Welcome

Hi all

First of all I’d like to welcome everyone to IHD! With the first week of semester 1 now over, I hope you’ve had a chance to meet new people and begin forming new friendships.

Orientation was a huge 2 weeks for us. Resident Leaders and staff were busy welcoming new and old residents to IHD as well as putting on a program of events to get residents out of their room and enjoying life!

The fun doesn’t stop there though. We have a massive line up of events and activities, at most recent count we have 89 activities scheduled over the next 5 weeks. Massive! Make sure you check out the IHD website (www.cdu.edu.au/ihd) for the week’s events and register for those required. Facebook (www.facebook.com/EventsIHD) is another great tool to be kept up-to-date with events also posted there.

I hope you’ve all started to settle into your new home. If you have any questions please come into the office and speak with us.

Kind regards

Dean Preddy
Manager
International House Darwin
The Welcome Dinner Project is coming to Darwin!

The Welcome Dinner Project connects newly arrived people with established Australians over a shared meal.

A special large scale welcome dinner will be held on Saturday night, 7 March 2015.

People who are new to Australia as well as established residents are invited to come along and bring your favourite dish to share!

**Date:** Saturday, 7 March 2015  
**Time:** 6 pm  
**Location:** Nightcliff Uniting Church hall, 21 Cummins Street Rapid Creek.


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Hire of equipment at IHD

Did you know IHD has a range of equipment available for residents to hire?

Take your pick from a range of goods including:

- DVDs  
- Video games  
- Board games  
- Soccer balls/goals  
- Basketballs  
- Tennis gear  
- Hula Hoops  
- Volleyballs/volleyball net  
- Flying discs  
- Rubber balls  
- Cricket gear  
- Water guns  
- Shuttlecock equipment  
- Velcro ball toss  
- Bikes/locks/pump  
- Eskies  
- Barbeques  
- Gas bottles  
- Barbeque kit  
- Butane cooker  
- Tents  
- Sleeping mats  
- Blow up mattress and pump  
- Tarp

You can view the full list of items available for hire on the IHD website.

Please see IHD Reception or the Resident Leader on duty if you wish to hire any of these items. Equipment hire not available between 10 pm – 8 am. You must sign for items borrowed and return them after use. Lost equipment will be charged to your account.

For more information visit the [IHD website](http://IHDwebsite) or IHD Reception.
Roojan Bista
Known as: Roojan

Hi folks, my name is Roojan Bista and I was born in Nepal. I spent my childhood in the lap of the Himalayas which has inspired me to be a nature lover through its legendary magnificent beauty. There the air is crisp and brings with it a sweet smell of pines from the sloping hills, the blue sky with patches of cotton-like clouds and of course, colossal snow clad peaks has left a permanent mark in my mind. It is this natural drive from the beauty of the land and love for outdoors that has motivated me to study Environmental Science at Charles Darwin University so I can make a small contribution on my part to help protect the environment. I feel fortunate to serve you all as a resident leader this year.

Varmaa Marimuthu
Known as: Varmaa

Greetings, everyone! I am Varmaa Marimuthu from India. I have previously completed B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering and MBA in Operations and Logistics in Singapore. At present I am completing a Masters by Research in Charles Darwin University. I am having 3 years industrial work experience. My career objective is to become a successful professional by working smartly with a team and gaining knowledge, experience and growing with the organisation.

Jagadambigai Krishnamurthi
Known as: MK

Hi there, my name is Jagadambigai but everyone calls me MK, I am from India and I am studying Masters of Accounting at CDU. My hobbies are cooking and reading. I’m looking forwards to seeing you guys around IHD.

Francis Marty Sison
Known as: Marty

Friendly neighbourhood advocate of good clean fun.
Robert Dongchen Zhang
Known as: Robert

My name is Robert Dongchen Zhang and I'm from China, Beijing. My favourite hobbies are cooking and sports and I'm always very happy to be a good friend to people from all over the world.

Pavanpreet Sehmi
Known as: Pavan

‘Jambo na karibu’ means hi and welcome to everyone (in Swahili) to International House Darwin. Let's start this semester with a bang and enjoy ourselves, both academically, culturally and personal wellbeing!

Katharina Dittmer
Known as: Kat

My name is Kat. I've been living in Darwin since 2011 and commenced my Bachelor of Commerce degree in 2013. This year will be my final year and I hope we all have an amazing semester ahead of us. My goal is to run many exciting events and give you the opportunity to create positive memories.

Rangga Daranindra
Known as: Rangga

Hi everyone, my name is Rangga, I am from Indonesia and have been in Australia for almost 5 years. I am currently doing my Masters in Business Administration (MBA), majoring in professional accounting at Charles Darwin University. As an International House Darwin (IHD) resident, I feel that I am responsible to contribute more in building an environment that can support our study life. Together with other Resident Leader, I am certain that we can work together to make IHD a better and safer place to live in.

Farhan Nawaz
Known as: Farhan

Hi, I’m Farhan, I was born in Pakistan and have done a bit of traveling. I've previously completed a Bachelor in IT and few other graduate certificates. I'm currently completing my Masters in Business Administration at Charles Darwin University. I like to play both indoor and outdoor games. I am interested in business and have passion to be a successful businessman. Welcome to IHD and to having an ecstatic experience.

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Commemoration ceremony
2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan

On 11 March 2011 a devastating earthquake and tsunami hit the Tohoku region in Japan resulting in the loss of 19,000 lives.

The Australian Japanese Association of the N.T. (AJANT) is marking the 4th anniversary by holding a water lantern memorial to for those affected by this disaster.

On Wednesday, 11 March from 6 pm until 7 pm AJANT invites everyone to help make Origami lanterns and float them at the Waterfront Recreation Lagoon in memory of the victims of the earthquake and tsunami.

Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2015
Time: 6 pm – 7 pm
Location: Darwin Waterfront recreation lagoon

Darwin Symphony Orchestra
Master Series 1 – Poppies

In the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli the Darwin Symphony Orchestra (DSO) presents a program of music that honours and commemorates our fallen heroes in the first of this year’s DSO Master Series.

“We are delighted to present a season with no less than six world premieres of Australian compositions” said Artistic Director and Chief Conductor Matthew Wood.

Conducted by Stephen Pevelly and Captain Darren Cole, Master Series 1 – Poppies, sees the world premiere of a new piano concerto composed by the DSO’s very own Cathy Applegate to be played by multi-award winning Australian concert pianist Michael Kieran Harvey.

Albioni’s adagio, which was used throughout the film Gallipoli, is hauntingly beautiful, while Peter Sculthorpe’s Small Town from the Fifth Continent observes the quintessential Australian town frozen in more innocent times. In the second half of this concert DSO teams up with the Australian Army Band Darwin, to take you on a musical journey through the early 1900s.

Date: Saturday, 14 March 2015
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Darwin Convention Centre, Stokes Hill Road, Darwin NT 0800
Price:
Adults: $49
Concession: $39
Bookings: www.dso.org.au
If you are interested in making friends and want to be part of something great consider joining the IHD semester one year book committee. This is a great way to make new friends and have your ideas heard and be part of making the 2015 IHD yearbook fantastic.

We are looking for fun, inspiring, energetic, creative, passionate people who are excited to be part of the IHD yearbook committee. It doesn’t matter if you are a new resident or just here for semester 1, you can still apply to be part of the team!

We have an IHD yearbook committee Facebook page (facebook.com/IHDyearbookcommittee). This will give all residents a chance to send in photos, stories, recipes, etc.

Contact Reagan Hughes for more information:
E: reagan.hughes@students.cdu.edu.au
F: facebook.com/IHDyearbookcommittee

Yearbook committee

Reagan Hughes

My name is Reagan Hughes, I am 19 years old. I moved to Darwin for University from Katherine. For those of you who don’t know, Katherine is a small town three hours from Darwin. I am currently studying a Bachelor of Social Work. I am in my 3rd year, after this year only one more to go. My favourite things are tigers, the colour purple and lasagne.
IHD’s Orientation Week
16 February – 1 March 2015
Wrap-up of events

Coffee and cake
Written by MK

IHD started off its Orientation Week by celebrating Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday the first day of Lent by serving pancakes at the Sizzler Court and Multicultural room. Pancakes, pancakes, pancakes with chocolate chips, banana, berries, whipped cream and ice cream, these where some of the toppings that were severed with the pancakes on Orientation Week’s Coffee and Cake night.

A good number of residents turned up for the first Coffee and Cake of the year. A mixture of old IHD residents and new ones all came along with their coffee cups to have a cup of Joe (coffee) and eat steaming hot pancakes off the grill with many having a second and third helping (the pancakes were out of the grill and onto the residents plates immediately). Residents had a good time relaxing and catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Pancake recipe:
1. One cup self-rising flour, one egg, three spoons of sugar, a pinch of salt, one cup milk and melted butter.
2. Wisk egg, sugar and salt together add the flour and milk and make a batter. Last add melted butter to the batter.
3. On a hot pan or grill pour the batter and cook for two to three minutes on each side.
4. Steaming hot pancakes are ready to serve.

Cricket
Written by Yesh

On Tuesday, 17 February 2015 a group of residents gathered at IHD’s central lawns to play a game of cricket.

It was an interesting event, which started out as fun with a friendly practice and later becoming a fast paced challenge.

New friendships were initiated relishing the game of cricket. We all had a wonderful time despite ‘the hot Darwin sun’ above our heads.
New and old residents came together to celebrate Chinese New Year on Thursday, 19 February 2015. The crowd of 30 learnt about the biggest festival in a lot of Asian countries while also making and devouring delicious dumplings!

Resident Leader Robert led the celebration and took a folding fan with the patterns of the 12 Chinese Zodiacs on it. He provided the group with knowledge around the zodiacs and informed the residents what their respective zodiac were and what it means for them.

The really fun part started when residents showed off their impressive dumpling making skills, some even better than Robert’s!

Apparently Roojan makes better dumplings than Chinese people and as the wrapper they had could be used for both wantons and dumplings. Su Hao also showed off his expert wanton making skills.

The event took a bit of a turn when Vinodh made an Indian style stuffing with coconut powder and some other unknown ingredients. It was the first time many had tried a dumpling with such a sweet stuffing inside and to Robert’s surprise, he said it was good enough to eat as a dessert. Perhaps we need to get Vinodh to run a cooking class to officially teach us this delicious treat!

All in all it was a really successful event. All residents enjoyed making and eating the dumplings and socalising among friends and new neighbours.

As part of Orientation Week 15 residents headed to the Beachfront Hotel to play a game of pool. Due to the number of residents involved we took over 4 tables and had a lot of fun competing against one another.

On our way home we passed through the Rapid Creek bridge and followed the walking track all the way back to IHD under the stars with a bit of lightening in the background.

Written by Farhan

Written by Robert

Pool at the Beachfront Hotel

Chinese New Year
Leanyer Recreation Park
Written by Varmaa

Leanyer Recreation Park is a wonderful park in Darwin. Thanks to International House Darwin for giving us the opportunity to go and enjoy. As Darwin weather is so hot, I am sure many will find this a place where you can chill out.

We reached the park at 12 pm on Saturday, 21 February 2015 and enjoyed for the park for most of the afternoon. I went there with the residents as part of Orientation Week and the first thing we did was go on the three water slides. We were told that one of the slides is named Fun-der-storm, this slide is 124 m long and two people can ride the slide at once. It was so much fun seeing our friend’s reaction during the slide. The other two slides are individual slides and provided a thrill as I felt that I had sliding for a long time. This park is good fun to enjoy, I strongly recommend each person go there and try the water slides.

We also enjoyed seeing the many children play in the water playground; it’s a place where parents bring their children to enjoy a day out. There is also a pool of chilled water there which we relaxed by for a long time. We also played small games in the pool.

We all had a great time at the park spending our leisure time in a more relaxing way than usual. Thanks again to IHD for giving us a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the weekend with our friends.
Volleyball
Written by Roojan

We all headed out on a typical Darwin evening (of course hot & sticky) towards A World of Fun (AWOF) centre to test our hand-eye coordination skills by playing beach volleyball in a proper court. Once there, we were quick to jump on our designated court, form teams and then the rally began!

For some of the residents it was their first encounter with volleyball while others, who had played the game before, were quick smart to form rules and help their fellow team mates with the basic skills needed to get the ball across the net. Since there were more players than a typical game (two teams of 6 players), we were happy to rotate turns by replacing players within each team. The team bonding was a delight to see. Players tried various techniques like under hand serve, over hand serve, jump serve, forearm pass, overhand pass, and jump set to get the ball floating in the air. Moreover, surprisingly, few spikes were also attempted. The sandy court made diving much easier and fun.

After spending one and half hours on the court, we all jumped on the van (sweaty & stinky) to grab a feed at the local shops. Even though the event poster mentioned fish & chips for dinner, Subway seemed to be people’s choice. Feedback from the participants was overwhelming and they were all keen to do it again in coming months. Some of them even suggested playing volleyball at our local beach. Thanks to Kim and Penny, now we have gears to play volleyball at Casuarina beach! Maybe with few Salties!

Jumping Crocodile Cruise
Written by Kat and Pavan

On the 27th February, a hot Friday morning, a bus load of residents made their way down to the Adelaide River to join the Jumping Crocodile Cruise. The conditions were perfect, it was low tide and since it was the first feed the crocodiles were more than happy to show off their skills. We saw different sizes of crocs from 60cm to 4.5m. The highlight was definitely Fluffy the baby croc with its tiny 60cm.

This trip was also very educational as we learned that crocodiles have very good eyesight and are attracted to bright colours. This was immediately proven as one of the crocodiles was more interested in taking a bit out of Hope, with her white t-shirt, instead of the dangling meat.

The other attraction, apart from the crocs, was the birds of prey, who displayed their impressive flying skills, by catching pieces of meat while it was thrown in the air. What made the experience more memorable was that the boat accommodated our group and a couple of backpackers, which gave us the opportunity for the residence to get up close and enjoy the spectacular jumping crocs. Even though we were very close no limbs were lost on this day.
Start of semester cosplay party
Written by Rangga

The annual International House Darwin (IHD) Start of Semester Party went down last Friday 27th February. Residents from every building made their way to the Multicultural Room and Sitzler Court to meet new friends and celebrate the start of semester 1, 2015.

Cosplay was the theme of the event, and that everyone has to dress up as their favourite superhero character. The IHD office also provided two movie vouchers, as special prizes for the best superhero outfit worn that night. The event started at 7 pm until late, offering Australian barbeque with outback’s variation of meat selections such as kangaroo, crocodile, and lamb.

Various entertainment were also presented that night with games, piñata, and mix of modern contemporary music throughout the party. The IHD resident leaders also used the event as an opportunity to celebrate and wished a happy birthday for one of their colleague’s, Yeshwan Singu, who turned 25 that night. The Start of Semester Party concluded with a trivia quiz, where participants had to break up into eight groups and work together as a team.

“I believe this is a good team building exercise as it provide a chance for everyone to get to know each other and interact with their neighbours”, explained Robert Zang, co-organiser of the event. He also added that there was more number of participants than what he had expected earlier, which shows a positive support from the new and continuing IHD residents this year.

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:

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 (approximately)
• First bus leaves IHD @ 5.30pm
• Last bus leaves Casuarina @ 9pm.
NOTICES

Clean up after yourself

Cleaning in larger IHD Buildings (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11 and 12) is undertaken on a daily basis from Monday to Friday. Cleaners do not work on weekends.

Adult attitudes to cleanliness are expected and people must clean up after themselves. This means you must not leave dirty dishes in the sink/kitchen area. Please ensure you clean up and put away all of your belongings every time you use a communal facility.

Smoking

Residents are reminded that in Australia there are strict policies and social expectations surrounding smoking.

Smoking is not permitted in any IHD rooms, buildings, covered areas or within 2 metres of a doorway, window, air conditioner or building entrance.

You are asked to respect these regulations to ensure the welfare of all residents and compliance with local laws.

Non-compliance with the smoking policy may result in disciplinary action and a fine.

IHD Parking Permits

Are you keeping your car or motorcycle at IHD? Have you obtained your parking permit from the IHD Office?

Residents may obtain a parking permit to park vehicles on the grounds of IHD. Permits are available from IHD Reception at the commencement of each semester. The IHD parking permit is issued free of charge to residents only. It must be displayed in the car windscreen. It allows the car to be parked in designated IHD spaces only and ensures that you will not get a fine for parking on IHD grounds.

Littering

Littering around IHD buildings and car parks has been an issue in recent weeks. Littering is unacceptable.

Please show pride in your living environment. Take the time to place all rubbish in an appropriate bin. Recycling bins should be used for clean drink containers and paper/cardboard. All other litter should be placed in rubbish bins.
Bus Service
CDU Darwin Waterfront

A free student bus service between Casuarina campus and CDU Darwin Waterfront will commence from Monday, 2 February, 2015.

This service will run Monday to Friday only and will exclude Public Holidays. The bus will run a direct service only, no stops between campuses.

The bus stops at Casuarina in front of Orange 1, and at the Waterfront in the loading bay at the front of the building.

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The 2015 rent payment schedule starts on 18 February 2015. All payments will be deducted fortnightly and processed on the following days:

- Wednesday 18 February 2015
- Wednesday 4 March 2015
- Wednesday 18 March 2015
- Wednesday 1 April 2015
- Wednesday 15 April 2015
- Wednesday 29 April 2015
- Wednesday 13 May 2015
- Wednesday 27 May 2015
- Wednesday 10 June 2015
- Wednesday 24 June 2015
- Wednesday 8 July 2015
- Wednesday 22 July 2015
- Wednesday 5 August 2015
- Wednesday 19 August 2015
- Wednesday 2 September 2015
- Wednesday 16 September 2015
- Wednesday 30 September 2015
- Wednesday 14 October 2015
- Wednesday 28 October 2015

Rent payment dates cannot be changed.

Please remember it is your responsibility to ensure there are sufficient funds in your account to meet your rent obligations.

Any declined payments will incur a $20 administration fee (bank charge) which will be charged to your account.
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