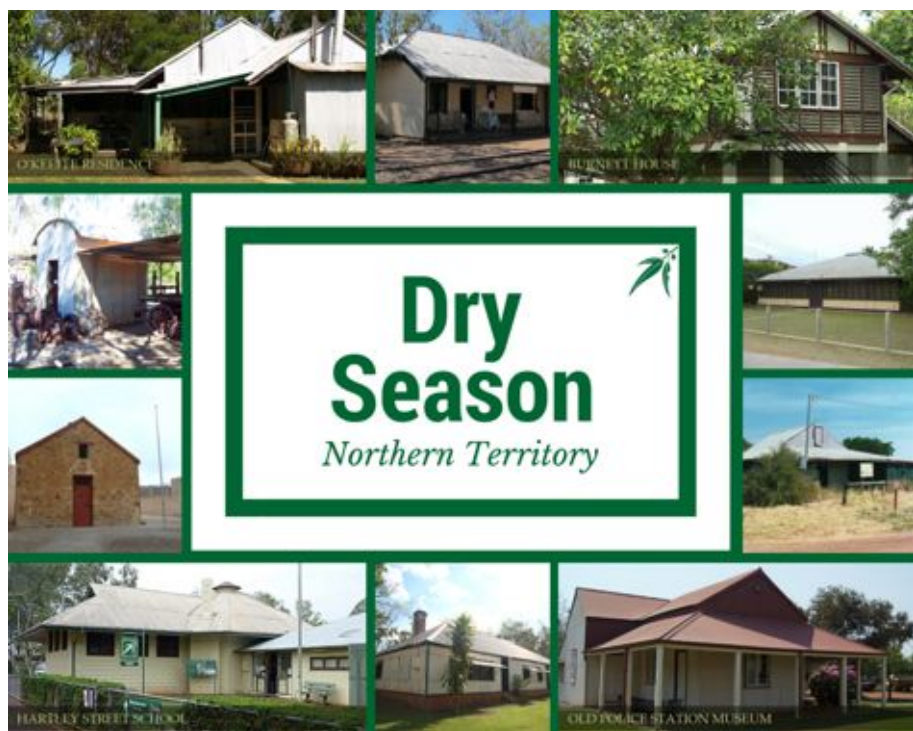


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The National Trust of Australia (NT) is a community based, not for profit heritage charity dedicated to promoting and conserving the heritage of the Northern Territory.



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	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 Household	\$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.



OFFICIAL OPENING

We look forward to welcoming you at the official opening of
The Road Master's House Museum
Located at the old Stella Maris site - 1 McMinn Street, Darwin

Larrakeyah Branch News

Exhibition Opening at Burnett House

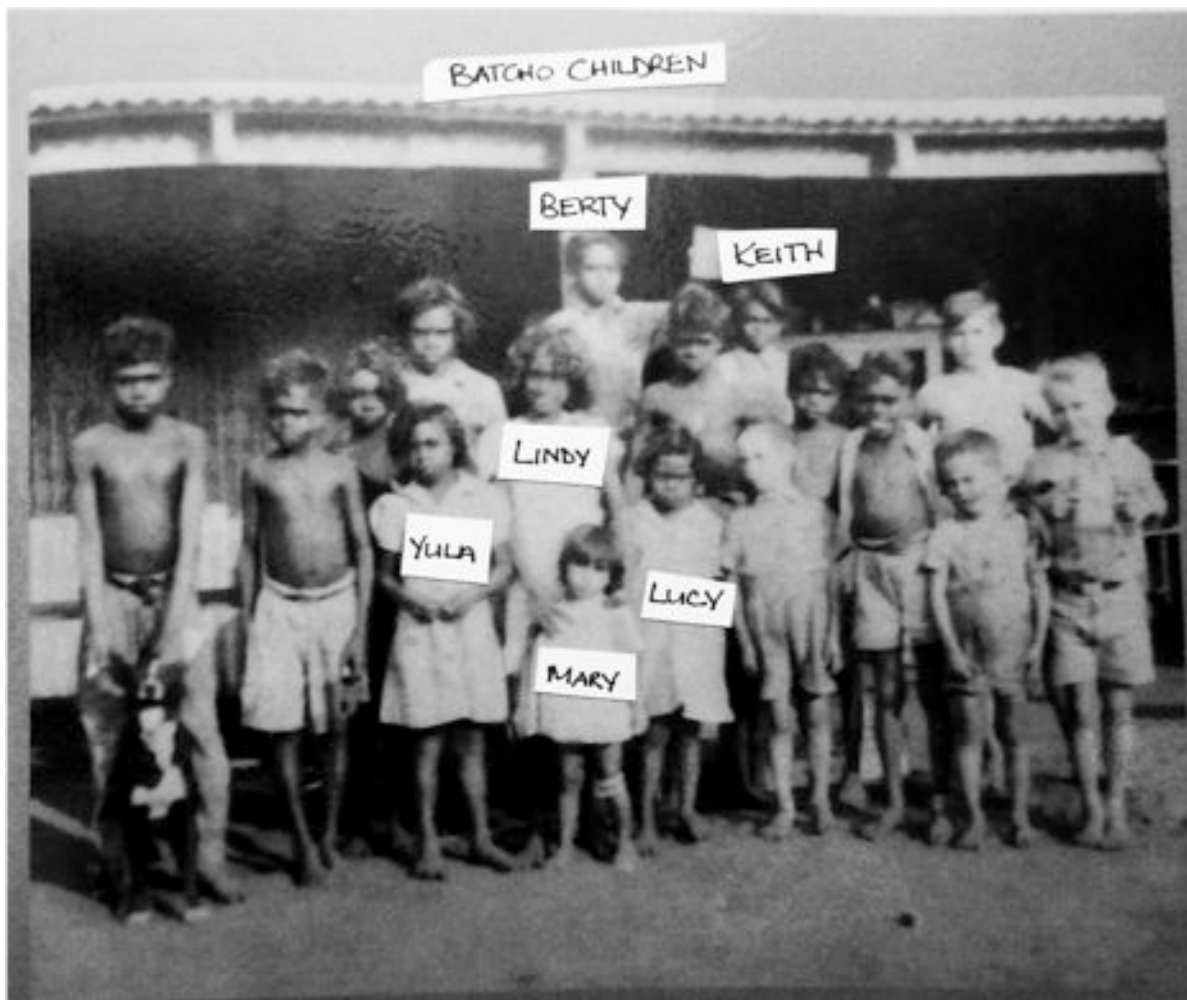
At 5.30 pm on Friday 29th July, there will be the launch of an Exhibition at Burnett House by members of the Batcho family. Following the launch will be the next in the series of Joint Talks starting at 6pm. The Speaker will be Tibby Quall, Dungalaba Kulumbiringin Elder.

The subject of the talk is "The Batcho Family, Dungalaba Clan, Kulumbiringin Tribe of Darwin: Our Historical Connections to Land, Customs and Country."

The Exhibition will run till Sunday 13 August from 10 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Saturday and on Sundays from 12 pm to 4.00 pm.

The Exhibition will focus on "Our Ancestral connections, genealogy and history of land claims in Darwin and the Cox Peninsular."

Members of the Batcho family will be sharing their stories and culture through photographic displays, historical records, visual arts and activities, weaving and story telling.



Darwin Defied

The launch of Rosemary Kennedy's new book "Darwin Defied" at Burnett House on Myilly Point on Friday 17th June was a real family affair.



Daughter Dr Emma Kennedy launched Rosemary's book and husband Chris operated the computer.

Darwin Defied tells the story of her parents' struggle to settle in a post war Darwin. Housing was very scarce but finally they managed to get a house at Lot 1096 Myilly Point- nearly opposite the Stahl Block.

Rosemary told many amusing stories of their life as children in a Beni Burnett house. There were no sewage facilities in those years except for the 'hole in the ground'. These toilets were fondly named "Flaming Furies" which proved to be very apt when Rosemary's father poured old sump oil into the Flaming Fury and set it alight, much to the consternation of neighbours.

She also talked about her father's fondness for his little pre-war Morris Minor named "Peddy" and how he had at one time seriously considered that Betty and the children could drive Peddy from Melbourne to Darwin. Something that was not going to happen.



Jones Store, Newcastle Waters

Larrakeyah Branch Committee is happy to support the fantastic work done by Janet Leather and Eddie Webber at Jones Store, Newcastle Waters in June. Some urgent stabilisation work was needed to prevent further deterioration to this remote but important part of Territory heritage.

Janet and Eddie spent 5 days in less than ideal conditions working hard to repair, rebuild and stabilise the most vulnerable parts of this classic piece of Bush Architecture.

The Larrakeyah Branch Committee voted unanimously to support the venture with a \$4000 donation.

Gulf Branch News

Gulf Branch member's Eddie and Janet spent a busy week at New Castle Waters in early June working on Jones Store. Removing and rebuilding the ant bed and bottle wall, replacing and remaking doors and windows in the kitchen area, cleaning out and stabilising the old stove, replacing rotten timbers in the roof, fixing the roof and down pipes to try and stop the worst of leaks and cleaning up, patching and replacing walls in the old dining room.



We were asked by visiting tourists if we lived in the old store. We knew we looked pretty rough but not quite that bad.

Eddie only after bracing the internal roof with new timbers and putting in a couple of safety internal braces, then tackles the roof, re fixing roofing iron, waterproofing joins and replacing damaged sheets to try and control the worst of the leaks.

Gulf Branch Members would like to acknowledge the National Trust NT Larrakeyah Branch who generously assisted with funding for this Project.



Janet gave the Old Junction hotel a bit of a dust out and clean, which is always popular with the tourists, though they would like to see the Bar still in action.

We were fortunately able to catch up with ex New Castle Station Manager Allan Andrews who is very passionate about the area and Son

Jak the current manager, looking at ways the properties can be better cared for and locating various graves in the Region, Janet also met the Elliot Shire Clerk Gayle Marsden, just prior to her departure, Gayle was able to assist us with locating graves in both Elliot and New Castle and exchange records to assist giving a more complete picture of various graves in the Region and their history, hopefully the Trust can redevelop stronger relations in the region.



The collapsed dining room wall from rain from roof leaks, flooding and termite damage, the door arch reinstalled and timber beans reinstalled to brace walls replaced by water tank iron

The Branch has received some very good news that the Gulf Branch has been given a MRM Community benefit Grant to assist with rebuilding the old welfare building by raising the floor level, seal and make water proof with proper walls, window and doors so further displays can be held in the space for both the Trust and community Arts projects.

Members have also submitted a Grant application to Territory Remembers Program – to produce interpretation panels to be house at the Old Borrooloola Police station, to acknowledge the role of Norforce / NT police in on the story of in 1942 an American B24 Bomber which crashed in the NT at Wollogorang, Wentworth. Four of the Crew died in the crash, two walked east and were rescued at Escott, while four walked North West. Of these only one survived Grady Gaston who was rescued by an Aboriginal stockman from the Gulf Region after fourteen days – this story then became the Yanyula/ Garawa “ Aeroplane Dance” and was made into a film – In 2001 with celebration's held for the Centenary of the Federation of Australia across Australia we were very lucky to have, General Peter Grosgrrove present awards to acknowledge the Contributions of the following families for their efforts in searching and save the downed pilots and their efforts in the WW2, representing their families was Old Pyro, Dinny McDinny, Jemmia Rory and Johnno Keighran. After the Celebrations members of the Yanyula and Garawa communities put a public display of the Aeroplane dance. Gulf Members perceived that it was important that this story of Borrooloola's often-unknown WW2 involvement and the role of Norforce and Local Aboriginals in the war effort was recorded and put on display.

The big event for the year will be the 130th Anniversary of the arrival of the Magistrates Presence in Borrooloola on the 29th September, there will at the Old Police Station a Sundowner Presentation of the hopefully completed Police Interpretation Panels and New Plaques for Recognition of Service, with Champagne and Canapés which will be jointly coordinated with NT Department of Law Magistrate Elizabeth Morris, then proceed to the Savannah Way Guesthouse for mains, Desert and Entertainment on the evening of the 29th.

And a very special thank you to local Gulf branch Members and Old Police Station Caretaker Glen Thompson for keeping our buildings and grounds looking so presentable, helping the Tourist's with their enquires and assisting with School visits from the Community Education Centre students under coordinator Daphne Mawson.

-Janet Leather (Secretary) on Behalf of the Gulf Branch of National Trust!

McDouall Stuart Branch News

An interesting afternoon event was held on Sunday 26th June at Hartley Street School where Pat Ansell Dodds presented Rachel Perkins video of the First Australians Section 4 about central Australia. It went very well with 32 people attending and some follow on discussion over afternoon tea.

With more tourists in town for the Finke Desert Race and with school holidays season, we are seeing an increase in the number of visitors to Hartley Street School and the Stuart Town Gaol.

The McDouall Stuart AGM is to be held on Sunday 14 August 2016 at 2pm.





Northern Territory
McDouall Stuart Branch

Invite you to

"Growing Up in Alice Springs in the 1950s"

The children of Arnold and Dorothy Long, Leonard, Freda, Dorothy (Dot Whitfield), and Arnold were born in Alice Springs. Now they are all returning and bringing their family photos to share with friends and interested Alice Springs people.

On

***Saturday 16th July at 2pm at Hartley Street
School***

Mr and Mrs Long were missionaries, originally with his parents' mission, which they left in 1949 to work at Yuendumu for 18 months before moving to Alice Springs for the rest of their lives. Both are buried in Alice Springs.

Leonard who will present the pictures, spent his early years moving from Tennant Creek up to Darwin, then to Yuendumu for 18 months before starting school in Hartley Street School, in the octagonal room, in 1951. He was head prefect at the high school in 1961. He then attended Unley High school for Leaving Honours and went on to Adelaide University to medical school. He spent eight weeks on the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Alice Springs in 1994. He now lives in Adelaide.

Freda became a nurse, Dottie a school teacher, and Arnold an aircraft engineer and now aircraft safety officer. All currently living in Brisbane.

Afternoon tea provided

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