

National Trust

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The National Trust of Australia (NT) is a community based, not for profit heritage charity dedicated to promoting and conserving the heritage of the Northern Territory.



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NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NT) ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

- Branch Councillor Larrakeyah (1 Vacancy)
- Branch Councillor Katherine (1 Vacancy)
- Branch Councillor Gulf (1 Vacancy)
- Branch Councillor McDouall Stuart (1 Vacancy)
- General Councillor (6 Vacancies)

Nominations are invited for the above vacancies and must be received by the returning officer in Darwin no later than **12 noon WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2015**.

Nominees must be financial or life members of the National Trust of Australia (NT) as at 30 June 2015 and must be nominated by three other financial or life members. A statement in electronic format, of no more than 200 words, about the nominee may accompany the nomination form. Full details and nomination procedures can be found on the nomination form available from the Northern Territory Electoral Commission office (Darwin).

For more information call  **1800 MYVOTE**
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Showcasing our Volunteers: Kate Boyd

The next story in our series of "Showcasing our Volunteers" is Kate Boyd.

Kate is one of our house attendants. Besides opening Burnett House every Thursday Kate is always willing to help out at any time when extra volunteers are needed.



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MEMBERSHIP 2015

	1 year	3 years
Individual	\$65.00	\$195.00
Household	\$95.00	\$285.00
Senior	\$58.50	\$175.50
Senior Household	\$85.50	\$256.50
Pensioner	\$52.00	\$156.00
Pensioner Hsehd	\$76.00	\$228.00
Joining fee	\$35.00	

The National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) is a community organisation which seeks to conserve the Territory's heritage.

Membership is open to everyone.



I was born in Tasmania and grew up in Deloraine and Devonport. In 1971 I left on a gap year to the Northern Territory, which opened my eyes quite a lot!

In 1972 I went to the Australian National University where I studied Prehistory and Anthropology. I went to Mt Hagen in Papua New Guinea in 1972.

I worked in the Research Branch of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs from 1976 till 1979 when I returned to Tasmania and married a Park Ranger at Cradle Mountain National Park.

Cradle Mountain has always been a special place for me and I enjoyed living there. We also spent some time at Lake St.Clair. In late 1980 we moved to Kakadu, living in caravans at South Alligator then up at Coburg Peninsula. In 1982 we moved to Noulangie Camp and lived there until 1986. I enjoyed my aboriginal friends there, becoming involved in the language (Gundjeihmi) and loved hunting and fishing. I worked as a volunteer at the Patonga School when I could. I studied librarianship by external study.

In 1986 my marriage broke up and I took a job as librarian for the school at the remote desert West Australian community at Balgo (300 kms south of Halls Creek). This also involved travelling fortnightly to the outstations of Mulan and Billiluna.

In 1989 I remarried and returning to Kakadu, lived in Jabiru for 12 years.

My two sons were born in 1989 and 1992 and had enjoyable childhoods in Jabiru. My husband continued his work as an aquatic biologist.

I worked as a lecturer for what was then the Northern Territory University and Batchelor College in adult literacy, working mainly with Aboriginal park rangers and mine employees.

During my pregnancies I had done a graduate diploma in Applied Linguistics and had really enjoyed the study. I started a Masters degree on literacy in Kakadu in 1998 but was doomed never to complete this!

In 2000 we made the big move to Darwin. I was really ready for it – a world of markets, films, beaches, shops and things being available.

Alex and Ben went to St Marys School and then to Darwin High. Alex has gone on to study medicine and is now a resident doctor at the Royal Darwin Hospital. Ben has worked on some aid projects in South Africa and Nepal and is completing a social work degree. I am a very proud mother! Parenting, of course, never stops being a worry as well as a joy, as happened recently when Alex was in Nepal at the time of the earthquake.

In Darwin I worked at NTU/CDU in adult literacy and as ERA's librarian before retiring.

My husband and I hope to go to Paris in September. Our last major trip was to Nepal two years ago with Ben.

I volunteer at the Larrakeyah Branch of the National Trust as a Burnett House attendant opening the house for public viewing and wherever else help is needed.



Branch News from McDouall Stuart Branch

With cooler weather and events such as the Finke Desert Race, The Camel Cup and the Alice Springs Show, more tourists have come to Alice Springs and we have had a welcome increase in visitors to Hartley Street School and the Stuart Town Gaol.

At the end of June, during Morse Code Week at the Telegraph Station an interactive and informative talk was given at Hartley Street School by Laurie Wallace, the President of the South Australian Morse Code Fraternity. Laurie set up a mini Telegraph line and two Morse code stations at Hartley Street School to demonstrate the transmission of messages by Morse code over the historic Overland Telegraph Route.

The plan for the refreshed interpretative display at the Stuart Town Gaol has been completed, and a project is being developed to implement the recommendations of the plan. The plan focuses on providing more interpretative signage around the site and will add many more images to the display material, which should make a visit to the old gaol much more interesting.

Following the recent meeting with National Trust Director, Elizabeth Close, during her visit to Alice Springs, the next Branch committee meeting will be considering the future of the Heritage listed, Les Hansen House.

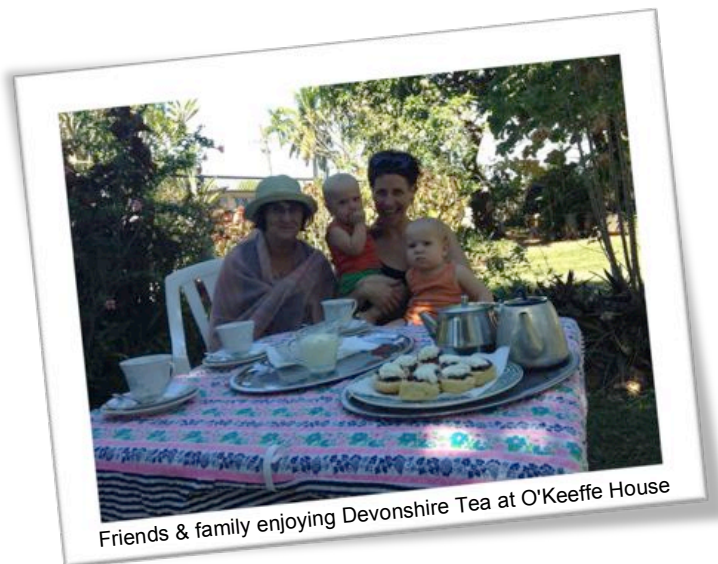
Branch News from Katherine Branch

This has certainly been a very busy month in Katherine. The town has been buzzing with visitors from the cooler climates. Fortunately, we have had assistance in keeping the properties open during the week and are most grateful to all who helped out with cleaning and keeping the gates open as much as possible.

On Monday 29th June, a conference was held in the O'Keeffe Pavilion and the thirty participants were very happy to utilize the facility and meet in a relaxed atmosphere. They were also most complimentary on the morning and afternoon teas and lunches we supplied.

On Thursday 9th July, a group of twenty USA Servicemen, who are taking part in military exercises in Australia, visited the O'Keeffe property. The group of young men thoroughly enjoyed their tour of the property and Devonshire teas went down a treat too, even though they were not familiar with "Devonshire Teas".

At the 1926 Railway Station we are most grateful to Mr. Bob Mackie and his team for the cement step into the station and the cement slab that has been laid, on which the old track-laying tractor now sits. The tractor is back in position now and looking resplendent after being sand blasted and painted. Our sincere thanks also go to Mr. Bill King and Rotary Club members for their efforts.



Branch News from Larrakeyah Branch

This season is proving very busy for the volunteers of the Larrakeyah National Trust.

There have been crowds of people wanting to relax on our lawns and partake in a delicious afternoon tea.

Our cheerful group of volunteers run back and forth providing tasty treats for all.

Many people from interstate always want to chat and are interested in hearing about Burnett House and any other points of interest to visit. So at times we turn our hand to being a tourist guide.

We have had a local group of moviemakers who were using the upstairs bedroom of Burnett House for their film set. The film appeared to be based on early nursing. We have had a wedding ceremony in the grounds one beautiful sunny afternoon. One of the guests sang and played his guitar and the bride was radiant and smiling. A local landscape architect held a dinner in the grounds of Burnett House. The tables were beautifully decorated with tea lights and garden flares were lit as evening descended. The grounds looked very impressive and many people remarked on how beautiful the house looked.

The Larrakeyah Branch is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining our merry band of helpers please give Anna Harris a call on 8981 6400.

On another note, Government House will be open to the Public on Saturday 22 August from 2pm to 6pm.



Ladies from the book club at Burnett House



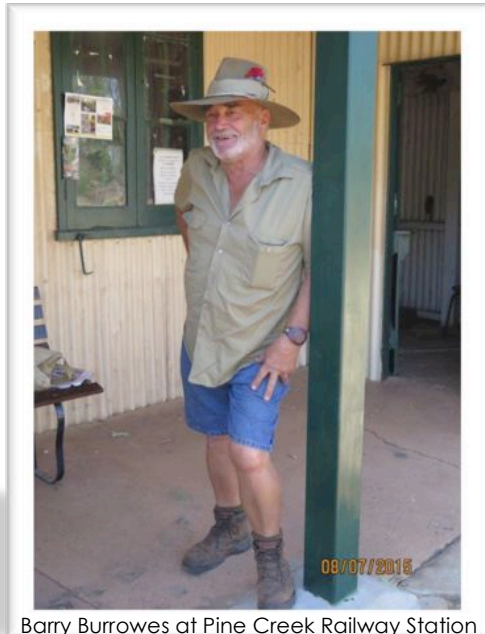
Kaye Bartlett at Burnett House



Pat McGregor & Bernadette Eggington

The Larrakeyah Branch of the National Trust (NT) were saddened to hear of the passing of John Macdonald. John and his wife Wendy, a former Chair of the Larrakeyah Branch, were long-time supporters of The Trust.

Branch News from Pine Creek



Barry Burrowes at Pine Creek Railway Station

Pine Creek Railway Station and Station Masters House is now open to the public 7 days a week since June. Significant numbers of tourists want to view the old buildings; the railway artefacts and the 1877 Beyer Peacock steam locomotive "NF5" and the associated Commissioner's Car NABP13.

During the recent Gold Rush Festival the railway house was used to display entries in the associated art competition.

Credit goes to Rosie Aitken who has been working tirelessly for the National Trust at Pine Creek for the past couple of years after the retirement of Joan Frazer. Welcome to Barry Burrowes, known as "Bazza", who opens the Railway Station each day and entertains and informs the visitors. Barry has established his camp (caravan) behind the 1889 railway station where it is not intrusive and would have been inside the fenced yard if the fence was still there. This affords security and protection for the Heritage Buildings in the Railway Precinct. Welcome Bazza and many thanks.

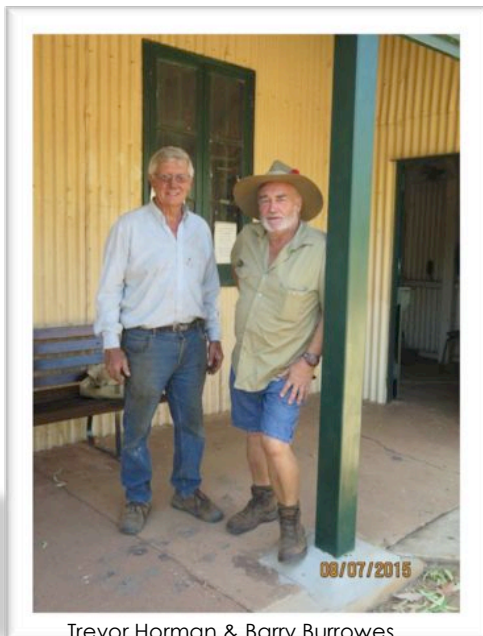
Currently some serious restoration works are planned for the railway house, which has some dry rot and needs a coat of paint.

And recently a professional tree-lopper from Katherine assisted by "pruning" large trees around the railway house, which had the potential to damage the house if they fell on it.

New signage has been erected at both the Railway Precinct and the Repeater Station Museum in Pine Creek.

After the trauma of the security fence being destroyed in May 2014 we are finding new supporters in Pine Creek and longer-term members and supporters are re-connecting with the Trust.

If anyone is planning a visit to Pine Creek, or may be passing by, it's highly recommended that you call in and say Giddyay to Rosie and Bazza. You will also be able to see the progress being made with these iconic National Trust sites.



Trevor Horman & Barry Burrowes