Memorial unveiled to honour Alice Springs local

Former Alice Springs Project Manager Tom Brown was today recognised for his contribution to infrastructure in the Alice Springs region, with the unveiling of a memorial in his name in Rotary Park.

Minister for Transport, Gerry McCarthy joined Tom Brown’s family friends for a special ceremony to unveil the memorial.

“Tom Brown was a very well respected Central Australian who made a huge contribution to the region and it’s fitting that his memory will be materialised in Alice forever,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The memorial is surrounded by Tom Brown’s favourite flower Desert Rose, and will overlook the Tom Brown roundabout from Rotary Park.”

Mr McCarthy said Tom Brown oversaw major infrastructure during his time working for the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government.

“Tom worked tirelessly to build the Alice Springs region to what it is today,” Mr McCarthy said.

“During his 30 years working in this region he managed many projects including the construction of the Connellan Airport at Yulara, 150km sealing and widening of the Lasseter Highway, and Alice Springs town infrastructure - the roads, water, sewerage, not to mention this iconic roundabout.

“Tom virtually worked on every road in Central Australia including a complete reconstruction of the 200km section of the Stuart Highway between Alice Springs and Ti Tree”.

Tom Brown retired in September 1996, and when this roundabout was officially named after him he said he felt honoured as the construction of this roundabout was the most challenging project he had been involved in (due to the number of subcontractors and contractors involved).

This roundabout was the last project that Tom worked on, it is the largest roundabout in the Northern Territory and Tom put a great deal of his heart and soul into making it what it is today.

Tom Brown - 13th September 1931 to 8th March 2009 - was 77 years of age.