

# Government House Foundation of the Northern Territory Inc.

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## President's Message

I am pleased to advise you that plans are well under way for the Gala Ball to be held at Government House on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010. It should be, as always, an exceptional night, with the theme this year being 'A night in Paris'. Tickets have been selling well but there are still a few available. Details on how to order can be found on our website or by contacting Vicky Spence on 0408 838 482.

Another major event fast approaching is the Annual General Meeting which will also be held at Government House. It is scheduled for 5.00 pm on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010. I would encourage all of you to come along and hear what we have been doing, what we have planned and most importantly to listen to your ideas and feedback. They are always welcome.

The technical issues with the proposed Water Garden Feature have still not been resolved at the time of writing. It has to do with the stability of the hillside. Our partners in this project are considering solutions and we are hoping for more progress reports by the AGM.

Another of our major activities, the sponsorship of the Portrait of a Senior Territorian, is again taking place in 2010. Hosted by the Honourable Jane Aagaard MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, your Foundation provides the winning prize money with the particular portrait becoming the Foundation's property. Entries are now open. The winning entry will be announced on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This is usually done at a civic reception at Parliament House also hosted by Madam Speaker.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the Administrator's Reception for members of the Foundation will this year be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010. Your Committee is planning a couple of nice surprises for this wonderful occasion.

Sally Thomas AM  
President

## Chairman's Message

I would firstly like to endorse our President's message and encourage each and every one of you to support the activities she had outlined above.

On more administrative matters we have had a good response to membership renewals. This newsletter is being sent to members who were financial as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. If you have not renewed for 2010 I would encourage you to do so. For example members must be financial to vote at the AGM and to qualify for an invitation to the Administrator's reception. And of course helps to defray our costs.

During our renewal process I am delighted to advise that Dick Griffiths has again renewed his Bronze sponsorship. Thank you Dick for all your wonderful support.

After much negotiation News Ltd have given us clearance to include articles from their papers in our web site edition of the Education Kit. It will be loaded in the near future. All being well a new brochure promoting the Foundation will be completed by the date of the AGM. It is a very impressive document.

I would also like to let members know that the Committee sent two condolences to members in recent weeks. Mother of member David Hunt, partner of our Deputy Chairman, Vicky Spence, passed away recently in Tasmania. More recently the mother of Nerys Evans, partner of course of former Administrator Ted Egan, passed away in Wales at the grand age of 102.

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 5.00 pm at Government House. We look forward to seeing all financial members there.

For catering purposes, please advise if you are able to attend by phoning Jenny on 8999 6409 or email [ghf.dcm@nt.gov.au](mailto:ghf.dcm@nt.gov.au).

### 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 replaces the Christmas Reception.

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

### Gala Ball - 'A Night in Paris' Friday 4th June, 7.00 pm

Limited tickets are still available for the Gala Ball, an event not to be missed.

Tickets are \$200.00 each and can be obtained from Vicky Spence, phone 0408 838 482 or email her at [vicky@vseventmanagement.com.au](mailto:vicky@vseventmanagement.com.au).

Your ticket price includes automatic entry into the raffle. We have some great prizes on offer - see details and pictures below... additional raffle tickets are **only** available on the night at \$20 each.

We also have some fantastic auction items - including a V8 Supercar 'Hot Lap' with Craig Lowndes Team Vodaphone on Friday 18th June at Hidden Valley.



### Government House Open Days

Government House will be open to the public on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th August from 3.00 pm to 7.00 pm. 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.

## Gala Ball Raffle Prizes



#### 1st Prize

Two Platinum Tickets on the Ghan from Darwin to Adelaide or vice versa. (airfares not included). Value:- \$5,974.00

#### 2nd Prize

Two night stay for two people at Bamurru Plains Wild Bush Luxury including accommodation, all meals, beverages and safari activities on the property. Value:- \$3,720.00

#### 3rd Prize

One table of 10 at the Wyndham Winemakers dinner at Skycity on Saturday 28th August 2010. Value:- \$1,600.00

#### 4th Prize

Two premium seated tickets to the Qantas Darwin Turf Club Ball on Saturday 31st July 2010. Value:- \$750.00



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