

# 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 appoints acting director



We're excited to welcome Tim Dixon as our acting director. Tim brings a wealth of experience to the role public policy and law including heritage issues, planning issues and commercial property management. Before joining us, Tim held senior roles in the Northern Territory Government, providing advice on lands, planning and heritage issues. He's also a qualified lawyer and archaeologist. He wants to get around the Territory to meet and speak with all the members, so please everyone give him a warm welcome.

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Dear Members,

Thank you very much for the kind welcome everyone has given me over the past week. I feel very lucky to have the opportunity to be serving as the acting director while Elizabeth is on long service leave.

So far, I have been overwhelmed with the hard work, dedication, and passion of the volunteers and members I have met. Every day, I've learnt more about our Territory heritage, and more about our organisation which protects and champions that heritage.

Every organisation should be constantly seeking to improve how we do things. In Audit House, we will be looking at ways to improve how we can be an assistance to members and to branches, and how we can all collectively fulfil our mission.

I'm keen to meet as many members and attend as many branch meetings as possible to hear people's views directly. Please feel free to contact Audit House if you want to speak to me directly or send any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Regards,  
Tim Dixon  
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PATRON		MEMBERSHIP 2017	
Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM Administrator of the Northern Territory		1 year	3 years
PRESIDENT Mr. Trevor Horman AM	Individual	\$65.00	\$176.00
	Household	\$95.00	\$257.00
VICE PRESIDENT Vacant	Senior	\$60.00	\$162.00
	Senior Household	\$85.00	\$230.00
TREASURER Mr. Colin Beard	Concession	\$45.00	\$122.00
	Concession Household	\$75.00	\$203.00
BRANCH COUNCILLORS GULF - Ms. Janet Leather LARRAKEYAH - Ms. Lillian Smith McDOUALL STUART - Mr. Phil Walcott KATHERINE - Mrs. Stephanie Hill		<i>The National Trust of Australia (Northern Territory) is a community organisation, which seeks to conserve the Territory's heritage.</i>	
GENERAL COUNCILLORS Dr. William Low Mrs. Claire Kilgariff		<i>Membership is open to everyone.</i>	

## Roadmaster's House Museum – Goyders Day 2018

Despite the inclement weather about 25 enthusiasts made it to Roadmasters House Museum on Monday 5th February to commemorate the 149th anniversary of the foundation of Darwin.

National Trust NT President Trevor Horman commenced proceedings by welcoming visitors and outlining the significance of the occasion. Museum Curator Trevor Menzies followed up by recounting the achievements of the Northern Territory Survey Expedition in surveying land that has evolved into the City of Darwin and beyond.

The Expedition comprised about 130 personnel and was led by South Australia's Surveyor-General George Goyder. They arrived in Port Darwin on 5th February 1869 on the ship Moonta after a six-week voyage from Adelaide. A base camp was set up at Fort Point near the present intersection of Hughes Avenue and Kitchener Drive at the Darwin Waterfront.

From here, twelve survey parties ventured into the hinterland to peg 2,200 rural sections and 2,500 lots in the townships of Palmerston (now Darwin), Virginia, Southport and Daly. The extent of the area surveyed is now covered by the municipalities of Darwin, Palmerston, Litchfield and part of Goyder.

The work was completed in 7 months which was an incredible achievement given that they were working in unknown country under very harsh conditions. The names of the surveyors are commemorated in the street names in Darwin's CBD – Mitchell, Smith, Woods, McMinn, Knuckey, Daly, Harvey and McLachlan and the draftsman Bennett.

The Museum's collection of maps, photographs and surveying instruments from the era were on display for the event.

But the achievements of the Expedition were not just about the land survey. Sarah Hirst from the Top End Native Plants Society (TENPS) outlined the botanical work undertaken by naturalists Frederick and Alfred Schultze, and artist William Hoare. Sarah said that Hoare was employed as the surgeon's assistant, but his artistic talents were demonstrated in his illustrations of plants, animals and the landscape. Some of Hoare's fine illustrations of the plants collected by the naturalists were on display.



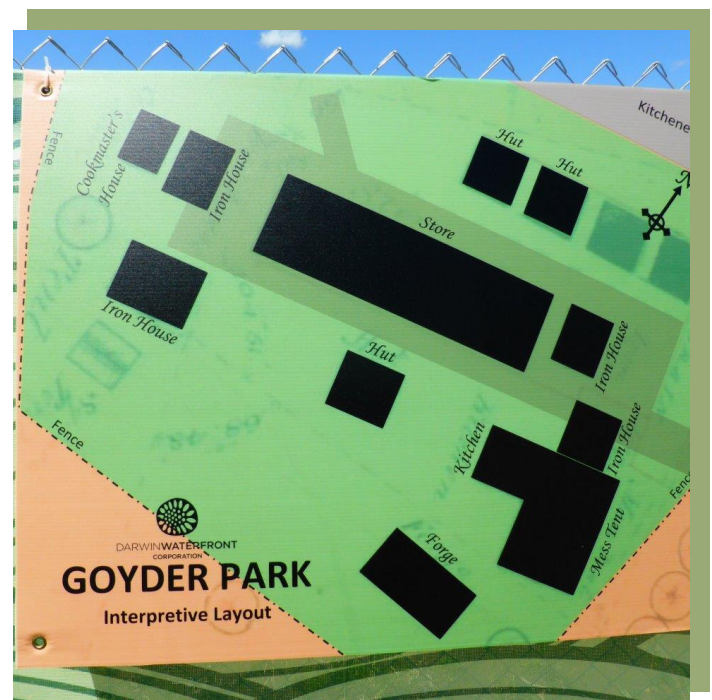


The final activity in the program was a walk from Roadmasters House to Goyder Park which is on the site of the original base camp. The heavy rain that persisted at the start of the event had moderated to a drizzle so a small group with umbrellas were keen to take part. The walk included stops at historic sites along the way including Travellers Walk, the site of old Chinatown, and Darwin's first road (Hughes Avenue). The final stop before arriving at the Park was at the memorial on Hughes Avenue unveiled in 1969 by Goyder's granddaughter Margaret Goyder Kerr to commemorate the centenary of Darwin.

Goyder Park was established as part of the Darwin Waterfront development and opened on Goyders Day 2015. It contains several timber structures that are in the same position as some of the original buildings. The layout and nature of these buildings is shown on a plan displayed at the site.

Six timber pillars around the site contain photographs, maps and text that recount various aspects of the achievements and the experiences of the Expedition. These are displayed under the themes of "Setting Up Camp", "Daily Life", "Surveying the Hinterland", "The Larrakia" and "A Job Well Done".

Goyder's Day 2019 will commemorate the 150th anniversary so consideration is being given for a major event next year. It would be most appropriate to hold the event at Goyder Park, but experience has shown that there is a good chance of rain in the afternoon/evening of 5th February. Maybe a large marquee erected over the park could be a solution.





## Branch News – Katherine Region

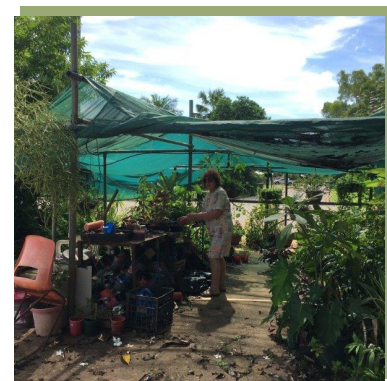
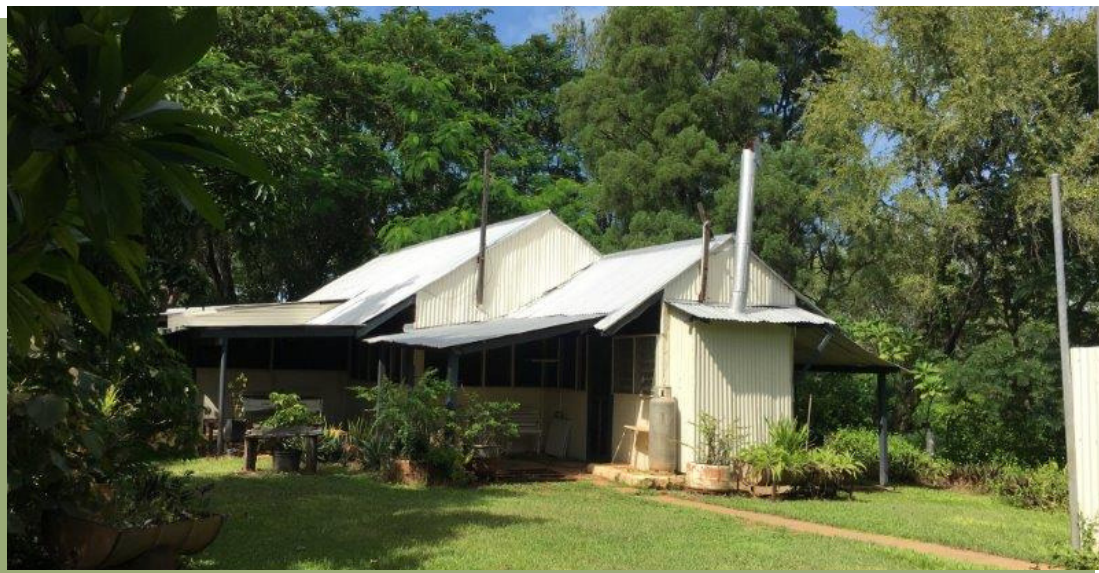
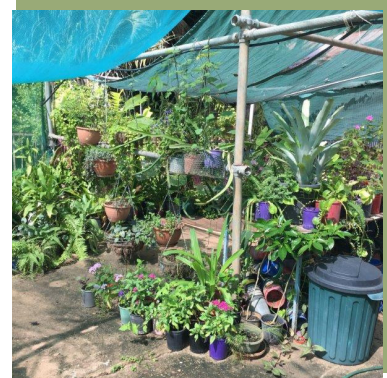
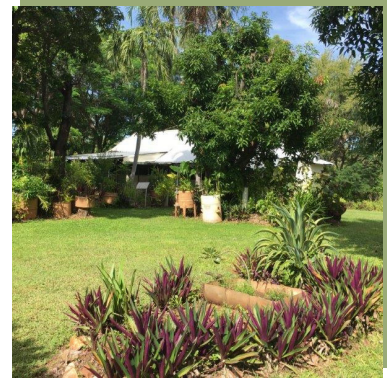
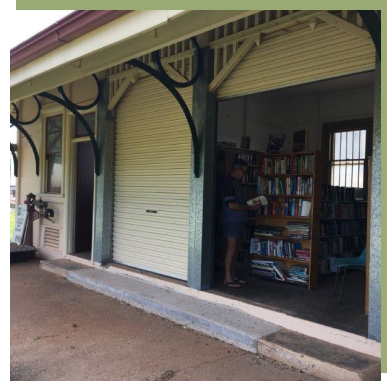
Over the last 3 months, Katherine Branch has been to maintain tidiness of lawns and gardens at both O’Keeffe House and the Old Railway Station.

There has been sufficient rain not to have to water our gardens so we are looking forward to a much-reduced water bill.

Plans are underway for the April Heritage Week celebrations so the month of March will be busy for our small committee.

We have been advised that the grant money to repair white ant damage to O’Keeffe House is in hand. Unfortunately, it has taken so long (over a year) for the money to be confirmed, the chosen builder is now too busy to fit us in within the allotted time so we will be seeking an extension of final completion date for this grant.

We are looking forward to a busy dry season and wish all NT Branches a successful and productive 2018.



# Upcoming EVENTS

## NOTICES + ADVERTISEMENTS



### AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

18th April – 20th May 2018

We'd love you to join us. The Australian Heritage Festival is an inclusive event, encouraging different interpretations of heritage and culture around the country.

Registrations are open until the end of March 2018, however, the events will go live in February so best register your event as soon as possible to gain maximum exposure.

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### Notice from Roadmaster's House Museum

Roadmaster's House Museum at 1 McMinn Street, Darwin will be CLOSED on Sunday 25 February 2018 due to a planned power outage as notified by Power & Water.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

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