



GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INC. NEWSLETTER MARCH 2009

Chairman's Message

While the Foundation celebrates its 10th year it also farewells the founding Chairman Hugh Bradley. A special presentation at the AGM on 29 May will reflect on his efforts over the past 10 years. I have been elected the interim Chairman until the AGM when elections will be held. We also farewell and thank Deven Patel as our Honorary Treasury of six years and welcome Clive Garland from KPMG. We also welcome two new committee members Keith Savage and Angelica Poulos.

Mr David Blenheim has also resigned as the Ex Officio Secretary and we have employed on a part time basis, Mrs Jenny Dignan, as the GHF Administrative Support Officer based in the Chief Ministers Department on a part time base. Jenny can be contacted on ghf.dcm@nt.gov.au for any enquiries you may have.

The Water Gardens project has taken some positive steps forward in the last couple of weeks with all contractors and Government Authorities agreeing to terms of employment. While this is an extremely expensive and ambitious project it has the support of the committee and will really lift the total Gardens plan especially now the Waterfront project opens and faces this area of the property.

Open Days have been announced as listed below and allow you and the public to get up close and personal to this wonderful facility. Tell your friends and plan an hour to see some of our unique NT history. We will have on display a photographic document of all items that have been purchased for use by the House. You will be impressed!

The Government House Ball date has been fixed for 12th June. Bookings can be made on the form attached. This year we will be celebrating 10 years. Book early so we do not have disappointments as The House has a limited facility on the outdoor terrace.

I would like to thank again our two Platinum sponsors TIO and Woodhead. Sponsors and members of all categories are the life blood of our foundation and I offer the committees thank you. A special thanks must be passed to Mr Geoff Todd who has generously donated his artwork for the last 9 years and assisted the Foundation raise over \$30,000 in that time. Your annual renewal is also attached.

Kerry Ambrose-Pearce, Chairman

Special General Meeting

The Government House Foundation Special General Meeting was held on November 24th at the Administrators Offices. A number of changes to the constitution were adopted to provide better flexibility in the operations of the Foundation, so that the Foundation can become more responsive to members. Thank you to our Honorary Solicitor Peter Walker for his assistance with these changes.

The meeting resolved to appoint His Honour Mr Tom Pauling AO QC and Mrs Tessa Pauling to be Patrons of the Foundation.

New Administrative Support

Jenny Dignan has been appointed to the Government House Foundation Administrative Support Officer position. Jenny's phone number is 8999 6409 and email ghf.dcm@nt.gov.au

Annual Membership

Your annual membership invoice is now due. Please find enclosed your tax invoice. We are delighted to receive new members. If you know anyone who is interested please contact Jenny.

AGM

Please add the Annual General Meeting date to your calendar. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 29th May 2009 at 5pm in the Drawing Room at Government House. We will look forward to seeing all financial members there.

Sponsors

We greatly appreciate the support of our Platinum Sponsors, Territory Insurance Office and Woodhead together with our Gold Sponsors Channel 9, Fosters Group, Northern Territory Broadcasters P/L, Mr Geoff Todd and Total Event Services.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAYS

The dates for our Open Days are:
Friday 22nd May 2009 4.30 – 7pm
Saturday 23rd May 2009 3 – 6pm
Friday 14th August 2009 4.30 – 7pm
Saturday 15th August 2009 3-6pm

2009 Gala Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the Gala Ball, an event not to be missed. Tickets will be \$200 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 at:
<http://picasaweb.google.com/davidvicky.hunt/GHFDinnerDance#>

Water Gardens Project

The Government House Foundation would like to thank Woodhead, TOGA Constructions, Rider Levett Bucknall NT, SKM, Cloustons Landscape, Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the Buildings and Governance Construction Division for their work on the upcoming Water Gardens project at Government House. We look forward to the watching this project develop and enhance the Government House surrounds.

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Updating Membership information

Do we have your correct contact information? If your details have changed, could you please complete the relevant section on the attached invoice and return to PO Box 2718, Darwin NT 0801 Telephone: 08 8999 6409 Facsimile: 08 8999 7402