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FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 27 June 2pm-3pm - Artist Talk

Local Darwin artist, Therese Ritchie will discuss the social and political commentary embedded in her photographs, portraits and prints. Her Burning Hearts talk will be held in the thetrette.

Saturday 4 July – Parap Market - HSNT book stall

Drop in and say hello to Janie who will be manning a stall and offering special prices off our books.

Sunday 12 July - History House book sale - 2pm-4pm

Ever wondered what books we publish and sell? We have a great range of topics on Territory history to suit everyone's interests. There will be specials and some of our much older books will be going cheap. (cash only) Come along to History House for a cuppa & cake and a chat.

We are located in Charlton Court which is on the corner of Bishop Street. Pink Middis building is on the corner. Drive into Charlton Court and turn right at the first street. We are located at the end of the court.

Saturday 25 July - Day Field Trip

Because of the closures of our national parks these past few months, it has been decided to hold a day trip rather than our usual 3 day 4WD trip on the Darwin Show Day weekend.

It is proposed to visit Middle Arm archeological sites and the nearby Channel Island leprosarium site. A second day trip is being planned in a month's time to visit archeological sites around Cox Peninsula.

Our draft itinerary for the first outing is as follows:

Saturday 25 July - 8.30am meet at the Elizabeth River bridge carpark on the Channel Road.

- Drive to the Middle Arm site. The track does not require 4WD but a high clearance vehicle is needed.
- Park about 1km from the site and walk in on a level track. Spend a couple of hours exploring the site.

- Drive to the Channel Island carpark for lunch. You will need to bring your own lunch, drinks and chairs.
- For those who wish to do so, we take a short drive to the Channel Island leprosarium site and explore. The site has high spear grass, logs and trees lying around. You will need to be nimble and wear appropriate shoes and clothing.

If you are interested in coming along, please let us know Friday 17 July.
Ring Bev on 0417868827 or email hsnt@iinet.net.au



Petroglyph, Middle Arm site



Entrance to the Channel Island leprosarium site

Saturday 31 October - History Colloquium

Note this date in your diaries. The annual History Colloquium organised by the Professional Historians Association will be held at the NT Library. More information including the program will be provided at a later date.

Northern Territory Government Grant for Non Profit Organisations

We are happy to announce that the Historical Society has been awarded a grant to undertake renovations at History House. We have contracted Mechanical Building Services NT to install new airconditioning, new carpet, internal painting and a partitioned storeroom. The renovations are taking place now and we will have an official opening in a few months time.

Community Benefit in History in a Box

The Community Benefit Fund has supported HSNT's History in a Box project with a grant of \$15,000. This will fund five Boxes and five Hubs, the subject matter of which is under production.

Each History in a Box includes a pull-up banner, 10 x A4 photographs, lecture notes, biographies, other related material, word puzzles and suggestions for further reading from the Historical Society's book shop. The teaching aids are included in hard copy and on a USB stick. For History in a Hub small electricity (or solar or battery) powered devices create a wifi environment for a radius of about 20 metres and produce the same material electronically so are well suited for use in outback areas where internet reception is poor or non-existent.

These can be picked up by any personal device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop, etc).

Number 4 is the NT's Medical History in a Box. The box consists of a range of background notes, biographies, a history of diseases in the NT, and a history of the NT's medical men (yes, they were all men).



Facebook sites

For those who are into Facebook, the Historical Society has a site

<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricalSocietyNT>

Also the Kununurra Museum and Historical Society

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Kununurra.Museum>

A new site on the histories of the Kimberley Region and the Northern Territory has been developed by the Kununurra Museum. *Lost Kimberley & NT* can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lost.Kimberley.and.NT>