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Social Media Callout

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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

April has almost come to an end and preparations are in place for what should be a busy dry season if the numbers of tourist vehicles already on the roads are any indication.

Heritage celebrations in Katherine have now concluded with all participants indicating that they thoroughly enjoyed the tour of historical sights around Katherine.

After a meeting with the Katherine Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club seven of their members offered their restored vehicles to transport participants around the various sites.

On the morning of the 23rd April ten lovingly restored and brightly polished old vehicles were lined up outside O'Keeffe House. Besides the driver each vehicle carried a person knowledgeable about the sights to be visited, a tour map and information sheet and those going on the tour were able to choose their favourite vehicle in which to travel.

Sites visited after departing from O'Keeffe House, included the 1926 Railway Station and the Overland Telegraph Pylons where Ted and Bess Hart dressed in period costume and aboard a horse drawn sulky, bought to the site by Dr. Fred McConnel, presented a great photo opportunity. Other places visited included The Gallon License Store, the Rocks where WWII bullet marks are in evidence, the Katherine Museum and old Airstrip used by Dr. Clyde Fenton and Springvale Homestead. Further places of interest along the way were pointed out.

On arrival back at O'Keeffe House all enjoyed Devonshire Teas under the shady trees and it was agreed that the event was such a hit that it should be repeated on an annual basis.

Merriel
Branch Chair



McDouall Stuart Branch News

Alice Springs has just completed another very successful Heritage Festival. Many people thanked the organisers for the interesting events and some visitors said they had enjoyed it so much that they will make sure they come back for next year's Festival. The festival opened and closed at the old Stuart Town Gaol. Councillor Eli Melky opened the festival and the new display, after a smoking ceremony at the Stuart Town Gaol, and the week finished on a high note with a very atmospheric production of the play "Journal" by Danny Gillies, about John McDouall Stuart.

There were some big events with large numbers of people attending; the Open Day at the Pichi Ritschi Sanctuary where 300 people visited the original site (which has not been open for some years), and saw the William Ricketts sculptures, and the Telegraph Station Heritage Open Day had an very large crowd of people who enjoyed the heritage buildings and markets. Bond Springs Station Family Heritage Day had over 160 visitors who enjoyed the relaxed and friendly atmosphere with local people, pastoralists and tourists catching up and enjoying the scrumptious morning tea. The new display, prepared by Anne Scherer in the old blacksmith shop attracted many people and the children especially said they had enjoyed seeing the old bellows and the heavy anvils and horseshoes.

The Doreen Braitling Memorial Lecture guest speaker David Frederiksen told many amazing stories of flying in the Northern Territory in the 60's and 70's, including how the radio in a small Connellan plane that survived Cyclone Tracy was the first and only means of communication out of Darwin for many hours after the cyclone passed. Old Timers came for a cuppa and a chat at Hartley Street School.

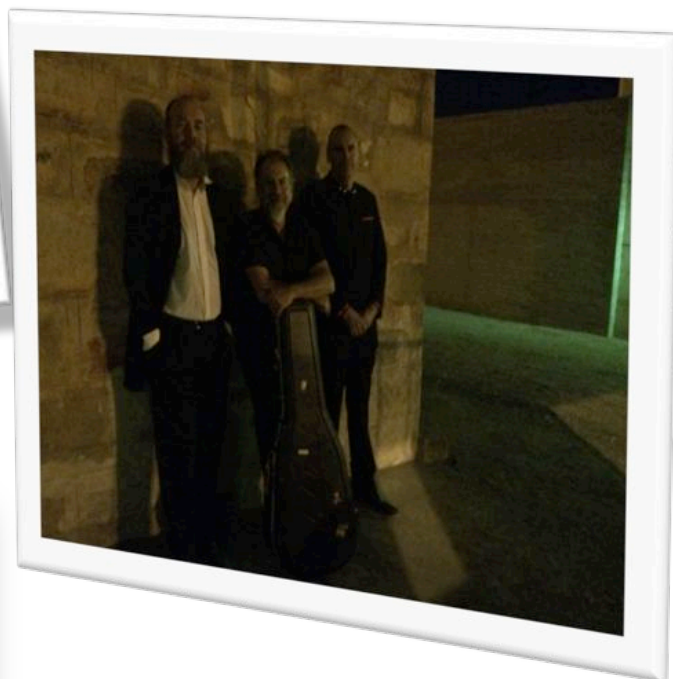
The Alice Springs Public Library held two events that were well attended which included the screening of film about Pintupi where some of the elders shared their stories of before and after "whitefellas".

The Alice Springs Visitors Centre set up two town walking tours; Stuart Traynor took us on a walk along Wills Terrace where we 'met' the people who had lived along this street, and a town tour that focussed on lesser-known significant sites.

The National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame hosted two events, including a film made by young people about their ideas of what is heritage and what are heritage places, and the old Lutheran Church had an open day, speaker and a lunch with a Papua New Guinea flavour.

An added bonus of the week were the three classes of school children who came to see the Stuart Town Gaol and Hartley Street School and enjoyed a walk with Stuart Traynor along Wills Tce which included the newly renovated John Ross monument.

An exhibition about the old Railway cottages, which included posters from an architectural and social point of view, was held at the Residency.



Larrakeyah Branch News

National Trust Heritage Week 18 May to 24 May 2016

Heritage week commenced on Monday 18 May with two cemetery walks – Gardens Cemetery and Goyder Road Cemetery.

Goyder Road Cemetery was a ghost walk. On entering the cemetery we just happened upon Matron Devoran (Lill Smith) and Ellen Ryan (Chris Millowick) who were off to visit some friends, so they invited us to accompany them. They also called up a couple of lantern bearers to guide our way. Along the way we happened upon Eileen Fitzer who was visiting her grandfather Ned Tuckwell. Eileen very kindly invited to stop by and have a chat. We continued our leisurely stroll guided by our lantern bearers when all of a sudden John George Knight (Peter Forrest) popped up and wanted to know why we were disturbing his rest. We were a bit worried for a while, as he was known for his 'nature walks'. Fortunately he was wearing a cloak and a splendid top hat. We proceeded along our way and Bob Crush (Ted Warren) suddenly appeared in his rather dashing outfit. After chatting with Bob we headed back to the gate for a dose of reality.

Gardens Cemetery was a stroll back through time led by Pearl Ogden who talked about the history of the Gardens cemetery and its inhabitants.

Barbara James Memorial Lecture: Rediscovering our Natural Heritage

This year Graeme Sawyer gave the Memorial Lecture. Graeme spoke about our lost and rediscovered natural heritage and what we have lost to toads and what has survived and thrived.

Mystery Heritage Bus Tour

Our history mystery bus tour left from the 1934 Qantas Empire Airways hangar at Parap. Peter Poole took us on a journey thru the hidden treasures of the City's past. After the tour there was a tour of the Qantas Hangar and a sausage sizzle.

Heritage Debate: Your Heritage is more important than their Development.

Moderator, Charlie King led a group of six people. Three of whom wanted to save our beautiful heritage and three of whom who wanted to build a sparkling new car park on our dank and dusty heritage buildings. There was lots of boos and hisses from the audience and we are pleased to report the Heritage won the day over Development.

Talc Head Picnic

The Tumblaren pearling lugger sailed over to Talc Head for a picnic and a stroll along the beach. A very relaxing afternoon.

Heritage Walk – Waterfront

Our walk began at the Steam Pump House – Trevor Horman gave a talk on the history and heritage of the old building and its survival. From there we walked across the sea wall and Colin Beard gave a talk about the original Darwin wharf. Then we strolled across to Goyder Park where Trevor Menzies spoke about the Goyder Park and its origins and its restoration. Colin Beard talked about Stokes Hill wharf and the Oil Fuel tunnels. We walked up Travellers Walk to the former Stella Maris house, which was the former Road Masters House. Trevor Horman gave us a talk on the history of the site.

Celebration of Heritage – Rediscovering Myilly Point.

Once a year during heritage week Myilly Point Heritage Precinct is open to the public. All four houses, Burnett, Mines, Audit and Magistrates were open for viewing. Many people took advantage of this opportunity to stroll through all four houses and learn about their history and how they survived wars and cyclones. There was a bookshop, fudge stall, bar and BBQ. We even had a bicycle that you pedalled

and made your own smoothie. Jan Hills ran this stall and was busy all night cutting up fruit for the smoothies. We had games of snakes and ladders for the kids and chess for the grownups. After nightfall we were entertained by the Blues Brothers Revival band. They drew a big crowd and everyone was up showing off their dancing skills.

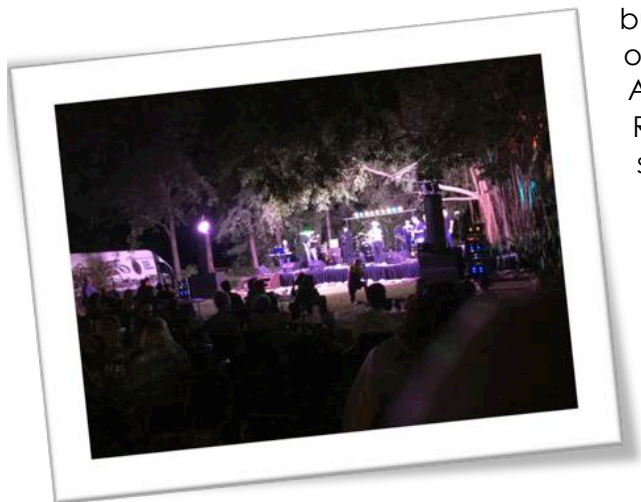


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Government House Reception

His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Patron of the National Trust and Mrs Marie Hardy invited the volunteers of the National Trust to a reception at Government House as a thank you for their dedicated services. Trevor Horman, President of the national Trust, welcomed volunteers and thanked them for choosing to volunteer with the Trust. His Honour also thanked the volunteers for all their hard work. We all enjoyed a lovely evening at Government House. Watching the sun go down from the verandah of Government House is always special as is their delicious finger food.

Burnett House gets a Facelift for Heritage Week

Thanks to a Heritage Grant it was possible to complete the next stage of external works scheduled for Burnett House.

In December 2015 the guttering and downpipes were cleaned, repaired or replaced, the house was vermin proofed and Stage 1 of the laundry refurbishment was carried out. This involved removing the broken air conditioner unit and water heater and installing a new under sink water heater in the kitchen. A fan was installed in the laundry to improve working conditions for the Sunday afternoon volunteers.

The latest round of improvements in April saw the outside repainted by NT Total Maintenance who also replaced the damaged ground floor fly screens with a heavy-duty mesh. This work was finished in time for Heritage Week.

