



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

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **Exhibition on now – Unruly Days Territory Life 1911-1921 at the Museum and Art Gallery**

The exhibition showcases tough Territory life during this decade. From the wet season in the top end to the arid centre, the Territory promised bountiful resources for the taking but almost every attempt to exploit it, failed. Showing at the Museum and Art Gallery, Conacher Street, Fannie Bay

### **Exhibition on now: "New Territory: through the lens of Archives" at the Northern Territory Archives**

To commemorate 40 years of self-government, the Northern Territory Archives Centre is showing the Northern Territory as it was 40 years ago through the collections of the Northern Territory Archives Service and the National Archives of Australia.

Open until 21 December 2018 Time: 9am to 4:30pm Monday to Friday

Further information: Telephone 8999 6890 or email [ntac@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntac@nt.gov.au)

### **Tuesday 3 July – From the Stores: Casings and Bombs at 2pm**

Learn about the unique cane casings made for World War 1 bombs. The Museum and Art Gallery, Conacher Street, Fannie Bay

### **Wednesday 11 July - Darwin Fringe Festival - Zine Workshop - 5.30 - 7pm at the NT Library**

As part of the Darwin Fringe Festival, the NTL are opening the doors for the Zine Workshop. Zine publications are immediate, tangible and responsive to what is happening in the world at any particular time. Everyone is invited to get their creative juices flowing and come along to cut, paste, write, draw and photocopy.

### **Thursday 12 July – From the Stores: Guns and Hunting at 2pm**

See the guns used for buffalo and crocodile hunting during the period 1911-1912  
The Museum and Art Gallery, Conacher Street, Fannie Bay

### **Sunday 16 July – Darwin to the Doo – 8.30am – 1pm**

Friends of Taminmin Library & the Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club NT invite you to the Darwin to the Doo.

- 8.30am: Darwin cars and bikes at QANTAS Hanger, McDonald Street, Parap
- 9.00am: Depart for Taminmin Library, Challoner Circuit, Humpty Doo

Swapmeet \$15 (includes entry fee) – Turn those old car and bike parts into \$\$\$ -  
Contact Rob on 0417262918 or Pete on 0413019005

Food and drinks will be available.      Entry: Gold coin donation

### **Wednesday 18 July – A Territory Story - 5.30 – 7.30pm at the NT Library**

From the concept over three years ago to the last nail being hammered in, the NT Library will be launching this new exhibition.

Bookings are essential - Email: [libraryevents@nt.gov.au](mailto:libraryevents@nt.gov.au)      Phone: 8999 7177

### **Saturday 25 August – Urban Archaeology Tour: Vestiges of Vestey's – 10am-11.30am**

Tour the ruins and sites of the iconic Vestey's Meatworks. Prior to the tour, visually meet the players who invested in the Territory's industries and infrastructure through photographs in the exhibition and the reconstructed model of the meatworks.

Cost: Adult \$10: Concession \$8 – Bookings essential Book via [magnt.net.au](http://magnt.net.au) (a booking fee applies)

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS**

### **Launch of *A Legendary Partnership: Yolnu, Bapa Sheppy and Nandi Ella***



Gwenda Baker's new book was launched by Dr Wendy Beresford-Maning at the NT Library on Wednesday 27 June. A good turn out of around 60 people came to the launch.

Author Gwenda Baker & Dr Wendy Beresford-Maning

## Chief Minister's NT History Book Awards held on 4 July at the NT Library

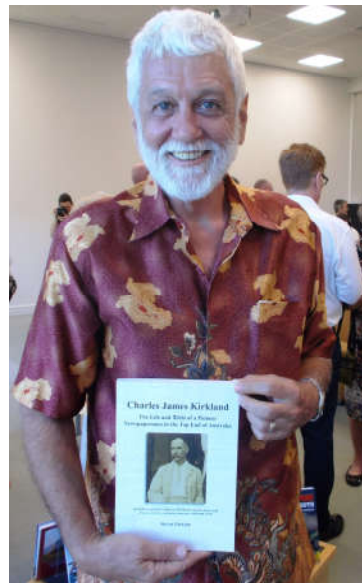
Four of the Historical Society's publications were entered in this year's awards:

- ✚ *Stubborn City: Darwin 1911-1978* by Kathy De La Rue
- ✚ *The Intrepid Hilda Abbott: Author, Designer, Red Cross Officer, Political Wife, 1890-1984* by Pam Oliver
- ✚ *Charles James Kirkland* by Steve Farram; and
- ✚ *Bloody Bastard Beautiful* by Mocco Wollert

The first three books were shortlisted with the winner being *Stubborn City*.



Sam Wells accepted the award on behalf of Kathy. Chief Minister, Michael Gunner presented the award



Steve Farram with his shortlisted book, *Charles James Kirkland*



Robyn Smith's childrens history book got a special mention

## Letter from the Editor of the Journal

Thank you to all who have offered articles for *Northern Territory Historical Studies*. The 2018 issue has been posted out to all members, albeit later than usual (my apologies; technical and other issues held things up a little this year). I am pleased to have included a number of articles from authors who are not professional historians but individuals willing to share their valuable private research and knowledge. These contributions provide a welcome balance to the journal, which I appreciate some members considered was becoming too weighted to academic studies. I hope that going forward further issues will be able to strike a similar balance of articles by professional and avocational historians.

I am now actively seeking contributions for next year's issue. I am keen to receive articles pertaining to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Darwin in 1869. Having said that, I do not wish to deter contributions on other themes. As I have noted previously, I receive very few manuscripts on the history, heritage or archaeology of the centre. All articles in the 2018 issue are to a greater or lesser degree Darwin-centric. Perhaps in 2019 it may be appropriate to contrast the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Darwin's founding with an article on Alice Springs?

As always, please email me suggestions for articles or short reports – [clayton.fredericksen@cdu.edu.au](mailto:clayton.fredericksen@cdu.edu.au). Ideally, I would like to receive manuscripts by early November to allow time for consideration by the journal's editorial board. This would seem an appropriate place to thank those on the board who have read and commented on articles published in this year's issue. Your time and effort is appreciated.

Clayton Fredericksen

## HSNT 2018 Journal - amendments

The following references page to Anna Shnukal's article 'The return of Japanese and Okinawan indentured labour to Darwin 1955-1958' was inadvertently omitted from the 2018 issue of the journal:

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### **New Book - *Bill's Story: Memories of Outback Roads and Characters* by Bill Hand**

Specialist Outback safari coach operator Bill Hand shares stories of the years he and his wife Doreen ran Sundowner Coach Tours. From the early 1960s through to their retirement in 1994 they saw many changes, and Bill was constantly improving and testing equipment on the coach so it was a 'one-off' and 'go anywhere' vehicle. Many of their adventures could not be duplicated today due to bitumen roads, fences, permits and numerous regulations and restrictions which were necessary with the mounting number of travellers

The book is only available as an ebook and is available through Amazon. \$US12.00

[https://www.amazon.com.au/Bills-Story-Memories-Outback-Characters-ebook/dp/B07F2JDX4S/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1530660872&sr=8-1&keywords=bill+hand](https://www.amazon.com.au/Bills-Story-Memories-Outback-Characters-ebook/dp/B07F2JDX4S/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1530660872&sr=8-1&keywords=bill+hand)

### **The Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory - *The Family History Place***

The Society 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.

Phone: 0412 018 015

Open Monday & Tuesday 9.30am to 5.15pm and Saturday 1pm to 5.30pm

Address: Unit 4/84 Smith Street, Darwin (opposite the Chinatown Carpark)