Welcome

Hi all

A lot has happened since the last iWitness! The office team and Resident Leaders have been busy doing their best to make sure your questions are answered, maintenance requests actioned, and all the fun events and activities go off without a hitch!

We’ve also been busy planning for the International Houses Worldwide Directors Conference which is being held in the middle of the year. We’ve already got people from Arizona, London and Brisbane booked to come and I look forward to showing them how we do things in the Top End!

As always, the next month is going to be busy with lots of changes in store! Make sure you keep up to date with all the changes and all the events by liking the IHD Facebook page.

Take care and best of luck with your studies!

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Manager
International House Darwin
Thursday, 25 April, is ANZAC Day. ANZAC Day is a day where all Australians take a moment to remember those who lost their lives defending their country.

What is ANZAC Day?
ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACs - that name endures to this day.

The Dawn Service
Anzac Day traditionally begins with the Dawn Service at the Memorial, a reminder of the dawn landing on Gallipoli in 1915.

During battle, the half-light of dawn was one of the most favoured times for an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the “stand-to”. As dusk is equally favourable for attacks, the stand-to was repeated at sunset.

In more recent times families and young people have been encouraged to take part in dawn services, and services in Australian capital cities and towns have seen some of the largest turnouts ever. Reflecting this change, those services have become more elaborate, incorporating hymns, readings, pipers, and rifle volleys. Other services, though, have retained the simple format of the dawn stand-to, familiar to so many soldiers.
Have a question? Need something fixed? IHD are here to help!

Have you noticed something isn’t working as it should? Is it your air conditioner, WiFi access, or something in one of our many communal rooms?

If so, make sure you log a job with IHD! We are your first port of call for any questions, issues, or concerns you may have. Of course some issues require the experts, and in those circumstances we will refer the issue to the most appropriate area and follow it through to completion.

To log a job with IHD simply log onto the IHD website and complete the following steps:
1. Select ‘Current residents’ from the top navigation panel.
2. Select ‘Log a request’.
3. Select ‘Log job’.
4. Log into the housing portal using the entry ID and password provided to you when you first applied for accommodation at IHD. If you have forgotten or lost your entry ID and password, simply email IHD Reception to request it or visit IHD Reception during office hours (Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm).
5. Select ‘Maintenance tab’ at the top of the page.
6. Select ‘New Job’.
7. Complete the online form. Ensure you provided as much detail as possible.
8. Save and continue.

Please remember IHD office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. There are some requests which RLs are not able to fix themselves afterhours, therefore any requests received outside of office hours should be expected to be dealt with the following working day.

You now know what to do the next time you have a question or concern!

Public Transport

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: www.transport.nt.gov.au/transport/public

IHD Casuarina Shuttle Bus

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

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

Details:
• IHD to and from Casuarina Square
• Every Friday night
• 30 minute loop
• First bus leaves IHD @ 5.30pm
• Last bus leaves Casuarina @ 9pm.
Up to date

Wow, what a busy month it’s been! Already we’ve explored Darwin, travelled to the Territory Wildlife Park, tested our cooking skills, and even increased our academic development with the help of Michelle from the library!

Here is a recap on some of our favourite events from the past month:

**Amazing Race**  
*Written by Zoe Bilston*

On Saturday, 8 March 2014, we held IHD’s first amazing race. The aim of the event was to encourage new students to come and explore the CBD by working out the answer to clues.

We had four teams participate on the day. Even after predictions for bad weather, the rain stayed away until the afternoon and the teams enjoyed perfect sunshine and a nice sea breeze. Though we discouraged teams from running in Darwin’s heat, the team of Linda and Steph couldn’t be stopped but boy did they feel the heat once they returned to the esplanade – thank goodness for the ice cold water we provided! We ended the event with a nice picnic lunch on the Esplanade.

**Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**  
*Written by Katharina Dittmer*

On 9 March 2014, eight of our residents went to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory to experience some of Darwin’s culture and history.

For two and a half hours the students explored the museum and learnt a lot about the Northern Territory and its history. Sara couldn’t take her eyes of her favourite rock for quite some time and our residents got a hands on experience with the famous crocodile Sweetheart while posing for a group shot.

The day ended with a nice scenic drive through Nightcliff… although that was short lived as I got a little bit confused thinking I had taken nine people to the museum instead of eight. Who knows? Maybe there still is a lonely student haunting the museum.

**St Patrick’s Day**  
*Written by Dani’elle Jenkins*

On Monday, 17 March 2014, IHD residents joined together to celebrate the iconic Irish holiday, St Patrick’s Day!

It was fantastic to see everyone wearing the classic green. Everyone enjoyed the traditional Irish stew, and the green cupcakes were snapped up within seconds!

The giant games were a lot of fun, especially the Janga. There was lots of action at the Pictionary and Uno tables too. We hope everyone who came had a lot of fun and enjoyed a taste of the Irish culture!

A huge thank you to Sara Zori and Tamas Fabo for helping with the cooking, we couldn’t have done it without you!
Filipino Coffee and Cake  
*Written by Katharina Dittmer*

On Tuesday, 18 March 2014, Coffee and Cake was once again a blast and this time we had a Filipino inspired desert.

A big thank you to JR and Marmi for getting involved in the cooking and sharing your family recipe of Filipino Biko to 40 very satisfied residents. It was great to see everyone come along for a taste of the Philippines.

I also had great fun preparing the food and learning how to cook Biko properly in our unofficial cooking class.

Finally, I can say the food was “Masarap”!

Earth Hour  
*Written by Tim Soon Cheok*

On 29 March 2014, IHD residents joined millions of people around the globe to switch off their lights for an hour.

The event started at 7.30 pm and a respectable number of people showed up for the BBQ. At 8.00 pm sharp, the lights were turned off and the candles were lighted. The residents had a great time chatting away and savouring the wonderful food provided by IHD. By the time the lights were switched on an hour later, almost all of the food were consumed.

At the end of the event, Albie, Jem, Danielle and Paean performed a number of songs, which were greeted by the resident with loud cheers. Some of the residents even enjoyed playing with the sparklers while watching the performance.

Made in USA Coffee and Cake  
*Written by Tim Soon Cheok*

It was my pleasure to host our fortnightly event- Coffee and Cake on 1 April 2014.

This week, we had an American theme going on. Food that I felt best represented the American culture, such as doughnuts and apple pies were served, in addition to our standard biscuits and cakes.

In this session, we were fortunate enough to have two guests of honour, namely Michelle Turner and Cazandra Nicole Mariano. Michelle was here to promote her event ‘Reading for Pleasure’, in order to encourage IHD’s residents to take up reading as a hobby. Likewise, Cazandra also promoted LAUNCH Youth Festival.

Both guests received a warm welcome from our residents and their promotion was a success as a number of residents borrowed books from Michelle, and LAUNCH festival became the topic of conversation throughout. Overall, the event was a success and I would like to thank all the residents that had made this possible.
Territory Wildlife Park
Written by Katharina Dittmer

On the 5 April 2014, 15 fellow residents joined us very early in the morning for a trip to the Territory Wildlife Park.

The day started with feeding fish to the Pelicans at the Billabong, followed by a walk through the Aquarium. At the Oolloo Sandbar Pavan, Steph, Solenn and Fasiha had a go at feeding the Whip rays, while the rest of the group were busy being spat at by the Archerfish.

The bird show was again a big highlight with a variety of Northern Territory birds showcasing their skills to the IHD residents. Some students also had a very close encounter with the wildlife when the park staff brought out the big albino carpet python to hang around residents necks.

The day ended with a relaxed lunch in the picnic area where the friendly wallabies joined us.

For the residents who didn't get the chance to see everything, there will be another trip to the Wildlife Park in semester 2.

Taste of Harmony
Written by Dani’elle Jenkins

Australia is known to be incredibly multicultural, at International House Darwin alone we are enriched with diverse cultures from over 40 different cultures from countries all around the world.

Harmony Day (21 March 2014)

It was exciting to see and taste so many different dishes from a variety of cultures! We had marble cake from Czech, sauerkraut and Haribo gummy bears from Germany, lamb stew and party pies from Australia and much much more!

Everyone did a great job at cooking and the food was much enjoyed by all who came!

Biggest Outdoor Fitness Session

A few residents took the bus to workout at the 1st of 4 outdoor fitness sessions. The aim is to build the crowd of those working out so that on the last date, 29 April, Darwin can break the record for the Biggest Outdoor Session in Australia!

I’m not going to lie, it was hard work working out in the heat but it was well worth it. It’s such a fantastic location overlooking the water and although I was exhausted at the end of it, I felt great!

IHD will be running a bus to the final session on 29 April 2014, so if you’re keen to get fit and want to break a record at the same time, then make sure you register online!
New Vice-Chancellor for CDU

International House Darwin welcomes Professor Simon Maddocks as the new Vice-Chancellor of Charles Darwin University (CDU).

Professor Maddocks is one of Australia’s leading agricultural scientists, specialising in animal reproductive physiology and immunology.

He is now the third Vice-Chancellor of CDU, having taken up the position late last month after a long career in university administration and with the Department of Primary Industries in South Australia.

IHD looks forward to working with Professor Maddocks over the coming months and years.

National Youth Week (NYW) is the largest celebration of young people in Australia.

Thousands of young people aged 12-25 from across Australia get involved in NYW each year.

NYW 2014 is now under way and you should be excited and pumped about all of the events planned for 4-13 April!

So make sure you grab some mates and get out to an event or two and embrace the NYW 2014 theme of ‘Our Voice. Our Impact.’

Most events are FREE but check out the NYW event calendar for more information: youth.nt.gov.au.
Careers & Employment
The Careers & Employment team can assist current CDU students and recent graduates with: career counselling, career development programs, job search strategies, written job applications, preparing for job interviews and general career planning.

Careers & Employment also manages CareerHub.

Student Counselling
For students experiencing personal difficulties that may be affecting their studies, the Counsellor provides a free, confidential counselling service for students. The issues discussed could include: balancing study, work and family, life challenges, time management, trauma, grief and loss, improving relationships or identifying skills and strategies to enhance life experiences.

Appointments may be either direct contact or via telephone.
Freecall number: 1800 122 702
Email: counselling@cdu.edu.au

National Disability Coordination Officer
Equity Services hosts the Northern Territory National Disability Coordination Officer. The NDCO role works to improve the access and participation of people with disabilities in education and employment.

Disability Support
The Disability Liaison Officer is available to prospective and current CDU students who have a disability. The service provides advice to students accessing facilities and programs at CDU including any reasonable adjustments necessary to address the effects of the disability on a student’s ability to undertake their study.

The Disability Liaison Officer liaises with the University’s academic and administrative staff to ensure the student’s adjustments are reasonable and can be accommodated.

The Disability Liaison Officer is a resource for staff and students with issues and concerns relating to students or staff with disabilities.
Email: disability@cdu.edu.au

Off-Campus Accommodation Officer
The Off-Campus Accommodation Officer can assist staff and students with information and advice about finding appropriate accommodation while studying or working at CDU.

The Off-Campus Accommodation Officer provides free and confidential information and advice on housing options, accommodation problems and tenancy issues.
Email: accommodation.assistance@cdu.edu.au

Contact
Location: Casuarina Campus, Blue 1.1.21
Phone: 08 8946 6288
Email: equity@cdu.edu.au
Web: cdu.edu.au/equity-services
NOTICES

New Common Areas

Please be advised that the new common areas are still closed to all residents. These areas include:

- Exercise room
- Games room
- Music room
- Multimedia lab
- Reading room
- Prayer room
- Tutorial room

IHD apologises for the inconvenience, however we are waiting for approval from the contractor to open the building for public use.

IHD will advise residents via email and Facebook as soon as these areas are opened.

Personal Safety and prevention of theft

Make sure doors to your room, kitchen, bathroom, and other common room doors are always securely closed. By keeping these doors closed at all times it reduces the risk of outsiders entering these areas which protect your safety and also prevent theft.

It is important to note that IHD and the University are not responsible for any damage or loss caused to items located on the premises, therefore residents are encouraged to take out appropriate insurance. You are advised to check that the contents policy you are purchasing is valid for a residential accommodation setting. It may also be wise to have engraved identification on expensive electrical items.

IHD Resident Mail

If you need to have mail delivered to you, make sure you provide the following address:

‘Residents Name’
International House Darwin
Brown Precinct, Bldg 1
Charles Darwin University
Casuarina 0909
Northern Territory
Australia

Mail delivered to the above address will be sent to the Charles Darwin University Post Office. It is your responsibility to check the Post Office regularly to see if you have mail. Any mail not collected from the Post Office within 4 weeks will be sent back to the sender.

Don’t forget to check!

Parking at IHD

IHD residents can pick up a 2014 Semester 1 parking permit from IHD Reception Monday to Friday between 9am to 5pm. You will need to provide documentation proving ownership of the car.

Residents must only park in designated bays. It is your responsibility to make sure you have a parking permit displayed on your car at all times. Vehicles not displaying a valid parking permit or found to be breaking road rules will be fined under Charles Darwin University’s Site and Traffic By-laws

IHD visitors are required to park across the road. Car parks within the Brown precinct are strictly only for IHD residents with valid permits.
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**IHD EVENTS**

For more information and updates check out

IHD website: cdu.edu.au/ihd

and

IHD Facebook: facebook.com/EventsIHD

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**Stress free month leading up to exams**

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