Annual Northern Territory Government History Grants amounting to $50 000 were announced today by Minister for Corporate and Information Services, Dr Peter Toyne.

The History Grant Scheme was established in 1979 to commemorate the attainment of self-government in a way that would give historical knowledge back to the Territory.

"These grants are important to encouraging and supporting the work of historians in documenting the history of the Territory," Dr Toyne said.

"This year 17 grants have been allocated for amounts up to $5,000. These grants are to assist with expenses incurred on research projects."

"The Territory's history is bursting with intriguing tales and unique stories and experiences. These grants will help to ensure they are researched and recorded before they are lost for future generations of Territorians," Dr Toyne said.

The 2002 History Grants:

- David Baker of New South Wales: $2,000 to research a personal account of the hydrological works and developments in the Top End, 1955-1957
- Alan Powell of Darwin: $1,850 to research the story of American Army Engineers in the Northern Territory, 1942-1943
- Robert Ellis of Toowong: $2,650 to research a history of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority, 1980 - 1989
- Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory: $3,300 to research the Pioneer Register of the Northern Territory
- Cathy Robinson of Canberra: $2,760 to research buffalo histories from Oenpelli
- John Dargavel of Canberra: $2,000 to research the history of the paperbark forest lands of the Northern Territory
- Shirley Brown of Alice Springs: $3,000 to research the biographies of famous Australians and their experiences in the Alice Springs region
- Northern Territory Police Museum and Historical Society: $4,000 to record oral histories of NT Police members and their spouses
- Kate Lance of Melbourne; $2,000 to research pearling luggers of the Northern Territory
- Sally Ingleton and John Moore of Melbourne: $3,000 to research a documentary script about Olive Pink
- Bill Bunbury and Geoffrey Bolton of Perth: $5,000 to research a regional history of Northern Australia (the Kimberleys, the Top End and Far North Queensland)
- Nicholas Gill of Wollongong: $3,500 to research the Central Australian pastoral industry and the 1958-1965 drought
- Megg Kelham of Alice Springs: $2,000 to research and document the Pine Gap Women's Peace Camp, 1983
- Darryl Butler of Darwin: $2,000 to research the Desert Rose, a history of the Northern Territory University's solar car, 1986-2001
- Justin O'Brien of Jabiru: $4000 to research new documentation about the Coniston killings of 1928
- Howard Smith of Yirrkala: $3000 to study the history of the contact art of North East Arnhem land
James Warden of Alice Springs: $4,000 to research the administration of justice in Central Australia, 1925-1940