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Newsletter 2 – October 2019

This second October Historical Society NT newsletter is just to give some more details of our very successful reception at Government House for our Patron Austin Asche and also news about forthcoming events thus:

- Great Air Race talks program from October to November hosted by Museum & Art Gallery NT – program below
- Next Larrakeyah Branch National Trust talk on Friday 18th October
- Book Launch 4pm Saturday 19th October at History House – details below
- Annual History Colloquium Saturday 2nd November – program below
- Life at the House of Seven Gables - Mindil Beach Casino [Government House Foundation] Thursday 7th November
- Historical Society NT First Oration: Sally Thomas on early magistrates of Darwin – Thursday 21st November
- Christmas Party – tentative date for Sunday 15th December

Janis Mason

Honorary Secretary, Public Officer.



At the next Larrakeyah Branch National Trust talk, Ilka Schacht will tell of mapping ancient subterranean water systems near the Kharga Oasis in the western desert of Egypt in 2002.



Enjoy the ambiance of historic Burnett House and gardens 5.30 for 6.00pm, Friday 18/10/19 - \$2 members, \$5 non-members, \$5 drinks & nibbles

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE AT THE HOUSE OF SEVEN GABLES Thursday 7 November 2019

The Government House Foundation of the Northern Territory reception at Mindil Beach Casino Resort will be an intimate evening with former Administrators reflecting on life, at the House of Seven Gables - a night of candid revelations.

\$25 members, \$35 non-members \$35 at
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/92865>

For information
info@governmenthousefoundationnt.org.au

SHOPFRONT EACH WEDNESDAY - HISTORY HOUSE SHOP OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY
10am to 12md @ History House, 1/16 Charlton Court, Woolner
COME AND BROWSE - SEE THE RICHNESS OF OUR PUBLISHING PROGRAM
GET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ORGANISED NOW

Patron's Reception at Government House

The annual Patron's Reception was hosted by the Administrator, the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran A) at Government House on 2/10/19. She welcomed about thirty members and friends to Government House to celebrate our long-serving Patron, the Honourable Austin Asche AC QC. After brief, introductory commentary by the Administrator and the Society's President, Matt James, guests were much entertained by Earl James AM talking of how Goyder in 1869 ensured a contented camp in that first settlement at Port Darwin.

With tongue in cheek and his usual dry wit, Earl argued from his personal experience as a bush surveyor, that the most important person in that first survey camp of over one hundred men was the cook! As an amazing amount of work and ground was covered in a very short period in 1869, the cook ensured that Goyder had a contented camp!

It was Earl's birthday. As the evening ended, the Administrator presented him with a birthday cake. The photographs below are from our member, Ian Anderson. The Administrator's hospitality was much enjoyed in that historic reception room of Government House.



Front Row [l-r]: Craig O'Halloran, Austin Asche, Vicki O'Halloran, Earl James, Matt James



Left: Austin Asche & Vicki O'Halloran

Right: Vicki O'Halloran with Earl & Wendy James

GREAT AIR RACE TALKS PROGRAM

THE START OF THE RACE



Find out how wounded airmen, a hot night in Cairo, two horse races and a fire on board a ship led to the Great Air Race.

Presented by Ken Lai & Fiona Shanahan.

Sat 5 October, 2019
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Northern Territory Library
4 Bennett Street, Parliament
House, Darwin

PREPARING FOR ARRIVALS



Join us for an interesting talk on how a Darwin paddock was cleared by adventurers from the east in preparation for the Great Air Race arrivals, while pioneer aviators forged an aerial route from the south.

Presented by Fiona Douglas & Fiona Shanahan.

Wed 16 October, 2019
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Museum and Art Gallery of
the Northern Territory
19 Conacher St

A FLIGHT LESS ORDINARY



Understanding what it was like to fly in the Vickers Vimy, from modern-day pilots who flew a replica built decades later.

Presented by Ken Lai.

Wed 26 October, 2019
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Northern Territory Library
4 Bennett Street,
Parliament House Darwin

HOW THE RACE WAS WON



Discover how a close-knit crew in an open cockpit defied ice, sandstorms and mud to be the first to fly from London to Australia.

Presented by Ken Lai & Fiona Douglas.

Thu 31 October, 2019
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Northern Territory Archives Centre
Kelsey Crescent Millner

HOW THE RACE CHANGED OUR WORLD



Hear about how The Great Air Race inspired Australia and adventurous aviators to spread their wings and undertake new challenges.

Presented by Ken Lai & Fiona Shanahan.

Sat 9 November, 2019
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Museum and Art Gallery of
the Northern Territory
19 Conacher St

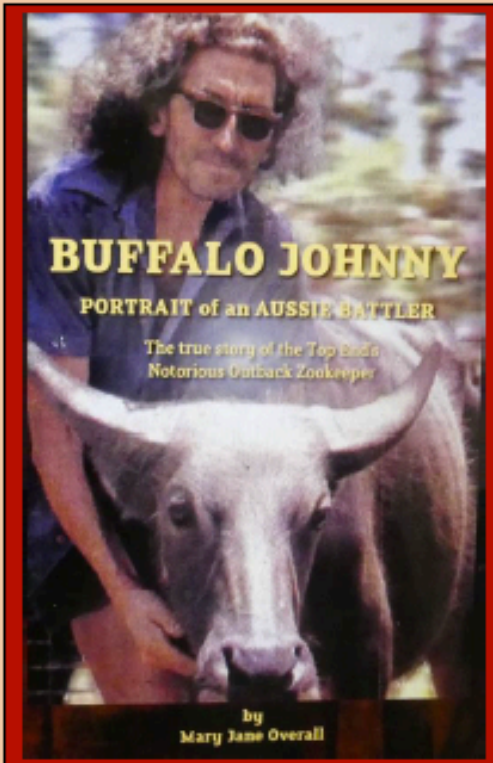
ENTRY IS FREE - REGISTER ONLINE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT

Additional events to celebrate the Great Air Race will be announced over the coming weeks, visit ntmajorevents.com.au/great-air-race/ for more.

*Thanks to the Fanning Bay History & Heritage Society, Northern Territory Library, Northern Territory Archives Centre, State Library of South Australia and South Australian Aviation Museum for their assistance with research and materials for the Great Air Race Talks.

BOOK LAUNCH

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019



This book presents a balanced view of the life of

Buffalo Johnny – Jean Meskens

notorious in the NT as a failed zookeeper

Mary Jane Overall lived in the Territory and became interested in the life of this man. Currently a resident of the USA, Mary Jane will be here for the launch

BOOK LAUNCH

1/16 CHARLTON CRT, WOOLNER

THE BOOK WILL BE LAUNCHED BY

GERRY WOOD

MLA FOR NELSON

4.00 PM

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2019

IN HISTORY HOUSE

UNIT 1 16 CHARLTON CRT

WOOLNER

(see below for map)

REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE LAUNCH

THERE WILL BE A SLIDE SHOW OF SOME OF BUFFALO JOHNNY'S ARTWORK

AUTHOR WILL SIGN COPIES OF PURCHASED BOOKS

T SHIRTS FOR SALE



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ANNUAL HISTORY COLLOQUIUM

Saturday 2nd November 2019

Northern Territory Library, Parliament House, Darwin

<i>Time</i>	<i>Presenter</i>	<i>Title</i>
8.25 – 8.30 am	Alan Davis, President PHA (NT)	<i>Welcome</i>
Session A	Chair – Dr Matthew Stephen, PHA (NT)	
8.30 – 9.00 am	Dr Wendy Beresford-Maning, PHA (NT)	<i>Jules Chevalier: The French Connection</i>
9.00 – 9.30 am	Dr Gwenda Baker, Monash University	<i>Harry Makarrwala: Yolngu Leader, Fighter/Peacemaker, Artist, Man of God</i>
9.30 – 10.00 am	Jessica Urwin, ANU PhD candidate	<i>Chain Reactions: Nuclear Colonialism and Aboriginal Anti-nuclear Protest in South Australia</i>
10.00 – 10.30 am	Professor Alan Powell, CDU	<i>The Australian Aborigines: A Path to Real Respect?</i>
10.30 – 10.50 am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	
Session B	Chair – Dr Wendy Beresford-Maning, PHA (NT)	
10.50 – 11.50 am	Charlotte Feakins, ANU PhD candidate	<i>Behind the Legend: A Historical Archaeology of the Buffalo Shooting Industry</i>
11.50 – 12.20 pm	Norm Cramp, CDU PhD candidate	<i>Sgt. James MacDonald: A Forgotten NT Hero</i>
12.20 – 12.50 pm	Joshua Black, ANU PhD candidate	<i>Hawke, A Life Triumphantly Well Written: Producing the Hawke Legend, 1979-2019</i>
12.50 – 1.40 pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
Session C	Chair – Dr Samantha Wells, PHA (NT)	
1.40 – 2.10 pm	Fiona Shanahan, University of Canberra PhD candidate	<i>Flying by the Seat of their Pants: A History of Ultralights in the Northern Territory</i>
2.10 – 2.40 pm	Brian Reid, PHA (NT)	<i>Power and Protection: The Medical Protectors of the Aborigines and the Government Residents in South Australia's Northern Territory</i>
2.40 – 3.10 pm	Barry Leithhead, independent researcher	<i>Perspectives on Dr Cecil Cook's Career in the Northern Territory, Before and Beyond</i>
3.10 – 3.40 pm	A/Prof. Barbara Baird, Flinders University A/Prof. Suzanne Belton, Menzies School of Health Research	<i>Feminism on the Frontier: The History of Abortion Law Reform in 1973 in the Northern Territory</i>
3.40 – 4.00 pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>	
Session D	Chair – Dr Steven Farram, CDU	
4.00 – 5.00 pm	John Lamb, independent researcher	<i>Secret Visitor to the Japanese Pearlring Fleet, 1954</i>
Entry is free For further information please contact Dr Steven Farram on (08) 8946 6865 or steven.farram@cdu.edu.au		