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Territory’s Living History Celebrated at Australia Screening

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today announced that the Territory’s living history would be celebrated at the special screening of the movie, Australia, in Darwin on November 18.

Mr Henderson said the night was a great opportunity to recognise Territorians who had made a contribution to the Territory from World War Two to the present day.

“I’m inviting Territorians who lived through the bombing of Darwin during World War Two and are living in the Territory today to the special screening,” Mr Henderson said.

“I think this is a tremendous opportunity for these Territorians to see the events they lived through depicted on the big screen in this epic movie.

“It’s also a chance for the Territory community to recognise in some way the contribution of these people over the decades.”

The screening will be held at Darwin’s Birch Carroll and Coyle (BCC), cinema 1, which has a seating capacity of about 350 people.

Interested people should contact the Department of Chief Minister on 8946 9555.

Mr Henderson said the RSL has been contacted about the screening, which will coincide with the Australian premiere in Sydney on November 18.

“My Department is working with Twentieth Century Fox about arrangements for the special screening in Darwin,” he said.

“These discussions will centre around any extra entertainment on the night, the guest list for the night and media arrangements.”

Mr Henderson said he had been a strong supporter of Darwin and the Northern Territory’s association with the film.

“The bombing of Darwin is an important part of Australia’s history, hundreds of people died after the city came under attack and a spirited defence was mounted,” he said.

“Also, we think the movie will raise the profile of Darwin and the Territory, providing a boost for our tourism industry.”

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