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Newsletter – March 2018

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I do hope that you are coming to the Annual General Meeting of the Historical Society if you live in town. It is vital that we have new nominations for our Council as several members are retiring. Positions on Council are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Members [up to 8 positions]

The 2017/18 Council wants your support to necessary constitutional change to continue the application for Deductible Gift Recipient [DGR] status. As endorsed by the 2017 AGM, the Council seeks DGR so that donations to the Society can be tax deductible. The recommended constitutional amendments have been previously sent to you. The Audit is available on request.

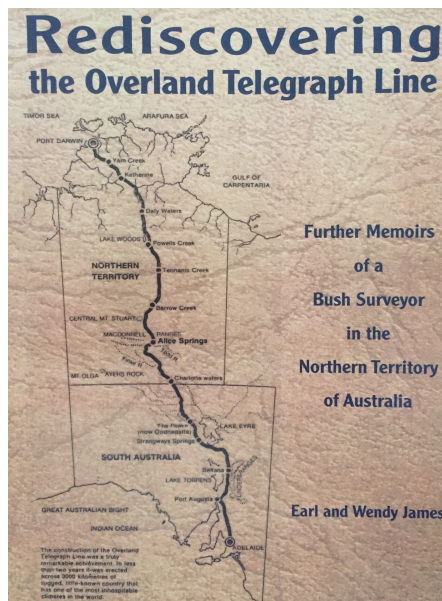
*Annual General Meeting
3pm 25/3/18
at History House,
1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner*

Our latest occasional paper

Alan Mitchell's story of a Territory policeman serving in Cyprus as part of the Australian police contingent is available now for \$10. This occasional paper tells of three phases of life in his Cypriot year – routine duties and a good social life until a military coup and invasion and ends with supervision of shifting communities.

Available at \$10 per copy

Our first book for 2018



Earl and Wendy James are long-time Territorians, Wendy arriving here at age two in 1937 and Earl as a twenty-one year-old in 1952. They met in Katherine in 1955 and married a year later.

They have been together for sixty-one years during which time they have spent many weeks travelling together in the bush. The journey described in this book is typical of the many journeys of discovery that they have had together during their eventful life

Available at \$30 per copy



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 26/7/18 at the Katherine Tourist Office to travel in convoy and camp overnight at Mainoru and travel onto Nhulunbuy Friday 27/7/18, arriving with sufficient daylight to set up camp at the Walkabout. We will return in convoy Monday and Tuesday 30 & 231/7/18.

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.

Parap Market Book Stalls

The Historical Society has made a commitment to have monthly books stalls at Parap Markets since November last year. There are special cut prices and with one exception, sales have been good. The next book stall will be from 8am to 2pm Saturday 7th April.

Can a member volunteer a couple of hours to help perhaps from 8.30 to 10.30am?

Our annual journal

The Historical Society's annual Journal Northern Territory Historical Studies: A Journal of History, Heritage and Archaeology is expected to be available and mailed out in late April.

It is worth noting that our editorial committees are calling for more stories and research to come out of Central Australia. It is also pleasing to note a small increasing number of Aboriginal history now being submitted.

Talk: 23rd March



Seisho Maru in Darwin Harbour 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. Her talk "After the bombing, what next?" tells how Fujita, a Japanese company cleared Darwin Harbour of WW2 shipwrecks in 1959 - a story of peace and reconciliation, of salvage and salvation through Darwin's Uniting Church.

NOTE: There will be no talk in April. The next joint Historical Society NT - Larrakeyah Branch National Trust talk will be Friday 25th May

Well done Earl James

The well-attended talk by Earl James at NT Archives Centre 6/3/18 was on Adair Macalister Blain who served the Territory as Member of House of Representatives 1934 to 1949. He is the only MP who was a POW during his term of office. A well-researched and lively presentation.

Honorary Secretary
Public Officer

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Opposite the Chinatown Carpark

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 the Secretary on 0412 018 015

At the Museum NOW



Frank Gohier's work is celebrated in the Museum & Art Gallery NT third exhibition series of Territory artists – see until 1st July: *Franck Gohier: a thousand miles from everywhere*.

Wet Season Treasures talks

The NT Library's Collection Development Team will host a tour of the NT Library at Parliament House at 10.30am Tuesday 10th April demonstrating some the unique artefacts and stories which make the Territory. Bookings essential.

Sales specials

The Historical Society is offering older publications at special prices. Older occasional papers are being offered for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Watch for a list in our next newsletter. Also a small number of older books published by the Society are also at cut prices.