MINISTER FOR ARTS AND MUSEUMS

PUBLIC OPEN DAY AT NT ARCHIVES CENTRE

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History buffs will have the chance to go behind the scenes and see some of the Territory’s most treasured archives tomorrow.

A special public Open Day will be held at the new Northern Territory Archives Centre (NTAC) in Millner, following its official opening late last year.

“The public Open Day is a great day out for the whole family and I encourage everyone to go along and learn more about the Territory’s history,” said Minister for Arts and Museums Matt Conlan.

“The new Centre is a one-stop-shop for government and community archival records, and oral histories about the Territory.

“It is now home to both the Northern Territory Archives Service (NTAS) and the National Archives of Australia (NAA) after the two services were co-located last year.

“This means that Territorians, visitors and researchers now have easy access to original documents and important archival records about the Territory under the one roof.

“Tomorrow’s public Open Day is a terrific opportunity to see the new Centre, attend specialist activities and learn more about the collections and services available.

“Visitors will be invited to take a ‘white gloves’ tour of the centre, with an opportunity to explore beyond the public spaces and see archival treasures up close and personal. There will also be opportunities to meet an archivist and get tips on the best way to manage family records at home.

“On display will be collections spanning 170 years of the Territory’s history, including Commonwealth Government records, Northern Territory Government records, Community and Personal archives and the Northern Territory Oral History Collection.

“The NT Government provided $1.36m in funding to help with the co-location of the NT and National archives services, which will ensure the long-term preservation of our invaluable archives and records so they can be used by future generations of Territorians.

“By integrating the reference services of the Commonwealth and NT Archives we are providing more opportunities to connect with the Territory’s unique past,” Mr Conlan said.

The Northern Territory Archives Centre public Open Day will be held on Saturday 5 April. Doors open at 10am and admission is free. Bookings for talks and tours on the day can be made on 8999 6890. The Centre is located in Kelsey Crescent, Millner in Darwin.

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