

Chair's message

I would like to start by thanking all members of the Australia Day Council Northern Territory for their dedication and support to our organisation.

2020 will be remembered around the world for the devastating impact of COVID-19, and while this has been a challenging year for all, we have still managed to maintain a strong governance and financial position.

I had the privilege of travelling to Canberra in January to attend the 2021 National Australian of the Year Awards on Australia Day eve and witness our own Dr. Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann announced as the National Senior Australian of the Year. I also attended the Invasion Day / Survival Day gathering at Parliament House in support of mobs from all over Australia.

Australia Day 2021 saw the launch of the national campaign, "The Story of Australia" which encouraged Australians to Reflect. Respect and Celebrate. There were events held across the Northern Territory and thanks to the National Australia Day Council's grants programme, councils and not-for-profits were able to apply for funding to ensure these Australia Day activities went ahead in a COVIDSafe way.

Looking ahead to 2021, we are at the beginning of a new Strategic Plan and looking forward to greater engagement with our remote communities.

On behalf of the Australia Day Council Northern Territory Board, we look forward to working with the NT community in 2021 and beyond.

Nigel Browne

Chair

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