

2011 Tribute to Northern Territory Women



Bindi Burnell

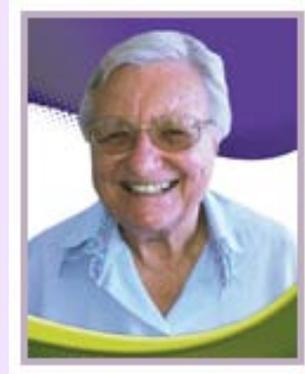
In recognition of her inspiration and leadership in educating young people and advocacy for children with Autism.

Bindi began her career as an Apprentice Chef and participated in the *Trades Women on the Move Pilot Program*. Through this program Bindi was an inspirational role model for young women, encouraging girls to consider a non-traditional career path.

Bindi has been actively involved in community policing programs throughout her 15 year policing career and is a long time member and representative of the NT Police Association.

Bindi has held a variety of positions with Autism NT. She is a supportive leader for families involved with Autism NT and is a strong advocate for equal rights for people with a disability.

In 2008 Bindi was an NT Finalist for the Barnardo's Mother of the Year Awards.



Margaret Clinch

Researcher, historian and long time advocate and activist for local planning and the environment.

Margaret established PAn: the Planning Action Network Inc. that advocates for better planning to meet community needs.

Over the last 15 years Margaret has successfully lobbied for the conservation and protection of various environmental and heritage sites around Darwin.

Margaret is an active member of the Historical Society of the NT.

She was instrumental in the development of library services in the Northern Territory.

Margaret is an inspirational role model and leader to many women, whether they be librarians, researchers, historians or member of community advocacy groups.



Dr Christine Connors

For her dedication and commitment to improving health outcomes for Territorians.

Christine is a General Practitioner and Public Health Physician who has been working in the Northern Territory for over 23 years.

Her professional career has given her unique insight into the health needs of Aboriginal women and men. This has led to her advocacy for specialist services such as establishing pap smear screening in Northern Territory remote communities, the Strong Women: Strong Babies: Strong Culture program, and a new model of care for people with chronic kidney disease to help delay the onset of dialysis.

Christine's work continues to influence professional practice and health policy in remote communities.

She is a Honorary Research Fellow at Menzies School of Health Research.



Lyn Conway

For her long term contribution and dedication to supporting positive educational outcomes for remote Aboriginal children.

Lyn and her husband Ian established Kings Creek Station.

Through constant support, coaching and encouragement, Lyn empowers remote men, women, and children to pursue development opportunities in their region.

She is a strong advocate for local Aboriginal communities, particularly in regard to education. Lyn has supported young people from the surrounding area to attend higher educational facilities in Adelaide.



Audrey Gorring

For over 50 years contribution to the Arts and Theatre in the Northern Territory and her long term dedication to volunteering.

Audrey was a dedicated volunteer for the St Vincent De Paul Society, and is remembered as one of the longest serving volunteers in the Northern Territory.

A long time participant and patron of the Arts and Theatre in the Territory.

Audrey was an avid and successful dancer, and in 1989 she first joined the well known dance group, the Grey Panthers. She was the longest serving member in the Territory.



Lesley King

In recognition of 33 years service as a volunteer and inspirational leader for St John Ambulance Australia.

Lesley is a leader and mentor in the St John Ambulance community of the Northern Territory.

Lesley initiated and developed the national St John Ambulance Child Protection Policy.

She was invested as a Dame of Grace of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem in 2009.

In 2002, Lesley was awarded the Centenary Medal for services to the Northern Territory community, particularly in support of children and youth.



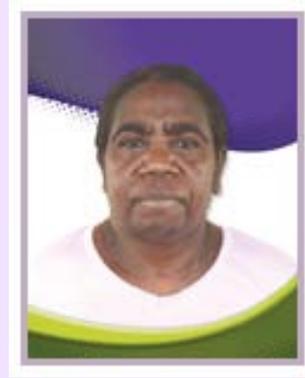
Clare Martin

For her contribution as a pioneer in the political landscape of the Northern Territory and Australia.

Formerly an ABC journalist, in 2001 Clare became the first female Chief Minister, as well as the first Labor Chief Minister in the Northern Territory.

First elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in 1995 and assumed the leadership of the NT Labor Party in 1999. She went on to win the 2005 election and resigned from Parliament in 2007.

In 2008 Clare became CEO of the Australian Council of Social Services and has recently been appointed a Professorial Fellow, at Charles Darwin University's The Northern Institute.



Patricia McTaggart

For her inspiration, leadership and dedication to the preservation and promotion of Northern Territory Indigenous cultural security.

Awarded an Order of Australia medal in recognition of her contributions to Indigenous languages and culture.

Patricia has been the Chairperson of the Merrepen Arts Aboriginal Corporation since 1998.

Awarded an Advanced Diploma in Linguistics. Patricia is the co-author of several books focusing on bio-cultural knowledge in her language areas.

Provides advice and support to the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and the Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport.

Business woman and leader, Patricia is the driving force behind Fi Weaving Tours. These tours share cultural knowledge to visitors and provide employment for local people.



Ellen Ryan

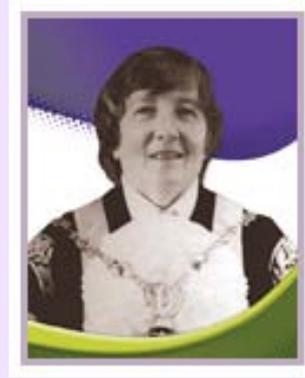
For her contribution as a Territory pioneer, founding entrepreneur, community activist and inspiration to Territory women of her generation.

Ellen arrived in the Northern Territory in 1823. She was a founding business person in the Territory and eventually became one of our most successful women in her own right.

She was one of the first 82 women to vote in Australia in 1895.

Ellen built the Hotel Victoria in 1890. This building has proved to be one of the Territory's most profitable and famous hotels. It survived cyclones and the bombing of Darwin. This hotel has been a focal point for political and social activity throughout the past 120 years and still stands today. Solid proof that women not only played a part in the social life of the Top End but also in its economic development.

A look at her life is a look at a vital slice of Territory history in which women played an essential and enterprising role.



Dr Ella Stack

In recognition as the Northern Territory's first female Mayor and for her instrumental role in the rebuilding of Darwin after Cyclone Tracy.

Dr Stack is a respected and admired General Practitioner in the Northern Territory, who rose to the position of Chief Medical Officer.

The Northern Territory's first female Mayor appointed in 1975. When Darwin became a capital city in 1980, Dr Sack was appointed as the first female Lord Mayor of Darwin. She is well known as a sensitive and pragmatic decision maker.

Instrumental in the formation of Menzies School of Health.

In 1979 she was made Commander of the British Empire for services rendered to the people of Darwin immediately following Cyclone Tracy and during the reconstruction of Darwin. Dr Stack is warmly remembered for her tireless work and leadership during this period.



Betty Thompson

For her long term commitment and contribution over 57 years to the Alice Springs region.

A dedicated volunteer for numerous charities and organisations, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and the Red Cross, as well as an avid fundraiser for local school and sports teams.

A friend of the Alice Springs Desert park and dedicated to preserving the environment and history.

Betty continues to be involved in the community of Alice Springs, being a long time volunteer for the Masters Games and a Foundation Life Member of the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame.
