Minister Congratulates History Grant Recipients

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour today announced the recipients of $50,000 in Northern Territory Government funding for NT History Grants.

Ms Scrymgour said the Grants supported original research about Northern Territory history.

“The Territory has a unique history and cultural heritage, and we’re proud to assist these important projects come to fruition,” Ms Scrymgour said.

Sixteen recipients – eight from the Territory and eight from interstate have been awarded grants totalling $50,000. Recipients include:

**Vikki Riley** of Alice Springs: To research Aboriginal Art and the Holy Image in Catholic churches in the Northern Territory.

From the 1950s Aboriginal Catholic missions began to decorate or produce paintings with Aboriginal art techniques which feature in parish churches today. The grant will assist Vikki to travel to churches at Santa Teresa, Daly River, Tiwi Islands, Wadeye and Darwin where she will document this art and interview local people with knowledge of it. Vikki intends to ultimately publish a book on the subject.

**Shannon Own and Sean Brandt** of Melbourne: To research and record interviews for an historical television documentary about Territory characters.

The grant will assist them conduct video interviews with Terry Baldwin, Dave Lindner, Roy White and others about their experiences relating to the pastoral industry, the NT Rice project, hunting, the formation of Kakadu National Park and other features in Territory history over the past forty years.

**Elizabeth Mackinley & Alieta Grimes** of Brisbane & **Mary Ann Riley** of Borroloola: To record experiences and memories of women in the southwest Gulf Region of the Northern Territory. The aim of this project is to document in video/DVD format the history of two significant places in the history of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the Gulf region of the Territory, Manankurra and Malarndarri.

The NT History Grants were established by the Northern Territory Government to commemorate the attainment of self-government on 1 July 1978. For more information go to [www.nt.gov.au/nreta/grants](http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/grants).

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