The Northern Territory Government has unveiled a range of events and a new website to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy over the next six months.

“The 40th Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy is an opportunity to reflect on the Territory’s resilience and community spirit, as well as how far Darwin has come since the Cyclone hit,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“It’s also an opportunity for us all to acknowledge those who were involved in the reconstruction effort and the many Australians who came together to support Territorians in the wake of one of the most significant natural disasters in Australia’s history.

“Our program of events will complement activities being planned by the City Of Darwin and is aimed at raising awareness of how Darwin rebuilt and grew.

“We’re proud to be supporting a variety of commemorative activities, including the $100,000 revitalisation of the Cyclone Tracy exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT.

“The Museum has always played a key part in telling the Tracy story and keeping those memories alive. We will be building on that role this year, with a special extension of the current display and a new interactive exhibit, while acting as the focal point for community events during the anniversary.

“Today we’re also launching a new interactive website that the community can use to share their Cyclone Tracy stories and events they are planning to commemorate the anniversary.

“We’re encouraging people to share their stories of resilience and community spirit, acknowledging all those involved in shaping Darwin into the vibrant city it is today, people can get involved by visiting www.cyclonetracy.com.au.”

Today the Chief Minister toured the joint Northern Territory Archives Service and National Archives of Australia building in Millner which holds much of the material documenting the cyclone and the rebuilding effort that followed.
“In November, Territorians and visitors will also be able to take part in two evening White Gloves Tours of the Northern Territory Archives Service, held in collaboration with National Archives of Australia,” Parliamentary Secretary Lia Finocchiaro said.

“The tours will showcase the extensive collections relevant to Cyclone Tracy held in the Centre, aiming to let the public know about the collections and encourage historical research using this amazing resource.”

The Territory Government is working with a range of stakeholders including the City of Darwin that is holding an All Faith Service for the 40th Anniversary of Cyclone Tracy at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday 3rd December at 5.45pm.

The Territory Government will hold a reception at Parliament House immediately after the All Faith Service.

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