

# 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.*



NATIONAL TRUST  
**AUSTRALIAN  
HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

It is almost that time of year again and our volunteers are working tirelessly to finalise events across the Territory region.

Darwin region events will get underway from the 18<sup>th</sup> of April and run through until the first week of May.

Alice Springs region events are scheduled from the 21<sup>st</sup> April through to the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

More information will be made available closer to the dates or alternatively, you can follow us on Facebook for all festival related updates.

Do you want to host your own event as a part of this year's Heritage Festival? If yes, please visit [www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/nt/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/nt/) to upload your event today!

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### McDouall Stuart Branch Stage 2 scanning project grant:

The McDouall Stuart Branch would like to thank The Minister for Arts and Museums who has approved a further grant for the digitizing of Alice Springs heritage material. This grant assists with the digitizing of photos, slides and negatives and the original Alice Springs Higher Primary admission registers from 1930-1965 through the Regional Museum Grant Support Program. When completed these registers will be placed on the National Trust NT page of the National Trust Australia website. This adds to the digitization of the material in the Branch Library already completed.

Due to unforeseen delays, the Hartley Street School Museum will reopen to the public on Monday 13 March 2017.

### Larrakeyah Branch is back in full swing:

After a short break to give our hardworking volunteers a break, Burnett House is once again open to the public to view Monday to Saturday from 10am til 1pm.

Afternoon Tea at Burnett House gardens has also recommenced and is serving from 3pm to 5pm every Sunday.

We had a full house on our first Afternoon Tea help on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February and invite you to come along and help us raise funds to maintain our Heritage properties!

A special thank you to Joyce Morrison, Helen Bate and Judy Richardson who worked hard to give Burnett House a spring clean ready for opening on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017.



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#### MEMBERSHIP 2017

	1 year	3 years
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Individual	\$65.00	\$195.00
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Household	\$95.00	\$285.00
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Senior	\$58.50	\$175.50
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Senior Household	\$85.50	\$256.50
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Pensioner	\$52.00	\$156.00
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Pensioner Household	\$76.00	\$228.00
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Joining fee	\$35.00	
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*Membership is open to everyone.*

## GOYDER'S DAY 2017

Despite the threat of heavy monsoonal rain about 40 persons attended the Goyder's Day 2017 commemoration on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at the Roadmasters House Museum.

National Trust Northern Territory President Trevor Horman opened the proceedings with an outline of the significance of the Goyder's Day. He explained that George Woodroffe Goyder arrived in Port Darwin on 5 February 1869 in charge of 130 personnel to survey land to establish a settlement that subsequently has evolved into the City of Darwin. Trevor gave an insight into the character of Goyder who served as Surveyor-General of South Australia for 32 years where he was highly regarded as an inspiring leader and able public servant.



Roadmasters House Museum Manager/Curator Trevor Menzies followed with a talk on how the survey was carried out and what was achieved. Over a 7-month period the expedition surveyed some 2,500 lots in 4 townsites and some 2,200 rural sections over an area of 2,600 square kilometres. He said that it was an incredible achievement given that the job was completed in such a short time over unknown territory and under pretty harsh conditions. He added that even today with GPS, electronic measuring equipment, chain saws and 4WD vehicles the feat would be regarded as a real achievement. Trevor advised the audience that the museum upstairs had a good display of maps, photos and instruments relating to the Goyder survey expedition.

In introducing Sarah from the Top End Native Plants Society, Trevor Menzies said that the expedition was not entirely about surveying. Sarah informed the audience that the expedition party included naturalists Alfred and Frederick Schultze who collected and identified many specimens of the local flora and fauna. Surgeon's assistant William Webster Hoare who was a talented artist assisted the Schultzes in documenting their collection. Hoare made watercolour sketches of the specimens, and the Top End Native Plants Society holds prints of these. Many of the prints were on display at the museum, which created quite a bit of interest from the audience.



Getting comfortable on the walls at Roadmasters House



Underneath Roadmasters House listening to Speakers

The program of activities for the day was supposed to conclude with a guided walk from Roadmasters House to Goyder Park in the Waterfront Precinct. Goyder Park was opened on Goyder's Day 2016 and commemorates the site of the Goyder's main base camp that subsequently became the first permanent settlement on Port Darwin. Unfortunately the rain intervened so the walk had to be cancelled. This gave the audience more time to enjoy the refreshments and inspect the museum.

Despite the inclement weather that affected the numbers and the program, the 2017 event was another successful and enjoyable Goyder's Day commemoration hosted by the National Trust Northern Territory.

## Roadmasters House Museum Brochure...

Roadmasters House Museum is now officially open to the public for 2017 and has a new brochure which, can be found onsite and from the Trust Office.

### Roadmasters House Museum Opening Hours:

Sunday	10am – 1pm
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10am – 1pm
Wednesday	10am – 1pm
Thursday	10am – 1pm
Friday	10am – 1pm
Saturday	CLOSED





## Special Dates & Events of Local Interest...

The NT Governance Summit is being run by CDU School of Law at the Darwin Waterfront campus, over two days:

**Thursday 23 & Friday 24 of February 2017.**

The School of Law believes this summit is especially relevant to long-term residents and therefore invites National Trust members' involvement.

Admission is free and the format allows for lots of audience participation.

Both morning and afternoon tea will also be provided free of charge.

For more information, please visit the summit website;

[www.cdu.edu.au/conference/gov-summit/](http://www.cdu.edu.au/conference/gov-summit/)

Or contact Ken Parish on **8946 6842** for any further enquiries.

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- Which aspects of NT self-government work well and which don't? How can it be improved?
- Speakers include former Chief Ministers Marshall Perron, Steve Hatton, Clare Martin and Terry Mills, ABC political analyst Antony Green, current NT Speaker Kezia Purick, plus academics, journalists & businesspeople.
- Audience participation discussion format like ABC TV Q and A.
- Admission, morning and afternoon tea free.

**Summit venue:** CDU Darwin Waterfront: 21 Kitchener Drive, Darwin

**Dates:** Thursday & Friday 23-24 February 2017 (full day)

**Website:** <http://www.cdu.edu.au/conference/gov-summit/>

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