# 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.





### Australian Government



#### Registrations now open

The Australian Heritage Festival is supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Trusts Partnership Program.

Every April and May thousands of event organisers and volunteers across Australia manage over 1,400 events to celebrate our fantastic heritage, history and culture.

Please join us and get involved for what will be an amazing celebration of all things heritage.

Events are now 'live' on the website and on our social media channels – so the sooner you register and get approved the sooner people will know about your event.

Some States have additional event organiser information and requirements so please explore "Festival Near Me" before registering to find your relevant local state information.

#### www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/nt

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# **Darwin Region**

18 – 29 April 2017

Car Rally ★ Open Houses ★ Heritage Debate ★ Ghost Walk ★ Quiz Night ★ Heritage Walks & Tours ★ Barbara James Memorial Lecture

# **Alice Springs Region**

21 – 30 April 2017

Art Exhibitions ★ Open Days & markets ★ Historical Play ★ Heritage Tours ★ Doreen Braitling Memorial Lecture ★ and more!

# **Katherine Region**

22 April 2017 (Proposed date only)

 $\star$  Heritage Driving Tour  $\star$ 



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MEMBERSHIP 2017		
	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**

Katherine Branch remains fairly quiet at this time of year, as O'Keeffe House has to be packed up in case flooding occurs.

So far this year the Katherine River rose to close to fifteen meters causing our caretakers some concern as the waters crept up the river bank at the rear of the house.

Following the heavy rainfall O'Keeffe garden is looking very lush but the weeds are also thriving and many of the plants will require pruning to have the property open for functions and visitors in coming months.

Elizabeth visited in January and met with some of our members for lunch before visiting O'Keeffe House and the 1926 Railway Station to discuss what is needed to keep the properties in good repair.

The back portion of the house has considerable termite damage and will need major restoration work and it is hoped that funding can be obtained to carry out that work.

The installation of a toilet at the 1926 Railway Station was also on the wish list but unfortunately, due to the inability to connect to the sewerage system at that property that idea had to be scrapped.

Two events are on the agenda during the next couple of months. The first will be an Easter craft and games event for children.

This will take place on Saturday 8th April at 9 am and mothers and carers will be able to enjoy morning tea in the garden while the children play Easter related games and construct a variety of Easter themed craft items.

Katherine Senior Citizens have requested to have morning tea in the garden in May so they will be most welcome. We will also look forward to visits from more school groups this year and would like to keep both properties open on a more regular basis if enough volunteers are able to spare a day or so each week.



# Larrakeyah Branch News



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#### Nursing in the Bush

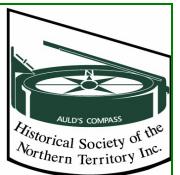
The New Year opened well with our first joint Larrakeyah Branch National Trust/Historical Society NT talk on Friday 24th February with Janie Mason talking of her experiences as a beginning bush nurse.

Living, learning and practicing in Batchelor Township of 1964 brought many surprises for her. She also had to learn to live in a mining company town, as Batchelor was the living area for the Rum Jungle uranium mine. She found that her status was often defined as wife of her husband. Her stories of life in Batchelor and some Hospital stories were lively and entertaining.

The talk went well despite necessary support being less than usual due to regulars being away or not well. Anna Harris managed the food and drinks, setup, collection of money at the door and Janie Mason managed the technology set-up.



## LARRAKEYAH BRANCH NATIONAL TRUST HISTORICAL SOCIETY NT



Friday night talk 24<sup>th</sup> March @ Burnett House



Raising the flag in Darwin on 2 January 1911 when the Commonwealth formally took over the Northern Territory. [NT Library PH0298/0014]

# Speaker: Kathy de la Rue Personalities and Power-plays

A glimpse into the conflicts within the white community of Darwin in the Commonwealth years - some of the stories from Kathie's forthcoming book of this "Stubborn City"

Join us under the verandah at 4 Burnett Place, Myilly Point, with drinks and finger food at 5.30pm before the talk at 6pm & after the talk at 7pm

Entry: \$2 members, \$5 non-members - \$5 food & drinks Telephone enquiries to Julie: 8946 6835 BH, 8927 9459 AH PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE: IS A MATTER OF TRUST

