

## **Historical Society of the Northern Territory**

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### **NEWSLETTER November–December 2020**

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## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### **Until 25 October at the Museum and Art Gallery, Exhibition of Yolŋu Art**

For over two decades Nyapanyapa Yunupingu has worked from the remote community of Yirrkala in the Northern Territory, creating significant paintings, drawings, sculptures and screen-based works.

This exhibition charts the evolution of her practice, which challenges the conventions of Yolŋu art making her an important established Australian artist. The exhibition features large scale multimedia work that has been specially commissioned for this exhibition, as well as an accompanying catalogue.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts.

### **Saturday 31 October - History Colloquium at the NT Library**

The Professional Historians Association presents a variety of topics at its annual Colloquium. In between the presentations is a book launch by Ted Egan. Morning and afternoon tea is supplied and the event is free. The Historical Society will be holding a "cash only" book stand at the colloquium. An updated program and information on *The Tale of Frieda Keysser* by John Strehlow to be launched is attached.

### **Tuesday 3 November - Melbourne Cup Day - National Trust fundraiser**

Chantilly Tea Room Fundraiser - "Not the Cup" Afternoon Tea at Audit House, from 2 - 4pm  
\$69 per person

It will be an elegant afternoon tea in the Louvred Lounge, overlooking the sea. Open bar, catering by The Chantilly Kitchen Tea Room, and fashion prizes.

Contact: [admin@ntnationaltrust.org.au](mailto:admin@ntnationaltrust.org.au) or phone: 8981 2848

### **Wednesday 4 November 1pm-2pm EST - Zoom Lecture**

#### **The Adventures of 'Waltzing Matilda': The First Civilian Aircraft to Reach Australia From Britain after the Second World War**

David Carment discusses the adventurous and dangerous flight of 'Waltzing Matilda', a converted Halifax bomber that reached Sydney from Britain in June 1946. It had on board men, women and children who all wished to travel to Australia as quickly as possible at a time when commercial transportation links for civilians were almost non-existent. It was perhaps the most unusual flight made along the Britain-Australia air highway.

<https://www.rahs.org.au/event/waltzing-matilda-day-lecture/>

## **Saturday 7 November and 5 December – Parap Market - HSNT book stall**

Drop in and say hello to Janie who will be selling our books.

## **Sunday 8 November - National Trust Fundraiser at the Deckchair - Movie "Downtown Abbey"**

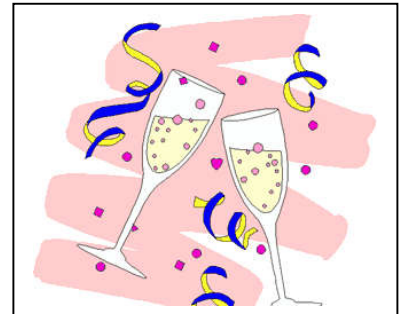
Come along to the Deckchair Cinema and support the Darwin Branch of National Trust NT. Gates open at 6pm, meals available at your own cost from 'Flavours of Damascus', National Trust will have great raffle prizes and lots of yummy cakes and desserts on sale. The movie starts at 7.30pm. Tickets available from: [www.deckchaircinema.com](http://www.deckchaircinema.com) or at the door if not sold out.

## **Sunday 29 November - HSNT Christmas Soiree - Wine, cheese & nibbles**

Our Christmas get together will be held at History House from 3pm-5pm

For catering purposes, RSVP by Wednesday 25 November to Bev 0417868827 or email: [hsnt@iinet.net.au](mailto:hsnt@iinet.net.au) .

History House is located at 1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner. Charlton St is off Bishop Street (look for pink Middis Lighting). Turn into Charlton Street then first right into Charlton Court. History House is at the bottom of the court.



## **Membership for 2021 (January to December 2021) is now due**

Individual membership:	\$60.00
Concession membership student/pensioner:	\$35.00
Family membership: two adults at one address:	\$70.00
Institutional membership	\$70.00

We only accept cash, cheque, money order or bank transfer (no credit card).

Bank transfer details: Historical Society of the NT BSB:015 896 (ANZ ) Account No: 228391976

Remember to include your "SURNAME & MEMBERSHIP" against your deposit and email your details to [hsnt@iinet.net.au](mailto:hsnt@iinet.net.au) if your personal details have changed.

## Vale Jacqueline Moya O'Brien 1926-2020

Jacqueline O'Brien OAM passed away on 22 October at the Pearl Nursing Home.

"Jacqui will be remembered as a Nursing Sister who achieved what many could hope for. Jacqui trained in Sydney, she worked at the Repatriation General Hospital Concord where she became the Principal Tutor Sister. Jacqui was also a Tutor Sister at Royal Darwin Hospital. For many years she was a member of the Nurses Board, she made a significant contribution to the history of nursing in the Northern Territory".<sup>1</sup>

Jacqui's late husband, Vern O'Brien was a life member of the Historical Society.

RIP Jacqui and Vern

## Overland Telegraph Line 2022 Anniversary

On 22 Aug 1872, the Overland Telegraph Line linking Darwin and Adelaide opened.

The 150th anniversary will be celebrated on 22 Aug 2022. Derek Pugh representing the Historical Society is organising a special coin with the Royal Australian Mint and a stamp to commemorate the event.

## Historical Society Publications

If you are looking for ideas for Christmas presents, why not a book !  
To tempt you, I have attached our latest publications list



This will be the last newsletter for 2020.

The Committee wishes all our members a safe and happy Christmas season.

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<sup>1</sup> quoted from June Tomlinson, Hon. Secretary & Public Officer, Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory