



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

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### **President's Report by Dr Brian Reid**

Whilst the Society was moving its archival collection to the Northern Territory Library and the Northern Territory Archives, we were also having discussions with Northern Territory National Trust about the possibility of leasing an office. We have now reached agreement and are in the process of moving in to the heritage precinct at Myilly Point. We have an office in a building occupied by like minded people. It is a sensible association and will be a very suitable base for us. Council meetings and other gathers can also be held there.

As the HSNT no longer has free use of the theatre at MAGNT and we are moving to our new home, we are taking the opportunity to have a re-look at our lecture series. Perhaps fewer, more formally organised lectures will be where we end up.

This year the Society will be host to the Federation of Australian Historical Societies which will be holding its AGM in Darwin. It will be held at the Heritage Precinct in July and is timed to allow delegates to join in the events associated with the 150 year commemoration of John McDouall Stuart's south-north crossing of the Australian continent.

### **Coming Events**

**14 April, Alice Springs, Book Launch –  
*Mabel Taylor's diary and letters from Alice Springs 1905-1907* by Rosemary Kennedy**

Mabel Taylor was the Bradshaw's governess 1905-1907 at the Overland Telegraph Station. Her diary and letters that she wrote to her family in Adelaide have been transcribed, and the book includes photos, an overview of her life and family background. Much of Taylor's story is also told in *Alice on the Line* which was written by Doris Bradshaw c.1960.

The launch will be held at 1pm on Saturday 14 April in the Alice Springs Library and will coincide with Heritage Week. Contact the library for further information. The book is available from the Historical Society for \$20.

**John McDouall Stuart 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1862)**  
**Celebrating the arrival of Stuart and his party at the northern sea**

The John McDouall Stuart Society will be holding various events to mark the occasion

May in Adelaide

The Stuart Collection will be open for a guided tour every Thursday in May from 2-4pm at the Adelaide Masonic Centre

6 May at Newcastle Waters

A plaque will be erected in Drover's Memorial Park to honour Stuart who spent considerable time in the area. The design will be in the form of an open book. Peter Jones is organising the plaque and the event. It was Peter's great-grandfather, Thomas Jones who opened Jones Store at Newcastle Waters in 1872 while he was working on the construction of the overland telegraph. The unveiling of the plaque will be held on Sunday 6 May at 10am. Stuart Traynor, Chair of the JMS Society's NT branch will host the ceremony and Ted Egan will provide the entertainment.

For further information contact Peter Jones on email: [peter@jonesstore.com.au](mailto:peter@jonesstore.com.au)

25 July in Adelaide

A remembrance ceremony in the morning will be held at Stuart's statue in the CBD.

The Adelaide Lord Mayor will host a civic reception in the Queen Adelaide Room of the Town Hall. Stuart's objects and artefacts will be on display.

If you wish to attend any of these events, contact the JMS Society on phone: 08 83816993 or 08 82787102 or email: [marg.blacker@bigpond.com](mailto:marg.blacker@bigpond.com) or [rick\\_moore@bigpond.com](mailto:rick_moore@bigpond.com)

1-11 September

The John McDouall Stuart Society will be conducting a Stuart Commemorative Tour of central Australia.

This eleven day tour travels from Adelaide to the centre of the continent – Central Mt Stuart – and returns.

It celebrates and commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John McDouall Stuart and his Companions crossing the continent and returning without loss of life. This unique tour will visit 'Stuart' locations not normally available to the public; some of these will be memorable both for their beauty and their relevance to Stuart's success. We won't be too fixated on him, however, as we want to enjoy all aspects of touring the great Outback.

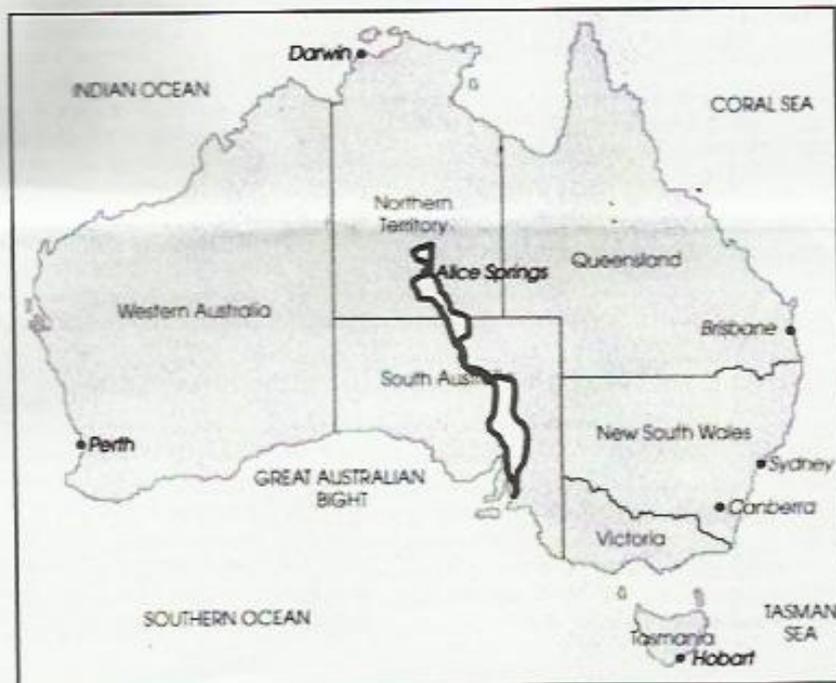
It is a fully catered camping tour. Swags are supplied, as are all meals. One night will be spent in an Alice Springs motel with a tour members dinner (dinner at own cost) at the Overlander Steakhouse, which has a feature dish called Mr Stuart's Tuckerbag. Cost for a fully catered passenger is \$ 3,700.

The tour is also available as a self-drive Tag-along tour, suitable only for high clearance 4WD's. Self provided Tag-along cost is \$1,200 per vehicle.

Participants can expect to be immersed in the magnificent outback environment. Recent years of extraordinary rainfall in Australia's interior have created a botanical and wild life extravaganza, unlikely to be seen again in our lifetimes. A deep understanding of the historical environment will complement the geographical, botanical, ornithological and land use aspects of the trip. It will be led by Rick Moore, President of the John McDouall Stuart Society, and Dean Harris, the Vice President. Both have travelled this route many times and bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the tour.

We will avoid boring bitumen driving wherever possible and take tracks and roads less travelled. Hence you'll see on the map that we are not using the Stuart Highway.

Visit <http://therealoutback.weebly.com/> for more details, or contact Rick Moore on 0400 406 20 or via email to [rick\\_moore@bigpond.com](mailto:rick_moore@bigpond.com)



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The Darwin events are booking up fast. If members are interested in attending, get your booking slips and payments in soon. For inquiries, contact Bev Phelts, on email: [historicalsocietynt@yahoo.com.au](mailto:historicalsocietynt@yahoo.com.au) or mobile: 0487 413 709 or 0889818236ah

## Interstate Events

### Sydney Events

#### **Reflections on holistic conservation and management of historic gardens**

**Jan Haenraets** organised by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)

Jan Haenraets, Landscape Architect and Conservation Specialist, will speak on some aspects of holistic management and conservation of gardens and cultural landscapes, such as ownership and local engagement, the wider landscape, integrity, skills and environmental management. The subject will be explored through project experiences with the National Trust for Scotland, the Olmsted Centre for Landscape Preservation at the US National Park Service and recent advisory support to the Indian National Trust for Arts and Cultural Heritage Jammu & Kashmir Chapter where work is advancing to safeguard the Mughal Gardens of Kashmir and to submit a UNESCO World Heritage nomination.

Dr Jan Haenraets is a Landscape Architect, Conservation Specialist and Environmental Advisor. He is an Associate in Atelier Anonymous, Vancouver, BC, Canada; member of ICOMOS UK; and member of the DOCOMOMO International Specialist Committee on Urbanism and Landscapes.

Members of the public are welcome!

Time & Date: Thursday 29 March 2012, 5.30pm for 6pm start

Cost: Members \$5, non-members \$10, payable at the door. Wine and nibbles will be provided.

Venue: Godden Mackay Logan, 78 George Street, Redfern

RSVP: Email: [janev@gml.com.au](mailto:janev@gml.com.au) or call (02) 9319 4811. RSVP is essential as places are limited.

#### **Australia ICOMOS International Day for Monuments and Sites NSW Symposium**

Australia ICOMOS is organising a symposium to be held in Sydney on 18th April 2012 to mark the International Day for Monuments and Sites.

April 18th is a major celebration for ICOMOS and each Australia ICOMOS organises activities around Australia to celebrate the diversity of the world's cultural heritage. This year's theme marks the 40th anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, which was adopted in 1972. The focus will be on "World Heritage and Sustainable Development: the Role of Local Communities" – which spans not only the involvement of local communities in the nomination, management and conservation of properties, but also their role as participants and economic beneficiaries, and holders of traditional management practices and knowledge.

The venue for the event, in line with this year's theme, is Hyde Park Barracks, one of 11 Australian Convict Sites that have been inscribed on World Heritage List on 31 July 2010

The following is the provisional list of speakers and the preliminary running order of the program:

#### **Introduction / form of the event**

Ian Kelly, Director, The Rocks and Circular Quay, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority

#### **Welcome**

Kate Clark, Director, Historic Houses Trust

#### **Norfolk Island community consultation process**

Jean Rice, Jean Rice Architect (in association with Kristal Buckley)

#### **World Heritage Asia: vulnerable communities and the shifting global economy**

Dr Tim Winter, UWS

#### **World Heritage Site of George Town, Malaysia**

Bruce Pettman, Government Architects Office

Mary Knaggs, Government Architects Office

#### **World Heritage – International context**

Kristal Buckley, Vice President of ICOMOS

#### **Forum Panel – Why World Heritage: the realities and the potentials for communities?**

Facilitator: Ian Kelly, All presenters + the floor Q & A  
Time: The event will commence at 3.00pm and will conclude at 6.30pm  
Cost: Australia ICOMOS members \$10; non-members \$15 (to cover catering)  
RSVP: email: kerimed@cityplan.com.au by 30 March 2012.

## **Canberra Events**

### **Exhibition - 23 March 2012 to 9 September 2012**

National Archives of Australia Queen Victoria Terrace Parkes ACT 2600

Our icy southern neighbour has fascinated expeditioners and scientists for over 100 years since the 1911–14 Australasian Antarctic Expedition led by Douglas Mawson. Delve into the scientific, historical, and cultural legacy of those who navigate the extreme conditions in the name of discovery.

The exhibition has been jointly developed by the National Archives of Australia, the Australian Antarctic Division and the Western Australian Museum.

### **Conference - Cultural Heritage Management and Indigenous Cultures' course, Florence, July 2012**

Places are filling fast so if you're looking for a tax deductible and thoroughly educational trip to Italy in the European summer please book soon.

The details are as follows:

- The University of Queensland will be in Florence, Italy in 2012 teaching a course in cultural heritage management for Indigenous cultures. Students and professionals are welcome to attend.
- The world is changing rapidly, and the adverse impacts of change are being felt disproportionately by Indigenous cultures. How should heritage practitioners respond to the challenges to Indigenous cultural heritage presented by large-scale mining and other significant development activities? What mechanisms exist for the identification, assessment and management of Indigenous cultural heritage values? Precisely what are the heritage values that require conservation? And, perhaps most importantly, what is the role of Indigenous peoples themselves in the conservation of their own heritage?
- The University of Queensland is conducting a course entitled 'Cultural Heritage Management and Indigenous Cultures' in July 2012, in Florence, Italy that will explore the fundamental concepts underpinning cultural heritage management within the context of Indigenous cultures. The course will take a strongly practical approach, exposing participants to the statutory frameworks and heritage challenges of Australia and the Pacific, North and South America, and South Africa. 'Cultural Heritage Management and Indigenous Cultures' will be an intensive, exciting and thoroughly rewarding workshop series of direct application to students of archaeology, anthropology and cultural resource management, in addition to heritage practitioners of all backgrounds. Heritage students and professionals interested in working in developing countries will find the course of particular interest.  
For more information Email: a.sneddon@uq.edu.au

## **ANZAC Centenary commemorations 2014 – 2018 -**

Janie Mason has been appointed to the ANZAC Centenary NT Advisory Committee which is to provide strategic advice and recommendations to the NT Government on the planning and implementation of ANZAC Centenary commemorative events and initiatives. These will commemorate significant events for Australia from World War 1 and other conflicts. The ANZAC Centenary program will run from run between 2014 and 2018. The headline event will be the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli in April 2015. If you have any ideas for events or activities to commemorate this significant centenary, please be in touch with Janie on [janie.mason@cdu.edu.au](mailto:janie.mason@cdu.edu.au)

## HSNT AGM – Wednesday 28 March

Our AGM dinner was held in the Hot Rock Restaurant function room, Mitchell Street.

Over a sumptuous dinner and great wine, we tabled reports and chitchatted with members.

We are pleased to announced that the new committee members are –

President – Brian Reid

Vice President – Bev Phelts

Honorary Secretary/Minutes Secretary – Janie Mason

Honorary Treasurer – Vacant

Council Members – Alan Powell, Clayton Fredericksen, Earl James, Matthew Stephen and Anne Zerafa.

We welcome back Matthew to the Council and Anne to the fold !

At the AGM, Jimmy Cadogan's book *The book of Harry, Eric and Bronte* was launched by our President.

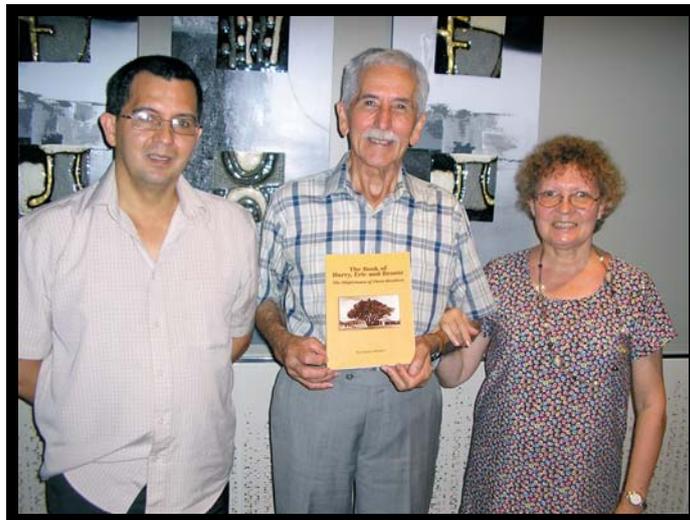


Judy Boland and Judy Richardson



Kath and Graham McMahon

From left:  
John, author  
Jimmy & Dolly  
Cadogan





Dr Lyn Reid and Janie Mason



Penny Baird, Earl James and Julie Mastin



Wendy James and Jan Hill



John, author Jimmy & Dolly Cadogan