

National Trust

eNews

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.



SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER UNTIL 30 JUNE 2015

National Trust is giving a special discount of 10% to NEW members who join for 3 years!

Joining the National Trust makes you a supporter of our efforts to conserve the unique heritage of the Northern Territory for future generations.

You will also enjoy the following benefits as a part of your 3-year membership:

- ✓ Welcome letter & Membership Card(s)
- ✓ Trust News magazine emailed to your specified email address four times a year
- ✓ Trust eNews emailed to your specified email address on a regular basis. eNews keeps you in touch with the business of the Trust
- ✓ A 10% discount on merchandise purchases at most National Trust shops and cafes throughout Australia
- ✓ Free entry to all National Trust properties in Australia that are open to the public
- ✓ IMMEDIATE reciprocal rights to National Trust properties in Britain, and other overseas countries, which is usually only available upon renewing an existing membership!

Example of Memberships available & your savings with our Special Offer:

Individual	\$195.00 before offer	\$177.27 with offer
Household	\$285.00 before offer	\$259.09 with offer

Also, by joining on a 3-year membership, the Trust waives the joining fee of \$35.00!



Please don't forget to check out our website & like us on Facebook!

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ELECTION ALERT

Elections for Council will be called for

30 June 2015

ONLY Current financial members are eligible to nominate and vote.

Please check your membership status to ensure you don't miss out!
If you are unsure of your membership expiry, or wish to join, renew or enquire, please
contact the office by phone or email:

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PATRON

His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM
Administrator of the Northern Territory

PRESIDENT

Mr Trevor Horman AM

VICE PRESIDENT

Dr Bill Low

TREASURER

Mr Colin Beard

BRANCH COUICILLORS

Mrs Gillian Banks OAM

Ms Janet Webber

Mrs Judy Boland

Mr David Hewitt OAM

GENERAL COUNCILLORS

Mr Roddy Calvert

Miss Margaret Clinch

Dr Jan Hills

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.



Branch News from Katherine Branch

Since the commencement of the tourist season things have started to become much busier at the Katherine National Trust properties and there is now a steady stream of visitors calling in to visit. The main problem we are having though, is the lack of caretakers or volunteers who can open the properties on a regular basis. Gillian and Merriel have been opening O'Keeffe House whenever they are free from other commitments and are extremely grateful to Dell who has agreed to open up on Tuesdays.

Previous caretakers Daryl and Liz were working enthusiastically in the garden for a month but reluctantly had to move their bus out as ill health delayed the finalisation of its refurbishment and so prevented them from being ready to open the house and garden for the tourist season. Jimmy and Susan have since moved their camper van in and Jimmy was able to open the house for the first week until his carpentry job became full time. He continues to look after the garden and having a presence in the yard certainly acts, as a deterrent to would be intruders.

During the month O'Keeffe gardens hosted a Baptism morning tea attended by twenty adults and about ten children. They really appreciated having such a cool, shady, child friendly spot for the function. This led to some of the young parents returning during the following week to enjoy a Devonshire tea and it hoped that in future that more people will hire the premises for such functions.

In July the Loose Group of Artists will once again hire the pavilion for their Art Exhibition. This group of artists presents a wide and varied display of painting, pottery, jewellery, fabric and craft and is the perfect venue to commence purchasing beautiful articles for future gift giving.

Branch News from Larrakeyah Branch

Afternoon Tea at Burnett House

Afternoon tea in the beautiful grounds of Burnett House on Myilly Point is in full swing. Every Sunday from 3pm to 5pm, the Larrakeyah Branch volunteers, under the watchful eye of Anna Harris, serve up delicious afternoon teas.

Whether your choice be a Devonshire tea, lemon curd tart, lumberjack cake, chocolate cake or whatever the blackboard specials are you are certain to find a tasty treat. All served with a pot of tea or coffee.

Afternoon Teas are a fundraiser for the National Trust so come along, relax in our gardens and enjoy your afternoon tea and at the same time contribute to the upkeep of our Heritage listed properties.



*Dee Preston, Jane Farr, Kathryn Chandler,
Kristin Smith & Karen Doel*



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Showcasing our Volunteers: Lillian Smith

Our next story in our series "Showcasing our Volunteers" is Lillian Smith.

Lill has been a volunteer with The Trust for many years.
In many roles as committee member, afternoon tea and government house volunteer.

Lill took the part of Ellen Ryan - Publican to lead the Ghost Walk around the old Goyder Road cemetery during Heritage Week.

I was born to a South African Father and a Tasmanian Mother in South Africa.
My mother (who had qualified as a weaver) got a job when she was in London to go to South Africa to teach Zulu women to weave rugs as part of a Gov't plan at the time to save Zulu traditional designs as they were in danger of dying out and there she met and married my father-to-be.
We came to Australia when my brother and I were young.

I spent most of my schooling in Launceston where I went on to study Fine Arts at the then Launceston Technical College.
The legendary cold winters drove me out as soon as I could move north and I went to Queensland.

After a few travel adventures in the north, I applied for a job on an island farm off Mackay on the Queensland coast.

I imagined fondly that I could paint "all alone" and do some work to pay my board.
The farm was an eye opener being very much back to basics and I found bare survival took every hour of the day! Painting took a very back seat!
After a few years I decided there was a bigger and better world out there and I headed north to Darwin (this was just before Cyclone Tracy) to make my fortune and travel the world.

I found work in Nhulunbuy where I met my partner to be (for the next 20 years) and in the late 70s my partner was offered a job in Darwin so we headed off for Darwin full of excitement and where my story of the present day really began.

A friend with a clothing shop started me off in business as a t-shirt printer and I started printing on the dining room table (moving everything off to a corner of the room for meals!)
From there I moved to an "office" under the house and then into town with my own shop!!
Big time!!
I was so pleased when a buyer turned up to buy the business as I was really much more interested in textile art by this time.

I enrolled at CDU and upgraded my teaching qualifications when my partnership split up and I never looked back!

My first job was at Nungalingya College as the teacher in their new Textile Art Course for Adult Aboriginal students and for the first year I stayed one step ahead of the students by practicing and studying like mad in between lessons and at weekends.

It was a wonderful way to start teaching with such friendly, down to earth people who demonstrated a variety of artistic skills.

The catch phrase I developed "there's no such thing as a mistake, just a creative adventure" took shape then and has gone on to give courage to the nervous for many years since!

I also had some part time work after a while, teaching at night at CDU in the School of Fashion, which brought to light some amazing artists and was very enjoyable.

It was all great fun and very challenging.

Thanks to amazing friends who encouraged me and great students all round, it all worked really well!

Jillian Thompson, who ran the Textile Art Course at Nungalingya and I held Exhibitions annually with students and friends and so kept our own work happening too.

In 2003 I was very fortunate and proud to get a Churchill Fellowship to study overseas and I went to America, London and Paris.

Unfortunately Government funding ceased for the Nungalingya College course at the end of 2004 and the School of Fashion got cut back to oblivion, but since then I was fortunate enough to be teaching at Batchelor College on a casual basis (now finished) and so now I'm delighted to call myself a full time artist.

I join in Exhibitions with other artists when the opportunity arises and I sell my work in town.

I also have time to travel so these are dreams coming true.

I'm very proud to support the National Trust where I can.



Photo By: Judy Richardson



Northern Territory

McDouall Stuart Branch

Invites you to hear

Speaker Laurie Wallace - Long-time SA Morsecodian

Morse code comes to Alice Springs

On

Sunday 21st June at 2pm at Hartley Street School

It is Back to Morse Week at the Telegraph Station which celebrates Australia's communications "ICON" The Overland Telegraph Line Australia's first speedy communications link with the world.

Adelaide – Alice Springs – Darwin and onward to England by undersea cable. A letter took months by sea, but with the electronic telegraph a message took hours.



Afternoon tea provided

Cost: Gold coin donation