Territorians have been given new insight into life in the Territory in 1982 and the government decisions made following the release of Cabinet Records from that year.

Leader of Government Business John Elferink said these documents provide a unique look at our history.

“Several significant events took place in the Territory in 1982. Queen Elizabeth II opened the Larrakeyah Naval Patrol Base and presented Peta Lynne Mann with the Royal Humane Society’s Gold Medal for Bravery for saving a 23-year-old man from a crocodile attack in 1981. Peta was just 12 years old. During that year, the first housing lots were released in the newly established town of Palmerston, the town of Jabiru was officially opened and the Parap open air market began,” Mr Elferink said.

“Paul Everingham was the Chief Minister in 1982. Many of the decisions made by the Cabinet 30 years ago have helped shape the Territory of today.

“The Government launched the Darwin Foreshore Protection Plan, which limited new development proposals for Darwin’s beaches to community recreation projects.

“This plan was designed to control development on the foreshore from Stokes Hill Wharf to Buffalo Creek and Lee Point.

“Changes were also made to the Juries Act to make the system more efficient,” Mr Elferink said.

Cabinet Records are made public 30 years after they are created under the Northern Territory Information Act.

The records can be accessed at www.cabinetrecords.nt.gov.au

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