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Newsletter – March 2017

Annual General Meeting

3pm Sunday 19th March

at History House

1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner

PLEASE COME

Monthly Lectures 24/2/17

Our joint lectures with the Larrakeyah Branch of the National Trust started again in February. Thanks go to Anna Harris of the Larrakeyah Branch and Janie Mason of the Historical Society for a successful 2017 start – Anna did the set up, food, wine and collected the money and Janie set up the various technologies and gave the first talk.



Maureen Britten, nurse and midwife,

Her “Beginning Bush Nurse” told of surprises learning and practising in 1964 Batchelor Township, the living area for Rum Jungle uranium mine with her status defined as wife of her husband. Her stories of Batchelor Hospital and life in a company town were entertaining.

introduces the speaker 24/2/17

Monthly Lectures 24/3/17

Kathy de la Rue will speak on “Personalities and Power-plays” for the March lecture. She will give us a glimpse into the conflicts within the white

community of Darwin during the Commonwealth years - some stories from her forthcoming *Stubborn City*. Do join us at 5.30pm for 6pm start on 24/3/17 at Burnett House as our Historical Society continues to preserve and publicise Territory history.

Book Launch

Charles James Kirkland: The Life and Times of a Pioneer Newspaperman in the Top End of Australia by Dr Steven Farram is the Historical Society's latest book and was launched by Dr Matthew Stephen 9/3/17 at NT Archives.

Kirkland arrived in Palmerston [Darwin] in 1878 was to be an enduring pioneer with a long-term career as editor and owner of the NT Times and Gazette with an active social and civil life. Available @ \$30 each



Deductable Gift Recipient

The Historical Society received a large anonymous donation early in 2016 which enabled the purchase of History House. Unfortunately for the donor, the Society is not registered as a "Deductable Gift Recipient" [DGR] with the Australian Tax Office. The donor was thus unable to make a tax claim for the donation.

Since then the Society's Council has investigated becoming a DGR. At its March meeting, Council resolved to seek DGR status with appropriate rules for governance of the donations fund, known as the Public Fund. There will be a Board of Directors of the Public Fund, reporting to the Society's Council.

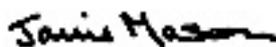
The Society's Council believes that this Board should include member[s] from its community. Therefore a financial member is sought to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Fund of the Historical Society NT. A call for a nominee[s] will be made at the AGM 19/3/17

Membership

Thanks to Earl James' assiduous record keeping and encouragement to members for payment, and thanks too for some active recruitment, the Historical Society's membership is higher than ever before. There are now 139 financial memberships in 2017.

Assuming family memberships equate to two members and with reciprocal members of other heritage and cultural organisations, 7 institutional and 10 life members, it can be considered that there are currently 191 people or institutions within the Historical Society NT in 2017.

See you at the AGM 19/3/17



Hon. Secretary
Public Officer

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AGENDA:

Welcome and thanks

Present

Apologies

- 1. Minutes of AGM 19/3/16**
- 2. Business arising from AGM 19/3/16**
- 3. Reports: President, Treasurer**
- 4. Election of Office Bearers:**
 - President**
 - Vice President**
 - Honorary Secretary**
 - Honorary Treasurer**
 - Council Members [up to 8]**
- 5. Appointment of other officers:**
 - Public Officer,**
 - Authorised Person for ATO**
- 6. Other business**
 - i Deductible Gift Recipient**
 - ii Public Fund – Directors**
 - iii Other**

The Annual General Meeting will be followed with time for socialising with some light food and drinks.

The Historical Society continues to strengthen its role in preserving and publicising the stories of northern and central Australia in its journal, books, occasional papers and regular lectures.

The Society's Council hopes that members continue to support our activities and assist in new directions to strengthen our Society for its future.