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MINISTER FOR ARTS AND MUSEUMS

ARTS AND MUSEUMS MINI BUDGET OUTLOOK

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The Department of Arts and Museums budget will increase by $1.76 million in 2012-13.

Minister for Arts and Museums, Matt Conlan, said the Defence of Darwin Experience will receive an additional $200,000 in ongoing funding from 2012-13 for the operation and maintenance of the exhibition.

“This is popular amongst visitors to the Top End and is an important display of our history,” Mr Conlan said.

“The Government will honour the previous Government’s unfunded commitment to support the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre in Katherine.”

The Centre will receive $1 million over two years from 2012-13 and a further $250,000 in 2014-15.

“In coming years, savings have been identified across the Department of Arts and Museums,” Mr Conlan said.

“A review of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory’s (MAGNT) security arrangement will provide ongoing savings from 2013-14.

“During this same period, ongoing savings of $186,000 will be made from the rationalisation of MAGNT photography and library services.

“MAGNT’s retail services will also be reviewed from 2013-14 to increase profitability.

“By 2015-16, further efficiencies will realise an estimated total of $0.8 million ongoing in savings.

“Territorians have a great appreciation for the arts and this budget will allow this to continue. However, there is a clear need for the Department of Arts and Museums to operate more efficiently and focus on its core business,” Mr Conlan said.

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