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Newsletter – March 2019

**Annual General Meeting
3pm Sunday 24th March**

Gold Coin Donation Welcome

**at History House
1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner**

Don't forget the Historical Society NT Annual General Meeting. There will be some nibble food and drinks provided – gold coin donation welcome.

This is a significant Annual Meeting for members as we discuss changes in our financial management and alert members to changing and increasing costs for the running of your society. The audit is available on request. There is also a minor constitutional change proposed to enable bank payments in our digital age.

See the details of the AGM attached – minutes of 2018, agenda for 2019 and nomination form.

Have you thought of helping develop and guide your Historical Society in the future See the nomination form below. We are calling for nominations NOW

A Shopfront for your Historical Society?

The Society hopes soon to have a shopfront at History House at 1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner. It would be good to be open perhaps 3 hours per day for 3 or 4 days a week. We already have one willing volunteer. Is there anyone else willing to volunteer their time?

Chief Minister's NT History Book Award

Entries for the Chief Minister's NT History Book Award are now open, closing 18th March. This Award is presented to the book which judged as the most significant historical book about the Territory published in the previous year.

**Larrakeyah Branch National Trust
Friday night talk @ Burnett House
5.30 for 6pm, Friday 15th March**

Derek Pugh talks of his book *Darwin 1869* and current research into stories about Darwin - the first three Government Administrators, the police, the community, the gold rush, and more.

Entry is \$2 members & \$5 non-members with food & drinks \$5

**At the NT Library
Bookings recommended**

**Living with the legacy of violence
Indonesia 1965-66 and its impact today
5.30pm Wednesday 13th March**

CDU Indonesian Studies academic, author and researcher, Vannessa Hearman in conversation with ABC's Matt Garrick discusses her recent book "Unmarked graves"

**Treasure Talk : Indigenous Languages NT
Tuesday 19th march to Wednesday 1st May**

2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages. Explore the Territory's indigenous linguistic heritage through the intimate Treasures Talk at the Library

**Curious about Darwin
5.30pm Wednesday 20th March**

ABC's Curious Darwin stories bring a colourful snapshot of the territory. Join ABC journalists and NT Library historians for a behind-the-scenes look at the work involved to deliver the informative and sometimes quirky series.

REMEMBER special prices Parap Markets book stall Saturday 30th March

Volunteers wanted to run Historical Society shopfront at History house

Darwin Show Day Weekend 26th - 28th July

The annual field trip 26-28 July will explore the material culture and historic sites of the Alligator Rivers and Pine Creek regions. At this stage, it is proposed that base could be Yellow Waters with day trips out. Currently Matt James has been exploring sites and he and Brian Reid should hopefully have firmed up an itinerary and sites to visit shortly.



Darwin Heritage Festival 2nd to 19th May
Alice Springs Heritage Festival 6th to 14th April

James Mason

Hon. Secretary & Public Officer

***Annual General Meeting: Historical Society of the Northern Territory
3pm Sunday 24th March 2019, History House 1/16 Charlton Court Woolner – coin donation welcome***

Welcome and thanks, Present and Apologies

1. **Minutes of Annual General Meeting 25th March '19**
2. **Business arising from minutes of AGM 25th March '19**
 - **Deductible Gift Recipient status with Australian Tax Office**
 - **Constitutional changes at 2018 AGM**
 - **Further constitutional change:** For payment by EFT, amendment is recommended to clause 34.1d, shown in red as: The Treasurer must ensure cheques are signed *and electronic payments are authorised* by him or her and at least one other Council member, or by any 2 other Council members authorised by the Council.
3. **Reports: President, Treasurer**
4. **Election of Office Bearers**
 - **President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer**
 - **Council Members [up to 8]**
5. **Appointment of other officers: Public Officer, Authorised Person [ATO]**
6. **Other business**

Nomination Form : Historical Society NT, PO box 40544, Casuarina NT 0811

I, [please print]

hereby accept the nomination for the position of
on the Council of HSNT 2019/2020

Signed:.....

Nominated by: [please sign & print]

Seconded by: [please sign & print]

Date :

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3pm, Sunday 25th March 2018 @ History House, 1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner

The President, Matt James, opened the Annual General Meeting and welcomed members and thanked the Council for support in his first year as President.

PRESENT: Judy Boland, Rosemary Chalmers, Kevin Coonan, Earl James, Matthew James, Janie Mason, Kath and Graham McMahon, Brian Reid, Helen and Andrew Spiers, Eddie Webber

APOLOGIES: David Carment, Clayton Fredericksen, Phil Herdman, Wendy James, Harry Lucas, Jane Munday, Emma Noonan, Bev Phelts, Alan and Jan Powell, Derek Pugh, Lyn Reid, Paul Rosenzweig, Sharon Wilson

PROXIES: Frieda Evans, Paul Masten. Julie Masten & Alan Mitchell sent apologies and proxy votes in support of proposed constitutional amendments.

1. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 19th March 2017 [Attachment 1]

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting 19/3/17 were accepted – moved Janie Mason, seconded Rosemary Chalmers – see Attachment 1.

2. Business arising from AGM minutes of 19th March 2017 [Attachment 2]

- **DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENT:** Janie Mason reminded the meeting that the 2017 AGM had endorsed the proposal to apply for Deductible Gift Recipient [DGR] status [to enable donors claim tax deduction for donations] and the necessary rules as authorised by delegated authority to the Council in the Constitution. She reported that the federal advice was that the necessary regulation should be within the Constitution.
- **AMMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION:** The Council therefore recommended Constitutional amendments to encompass DGR within the Constitutions. The amendments to the Constitution as recommended by Council and previously circulated to members were accepted [moved Brian Reid, seconded Graham McMahon]. The amendments are shown in red or struck-out, in attachment 2.

3. President's report [Attachment 3]

Matt James presented his report, outlining an active publishing year, a successful field trip to Murrnaji Track and plans for Gove trip in 2018. He highlighted the financial balance of publishing and sales with increased accommodation cost due to ownership versus previous rental. Membership numbers have been maintained, thanks to Earl James. Joint lectures monthly have continued with the Larrakeyah highlighted the financial balance of

publishing and sales with increased accommodation cost due to ownership versus previous rental. Membership numbers have been maintained, thanks to Earl James. Joint lectures monthly have continued with the Larrakeyah Branch of National Trust. He thanked outgoing Council members, Rosemary Chalmers, Roger Davey and Derek Pugh,

4. Treasurer's report [Attachment 4]

Treasurer Rosemary Chalmers presented the 2017 auditor's report – accepted [moved Graham McMahon, seconded Brian Reid]. She outlined a surplus of \$8443.26 for 2017 with 2 term deposits of \$50,000 and \$15,000. A Community Benefit Fund grant was used to furnish History House. See Attachment 4

5. Election of officer-bearers [Attachment 5]

All positions were declared vacant and the 2017/8 Council was elected as below but the treasurer position was unfilled. See nominations Attachment 5

POSITIONS	NOMINEE	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED	
President	MatthewJames	Janie Mason	Brian Reid	✓
Vice President	Bev Phelts	Earl James	Rosemary Chalmers	✓
Treasurer				
Hon. Secretary	Janie Mason	Brian Reid	Matthew James	✓
Councillors	Judy Boland	Rosemary Chalmers	Roger Davey	✓
	Clayton Fredericksen	Brian Reid	Janie Mason	✓
	Alan Powell	Brian Reid	Matthew James	✓
	Brian Reid	Lyn Reid	Clayton Fredericksen	✓
	Helen Spiers	Graham McMahon	Rosemary Chalmers	floor

6. Appointment of other officers

The meeting recommended that the incoming Council re-appoint Janie Mason as Public Officer, Vita Gustafson & Associates as Auditor and consider change of current authorised persons [Rosemary Chalmers and Earl James] for Australian Tax Office [ATO] contact to be notified by the Auditor to ATO.

7. Other business

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the outgoing Council from Graham McMahon

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Janie Mason Janie Mason, Hon. Secretary & Public Officer

