

Government House Foundation of the Northern Territory Inc.

March 2011

President's Message

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2011. I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that you are surviving the big wet included in which was Cyclone Carlos.

At the outset I should like to congratulate two of our members who have been staunch supporters of the Foundation from day one. Both Andy Bruyn and Grant Tambling were included in the Australia Day Honours both being appointed Members of the Order of Australia in the General Division. Grant was a Founding Member of the Foundation and later became a Life Member and has always supported us in our endeavours. Andy is a Gold Member having been acknowledged at the 2009 Gala Ball as having contributed to our auction for ten continuous years (now 11), with very generous advertising packages on Channel 9.

May I welcome our newly appointed Administration Officer, Paula Baldwin, and wish her well. I think Chairman David will give a big sigh of relief on having her on board.

At our most recent Committee meeting, the major item on the agenda was consideration of the continuing sponsorship for the Portrait of a Senior Territorian. We have again decided to acquire the winning portrait in 2011 with increased prize money of \$7,000 as recommended by Madam Speaker, The Honourable Jane Aagaard, whose office manages the project.

Chairman David will review other ongoing items in his report. May I encourage all of you to renew your memberships for 2011 and if you are aware of anyone who may be new to Darwin and who would like to be involved with this magnificent building and what it means to our system of government in the Northern Territory, please encourage them to also join. Details are at the end of the newsletter.

The Honourable Sally Thomas AM
President

Chairman's Message

May I join with President Sally in offering congratulations to Andy Bruyn and Grant Tambling on their recent Australia Day awards. Over the past couple of years we have lauded the work of Jenny Dignan in providing us with outstanding administrative support. She and her family remain very valued members, but more than that Jenny still gives me advice and guidance including spending time briefing her replacement, Paula Baldwin. Thank you Jenny. Paula will have a hard act to follow but we welcome her and I am sure she will be a great asset to the Foundation.

The Gala Ball season is looming again, so please start planning your tables now. It will be held at Government House on Friday 3rd June 2011 and this year will have a Balinese theme. Formal of course but with lots of colour and vibrancy.

However our next major event, preceding the Gala Ball, will be the Annual General Meeting it also to be held at Government House, on Friday 20th May 2010. This year two committee positions are available for election by members. We encourage you to consider standing for one of these vacancies. One of them is currently held by Carmel Tuohy who is entitled to restand.

Regarding ongoing projects. Firstly the Water Garden - final plans and specifications have been completed subject to Government approval. Tenders will be called shortly and the current indication is that work will commence early in the dry season.

Function chairs donations. The response to this project has been fantastic with donations, each of \$200, for 50 chairs received to date. This leaves another 10 available for you to purchase. Please see details later in the newsletter. Over the next few weeks we will be organising the engraving of the plaques and arranging for them to be attached to the chairs. For those of you who have not yet received your tax deductible receipts these will be issued over the coming weeks.

David Pearson
Chairman



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COMMITTEE

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The Hon. Sally Thomas AM

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Kerry Ambrose-Pearce

Keith Savage

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Carmel Tuohy

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Donate a Chair

Why not sponsor a function chair . There are only 10 remaining. Give one to a family member, such as a grandchild, or a colleague or a friend. You can arrange to have their name inscribed on a plaque. Only \$200 per chair which is tax deductible. Please contact the Office for more details.

2011 Important Dates for your Diaries

AGM - 20th May 2011
Gala Ball - 3rd June 2011
Government House Open Days - 19th & 20th August 2011
Administrator's Reception - 25th August 2011

New Members

If you are aware of any of your friends or colleagues that would like to join the Foundation - please direct them to our website. They just need to follow the prompts and select the appropriate level of membership. Otherwise - please contact Paula who can send the appropriate forms via the mail.

Credit Card Facilities

Being a registered charity we attempt to preserve our funds as best we can. We have taken the decision to pass on the merchant fee of 2% for any transactions using credit card facilities. This is being noted on our invoices. Transactions will appear on your credit card as Vicky Spence Event Mgmt.

Government House Foundation - Admin Support

Please note our telephone number and email address below. The Office is usually staffed all day Monday and Tuesday mornings. If the matter is urgent and outside of these hours, please contact David on 0402 454 241 or Vicky on 0408 838 482.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOUNDATION BALINESE BALL

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE 2011

TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

\$220.00 PER PERSON - TABLES OF 10 AVAILABLE

Raffle prizes include:-

2 tickets to Cirque du Soleil – Saltimbanco (includes dinner and accommodation)

2 night stay in a Bali Villa for 2 people

2 night stay at Bamurru Lodge for 2 people

Please contact Vicky Spence - vicky@vseventmanagement.com.au

or 0408 838 482 to secure your booking



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