Welcome

With semester 1 now well underway I hope you have settled into life here at IHD and on campus.

We have a busy fortnight ahead of us with our Harmony Day & Earth Hour event on this Saturday, the Girls Night In on Sunday and then the Easter Holidays the week after.

Be sure to check out the upcoming events page to make sure you don’t miss out on any of the fun.

If you haven’t already, make sure you ‘like’ our Facebook page: facebook.com.au/EventsIHD. We load all the photos from the events on here as well as let you know the latest around IHD.

Last week IHD launched it’s new website. It is looking great so make sure you check it out. However we are still troubleshooting it so we apologise if you have trouble find any information. If you have any questions please come and see us at the front office.

Dean Preddy
Manager
International House Darwin

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IHD Office
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9.00am - 5.00pm

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iWitness Resident Input
If you would like to include anything in the next issue of iWitness please email rosie.king@cdu.edu.au
Tuesday 12 March IHD saw approximately 50 residents from all nationalities enjoy this years’ first themed Coffee and Cake night. The Red Room was transformed into a sea of green and gold, union jacks and Southern Cross’ as residents sampled the cakes and biscuits that make Australia famous; Tim Tams, ANZAC biscuits, meringues and lamingtons whilst sipping coffee and tea and chatting about the previous week at Uni.

Coffee and Cake nights are held every fortnight on Tuesdays at 8pm and are a great excuse to get out of your room and mix with your fellow residents - and as you can see by the photos the residents had a great time.
Indigenous studies at CDU

About 30% of the total NT population are Indigenous, making CDU one of the best places for Indigenous studies in Australia. At CDU, one can learn to speak Aboriginal languages (Yolngu, Central Australian languages), or study about Indigenous education, health, land and sea management, and social policy. There are even study units that offer opportunities to visit and study in remote Aboriginal communities (CIK230: Indigenous Engagements: Land and Water – ‘intensive’ in Study Period 2). So why not enrol in an Indigenous studies unit as your elective, or better still enrol in a full course?

Stereotypes

You may come across common stereotypes such as Aboriginal people will steal, attack you, drink alcohol all the time, and that they never work. Of course, not all what you hear is true. Just as with any other community, there are few Aboriginal people who may do the wrong things – but if you look around, you will find a lot more Aboriginal people studying, working hard or playing sports, just like everyone else (perhaps, one of your classmates or colleagues at work is Aboriginal).

Did you know?

Australian Aboriginal culture, which is about 60,000 years old, can claim to be the oldest continuous living culture on the planet!

Who are Indigenous Australians?

Indigenous Australians are the original inhabitants of Australia who have lived on mainland Australia (including Tasmania) for over 60,000 years and on the nearby Torres Strait Islands for more than 10,000 years.

Are Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders same?

No, both groups of people are different, with distinct cultural, social and physical identities. The term, “Indigenous Australians” however, is an inclusive term referring to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Are all Aboriginal people the same across Australia?

No, not all Aboriginal people are same. In the late 18th century, there were between 350 and 750 distinct Aboriginal social groupings – imagine 350 countries within Australia! The Larrakia Aboriginal people of Darwin, Yolngu people of Arnhem Land and the Luritja or Warlpiri of Central Australia are all different to each other.

Indigenous languages

Prior to European settlement in Australia, there were more than 200 distinct languages and countless dialects of them in use. Sadly, only a small number of Aboriginal languages such as the Yolngu, Warlpiri and Tiwi are spoken fluently today. Meriam Mir and Kala Lagaw Ya are languages spoken in the Torres Strait Islands.

Indigenous experience in the Northern Territory

We are fortunate to be living in Darwin as the Northern Territory as there are endless opportunities to experience Aboriginal culture in the form of art (Try Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Aboriginal Bush Traders), didgeridoos, music and dance. We can even join a cultural tour for a day or more to have a more intense Aboriginal cultural experience (try Gagudju Dreaming tours, Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours). And we can even listen to Aboriginal radio in Darwin! – Radio Larrakia 94.5FM, Yolngu Radio 1530 AM.

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The author is a current CDU student, studying Bachelor of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advocacy and Graduate Certificate in Yolngu Studies. For more information on Indigenous Australia, Indigenous studies at CDU, organising an event or attending an Aboriginal cultural festival, please contact Paddy Mohan, Building 12.02.01 or email: paddymohan99@gmail.com
The IHD Pool

By Victoria Ward

A lonely young student
In her single bed room, hopes
For a cooling blue pool
And a shade cloth with ropes.
But a crazy young drunkard
With bourbon soaked breath
Staggers right through the gate and mumbles bereft;
“Come fellas! Come!
Quick! Dive on in!
Jump into the water to let the party begin!”

And the lonely young student
Ready to flight not fight
Screams; “Wait till I’m out,
Till you’re far out of sight!”
But a crazy young drunkard
With bourbon soaked breath
Sways right through the gate and mumbles bereft;
“Come fellas! Come!
Quick! Dive on in!
Jump into the water to let the party begin!”

And the student in her hoping
Requests the shade sail.
But the motion doesn’t pass,
It was an epic fail…
Ahh, the failing is sad
As it limits the fun
And she knows only drunks
Will swim in this sun!
“Come fellas! Come!
Quick! Dive on in!
Jump into the water to let the party begin!”

Nickname: Thomas/Tom
I am studying: MBA
I have lived at IHD for: 2 years
I moved here from: 2011
On the weekends you can find me: By the pool
The song I can’t get out of my head is: Asaf Avidan – One day
My favourite place is: Latin America
I know it’s a little weird but I think: What comes around goes around
I’d really like to meet: Michael Phelps
If I had to eat one thing for the rest of my life it would be: Goulash Soup
The best advice I ever got was: Never look back.
The most heroic thing I have ever done is: Swam across the biggest lake in Central Europe called Lake Balaton in Hungary.
I’m secretly terrified of: Height
One day I’d really like to: Learn how to surf properly.
St Patricks Day

First of all, I would like to say a big thanks to everyone who has attended on this fantastic event. It’s always a valuable experience to celebrate other culture’s traditions and festivals. It was great to see heaps of people around and involved in the activities during the night especially the Trivia.

Furthermore, we not just had some tricky questions about the Irish Saint Patrick and it’s tradition in Ireland but some of us dressed up really green, which was great to see. According to our habits we had a chance again to try some of the best prepared Hungarian Goulash Soup thanks to Tamas.

We all hope you guys had an awesome night with us on Saturday and enjoyed the feast.

We’re looking forward to celebrate the annual Earth Hour and Harmony Day all together.

Clean Up IHD

On Saturday 9 March a small group of volunteers tackled Clean Up Australia Day beginning with the big task of IHD!

Armed with bags, gloves, water and hats our mighty volunteers pick up the abundance of garbage, food scraps and cigarette butts that plague IHD.

Please remember to always put your rubbish in the bins provided especially cigarette butts! Like Kerry Rose said on our Facebook ‘the earth is not your ashtray’.

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 21/3/13
iGrow Personal Wellbeing – Runners Club – James away but make sure you still go for a run! 8am iGrow Professional Development - Deloitte’s Career Advice Session (bookings required), 9am -11am, Blue 1.1.21

Friday 22/3/13
iGrow Personal Wellbeing – Soccer World Cup. 7pm, Red 2, Basketball court. Playing times will be emailed to all teams on Thursday.
iHD Casuarina Square Shuttle Bus – 5:30pm-9pm iGrow Academic Development – Tutor applications close 5pm

Saturday 23/3/13
iGrow Cultural Experience – Harmony Night + Earth Hour!

Sunday 24/3/13
iGrow Personal Wellbeing – Girls Night In

Monday 25/3/13
iGrow Academic Development - ALLSP Workshop. 4:30pm, IHD Computer Room.
iGrow Professional Development - Southern Cross Care Information Session, 11:30am-13:30pm, Blue 1.1.48
MATCH DAY ONE

Game 1:
Timor Leste 0-1 Blackzilians

Game 2:
Korea 1-0 Teflon Don

Game 3:
IHD All Stars 0-1 Red Frogs All Stars

Game 4:
IHD United 2-2 Korea

Game 5:
Telfon Don 2-0 IHD All Stars

Game 6:
Timor United 0-0 Red Frogs All Stars

Match day 1 kicked off with former champions Korea coming out with a bang having won 1-0 against the Teflon Don’s and drawing the other 2-2 against IHD United. Whereas the current defending champions IHD All Stars struggled with their Version 2.0 approach having lost both their games, 1-2 to the Red Frogs All Stars & 0-1 to the Teflon Don’s. The mighty Blackzilians began their hunt for glory with an impressive victory over the now the joint force of the Timorese, Timor United, with a 1-0 victory with literally the last kick of the game. Proving they still are one of the favourites, the wounded Timor United came back to see off the threat of the Red Frogs All Stars by settling for a 0-0 draw.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport is no longer free for CDU students. CDU students are entitled to a concession fare which is $1 for unlimited bus travel for three hours on any scheduled public bus service from the time validation.

Residents wishing to access the Parap Market (Saturday mornings), Nightcliff Market (Sunday mornings), Rapid Creek Market (Sunday Mornings) or Mindil Market (Thursday and Sunday nights in the dry season) may do so using the number 4 public bus which departs from the CDU campus and passes each market. This bus service also continues onto the Darwin city precinct.

Timetables for public buses may be found on the NT Transport website:

CASUARINA SHUTTLE BUS

To help you with your shopping, IHD runs a FREE shuttle service to Casuarina Square Shopping Centre.

The shuttle bus departs from the IHD Office. The drop off/return pickup is from the same point at your destination.

Details:
• Casuarina Square
• Every Friday night commencing
• Friday 17 February, 2012
• 15 minute loop
• First bus leaves IHD @ 5.30pm
• Last bus leave Casuarina @ 9pm
Australia’s summer of 2013 has been the hottest recorded ever, according to the Bureau of Meteorology. The average temperature for Australia this summer was 28.6°C which breaks the record of the summer in 1997 to 1998 by 0.18°C.

A widespread and prolonged heat wave drove temperatures up for three weeks in January in the southern states, with the hottest temperature recorded during this period being 49.6°C in Moomba in South Australia.

This heat wave was the highest recorded number of consecutive days that the average temperature exceeded 39°C. Records were set in Sydney which reached 45.8°C and according to the Bureau, of the 112 locations used for long term climate monitoring, 14 had their hottest day on record during the summer of 2012 – 13.

This heat wave contributed to the massive bushfires across the south with 130 alone burning in New South Wales. The most devastating of these bushfires were in Tasmania. A normally cooler part of Australia, Tasmanian temperatures reached 41.8°C and had up to 40 bushfires burning across the state. A hundred properties were destroyed and more than 20,000 hectares of bushland were burnt out across Tasmania.

Australia didn’t swelter alone however. December and January were the hottest on record for a lot of the Southern Hemisphere. Temperatures in Patagonia and Chile were more than 4 °C above the average while much of southern Africa reported its hottest temperatures on record.

Unavoidably these events caused global warming to become hot news. It has been debated as to what degree did global warming play in Australia’s heat wave? In reference to the recent heat waves in the United States, prominent climate scientist James Hansen, of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, and colleagues published research saying the recent heat waves "were a consequence of global warming, because their likelihood in the absence of global warming was exceedingly small." Some other climate scientists, however, disagreed about the degree to which heat waves can be attributed to climate change.
Noise Levels

IHD Management has received a number of complaints about the noise coming from the IHD common areas.

Residents are reminded to keep noise levels to a minimum. Residents study at all hours of the day and night and have the right to study and live in a peaceful environment.

Think about your neighbour and keep your noise down.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited:
- In all rooms and buildings
- Within 2 metres of an entrance area
- In all common areas, enclosed workplace or public area
- In outdoor eating areas
- all thoroughfares & under cover walk-ways including upper level balconies
- Within 3 metres of an air-conditioning outlet

Mail

Make sure that you regularly check the Post Office in Building 1, Red Precinct for any mail you may be expecting.

To have mail delivered to IHD directly please ensure you have the correct address:

Your Name
International House Darwin
Building 1, Brown Precinct
Casuarina Campus
Charles Darwin University
Ellengowan Drive
DARWIN NT 0909 Australia

Parking

Residents must have a permit to park in the IHD car parks. Permits are available for free at the IHD Office.

Residents must park in marked bays ONLY. If the IHD car parks are full you may park in the Uni car parks across the road as long as you have a parking permit.

Do not park on the yellow lines or on grassed areas.

Failure to comply will result in a fine from the CDU parking inspectors.
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For more information and updates check out [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/EventsIHD) & keep an eye on the notice boards around campus.

For more information please contact your Resident Leaders or the Academic Liaison and
Phone: 08-8946-6536