Welcome

Wow, it’s been a busy fortnight training our 2014 Resident Leaders (RL) in Brisbane, welcoming all our new and returning residents, and of course the CDU Orientation.

Semester 1 is now well and truly underway; I hope you’ve settled into life here at IHD and on campus.

The RLs have been busy planning a heap of activities as part of the iGrow program. As such we have a busy fortnight ahead of us with the Amazing Race, visit to the museum, St Patrick’s Day celebrations, and of course Harmony Day.

Be sure to keep up to date with everything happening at IHD via our website: cdu.edu.au/ihd and our Facebook page: facebook.com/EventsIHD.

Wishing you all a fun and successful year ahead!

Dean Preddy
Manager
International House Darwin
Australian Coffee and Cake - Official Welcome

Thanks to all International House Darwin (IHD) residents who turned up to IHD’s first Coffee and Cake of the year which we also combined with the Official Welcome.

It was great to see so many new faces and also welcome back some not so new ones. As always, this is the first opportunity for residents to officially meet their Resident Leaders (RL) for the year. Zoe, Julia, Kat, Dani’elle, Tim, and Trever have a fantastic year planned with lots of events and activities already booked in.

For those of you we didn’t get the chance to meet, we look forward to meeting you in the near future!

Exhibition Booth - iGrow

What a fun and busy morning we had at the CDU Orientation exhibition booth. Our iGrow booth was a huge success! We had masses of people coming to check out what it was all about, and to top it off we signed up close to 70 iGrow members!

Huge congratulations to all the RLs who designed the booth and who encouraged students to find out what iGrow is all about. Also, thanks for waking up the IHD Manager, Dean Preddy, we’d been looking for him all morning!

DJ Fish helped us dance the night away and our trusty Resident Leader cooks worked hard to get the food out as quickly as possible. A special thanks to the Red Frogs team who, as always, bring energy and awesome free stuff (donuts this night) for us to consume.

Of course the fun doesn’t stop here; we have heaps of events planned for the year as part of our iGrow program. Be sure to keep up to date with everything happening via the IHD website: cdu.edu.au/ihd, the IHD Facebook page: facebook.com/EventsIHD, and the Event Calendar in each edition of iWitness.

CDU students soaking up the atmosphere and letting their hair down.

Music Night

You guys know how to party! What a fantastic turn out we had to the IHD Music Night held on Thursday, 27 February 2014.

Approximately 150 people turned up for a night of tunes and food. It was great to see so many IHD residents and...
Lots to Loan at IHD

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

We have sporting equipment, board games, DVDs, Wii, and BBQ equipment available for residents to loan.

Take your pick from basketballs, netballs, soccer balls, soccer goals, volleyball net, volleyballs, pool volleyball net, cricket bats, stumps, tennis racquets and balls, table tennis equipment, frisbees, and pool toys. We also have eskies and a range of BBQ equipment for use at the BBQ’s located in our entertainment area at Sitzler Court.

IHD also has bicycles available for loan. They provide a great alternative form of transport to get to nearby shops as well as venturing the extensive bicycle tracks around the area to see Darwin or visit the nearby beaches. We have a great bicycle track flyer on our website: cdu.edu.au/ihd which shows you how to get to all the outdoor hot spots around Darwin and Palmerston!

If you want to loan any of this equipment, simply come into the IHD office to take your pick.

After hours? No worries, your on duty Resident Leader can assist you with equipment loans as well! All you need to do is sign the equipment out and return it by the specified date.

Enjoy!

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
• 15 minute loop
• First bus leaves IHD @ 5.30pm
• Last bus leaves Casuarina @ 9pm.
Women’s equality has made positive gains but the world is still unequal. International Women’s Day celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women while focusing world attention on areas requiring further action.

Each year International Women’s Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. The first International Women’s Day was held in 1911. Thousands of events occur to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women’s groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day.

*Inspiring Change* is the 2014 theme which encourages advocacy for women’s advancement everywhere in every way. It calls for challenging the status quo for women’s equality and vigilance inspiring positive change.

This year CDU’s Northern Institute hosted a International Women’s Day Morning Tea. In line with the theme, the morning tea brought attention to the issue of domestic violence against women in the Northern Territory.

The event aimed to educate women about the Northern Territory plan to reduce violence against women and their children, and to raise awareness to this issue.

Inspiring change can mean many things to many people, for some it’s about raising awareness on particular topics of interest, to others it’s about inspiring others to change themselves for the better. Whatever your meaning, I encourage everyone to think about how they can inspire change in their world.
Your swipe card needs to be updated once every seven days.

To update your card, you need to swipe your card at a “Hot Spot”.

Hot Spots are clearly marked and are located all over the IHD campus. To update your card, make sure you:

• Hold your card against a Hot Spot location for approximately 2 seconds
• Wait for the light on the Hot Spot to go green. Once green your card is updated.

Hot Spot Locations

**Brown 1**
- Ground level, next to stairs in the walk through area between Brown 1 and 2
- Ground level, middle of building, in front of the computer room.

**Brown 2**
- Ground level, outside kitchen

**Brown 3**
- Ground level, outside kitchen

**Brown 4**
- Ground level, middle of building

**Brown 5**
- Ground level, middle of building

**Brown 6**
- Ground level, outside kitchen

**Brown 8**
- Ground level, near kitchen

**Brown 11**
- Ground level, wall closest to the houses

**Brown 12**
- Ground level, outside kitchen

**Brown 13**
- Ground level, Sitzler Court (behind the BBQ)
- Ground level, TV room wall (pool side)

**Brown 14**
- Ground level, outside entry

**Brown 15**
- Ground level, outside entry

**Brown 16**
- Ground level, outside entry

**Brown 17**
- Ground level, outside entry

Nathan Fanning, Chair of the Round Table and a former IHD resident, is a finalist in the Young Achiever Awards. Mr Fanning has been nominated in the Australian Super Career Kick Start Award.

On graduating high school he received the NT Government Department of Construction and Infrastructure Co-Op Scholarship. Since completing his honours degree in Mechanical Engineering, Mr Fanning is now a policy research officer for the Minerals Council of Australia.

He has shown initiative in kick starting his career by undertaking discussions with Charles Darwin University in relation to setting up a paraprofessional degree for the mining industry. In his spare time, Mr Fanning is involved in the Darwin North Rotary Club, he is a youth worker for indigenous students at St John’s Catholic College, and helped organise the 2013 CareFlight Golf Day, which raised $20,000.

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Up to Date

Clean Up IHD Day

On Sunday, 2 March 2014, IHD held its annual Clean Up IHD Day. This event runs alongside the national Clean Up Australia Day (CUAD), which takes place on the first Sunday of March. The aim of CUAD is ‘to inspire and work with communities to clean up, fix up, and conserve our environment’.

The day started off small but as the event grew so did the group. In the end we had approximately 20 enthusiastic residents who showed how important a clean IHD environment is to them. An interesting fact, this year the majority of participants were international students!

Due to the large amount of participants we were able to clean up almost every buildings communal area plus our major communal spaces such as the pool area, Sitzler Court, and the central lawns.

The most common rubbish item was: CIGARETTE BUTTS, which is the second most common litter item in Australia! Did you know it can take up to 10 years for cigarette butts to decompose? It’s true, so please dispose of them properly!

We ended our afternoon of cleaning with a well deserved sausage sizzle in Sitzler Court.

British Coffee and Cake

On Tuesday, 4 March 2014, we held our second coffee and cake for the semester. Approximately 50 people turned up to the newly opened multicultural room and enjoyed our homemade scones, delicious biscuits, and traditional English teas.

The evening turned out to be a full success, although there were some difficulties with the kiddie lock on the hot water boiler at first (even the IHD office was tricked by this system). The statistics at the end of the night showed a whole tin of milo was emptied, 5l of milk, and all the baked goods were devoured.

We hope to see you again for the next Coffee and Cake in two weeks’ time!
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.

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 walkways including upper level balconies
• Within 3 metres of an air-conditioning outlet

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!

Settling in at IHD

Have you recently moved to IHD and still trying to find your feet?

Make sure you check out the Settling in page on the IHD website! It has heaps of useful information such as:
• How to keep up to date with everything happening at IHD
• Campus maps
• How to log a maintenance request
• How to access all of IHDs facilities
• Emergency and health information
• 2014 Resident handbook and Student Conduct Rules
• Access to transport
• How to connect to CDU WiFi, computer, and email accounts.

For more information visit: cdu.edu.au/ihd/settling-in
Students have the opportunity to join a select group of student leaders from across campus who are already making a significant contribution to the university community.

The Charles Darwin University (CDU) Student Ambassador Program helps students to build their leadership, communication and teamwork skills, meet new students, and encourage and inspire others to join the CDU community.

Student Ambassadors are a selected group of student leaders from across campus, who are making a significant contribution to the college community while developing advanced personal, professional and leadership skills.

Working closely with the Student Recruitment Team, they represent and promote CDU to current and prospective students, their families, guests, and career advisers.

Student Ambassadors play a key role in a variety of campus activities, including:
• New Student Orientation days
• Various annual events
• Visits to High Schools around Darwin, Palmerston and rural areas
• Open Day.

Through participation in these activities, Student Ambassadors will have the opportunity to develop a wide range of professional skills, such as:
• Valuable leadership skills
• Working in a team
• Develop effective communication skills.

In 2013, 17 students became ambassadors and new students were encouraged to join the program.

For more information about joining the CDU Student Ambassadors program, visit: cdu.edu.au/current-students/ambassador-program.

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### Event Calendar

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and

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**Calling all aspiring student leaders**