Your chance to help protect our rich past

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Community groups and private property owners will be able to help preserve a slice of their local history thanks to the latest round of the Northern Territory Government’s Heritage Grants Program.

Minister for Lands and Planning David Tollner said $230,000 was now available to fund heritage conservation schemes, as well as projects which research and celebrate our past.

“The Territory has a long and fascinating history and this government is committed to preserving and protecting the places that tell our story,” Minister Tollner said.

“This isn’t just about protecting our wonderful old buildings. We want to care for our whole cultural and natural heritage, so we’ll consider grants which preserve Aboriginal archaeological sites, endangered trees and even shipwrecks.”

Community groups and private property owners are both welcome to apply for funding through the program.

The successful recipients last year included:

The Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Education, which received $30,000 to re-roof the Old Hospital at the Batchelor Institute.

The Diocese of the Northern Territory, which received $2,915 to preserve the Robert Czako mural at St Mary’s Chapel in Alice Springs.

The City of Darwin, which received $10,000 to protect a historic boab tree.

Priority will be given to places that are listed on the NT heritage register, but grants for significant sites and objects not on the register will be considered.

Applications for 2015/16 grants will close on 24 April 2015.

To find out more, please contact the Heritage Branch on (08) 8999 5039 or email heritagegrants@nt.gov.au.

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