

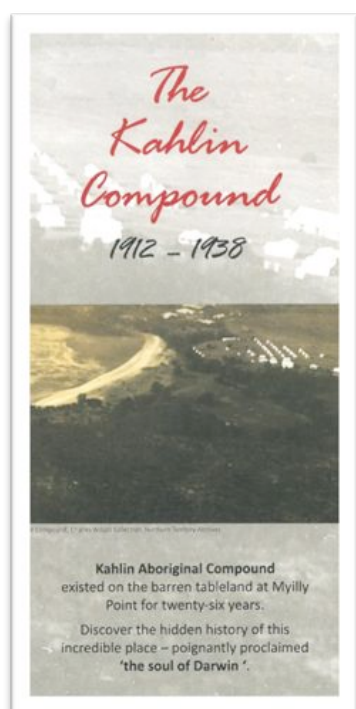
National Trust

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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.



The Kahlin Compound Brochure



The Kahlin Compound Brochure was launched at the Heritage Festival in April. It is the result of a partnership between the National Trust and the Friends of Kahlin. The brochure provides just an initial insight into the lives of those who lived in the compound between the years 1912 and 1938.

You can obtain a copy from Burnett House at the Myilly Point Heritage Precinct and then take a walk around the Stahl garden to see the signs, which tell more of this important early Darwin story.



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A New Acquisition for Burnett House



PLEASE BE SEATED

Thanks to the generosity of Sue and Neil Dibbs, the National Trust has become the custodian of a new piece of Art Deco furniture.

The timber office chair has been identified as American made and dated between the late 1920s and early 1930s. It is fully adjustable, rotates and has a spring loaded back.

Unfortunately there is no makers' mark on the chair, but initial research suggests The Milwaukee Chair Company could be a possible manufacturer.

The chair can be seen and tested at Burnett House when you next visit.

If you have any further information to add or a story to tell, please contact the Trust.

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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.

Katherine Branch News

As I sit here in the cool garden atmosphere of O'Keeffe House I feel that it would be remiss of me not to share my surroundings with others so I have included a photo for all to view.

Although there seems to be a large numbers of tourist vehicles on the road, visitors to the Trust properties here so far this year have been down. Our caretakers, Tanya and Russell are taking wonderful care of the property and we are very fortunate to have their services. They are available to open the gate whenever volunteers are not available. Another person has volunteered her services at the 1926 Railway Station so that allows its opening one more day per week.

The ever present problems of unlawful entry is still occurring and unfortunately it is the caretakers' property that has been targeted of late so they have now obtained the services of a watch dog. Hopefully he will be more threatening to intruders than the security cameras, which have either been stolen or had their cards removed. The property taken lately included bales of cans and bottles for recycling and a coin jar.

The other unwelcome visitors to the house, the possums, have had their entry places blocked. This will help cut cleaning times within the house considerably and Trust members are grateful to Steve Budderick who has completed the job in a neat and unobtrusive way.



Gulf Branch News

The Gulf Branch celebrated its first event for 2016 with a very quiet Open Day on the 7th May at the Old Borrooloola Police Station due to a number of fatalities and passing of senior people in the Gulf Region, but Trust members were very interested to see the new photographic display from Parks NT Borrooloola Staff Roz Kerr and Peter Sainsbury.

Branch members spent a busy weekend cleaning up around the block, clearing fence lines, the old Jail foundations, pruning trees and sprucing up the inside of the old Police Station, painting and replacing door lintels, and checking under the station floors finding a few new treasures and treating

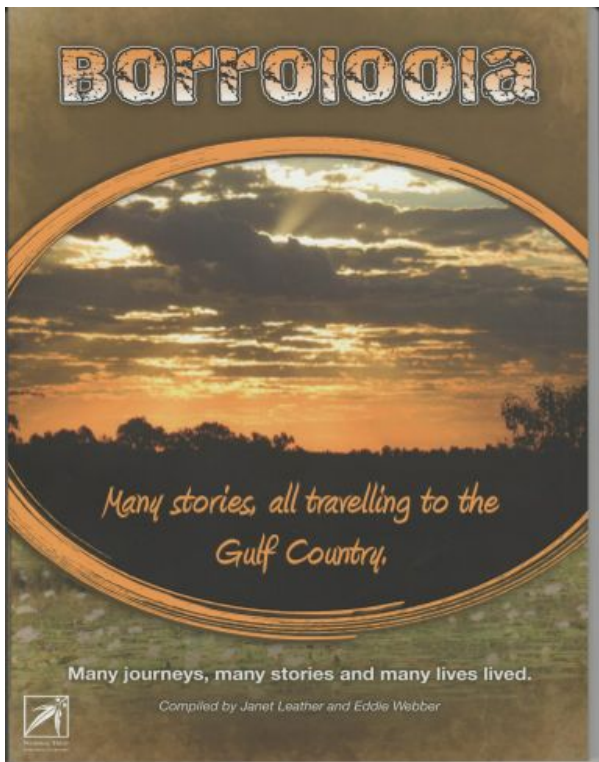
the old meat house for Termites! Updating Graves records from down at the Borrooloola Cemetery in between unusual torrential rain downpours to get the Old Borrooloola Police Station ready for the forthcoming tourist season.

The Branch is very happy with the positive response and the amount of interest shown with Publication 2 of Borrooloola @ Gulf Stories, which is now selling at the Savannah Way Motel in Borrooloola, Waralungku Arts Centre, Katherine Museum, Charles Darwin University Bookshop, Darwin Museum, the Bookshop Darwin and the Larrakeyah Branch!

Gulf Member's and friends are engaging the grey matter and putting pen to paper for Book three, as they perceive that there are still a lot of tales to be told from the Gulf Region!

Finally the Gulf and Borrooloola Graves booklet completed! An ongoing project that has been over 15 years in the pipeline, which has being jointly undertaken with the NT Genealogical society since the first version

was printed in 1999! Now just awaiting to hear if funding has been successful to get the book printed over 150 pages of stories and pictures of Gravesites from the region.



The 2011 125th Anniversary ... the arrival of the Legal fraternity!

The big event for the year will be the 130th Anniversary of the arrival of the Magistrates Presence in Borroloola 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 Canapes which will be jointly co-ordinated 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 .

The Branch is in the Process of updating the Old Police Panels with new Interpretation panels and an updated service roll. A grant application was submitted to MGANT as many of the panels in the Old Police station like many NT Trust Buildings are over 30 years old and getting rather tired and faded. The displays need a total makeover!



Gulf Branch members Janet and Eddie combined with McDouall Stuart members David and Margret Hewitt to have a spring clean at National Trust Building " Jones Store" Newcastle Waters on the 11th May and assess the condition of the building, as due to a heavy wet season in the region caused a lot of damage. Eddie has kindly offered to undertake remedial action to stabilize the Building.. Members have been enjoying reading Peter Jones book on Jones Store!

The Branch would like to thank all our Local Volunteers Gulf Trust Members Annette, Sue, Trish, John, our every energetic Eddie who not only researches and writes up our new

articles s and Interpretation panels, he fixes and replaces the broken timbers around the old buildings! Finds all the treasures under the floor and around the countryside! Alerts us to what needs fixing.

And a very special thank you to local Gulf branch Member 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.

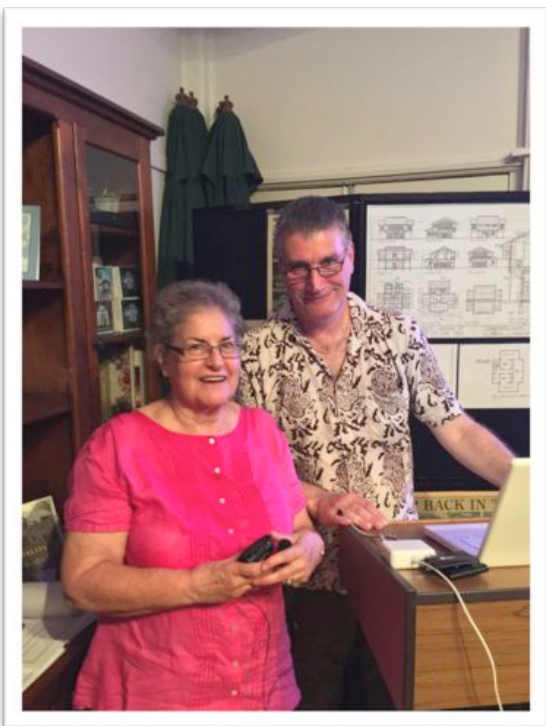
Janet Leather (Secretary) on Behalf of the Gulf Branch of National Trust!

Larrakeyah Branch News



A NEW LOOK FOR THE STAHL BLOCK

Thanks to a grant, the Trust has been able to pave the footprint of the original house to make it more usable as a function space for events like the Arafura Wind Ensemble. The pavers are non-slip and will be sealed to minimise maintenance. Further events for the Stahl Block are being planned for the future.



JOINT LECTURE SERIES

On Friday 27 May, Dr Clayton Fredericksen, archaeologist and current editor of the Historical Society of the Northern Territory Journal "Northern Territory Historical Studies" gave a talk on Fort Dundas, Melville Island.

Named after Robert Dundas, First Lord of the Admiralty at the time, Fort Dundas was the first British Settlement in Northern Australia, started in 1824 and abandoned shortly after in 1828.

The settlement consisted of 115 males including 54 convicts, six females and 14 sailors aboard a vessel anchored in King's Cove.

Its lack of success was due to a combination of isolation, poor food supply, tropical storms and bad relations with the Tiwi aboriginals.

Dr Frederickson took part in archaeological digs on the site at present day Pularumpi in the late 1990s and early 2000s. At the end of the talk, Janie Mason presented Dr Frederickson with a bottle of wine on behalf of the Historical Society.



CROQUET ON THE LAWN

Saturday 28th of May saw the Red Hat Society ladies start their fourth year of Croquet on the lawns of Burnett House.

There was much laughter on the "Field of Battle", followed by an enjoyable and relaxing tea on the Terrace supplied by the ladies themselves.

Founded in the US in 1998 the Red Hat Society welcomes women of all ages and is a worldwide organisation with more than 70,000 members in 20,000 Chapters in the United States and 30 other Countries.

Croquet on the Lawn will be held on the last Saturday of the month throughout the Dry Season, between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm and all female National Trust members are cordially invited to join in the fun and good company.

Thanks again to the National Trust for the wonderful garden setting.



McDouall Stuart Branch News

Notification of coming events.

Sunday 26th June at 2.00pm at Hartley Street School,

Pat Ansell Dodds is a life-long resident of Alice Springs, a Flinders University History Lecturer, an artist and a central Arrernte Native Title Holder for the Undoolya area east of the Todd River. Pat will introduce the video of Episode 4 of the "First Australians" directed by Rachel Perkins, which is about the history of Aboriginal people in Central Australia from 1878 to 1897. This will be followed by a discussion aimed at increasing our knowledge of local Aboriginal history and raising our understanding of Aboriginal Heritage in relation to European and Asian heritage in Alice Springs.

On the weekend 23 –24 July the Anglican parish is celebrating the

70th anniversary of St Mary's with a Picnic Day Reunion of former residents, staff and friends on the campus commencing 10.30 on 23rd. Interested people are invited to attend.

Saturday 23 July at 2pm as part of the *St Mary's Reunion*, Jose Petrick will give the Robert Czako Mural talk. If you haven't heard Jose talk about the mural, take this opportunity to hear this most interesting talk. The Anglican parish is reprinting Josie's book about the mural ***The Robert Czako Mural***. If you would like a copy please contact Margaret Gaff on 08 8952 6267. Printing of the book will be completed in about a month and the cost will be known then.

Sunday 14th August at 2pm at Hartley Street School the McDouall Stuart Branch of the National Trust will hold their AGM. Various positions will be vacant. Speaker to be arranged.

School classes during Heritage Festival

As part of the Heritage Festival, two classes of school children from Ross Park School visited the Stuart Town Gaol and walked along Wills Tce with Stuart Traynor to 'meet' the people who had lived there in the past. The classes also enjoyed their visit to the Stuart Town Gaol. After Heritage Week they visited Hartley Street School. The following are some of their comments about the visit.

ROSS PARK STUDENTS TELL IT AS IT WAS!



Some of the student's comments after a lesson in the old classroom

It's hard not to squeak on the slate boards

It's like taking a step back in time.

The punishments of then and now are very different.

It's true that it's really hard to write with your left hand when using the ink pen.

It's very different from today's school.

I thoroughly enjoyed it. I learnt quite a lot. I liked using the ink pens. I found that quite challenging.

I think it was an amazing learning opportunity.

Older students from Yirara College also visited Hartley Street School during the Heritage Festival. Loraine Braham encouraged the students to write on slates and with pen and ink. The class participated well and enjoyed their visit. After the Heritage Festival these students also visited the Stuart Town Gaol.

YIRARA STUDENTS AT HARTLEY STREET SCHOOL.

