



National Trust

Northern Territory

2019 Annual Report



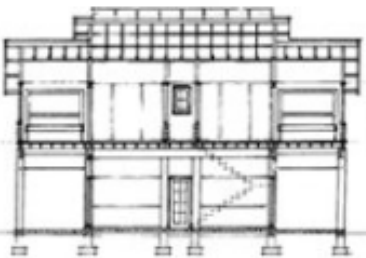
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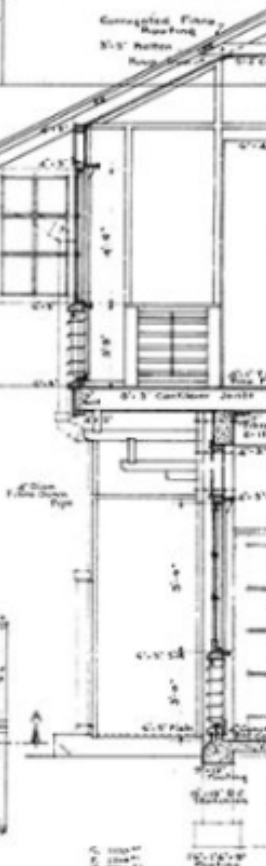
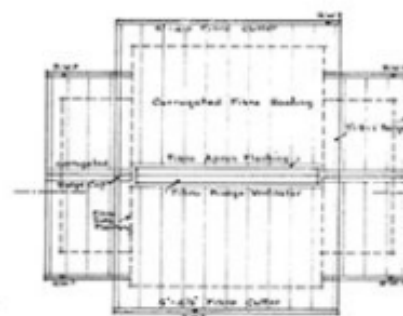
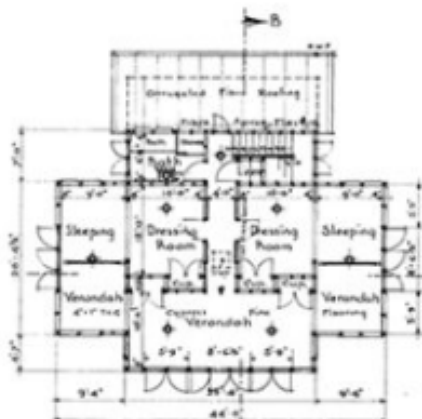
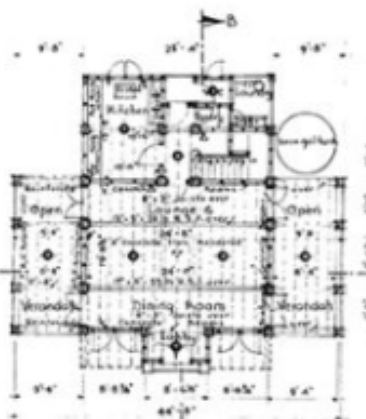
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The National Trust of Australia (NT) acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout the Northern Territory and recognize their continuing connection to land, water and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Background

The National Trust of Australia (NT) is a non-for-profit corporate entity, incorporated by the National Trust (Northern Territory) Act 1976. In accordance with legislation, the purposes of the Trust is:

- the preservation and maintenance, for the benefit of the people of Australia, of lands and buildings of beauty or historic, scientific, artistic, or architectural interest and, in respect of lands, the preservation (as far as practicable) of their natural aspect, features and animal and plant life;
- the protection and augmentation of the amenities of such lands and buildings and their surroundings;
- the preservation of furniture and pictures and chattels of national, historic, artistic or scientific interest;
- the access to and enjoyment of such lands, buildings and chattels by the public; and
- the co-operation with any corporation, body or society, either within or outside the Territory, having objects wholly or substantially similar to the objects of the Trust.

The National Trust of Australia (NT) manages several properties across the Northern Territory which is used to raise funds for ongoing maintenance of properties and/or furthering the purposes of the Trust. While these properties are what the Trust is most well-known for, the organisation has served the Territory by collecting and creating archives, registers of significant places and vegetation as well as partnering with other Government Agencies and non-for-profits to deliver outcomes inline with its purposes.

This annual report serves as an overview of activities undertaken by the National Trust of Australia (NT) during the 2019 calendar year.

President's Report

It's a great pleasure for me to introduce the National Trust of Australia (NT)'s Annual Report for the 2019 calendar year.

2019 was an extremely important year for the Trust, for the first time in over twenty years we saw the reopening of a Branch as we welcome back of the Tennant Creek Branch with a new committee of keen and enthusiastic volunteers. This has been part of a major ongoing initiative of the National Trust to identify how better we could support our members and regional Branches and in turn increase community membership. Part of this had been to identify what was lacking or in a substandard condition. It was noted that there was a lack of amenities or facilities that existed were in some cases in very poor condition or total unusable.

To remedy this the Trust has actively been seeking Grants to upgrade facilities at Borroloola, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Darwin and Pine Creek.

As always, we are filled with gratitude to two groups, without which the National Trust wouldn't function: the first to all our wonderful volunteers across the Territory who open and clean houses, bake cakes, organize speakers, do gardening, repair and maintain properties. They also organize, events, fund-raisers and lovingly care for our historic buildings and properties across the Territory without much fanfare and scant recognition. The second thank you is to the Northern Territory Government who provide us with funds to keep us going operationally and for repairs and maintenance through their Heritage and Community Benefit Grants. Local regional Councils and the MRM Community Benefit Trusts have also contributed allowing us to maintain and improve our facilities.

This funding support enabled the Trust to start work at Borroloola Old Police Station, Katherine Old railway Station, Pine Creek Railway Station and Repeater Station, Darwin – Road Masters House

I would like the reader to note a few key facts about the National Trust of Australia (NT):

- The National Trust manages the most heritage properties in the Northern Territory outside government.
- The National Trust leverages more than 14,000 volunteer-hours each year to keep our properties open.
- The National Trust is the largest manager of regional museums in the Northern Territory.
- The National Trust manages tourist attractions in Darwin, Pine Creek, Katherine, Borroloola, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.
- The National Trust has been leading heritage efforts in the Territory since 1958.

- The National Trust is part of a world-wide movement to conserve our heritage.

There is no comparable organization close to the National Trust in terms of scale, and all this is done with the tireless efforts of our wonderful volunteers.

As long as we can continue to attract a high calibre of volunteers – ordinary Territorians who are passionate about our local heritage – we are confident that our future is bright and the National Trust will continue with its mission to promote and protect our heritage.

The Late Trevor Horman AM was our Trust President for over four Terms (12 years) and in late October 2019 he passed away.

On the 23rd of November a large contingent of approximately 150 people consisting of friends, family and colleagues, gathered at Adelaide River Railway Heritage Precinct to celebrate the life of Trevor Horman OAM. Trevor had worked as an engineer with the NT Power and Water Authority and through all of the various departmental changes and identities since the late 1960's. The depth and breadth of Trevor's involvement with the Darwin Community became evident with the diversity and number of speakers gathered to pay tribute to the contribution of Trevor as Chair of the Course Advisory Group of Electronics Engineering at CDU, to motor sports, National Trust, Engineering and of course to his passion of the last twenty years or so the Adelaide River Railway Heritage Precinct. Trevor was a tireless worker with a consuming passion for projects which he became involved in. This sometimes led him into conflict with hierarchy when a project became bogged down in red tape. He will always be remembered for his positive can do attitude and will be sorely missed by all who worked with him. Trevor we salute you

Janet Leather
Vice President became the AC President



Properties

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Audit House

Designed by Beni Burnett, this B Type House was erected in 1938. Substantial damage was suffered during Cyclone Tracey and the interior of the property has been modified. Located at 2 Burnett Place, Larrakeyah this property serves primarily as the headquarters and administration centre of the National Trust of Australia (NT). This office is staffed part-time by an Office Manager and a Director.

This property was not open to the public in 2019.

Burnett House

Arguably the most well-known of the National Trust's properties in Darwin, Burnett House is located at 4 Burnett Place, Larrakeyah. Designed by Beni Burnett and built in 1938 it is a type K house.

This property is opened and manned by volunteers throughout the year from 10am – 2pm, Monday – Saturday. In 2019 3,418 visitors toured Burnett House. Numerous fundraising events such as afternoon teas are held in Burnett House grounds to raise funds for the Larrakeyah Branch of the Trust.

Mines House

Mines House is located at 6 Burnett Place, Larrakeyah. Constructed in 1939 the property is a type “E” Burnett House. It is currently commercially leased, with garden maintenance undertaken by Larrakeyah Branch volunteers.

Magistrates House

Located at 2 Kahlin Drive, Larrakeyah. Magistrates House is also a type “E” Burnett House. It is currently commercially leased, with garden maintenance undertaken by Larrakeyah Branch volunteers.

Stahl Block

This property is a vacant land lot located at 4 Kahlin Drive, Larrakeyah. The former dwelling located on the allotment was lost as a result of Cyclone Tracey. The footprint of the dwelling has been recreated using stone pavers, providing a multipurpose hard standing area which can be used for events. Power has also been provided to the allotment, with lights and power outlets allowing for numerous uses to take place.

Roadmasters House

Constructed in the 1920s, this building is one of the only examples left of a pre-war house with a slatted/lattice verandah. It served as the headquarters of the North Australian Railway until 1976, then as a part of the Stella Maris seafarer's recreation facilities managed by the Catholic Church. The National Trust has managed the

property since 2005 when it secured a lease of the site from the NT Government. It functions today as a museum facility of George Goyder's survey of Darwin with associated information and equipment on display. Located at 1 McMinn Street, Darwin, this property was open 10am - 1pm five days a week and recorded 778 visitors in 2019.

Pine Creek Railway Precinct

This property includes several built structures including the railway station, goods shed, employee residence and water tank. As the terminus of the North Australian Railway, this station was a focal point of the development and economy of Pine Creek. The precinct was opened during the Dry Season, seven days a week from 10am to 1pm. Total number of visitors were not recorded.

Pine Creek Museum

Originally the Mining Warden's office in Burrundie, this prefabricated building was relocated to Pine Creek in 1913. Over the years it has been a hospital as well as a repeater station for the overland telegraph.

The National Trust has established a mining museum inside and Victoria Daly Regional Council operates a library from the same facility. During the Dry Season the museum was opened and attended 10am – 4pm and recorded 80 visitors.

Old Katherine Railway

Built in 1926 this building is of a similar style to other town railway stations across Australia but is unique in the Northern Territory. During the Second World War, the headquarters of the North Australian Railway was briefly located here.

Today, the property is managed by the Katherine Branch of the National Trust. A second-hand book shop is operated from the premises year-round on Mondays and Tuesdays.

O'Keefe House

Originally an army recreation hut built in 1942, this property is one of the few surviving structures in Katherine which were built during the war. A Sidney Williams Hut is also located on site. This property stores the bulk of the National Trust's furniture collection and is one of our only properties curated as a museum in this sense.

Open during the Dry Season, O'Keefe House recorded 975 visitors and held nine events in 2019.

Old Borroloola Police Station

The Borroloola Police station is one of the oldest surviving buildings in the Northern Territory having been built in 1887, with additions made over time. The police station operated from 1887-1947, with uses since including a health clinic, welfare depot, education and accommodation. The property is open year-round, with visitors able to collect keys from the local post office. In 2019, approximately 500 visitors were recorded.

Jones Store

Originally built in 1935, this building has been a store, bakery, butcher's shop, petrol station and saddlery. The Jones Store is a museum with displays depicting life of the outback drover and generally life in the Newcastle Waters area. There is also some reference to air travel in eth area.

The property is unattended, visitors can come and go as they please.

Tuxworth Fullwood House

The last remaining building associated with the original Tennant Creek Hospital; this property was originally an extension built in 1939 as an outpatients facility. Originally designed by Beni Burnett. Saved from demolition in 1978, the property was taken over by the National Trusts and serves as the Tennant Creek headquarters of the organisation housing numerous artifacts and records. The building was closed during 2019 with ongoing work to restore the building and reopen as a museum in 2020 was undertaken in 2019 including rewiring, water connections, ablutions and so on.

Stuart Town Gaol

Built in 1907, the Stuart Town Gaol is the oldest surviving building in the Alice Springs Town Centre. The building was an operational gaol until 1939, when a new facility was built. Saved from demolition in the 1970s, the National Trust restored the building and created a museum display of memorabilia and stories relating to the police history and life in Central Australia.

Unattended, this facility can be accessed five days a week, with visitors able to collect the key from the Hartley Street School. In 2019, 208 visitors were recorded.

Hartley Street School

Built in segments from 1930 onwards, the Hartley Street School was the first government school in Alice Springs. Converted from a school in 1965 to government offices until 1980 when it was planned to be demolished. Community support saw the building saved, restored and reopened in 1988 as a museum of education. The National Trust's McDouall Stuart Branch operates out of this property. Original education furniture of the era is held at this property.

The property is open throughout the dry season and on Sundays which coincide with the Todd Mall Markets. In 2019, 661 people visited this property.

Les Hansen House

Designed by Beni Burnett and constructed in 1942, this property originally served as the Air Masters residence until 1978 when it was transferred to Northern Territory Housing Commission. Restored in 1983, it is one of the only houses in Alice Springs Heritage Precinct which still retains all of its original outbuildings.

Due to deterioration and the obligation of the Trust to preserve heritage, it was decided that the property should be made available for someone to restore. As such the property was closed and offered for sale throughout 2019.

Heritage Advocacy & Education

Aside from the Heritage Festival, the National Trust of Australia (NT) presented four speaker events at Burnett House as per the below table.

Date	Presenter	Topic
15 March 2019	Derek Pugh	Stories of the 1870s
30 August 2019	Eddie Webber	Maintaining heritage properties in remote locations
27 September 2019	Allan Mitchell	Hiking the Appalachian Trail
18 October 2019	Ilka Schacht	Mapping ancient subterranean water systems in the Egyptian desert

Although these events were well attended and would be categorised as a success, the coordination and pressure placed on volunteers to organise these events has caused the organisation to rethink how we undertake advocacy and education. Speaker's Nights will continue to feature as a part of the National Trust of Australia (NT)'s work, however alternate venues, ticketing and catering will be re-examined.

Life Memberships

No life memberships were awarded in 2019.

Heritage Festival

Darwin

The Heritage Festival took place between 5 and 19 May 2019. There were 22 events, with 592 people attending overall.



Her Honour, the Administrator of the Northern Territory Vicki O'Halloran presented the Barbara James Memorial Lecture "the woman behind the men of Government House - their stories and their influence:"

Alice Springs

The Heritage Festival took place between 6 and 13 April 2019. There were 14 events as well as a four-day exhibition of Bertha Strehlow photos from the Strehlow Centre. A total of 928 people attended Heritage Festival activities in Alice Springs.



Ted Egan's presentation "Old Characters of Alice Springs"



Jose Petrick presenting on the Robert Czako Mural

Financial Summary

The principal activities of the Trust are to promote the preservation and awareness of heritage buildings in the Northern Territory of Australia. This involves the management a portfolio of heritage buildings - some of which are owned by the Trust and others which are under crown lease or a licence to operate. It also maintains an archive and research library relating to historic places.

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the National Trust of Australia (NT) Act and the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission (ACNC).

Claire Kilgariff
Treasurer



2019 Financial Audit