

Government House Foundation of the Northern Territory Inc.

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President's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2010. Since I last wrote to you we had a most pleasant reception at Government House hosted by our Patrons His Honour the Administrator Mr Tom Pauling AO QC and Mrs Tessa Pauling. At that function we took the opportunity to acknowledge our Water Garden partners. Photos of this event will appear later in the newsletter. I hope the Christmas and New Year break was enjoyable for you and enabled you to start 2010 refreshed.

Your Committee has been hard at work preparing for 2010 and dates for all our major events have now been detailed. They also appear in the newsletter. In preparation for the Annual General Meeting our financial records are currently with the auditors. They should show a healthy position but we need the funds for the significant commitment we have made to the Water Garden project. During this year we will need to enhance that position. One way is for you, our members, to renew your subscriptions, and an invoice is enclosed with this newsletter. We would also ask you to encourage your friends and colleagues to join with us. This can be done by going to our website or by contacting our office.

Work on the Water Garden project is set to recommence any time now with a geotech survey being conducted of the site.

Another initiative we are going to try this year is to make contact with you by email. About 60% of our members have already provided these details. This will enable us to be more timely in our communications and of course reduce the reliance on paper thus having a positive effect on our environment. For those of you who do not have email or prefer to have a hard copy newsletter we will continue to send one to you.

We are in the process of finalising a "power point" presentation about the Foundation which will be aimed at informing local groups or organisations about the Foundation and how the community can support us. If you are involved in a community organisation and would like to see this presentation please contact Jenny Dignan in our office.

I look forward to seeing you all at one or more of our 2010 functions.

The Honourable Sally Thomas AM
President

Chairman's Message

May I, at the outset, congratulate on behalf of all members the appointment of our President, the Honourable Sally Thomas AM, to the position of Chancellor at Charles Darwin University. I am sure she will be very much part of a team as this local institution proceeds into its next phase.

As Sally has said we have tried to finalise activities for the year well in advance and they are listed below. However we would also like to reinstate theatre nights. Committee member, Carmel Tuohy, is investigating possible avenues for such an activity and we will report to you immediately something feasible is established. If you have any ideas please let our Administrative Support Officer, Jenny Dignan know. Her contact details are towards the end of the newsletter.

Did you miss the ABC Gardening Australia program on Saturday 6th February? There was a wonderful feature on the gardens of Government House. This can be downloaded from the web at www.abc.net.au/gardening/video/download.htm and it is Episode 1.

In regards to the proposed Water Garden Feature, we have run into a technical issue that the various parties are currently working on. We trust to have more positive news in the next newsletter.

David Pearson
Chairman



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Event Calendar

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please add the Annual General Meeting date to your calendar.

The AGM will be held on the 28th May at 5pm at Government House. We look forward to seeing all financial members there.

GHF Annual Reception

As advised in our last newsletter, our Christmas function was restricted to 100 members only. To ensure all our members are catered for, our annual function will be held during the dry season and replace the Christmas Reception.

The date has been set for Thursday 19th of August from 5.30pm to 7.00pm and it will be hosted by our Patrons, His Honour the Administrator Mr Tom Pauling AO QC and Mrs Tessa Pauling. This will be held on The Terrace and the Administrator will conduct limited tours for new members.

Gala Ball - Friday 4th June, 7pm

Tickets are now on sale for the Gala Ball, an event not to be missed. Tickets will be \$200.00 each and can be obtained by contacting Vicky Spence on 0408 838 482 or vicky@vseventmanagement.com.au.

The ticket order form is included in this Newsletter. If you would like to donate any auction items for the Ball, please call Vicky.

Photos from last years event can be viewed on the Government House Foundation website

www.governmenthousefoundationnt.org.au

Government House Open Days

Government House will be open to the public on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th of August, 3pm - 7pm. Admission is free of charge and this is a wonderful opportunity for you to view the House and gardens with friends and family. You can also enjoy afternoon Devonshire Tea or listen to some live music after touring the House.

Photo Gallery

Christmas Reception 2009



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