IHD
iWitness

CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY
International House
Darwin
Welcome

Hi all

I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest residents for semester 2, 2014! I hope you enjoy living here at IHD and get involved in the many programs and events offered through IHDs iGrow program.

It’s hard to believe it’s July already! IHD has a jam packed Orientation fortnight planned! If you haven’t already, be sure to check out the calendar of events. The posters have been put around IHD and you will also find it in this edition of iWitness.

Orientation is for everyone, whether you’ve lived here for 3 years or just commenced. Orientation is a great opportunity to let your hair down before semester starts, meet new friends, and discover what IHD, CDU and Darwin have to offer!

Once again, enjoy Orientation and welcome to all our new residents!

Dean Preddy
Manager
International House Darwin
Sitzler Court Re-recognition

On Monday, 30 June 2014, IHD along with CDU officially re-recognised the contribution construction company Sitzler has made to CDU over the past 20 years.

Dignitaries flocked Sitzler Court to acknowledge the special event, including Her Honour the Honourable Sally Thomas AC Administrator of the Northern Territory, state and federal ministers, the Lord Mayor of Darwin, Mayor of Palmerston, and CDUs Vice-Chancellor.

Michael Sitzler spoke of migrating to Australia from Germany with his family after the war and how his father would take him to anything and everything to do with education. From a very young age Michael recognised the importance of education and how lucky they were to have a real choice in their future. Michael Sitzler’s uncle and father had a strong interest in education and construction and it was through this passion that they invested and continue to invest in education in the Northern Territory.

The evening also revealed that the Federal Member for Solomon, Mrs Natasha Griggs MP, lived at International House Darwin in 1987! This exciting revelation led to a private tour with the Honourable Peter Styles MLA, the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim, Mrs Natasha Griggs MP, and IHD Manager Dean Preddy taking a selfie in one of the student apartments.

IHD would again like to thank Sitzler for their continuous contribution and look forward to a long partnership together.
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**Week 2:**
- **Monday 14 July:** IHD In-House Fun Day
- **Tuesday 15 July:** CDU Orientation Day
- **Wednesday 16 July:** International Orientation Day
- **Thursday 17 July:** International Orientation Day
- **Friday 18 July:** IHD Big Day Out choice of three:
  - 1. Crocosaurus Cove
  - 2. Wave Pool & Waterfront
  - 3. Swimming @ Berry Springs
- **Saturday 19 July:** Coolalinga Market
- **Sunday 20 July:** Nightcliff Market
Monday 7 July 2014

10 am Casuarina Essentials
You have just arrived in Darwin. Now you need to find your way around! We will meet at the IHD Office at 10 am then walk to the nearby Casuarina Shops. The walk is about 20 minutes, so wear suitable walking shoes, bring a water bottle, wear sunscreen and a hat for sun protection. At Casuarina we can attend banks and the post office. You will have the opportunity to buy phone cards, pharmacy and personal items, food, power conversion plugs and other items you may need to settle in. We will then catch the local bus back to IHD with all of our purchases.

3 pm Pool at the Beachfront Hotel
Do you fancy a game of pool, a drink and a bit of time to socialise and get to know others? We will be meeting at the IHD Office at 3 pm and walking to the nearby Beachfront Hotel. The walk takes about 15 minutes, so wear suitable shoes and some sunscreen. Bring some money to buy a drink or two and learn your way to this local watering hole.

Tuesday 8 July 2014

10 am Northern Editions and ACIKE Visit
Are you interested in local artwork? Founded in 1993, Northern Editions is the longest established producer and publisher of limited edition prints in northern Australia – and it is part of the Charles Darwin University family. Northern Editions collaborate with individual artists and Aboriginal art centres to produce and exhibit limited edition etchings, woodblocks, screenprints, lithographs and linocuts. After checking out Northern Editions we will head over to the new ACIKE (Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Education) building at CDU for a coffee in their gallery. You will need some money for a coffee.

3 pm Soccer on The Strand
Everyone loves soccer, right? Or is that football? That depends on where you call home!! We will be meeting at the IHD Office at 3 pm and walking to The Strand on campus. The walk takes less than 5 minutes. Wear suitable clothing for running around and some sunscreen. Fruit will be provided.

8 pm Coffee and Cake Night – Aussie Theme
This event is a favourite during term time at IHD! Tonight the theme is Aussie food. Join us in the Multicultural Room from 8 pm for a hot drink and a selection of Aussie sweet treats. Coffee and Cake Nights happen fortnightly and are a great time to break from study and relax with friends. The theme changes each time, but the food and the socialising is always good!

Wednesday 9 July 2014

10 am Casuarina Essentials
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1.30 pm Library Tour
If you are new to CDU don’t miss this tour. The Library will be offering a detailed and informative one hour tour of the CDU library with lots of useful study tips. Meet at the IHD office at 1.30 pm to walk as a group to the library.

3 pm Beach Volleyball at AWOF
Today we will be taking a mini bus to the nearby AWOF beach volleyball facility. We’ve hired a court there to play 2 hours of beach volleyball so we will be meeting at the IHD Office at 3 pm. Wear suitable clothing for jumping around barefoot in the sand. Fruit will be provided.

8 pm Aussie Movie Night
IHD have a collection of Australian movies to share with those of you from other countries. Tonight we will screen The Sapphires featuring popular Darwin singer and actress, Jessica Mauboy. The movie was made in 2012 and tells the story of a group of Aboriginal singers who went to Vietnam to entertain the troops in 1968. Be in the Multicultural Room for an 8 pm start and some popcorn!

Thursday 10 July 2014

10 am East Point Military Museum
Do you know much about Darwin’s history? As part of your orientation to Darwin why not join this visit to the East Point Military Museum and learn about Darwin’s role in World War II? We will meet at the office at 10 am. Entry will cost you $5 to be paid to IHD RLS on the bus. IHD will pay the balance of your entry, but PLEASE BRING YOUR STUDENT ID CARD. We will arrange for a picnic lunch at East Point to be included.

3 pm Basketball
Need some more sporting activity? This time it’s basketball! We will be meeting at the IHD Office at 3 pm and walk to the CDU basketball courts on campus. The walk takes less than 5 minutes. Dress for a workout! Fruit will be provided.

5 pm Mindil Markets
Dry season Thursday and Sunday nights in Darwin are Mindil Market night! Tonight we will run a shuttle bus to these famous markets. First bus departs reception at 5 pm, then the next will be around 5.45 pm. Watch the sunset over Mindil beach then feast on the international cuisines of the many food vendors, shop for clothing, jewellery and artefacts, have a relaxing massage or enjoy the live entertainment. Last return bus departs the markets at 8.30 pm. Don’t be late!

Friday 11 July 2014

10 am Museum Visit
Darwin has a wonderful museum with displays including Aboriginal arts and culture, a Cyclone Tracy room, Sweetheart the giant crocodile, a Southeast Asian fishing boat collection and much more. Entry is free. We will meet at the office at 10 am. This trip does NOT include entry to the Dinosaurs Alive! exhibition. We will arrange for a picnic lunch by the beach after visiting the Museum.

Casuarina Shuttle Bus
IHD runs a shuttle bus every Friday evening from the IHD office to the Casuarina Square shops. The first bus departs at 5.30 pm, delivers residents to the shops and then returns to IHD. It continues this loop all evening with the last journey departing from the shops at 9.00 pm.

Saturday 12 July 2014

10 am Parap Markets
Another popular Darwin market is the Saturday morning Parap markets! Today we will run a shuttle bus to this market. First bus departs reception at 10 am, then the next will be 30 minutes later. The last return bus will leave Parap at 1.30 pm. The market offers fruit and vegetables, arts and crafts and lots of food vendors including the popular laksa vendors. It is located in the Parap Village shop complex.

7 pm Games Night
Tonight we have a big range of board games on offer for an easy night of socialising and board games. Whether your favourite is Monopoly, Cluedo or Uno, come and join the fun. There is something for everyone. AND ….. THERE WILL BE ICE CREAM!!

Sunday 13 July 2014

10 am Rapid Creek Markets
Sunday morning is Rapid Creek market! These markets are particularly popular for getting the week’s supply of fruit and vegetables, with a great range of fresh produce including Asian greens. There is also a great range of food stalls including some vendors selling Asian sweet treats. Today’s first shuttle bus departs reception at 10 am, the next will be around 20 minutes later. The last return bus will leave Rapid Creek at 1.30 pm.

6.30 pm Deckchair Cinema
Darwin’s Deckchair Cinema is iconic! Every visitor (and resident) to Darwin should enjoy a tropical evening under the stars watching a movie on the outdoor screen. Tonight is your chance! IHD is subsidising a visit to the Deckchair to see “Backyard Ashes” – a story about animosity between neighbours that ends in a game of Aussie backyard cricket. Bring a cushion/pillow and some money for food and drinks (or bring your own food and drinks and borrow one of the cinema’s cushions!). Cost $5 per person for entry but PLEASE BRING YOUR STUDENT ID CARD to get this price.
**Monday 14 July 2014**

**4.30 am World Cup Final**
We will be screening the World Cup Final in the Multicultural Room. Soccer fans, prop up those eye-lids and come to cheer on the teams and enjoy the atmosphere.

**9 am Welcome – COMPULSORY FOR NEW RESIDENTS**
Today is the day to have some fun and get to know everyone. Meet in the Multicultural Room at 9 am for the official welcome and to meet our staff. Today is compulsory for new residents and optional for returners.

**9.15 am IHD In-House Fun Day**
Let the fun begin. Our Program Officer, Kim, and our Resident Leaders will lead you through a day of activities designed to familiarise you with IHD and each other. We will use the Multicultural Room as our base.

- 9.15 am Outdoor games
- 10.45 am Morning tea (Multicultural Room)
- 11.00 am Photo scavenger hunt
- 12.15 pm LUNCH (Sitzler Court)
- 1.00 pm Walk to ALLSP (Academic Language and Learning Success Program)
- 1.15 pm ALLSP Induction
- 1.45 pm Return walk to IHD
- 2.00 pm Rotate through a range of activities until 6 pm or chill at our cool-off station
  - Jumping castle
  - Soccer
  - Dodgeball
  - Chess/board games
  - Gourmet BBQ demonstrations – Manager
    Dean cooks up a treat for you at 3 pm and at 4 pm in Sitzler Court
- 6.00 pm Finish

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**Friday 18 July 2014**

**IHD Big Day Out**
Choose from one of three activities, but please sign up online first as we have limited transport available to us:

- **Crocosaurus Cove** – If you need a fix of big crocodiles and reptiles, this is the tour for you. Please pay your $15 participation fee at the office before the day. We will use local public transport today, so please bring your student ID card and some spending money for lunch. We depart IHD office at 9.15 am for Crocosaurus Cove.
- **Wave Pool and Waterfront** – Bring your swimwear, sunscreen and a towel. We are off to the Wave Pool and then for a look around the waterfront area. This outing is free, but bring a little spending money and your student ID card as we will use public transport today. We depart IHD office at 9.45 am for the Wave Pool.
- **Swimming and picnic at Berry Springs** – Bring your swimwear, sunscreen and a towel as we head out for a picnic at Berry Springs which is a popular waterhole for swimming. Lunch provided. Bus departs IHD Office at 10.00 am for Berry Springs.

**5.30 pm Casuarina Shuttle Bus**
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**8 pm Aussie Movie Night**
IHD have a collection of Australian movies to share with those of you from other countries. Tonight we will screen Red Dog, the true story of an amazing dog who lived in the Western Australian mine towns in the 1970s. The movie was made in 2011 and is a very popular depiction of the book written on Red Dog’s life. Be in the Multicultural Room for an 8 pm start and some popcorn!

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**Tuesday 15 July 2014**

**Official CDU Orientation Day**
8 am Registration opens  
Venue: Mal Nairn Auditorium, Red 7  
For the full official program go to:  

**6 pm Dinner at Stokes Hill Wharf**
REGISTER ONLINE
Meet at the office at 6 pm to catch our bus to the Stokes Hill Wharf seafood eateries. Bring money for your dinner and a drink and enjoy an outdoor meal by the water.

**Wednesday 16 July 2014**

**CDU International Students’ Orientation Day 1**
8 am Registration opens with a Pancake Breakfast  
Venue: Mal Nairn Auditorium, Red 7  
For the full official program go to:  

**6 pm BBQ on the Beach**
Dinner tonight will be a BBQ on the beach. Walk to the beach via the path behind building 17 along the residential fences. Enjoy the sunset, a simple Aussie meal, a stroll on the beach or some ball games.

**Thursday 17 July 2014**

**CDU International Students’ Orientation Day 2**
Activities today begin at 8.30 am.  
For the full official program go to:  

**3 pm Cool by the Pool**
Cool off by the IHD pool with one of our refreshing mocktails.

**5 pm Mindil Markets**
Dry season Thursday and Sunday nights in Darwin are Mindil Market night! Tonight we will run a shuttle bus to these famous markets. First bus departs reception at 5 pm, then the next will be around 5.45 pm. Watch the sunset over Mindil beach then feast on the international cuisines of the many food vendors, shop for clothing, jewellery and artefacts, have a relaxing massage or enjoy the live entertainment. Last return bus departs the markets at 8.30 pm. Don’t be late!
After a few of year’s hiatuses, the Darwin Fringe Festival is back!

The Darwin Fringe Festival has launched its 2014 program with a fantastic selection of events that will take place from the 17th of July to the 10th of August.

Explore, support and try for yourself a variety of arts, theatre, comedy, live music, dance, and literary workshops and events. Many of the events are free while some have a small charge.

The Darwin Fringe Festival is an artist run festival featuring art, music, theatre, dance, sculpture and film made by local artists. The objective of the Festival is to provide a platform for local Darwin artists across all art forms to share their work with the larger Darwin community.

Get involved and be sure to check out the full program on the Darwin Fringe Festival website!

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**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

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**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.
International Houses Worldwide Directors Conference

The International Houses Worldwide (IHWW) Directors Conference kicked off last Sunday and has seen delegates from around the world stay with us at IHD.

The group are passionate about giving their student residents the opportunity to live and learn in a multicultural environment where understanding, dialogue and friendship enable cultural gaps to be bridged.

Each year Directors and/or Managers of each I-House gather together to share ideas and form ties with the aim of building strong communities. This past week they have had a busy schedule attending workshops, presentations and deciding on the future direction of IHWW.

International Houses Worldwide Inc. is an association of International Houses from across the continents, united by one mission:

To provide students of different nationalities and diverse cultures with the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding and international friendship.

Speaking to delegates throughout the week, they said they had been inspired and look forward to going back to their I-House to implement ideas shared.

IHD thanks the generous support of our sponsor, StarRez, who helped contribute to the success of the 2014 IHWW Directors Conference.
NOTICES

Event registrations
Please remember that once you register your details on Survey Monkey for an event, you have confirmed your attendance.

If you do not cancel your attendance within 24 hours of the event, you have selfishly denied others the opportunity to take advantage of an excursion and will be banned from the next 2 registered IHD events.

Parking at IHD
IHD residents can pick up a 2014 Semester 2 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.

Room/personal security
Residents should ensure that their room is always locked, especially when left unattended (even if only to make a quick trip to the bathroom or kitchen).

Likewise, to ensure security of your food and property, residents should ensure that they relock kitchen drawers and communal freezers after use.

Please do not leave valuables such as laptops, wallets, keys and bicycles unsecured or unattended at any time.

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!
### IHD Events

**IHD Orientation**
Check Orientation calendars for details of events

### Up to date
Pictures from recent IHD events