

**The Historical Society held its 2nd Oration on 28 September 2020 at History House, Woolner by Bev Phelts**

Our Patron, Austin Asche AC QC was the speaker on the topic of Herodotus. Herodotus was an ancient Greek historian who was born in Halicarnassus in the Persian Empire. Herodotus has been called the “father of history.” He remains the leading source of original historical information not only for Greece between 550 and 479 BCE but also for much of western Asia and Egypt at that time.

Austin was born in Melbourne and first came to Darwin in 1928 when his family relocated. His Northern Territory career was as a Judge of the Supreme Court, later Chief Justice 1987-1993 . While Chief Justice he was Chair of the Northern Territory Parole Board, President of the Northern Territory Division of the Red Cross Society and President of the Northern Territory Branch of the Scout Association. He was also Chancellor of Northern Territory University from 1989 -1993. Austin became our Administrator of the Northern Territory 1993-1997 and then retired. He has been our Patron for many many years and still continues to be very active in the Darwin community.

About 30 people attended the Oration and nibbles and drinks followed Austin's talk.



Austin speaking on Herodotus



HSNT President, Matt James introducing Austin



Susan Cameron & Austin Asche



Matt James, Libby Siebert, Jared Archibald & Judy Boland



Eddie Webber, Ian Anderson & Janet Leather



Austin Asche, Libby Fewings & Jenny Foreman



Rosemary Chalmers & Earl James



Wendy Asche, Andrew & Kate Bell