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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 6 June at Fred's Pass at 10am for 10.30 start – Pearl Ogden

Pearl will be talking about the history of Newry and Auvergne Stations.
Her talk will be held at Reg Hillier House, 135 Bees Creek Road, Freds Pass

Wednesday 6 June at NT Archives at 5.15pm – A talk by Derek Pugh

You are invited to attend a talk by Derek Pugh about his new book entitled "Escape Cliffs. The First Northern Territory Expedition 1864-1866". Derek Pugh is a long term Territorian, educator and author.

Bookings required by Tuesday 5 June 2018. Telephone 8999 6890 or email ntac@nt.gov.au
Northern Territory Archives Centre, Kelsey Crescent, Millner

Thursday 14 June 2018 at NT Archives - 5.15pm - A talk by Dr Laura Rademaker

Dr Laura Rademaker will talk about translation and mission history on Groote Eylandt: "They named the place Angurkwa so the white fella could pronounce it"

Bookings required by Wednesday 13 June 2018. Telephone 8999 6890 or email ntac@nt.gov.au

Friday 15 June 2018 at NT Library - 12.30pm -1.30pm - 40 Years Self-Government and the Northern Territory Identity - Lunchtime talk by David Carment

This year marks the 40th anniversary of self-government in the Northern Territory. Emeritus Professor David Carment AM will present a lunchtime talk at the Library to share his reflections and research into the formation of a "Territory identity."

Emeritus Professor Carment has published extensively in Northern Territory history and politics and is one of Australia's foremost scholars in this area

Tuesday 19 June 2018 at NT Library - 5.30pm-7pm - Oz Forum - Social Inclusion and the Enrichment of our Communities through Engagement in Cultural Diversity.

Cost \$25 (all proceeds to the John Mac Foundation)

The Australia Day Council Northern Territory presents a Q & A forum on social inclusion and the enrichment of our communities through engagement in cultural diversity.

As part of Refugee week, Julia Christensen will lead a discussion featuring 2018 NT Young Australian of the year and the 2017 NSW Australian of the Year Deng Adut.

Doors open at 5:15pm and tickets need to be presented on arrival.

Refreshments and canapes served following the talk.

Friday 22 June - National Trust & Historical Society Talk at Burnett House, Burnett Place, Myilly Point – Speaker - Bob Beadman - 5.30 for a 6pm start.

Bob's topic is: 'Fracking, Aborigines and the GST'

Entry: \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members. Food and drinks will be available to purchase. Telephone enquiries to Julie: 8946 6835 BH, 8927 9459AH. Members and guests are reminded that food and drink cannot be taken inside Burnett House

Wednesday 27 June - Book launch - A Legendary Partnership: Yolnu, Bapa Sheppy and Dandi - NT Library - 5.30-6.30pm

Gwenda Baker's book is a story of Yolŋu/missionary relationships on Mlilinjimbi and Elcho Island. It follows the story of local Yolŋu and Harold and Ella Shepherdson and their remarkable time together in Arnhem Land from 1927-1977. Presented by Historical Society of the Northern Territory. The book will be available for purchase \$35 (cash only)

**Thursday 26 - Tuesday 31 July (Darwin Show Day Weekend)
Historical Society 4WD Field Trip- Darwin to Gove Peninsula**

Join the July field trip to Gove Peninsula with its rich and varied history.

Participants can drive or fly. Those flying into Nhulunbuy can stay at the Walkabout Hotel. If driving, participants will meet at noon on Thursday 26 July at the Katherine Tourist Office to travel in convoy and camp overnight at Mainoru and then travel onto Nhulunbuy Friday 27 July. We will arrive in sufficient daylight to set up camp at the Walkabout. We will return in convoy Monday and Tuesday 30 & 31 July.

Northern Land Council permits are compulsory. If you intend to come on this field trip, you will need to notify HSNT with details of your vehicle including other information.

Saturday 27 October - History Colloquium at the NT Library

Note this event in your diary

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS - International Nurses Day

More than sixty people celebrated International Nurses' Day with the Charles Darwin University Nursing Museum on 14/5/18 and were treated to a colourful hospital badges display and a slideshow of 'Our Fourth Hospital – from Hospital 1 to 4'.

The badge display was curated by Carolyn McLennan. Nurse training days were remembered by nurses and ex-nurses present. The hospital badge was an important and significant icon and is today usually the last artefact to be donated to museum collections. Included was a Nightingale badge, significant as a donation from a Nightingale who now works as a volunteer for the Museum.



Janie Mason [Museum Curator] and Sue Green [Nightingale from St Thomas' Hospital and Museum Volunteer]



A Nightingale badge [CDU Nursing Museum]

The slide show celebrated the forthcoming opening of Darwin's fourth hospital and highlighted the history of Darwin's four hospitals - Palmerston/Darwin Hospital 1874-1942 [Packard Street], Darwin Hospital [Myilly Point] 1942 -1980, Casuarina/Royal Darwin Hospital from 1980 and the new Palmerston Regional Hospital.



Palmerston Regional Hospital 4/3/18 [CDU Nursing Museum]

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