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## Newsletter - February 2017

### **Annual General Meeting**

**3pm Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**at History House**

**1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner**

**PLEASE COME**



### **Christmas party / Official Launch of History House / Book Launch**

Over forty people came to enjoy our annual Christmas celebrations on 3/12/17 and the official opening of our very own first premises, and it didn't even look crowded. The Minister for Tourism and Culture, Lauren Moss, declared History House open and cut the cake. She then handed a letter from the Attorney General, Natasha Fyles, to our Hon. Secretary notifying us of success in a grant for over \$9000 to help furnish our History House. Grant Tambling followed to launch Jaensch and Smith's book *Turning 40 – The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory 1974-2014*. A great day celebrating a significant milestone for our Society!



Cake cut by the Minister &  
History House officially opened



Historical Society NT President Earl James, Minister for Tourism &  
Culture Lauren Moss, Grant Tambling [3/12/16]

### **Community Benefit Fund Grant**

As notified at the Official Opening of History House, the Society was successful in winning a grant of over \$9000 from the Community Benefit Fund. This will be used to furnish History House and we can look a little more elegant in the future instead of making do with leftovers and bits and pieces!

### **Dr Albert Forman OAM**

Congratulations to our long-time member , Albert Foreman, on being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2017 in recognition of his service to the community in medicine, particularly in rural and remote areas of the Territory.

### **An active year for your Society**

Over the last decade or more, it could be said that the main focus of our Society has been publishing with increased numbers of books as well as the annual Journal and occasional papers.

In 2016, we published 7 books and Brian Reid as usual has carried the load. He works as contact with authors, chief editor and advisor to authors; he circulates manuscripts to an editorial committee and negotiates with the printers.

The book launch is important for first sales and there were numerous book launches in 2016. Some books had more than one launch and others were launched in Alice Springs and interstate! As well as History House, the NT Library at Parliament has been an important venue for book launches.

Clayton Fredericksen is our Journal editor which continues to achieve scholarly merit. Regrettably there were no occasional papers in 2016. Charles Darwin University's Uniprint have as always proven to be our good friend and help in our various publishing endeavours.

Together with the Larrakeyah Branch National Trust, we continued with monthly lectures at Burnett House – 7 in all for 2016. The annual Darwin Show Day weekend field trip was to Maningrida in 2016. Bev Phelts deserves special praise for negotiating and travel and permissions for a party of 11 vehicles and for organising a wonderful guide, Helen Bond-Sharp.

*Janis Mason*

Hon. Secretary & Public Officer



Brian and Lyn Reid, Dawn Laurie  
Craig Bellamy at back [3/12/16]



Wendy James, Grahame & Kath McMahon [3/12/16]



Judy Boland & Maureen Rieter [3/12/16]



Jan Hills & Jo Van Der Maas [3/12/16]



Jared Archebald, Craig Bellamy & Julie Mastin  
[3/12/16]



Robyn Smith, Carolyn McLennan [3/12/16]