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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18 August – Entertainment in the House: Arafura Ensemble in the Louvered Lounge – 5.30pm – Audit House, Myilly Point Heritage Precinct

The performance will be held in Audit House and numbers are limited to 50. So book early to avoid disappointment.

Cost is \$20 person and includes a complimentary wine or soft drink. The bar will be open after the performances.

Book via trybooking.com or contact Jan Hills on 0438119350 or 89767006.

August 16, 23 and 30, 11:00am - 12 noon - Library Treasures Tours at NT Library

The Library Treasures Tour will give an 'up close' presentation of some of the Northern Territory Library's many treasures including rare books, photographs and manuscripts. Free tours will run each Wednesday in August.

Wednesday 30 August – Photographic Display at NT Library at 5.15pm

Amateur photographs taken across the Territory have been scrutinised by a team of expert judges. Join us to recognise and celebrate the winners in seven categories, Landscape, Fauna, Flora, The Impact of Humans on the Natural Environment, Junior (under 18), Senior (over 60), and Best Overall Photograph.

Wednesday 5 September – Book launch of *Life in Radio Land: Stories from the Bush Before the Mobile Phone* at Parliament House – 5.30-7pm

The Honourable Kezia Purick MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly will be launching the book written by Susan Bandias and Janie Mason. Guest speakers will be the Honourable Lauren Moss MLA, Minister for Tourism and Culture and Matthew James, President of the Historical Society. The launch will be held in the Members and Guests Lounge.

RSVP via email: cduevents@cdu.edu.au or phone 89466554.

Saturday 2 September - Government House Open Day

Government House will be open from 10am to 2pm. There will be live music, Devonshire teas, a sausage sizzle; and the Historical Society will be holding a book stall. Bring your visitors and friends and come along and say hello.



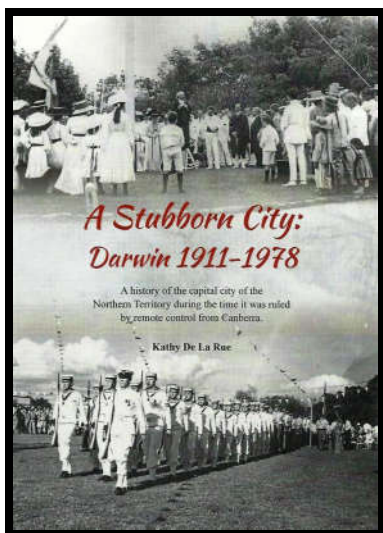
Wednesday 6 September – Book Launch, *Gilruth* by Ted Egan at 5.15pm at the NT Library



Come and join legendary Territorian, music icon and former Administrator, Ted Egan AO, to launch his new book, *Gilruth*. A fascinating exploration of a little-known and explosive period in the history of Darwin.

John Anderson Gilruth was the first Commonwealth Administrator of the Northern Territory, serving in that capacity from 1912 to 1919. Previously an esteemed scientist, Dr Gilruth's appointment was controversial from the moment he and his family arrived at Government House, Darwin.

Wednesday 13 September – Book Launch – *A Stubborn City: Darwin 1911-1978* by Kathy De La Rue at 5.15pm at the NT Library



Kathy's book is on the history of Darwin during the time it was controlled by Canberra.

Kathy will be available to autograph your book which will be on sale for \$35 (cash only)

Wednesday 27 September - Patron's Dinner 6.30pm for a 7pm start

The dinner will be held at the Atrium Novotel, on the corner of Peel Street and The Esplanade in the Billabong Room. Our speaker will be Professor Keith Christian, Professor of Zoology, Charles Darwin University. His topic will be on his research work with the environmental science team at Charles Darwin University.

The three course dinner will be a drop dinner of -

Entrée

- ✚ Crispy bush smokey squid with chilli lime aioli served on rocket
- ✚ Mushroom and gruyere aranchi ball spiced bush chutney

Mains

- ✚ Pan fried Territory barramundi desert lime caper berry butter with crushed macadamia seared beans and crispy kipfler potato or
- ✚ Chicken slow cooked in red wine, mushrooms, pancetta, golden onions and native thyme sauce served with creamy mash

Dessert

- ✚ Chocolate mousee
- or
- ✚ Fruit saland

Vegetarians and others with special dietary needs can be catered for.
Request any dietary needs when you RSVP.

Tea and coffee are included. Other drinks can be purchased at the function room bar.
Cost is \$55 per person.

RSVP by Friday 15 September if you wish to attend.

Contact person is our treasurer, Rosemary Chalmers email: rosechal@iinet.net.au or ring 89326080. Payment can be made via cheque/money order to the HSNT PO Box 40544 Casuarina. Alternatively, you can pay via bank transfer.

Bank transfer details:

Historical Society of the NT
BSB: 015 896 (ANZ bank Winnellie)
Account No: 228391976

Remember to include your "SURNAME" and "DINNER" against your deposit.

Highlights from our Murrnaji Track 4WD Trip



Camping at Dunmarra
Left: Jan Allen, Alan Mitchell & Craig Bellamy



Janie Mason & our Queensland regular, Ruth Kerr



Janet Leather & Eddie Webber



A group photo on the Buchannan Highway



Surveyor Scandrett's inscribed tree at Murrnaji waterhole, 1926. Photo courtesy Craig Bellamy



Brian & Lyn Reid, Fiona Scott & Rosemary Chalmers

Note: A more detailed report on the Murrnaji trip will be available on our web site in September.