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Deductible Gift Recipient status

As approved by the 2017 Annual General Meeting [AGM], the Society's Council has pursued Deductible Gift Recipient [DGR] status so that donations to the Society can be tax deductible. We have to incorporate necessary requirements and rules within the constitution. Included in the papers for the 2018 AGM 25/3/18 and sent separately from this newsletter, are the recommended amendments for acceptance to complete our application for DGR status.

*Annual General Meeting
3pm 25/3/18 at History House,
1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner*

2018 – 2019 Historical Society Council

A number of Members of the Historical Society's Council are retiring. This is an urgent call for members to consider coming onto the Council of the Historical Society. A nomination form is included with the AGM papers. Positions on Council are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Members [up to 8 positions]

Eagle and Lamb

In this 2017 release, Noel Kentish tells the story of his father, Leonard Kentish a missionary with the Methodist Overseas Mission who was the only Australian captured by Japanese military forces in Australia during WW2 and the long quest for information about his fate. Enquiries: nckentish2@bigpond.com

Darwin Show Day Weekend Field Trip

The Darwin Show Day weekend field trip will be to the Gove Peninsula, spending Saturday and Sunday 26 & 27/7/18 in Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala.

Participants can drive or fly. Those flying into Nhulunbuy can stay at the Walkabout Hotel. If driving, participants will meet at noon on Thursday 24/7/18 at the Katherine Tourist Office to travel in convoy and camp overnight at Mainoru and travel onto Nhulunbuy Friday 25/7/18, arriving with sufficient daylight to set up camp at the Walkabout. We will return in convoy Monday and Tuesday 26 & 27/7/18.

Northern Land Council permits are necessary for this field trip and it is necessary that you notify if you plan to come on this field trip. You need URGENTLY to notify if you are coming with details of mode of transport and vehicle details if driving.

Public access for Our first five books

This Society has always had a major focus on study of, research into and keeping of the history of Northern and Central Australia and It is important that there is public access to our publications. After a three year project, it has been good to report that the first five of our eighty-one publications to date are now available on-line in "Territory Stories" at the NT Library.

After three years work to get these first five out-of-print books on-line, Brian Reid recently had the thrill of directing a library in Cornwell to an early Peter Spillett book about *HM Colonial Brig Lady Nelson*.

Parap Market Book Stalls

The Historical Society has had four bookstalls at the Parap Markets from November/December and will have monthly stalls throughout 2018 with special cut prices. The next book stall at Parap Markets will be Saturday 3rd March 2018 from 8am to 2pm. Can a member volunteer a couple of hours to help perhaps from 8.30 to 10.30am?

NT Archives – Goyder display

George Woodroffe Goyder and his survey team came to port Darwin in 1869 to map Palmersoton [later Darwin]. There will be an exhibition 6/2/18 to 15/3/18 at NT Archives featuring his diary, field books, survey diagrams and maps.

Coming mid-2018 to NT Library

NT Library's new, interactive exhibition opens mid-2016. *A Territory Story* is a survey of people, places and events shaping the Territory. Diverse stories include that of Ayaigar, an Aborigine who received the Albert Medal from King George V, and wild, quirky, movers and shakers leading simply extraordinary lives.

March talk



Seisho Maru being loaded by Kitsurin-go, with tug boat Koei Maru alongside.

Wendy Beresford-Manning will present the joint Historical Society NT/Larrakeyah Branch National Trust talk for March on Friday 23/3/18. She will talk about 'Salvage and Salvation' – how Fujita, a Japanese company cleared Darwin Harbour of shipwrecks after WW2 in 1959 and how this story has become a story of peace and reconciliation through Darwin's Uniting church.

Jamie Mason

Honorary Secretary
Public Officer

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The Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Incorporated provides members and visitors with an extensive range of research aides to assist finding families past and present both in Australia and overseas. For example, Books, CDs, Microfiche, Microfilm, Diaries etc. Visitors are welcome to use the library for \$20 per visit. Membership Single \$48, Pensioner and Interstate Memberships \$33.

Volunteers are very happy to show you how to research and record your family history.
Contact Secretary 0412 018 015