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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.



No better time to join than NOW!

We recently waived our joining fee fortifying the National Trust NT's remarkably competitive membership rates!



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The new council was elected on 17 July 2017 comprising of:

Mr. Trevor Horman AM;
Dr. William (Bill) Low;
Mr. Colin Beard

Along with Branch Councillors:

Ms. Janet Webber;
Ms. Merriel Lawrie;
Ms. Lillian Smith.

Office Bearers will be elected at the first council meeting on 12 August 2017.

PATRON
His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM
Administrator of the Northern Territory

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

BRANCH COUCELLORS

GULF
LARRAKEYAH
McDOUALL STUART
KATHERINE

GENERAL COUNCILLORS

MEMBERSHIP 2017

1 year

3 years

Individual

\$65.00

\$176.00

Household

\$95.00

\$257.00

Senior

\$60.00

\$162.00

Senior Household

\$85.00

\$230.00

Concession

\$45.00

\$122.00

Concession Household

\$75.00

\$203.00

The National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) is a community organisation, which seeks to conserve the Territory's heritage.

Membership is open to everyone.

The Friends of Audit House presents...

**ENTERTAINMENT IN THE HOUSE SERIES:
ARAFURA ENSEMBLE IN THE
LOUVERED LOUNGE**

Tickets \$20.00 ea. From TryBooking.com

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2017, 5:30PM AT AUDIT HOUSE, MYILLY POINT HERITAGE PRECINCT



The performance will be held in Audit House and numbers are limited to 50 so we advise booking early to avoid disappointment.

Your ticket includes a complimentary glass of wine or a soft drink after the performance, served under the house.

This performance concludes the series of concerts arranged by
The Friends of Audit House.

For further information, please contact
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Branch News from Larrakeyah

Sunday afternoon tea at Burnett House (a National Trust property) has become something of a "must do" event in Darwin, especially in the Dry Season.

The setting is delightful, sitting out on the lawns in the shade, surrounded by tropical gardens.



Anna (the energetic volunteer who runs Burnett House and the afternoon teas) bakes the scones and cakes on the premises and they are delicious!

People love it and, when it's really busy, customers will wait patiently for a seat. This often leads to people being seated at tables already partly occupied, providing a friendly atmosphere where visitors can meet other people.

With the help of Anna's personal efforts and the volunteers who come to help, the afternoon tea trade provides a valuable income for the Trust.

It seems to be an excellent example of what can be done when people are willing to give their time and efforts to make a project work in an enjoyable way.



Branch News from Katherine

July has been a very busy month in Katherine with many visitors in town and the Katherine Show taking place. Most of our members entered exhibits and took away prizes. At almost 92 years Ted Hart is to be commended on his continued efforts in agriculture and his wife Bess for her many entries in the cookery section.

Neila won a first prize with her beautifully knitted Nativity scene and Peggy, and Merriel exhibited some of their horticultural efforts and even in their absence overseas the Hills had entries entered on their behalf.

Unfortunately branch members here have been unable to keep both National Trust properties open on a regular basis to take advantage of the presence of the tourists in town. The garden at O'Keeffe House has been looking really beautiful with lawns neatly mown by the caretakers and many plants in full bloom.

On Tuesday August 1st a group of school children from Darwin will visit both properties so we look forward to welcoming them and their teachers.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 5th August at 11am in the pavilion and will be followed by our monthly meeting.

O'Keeffe Pavilion will be the venue for our next function on the weekend of the 19th and 20th of August.

"Organic Forms" will be an exhibition of art works by Gillian Banks and pottery by Danny Murphy.

The outstanding works of these two artists is certainly not to be missed. Devonshire Teas will be served in the garden and our annual pot plant sale will take place and members will also have local crafts on sale.



Branch News from McDouall Stuart

Annual General Meeting

The AGM for the McDouall Stuart Branch will be held on Sunday August 20th at 2pm.

Nomination forms are available if you would like to be part of the branch committee for 2017/2018. Please email mcds.ntnt@internode.on.net if you would like a form or call 0408 793 868.

The branch is looking for new committee members and would love to have some more volunteers to help keep the Hartley Street School and Stuart Town Gaol open to visitors. So, come along and help the National Trust keep the heritage of Alice Springs available to the community and visitors.

Espie Family Event held at Hartley Street School to honour a past student.

An event was held at Hartley Street School on July 29th to honour Bill Espie a former student of the school. Mr Espie, the son of Western Arrernte woman Edith Espie, was born on June 25, 1935. He attended the school in the early 1940's and completed his schooling in Adelaide.

Mr Espie returned to Alice Springs in 1953 and worked as a fitter and turner for the Department of Roads. It is noted that he was the driver of the crane that put the original stone on John Flynn's memorial. He joined the Australia Army in 1955 and the NSW Police Force in 1961 and went on to have a distinguished career and received various awards. He joined the Alice Springs Police Force where he was Chief Inspector.

The event went very well with about 80 people present including many interstate visitors, Espie family members and serving and retired police from NSW. Bill Low welcomed everyone and a retired NSW commissioner; Ken Moroney spoke of Bill Espie's service in the Police Force that was quite remarkable, including 3 commendations for bravery. The NT force was represented by 2 senior officers, Michael White and Michael Potts, who spoke, and Peter Croucher who gave an excellent talk on his memories of working with Bill Espie. A book has been produced of the records and achievements of Bill Espie, which will be kept in the Hartley Street Library. The family arranged an excellent lunch for those who came to the event.



With an honour board recognising the service of Mr William Leonard Espie, Chief Inspector, NSW Police Force (Rtd), 25/6/1936 – 22/9/2011, that will be displayed in the Alice Springs Police Station.

PICTURE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Acting Commander Michael White, NT Police; Senior Sergeant Michael Potts, NT Police and; Chief Inspector Brian Tracey, NSW Police



Time to get busy with marmalade

The National Trust is challenging thousands of home-made and artisan marmalade makers in Australia's suburbs and country towns to get busy in the kitchen and mark their mark in the national marmalade awards.

Last year marmalade makers responded enthusiastically to the first Australian Marmalade Awards and a chance for a winning recipe to be reproduced by Beerenberg an iconic Australian producer of jams and condiments and sold commercially.

Staged by the National Trust of South Australia in partnership with The World's Original Marmalade Awards in England, the Australian Marmalade Awards comprise a preserve making competition and festival celebrating all things marmalade.

Since 2005, the international awards have been held at Jane Hasell-McCosh's historic home (Dalemain Estate) in Cumbria, England, attracting huge crowds and raising significant funds for charity.

This year an Australian, Dr Lachlan Shackleton-Fergus from the Yarra Valley in Victoria, went on to win the top award in the 2017 World's Original Marmalade Competition and Festival in England for his grapefruit with a 'hint of honey' marmalade. As the overall supreme marmalade maker he has won a contract with the famous Fortnum & Mason store to stock his marmalade.

Australian marmalades are now officially recognised as world class. The hunt is on in this year's Australian awards to find another Australian champion who can take on the Brits on their own turf and give us back-to-back to world titles.

We know from last year's Australian competition that marmalade ingredients can include anything from whisky to ginger, although the purists still concentrate the traditional ingredient, Seville oranges. Last year, there was even success for a Pina Colada marmalade.

Entries for 2017 are open until 28 August, with separate categories for home cooks and artisan small producers.

The winners will be announced at the second Australian Marmalade Festival to be held in the home of Australian citrus, at Renmark in the South Australian Riverland, on Sunday 3 September.

It's the first such festival to be held outside England, and last year attracted more than 300 people.

More information about the competition and awards

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/marmalade/>

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