Fredericksen. Our newsletter is well received and our book sales do well thanks to the many efforts of our VP Bev Phelts. Our membership is again increasing thanks to the doggedness of Earl James. Mathew Stephen and Clayton Fredericksen launched and maintain our facebook pages with lots of help from member Ted Whiteaker. Our new Treasurer Rosemary Chalmers keeps us all in order and Secretary Janie Mason has oversighted our move to Audit House and the joint arrangement with Larrakeyah NT to mount a lecture series. Interesting manuscripts keep coming in which keeps our publication programme lively. This all augers well for 2014, which will be the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> year.

### **HSNT AGM**

Our AGM this year was held in the beautiful gardens of Burnett House. As usual it was very short being over in 10 minutes! The elected Committee for 2013/2014 are –

President:	Brian Reid
Vice President:	Bev Phelts
Treasurer:	Rosemary Chalmers
Secretary:	Janie Mason
Councillors:	Alan Powell, Earl James, Clayton Fredericksen, Judy Boland, Matthew Stephen, Barry Russell

We welcome Barry, a new committee member

## Forthcoming Events

### National Trust Heritage Week 13-21 April 2013

The National Trust and other historical/heritage organisations have organised an amazing array of events during Heritage week. See the program at the end of this newsletter

### Friday 26 April – National Trust & Historical Society Talk at Burnett House – 5.30 for a 6pm start

“Out of India” Some northern Indian heritage sites by Dr Brian Reid



Agra Fort, Agra, Uttar Pradesh

*Out of India* is a talk based on a 6 weeks visit to North India in January this year. World Heritage Listed sites were visited across North India and these will be the focus of the talk.

The talk will cover not only the extraordinarily rich heritage that India has but also the way that the Archaeological Survey of India (the responsible arm of Government) manages them.

\$2 sausage sizzle after the lecture at 7pm. Bar will be open at 5.30pm.

Entry \$2 for members and \$5 for non members

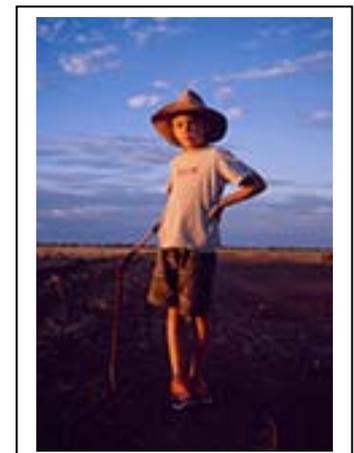
Members and guests are reminded that food and drink cannot be taken inside Burnett House

### Exhibition from Monday 1 April – Sunday 26 May at the NT Library

Glenn Campbell is a Darwin based freelance photographer.

This exhibition highlights Glenn’s vast body of work, stamped by his drive to capture and evoke the isolation, harshness and unique qualities of the Australian interior. His work has won numerous awards and has appeared in many of the world’s most respected publications.

Free exhibition



**May 30 - Launch of Dr Ella Stack's book –  
*Is Anyone Alive in There?: Our Cyclone Tracy, Darwin 1974***

Dr Stack, former Darwin Lord Mayor, has written about her personal experiences as a medical doctor during Cyclone Tracy. Her book will be launch by Katrina Fong Lim, the Lord Mayor of Darwin on Thursday 30 May in the Darwin City Council Offices. It will be an afternoon event, Time to be announced. The book will be on sale for \$20 at the launch

HSNT members are invited to attend. RSVP is essential by Monday 15 April.

If you wish to attend, please contact Bev Phelts on 0417868827 or 89818236 (leave message) or Email: [historicalsocietynt@yahoo.com.au](mailto:historicalsocietynt@yahoo.com.au)

**Other Events –**

- Adelaide - Sunday 7 April at 2pm - Memorial Address to John McDouall Stuart

The John McDouall Stuart Society invites members and guests to attend the memorial address - *2013 John McDouall Stuart – Pioneer Surveyor* to be presented by Adrian Cummins, Licenced Surveyor. The Address will be held at the Masonic Hall, Tasmore, Fisher Street (rear Burnside City Council Officers)

- Brisbane - Wednesday 10 April 12.30 pm Talk at the Historical Museum and Welsby Library at the Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane

'The First Australian unit to see Action in WWI' presented by Graeme Nicholson.

Dr Graeme Nicholson was an RAAF engineer and pilot. He saw action in both Malaysia and Vietnam and was a United Nation's peacekeeper in Egypt. He is the editor of The Historical Society's Bulletin and a member of the Museum Committee.

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- Los Angeles - 21 May 2013 - Minding the Gap: The Role of Contemporary Architecture in the Historic Environment: A One-Day Symposium, The Getty Center, Los Angeles

The Getty Conservation Institute's symposium, *Minding the Gap: The Role of Contemporary Architecture in the Historic Environment*, will take place on 21 May at the Getty Centre in Los Angeles.

In this one-day public symposium, a group of international architects and urban planners will present their own work, illustrating a range of approaches to working in the historic environment. The symposium will conclude with an evening panel discussion moderated by architectural critic Paul Goldberger.

A full program, along with registration details, is now available.

[www.getty.edu/conservation/publications\\_resources/public\\_programs/minding\\_gap.html](http://www.getty.edu/conservation/publications_resources/public_programs/minding_gap.html)

**NT Heritage Grants**

The Territory government is offering heritage grants to individuals or organisations working on projects relating to Territory heritage sites.

Preference will be given to projects relating to declared heritage places under the NT Heritage Act.

For more information and to apply, phone 89995039 or [www.dlpe.nt.gov.au/heritage/grants](http://www.dlpe.nt.gov.au/heritage/grants)  
Applications close Friday 19 April 2013

## HSNT AGM



Treasurer, Rosemary Chalmers & Secretary, Janie Mason setting up for the AGM

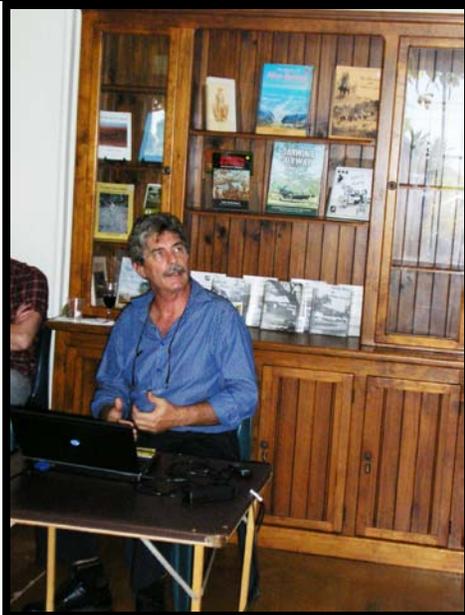


Some of the attendees. From left: Graham & Kathy McMahon, Judy Richardson, Alan Mitchell, Ash Dally & Reg Wilson

## On Leichhardt's Path Kakadu 1845

The talk by CDU lecturer, Dan Baschiera followed the AGM.

It was a very popular topic with about 70 people attending – A packed house. After the talk, the crowd converged on the sausage sizzle and cleaned the bar out. It was a successful night with all the proceeds going to the Larrakeyah Branch of the National Trust.



Dan Baschiera



the captivated audience



## Heritage Week Saturday 13 April 2013 to Sunday 21 April 2013

Saturday 13 April 2013

The Historical Society will be holding a film afternoon

From the red centre to the top end: Northern Territory moving memories, 1920s - 1970s. A compilation of footage drawn from newsreels and documentaries covering the NT over a 50 year period. The film was produced by the National Film and Sound Archive and features scenes of Darwin in 1926 and during World War Two, Alice Springs during the 1930s, early days in Tennant Creek, Hermannsburg Mission in 1947, Rum Jungle during the 1950s, Katherine during the 1960s, and Darwin after Cyclone Tracy in 1974. Other highlights include footage of outback festivals, regattas and rodeos

Venue: Northern Territory Library at 5.15pm. Cost: free

Bookings - Phone: 1800 019 155 or [libraryevents@nt.gov.au](mailto:libraryevents@nt.gov.au)

Sunday 14 April 2013

Manton Dam Tour - Self Drive - Meet at Burnett House 4 Burnett Place at 0900 or join at Wishart Siding at 0930. Tour of the Beni Burnett designed house and Manton Dam. Stay for BBQ lunch  
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Afternoon Tea on the lawns of Burnett House, Burnett Place  
Larrakeyah 3pm to 5pm  
Cost: A La Carte

Monday 15 April 2013

History Colloquium at Burnett House 4 Burnett Place Larrakeyah,  
4 Speakers 5.30pm for 6pm start. Cost: \$5.00

Tuesday 16 April 2013

Architectural Walk around Darwin CBD. Start 5pm Old Town Hall Ruins  
Cost: \$5.00

Wednesday 17 April 2013

Bus Tour (History Mystery) Start 4.30pm Old Qantas Hangar Parap -  
Stay for a BBQ Cost: \$10.00

Thursday 18 April 2013

Heritage Day: "Barbara James Memorial Lecture"  
Speaker Professor Clare Martin, former Chief Minister.  
NT Library 5.15pm for 5.30pm start. Cost: Donation

Friday 19 April 2013

Quiz Night - Burnett House - 4 Burnett Place. 6pm for 6.30pm start.  
Food and drinks available  
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Saturday 20 April 2013

Heritage Walk of Myilly Point Precinct and Nurses Walk.  
Start 5pm at 4 Burnett Place Myilly Point. Cost: \$5.00

7pm for BBQ and Movie and Music on the lawns of Burnett House.  
Music by Burnett House Revellers. Cost: \$5.00

Sunday 21 April 2013

Tour of Open Houses on Myilly Point Precinct from 12.30 to 2.30pm -  
Cost: \$5.00

Afternoon Tea on the Lawns of Burnett House.  
3pm to 5pm Cost: A La Carte

Bookings: foh.ntnt@internode.on.net or call 89812848

## **Umbrella Events:**

### **Darwin Military Museum**

Open: Monday to Sunday from 9am to 5pm

Where: 5434 Alex Fong Lim Drive, East Point Darwin

Cost: Adults \$14.00 Children \$5.50, Seniors/Pensioners (Non Territorian) \$11.00

Seniors/Pensioners (Territorian) Free

### **Nursing Museum**

Open: Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm

Charles Darwin University - Buildings Blue 5 and Orange 12 Cost: Free

### **Australian Aviation Heritage Centre - 557 Stuart Highway, Winnellie**

Open: 9am-5pm every day

Cost: Adults \$14, Pensioners & students \$10, Family \$30

### **Chung Wah Society NT Chinese Museum & Temple**

Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 2pm

Cost: \$4.00 adults, \$3.00 Pensioners & Seniors \$2.00 children

### **Motoring Museum and Old Qantas Hangar - McDonnell Street, Parap**

Open: 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday, Saturday 9am to noon Cost: Donation