The Northern Territory Government has unveiled a refreshed Cyclone Tracy exhibition at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory ahead of the 40th anniversary of the disaster.

“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.

“As part of the Government’s program of events, we’ve invested $100,000 into the new-look Cyclone Tracy exhibition, which will play a key role in commemorating the 40th anniversary.”

“The previous exhibition was more than 20 years old and I’m pleased to see a number of new and exciting additions to the refreshed 40th Anniversary exhibition such as interactive stations and a never-before displayed, eight metre railway signal tower that was bent during Cyclone Tracy.

“This tower is a symbolic reminder of the power of Cyclone Tracy but also of how far the Territory, and Territorians, have come since that fateful night.

“Visitors can now also search through over 30,000 names to track their paths after Cyclone Tracy on a newly installed touch screen.”

Attorney-General and Member for Port Darwin, John Elferink, was in Darwin on the night the Cyclone hit.

“The Museum has always played a key part in telling the Tracy story and keeping those memories alive for all of us who were here. I encourage all Territorians to come and have a look at the new exhibition,” Mr Elferink said.
“The 40th anniversary is 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 through this catastrophic disaster.”

As part of its program of events, the Government has also launched a new book for the 40th Anniversary commemorations titled: Tracy Tales – How the Darwin Business Community Survived the Great Cyclone.

“Tracy Tales is a look at the cyclone through the eyes of Darwin’s business community and chronicles the extraordinary community spirit that followed the disaster,” Mr Elferink said.

“The book interviews business survivors, many of whom are still operating today. They relive the terror of facing the cyclone, as well as the perseverance and dedication that went into rebuilding their businesses after the life-changing event.

“Tracy Tales gives new and compelling insight into Cyclone Tracy and is a must-read ahead of the 40th anniversary.”

The refreshed Cyclone Tracy Exhibition at the MAGNT reopens to the public on Monday 24 November. A copy of Tracy Tales will be sent to every NT school and community library, and will be available to read online at www.dob.nt.gov.au/tracytales

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