Adam Giles  
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory  

Bess Price, Member for Stuart  

**Albert Borella remembered with permanent exhibition in the Barkly**  

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The Territory Government has today announced a permanent exhibition will be established in Tennant Creek to commemorate Victoria Cross recipient Albert Borella.  

“An exhibition of information and memorabilia is a wonderful way to share Albert Borella’s incredible story while also encouraging travellers to spend more time in the town,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.  

“Almost 80 000 overnight visitors come to Tennant Creek each year and this project provides an opportunity to improve their tourism experience and educate them about this fascinating chapter in our history.”  

The project will be funded through the Government’s new $4.75 million Tourism Infrastructure Grants Program which has a particular focus on regional, remote and Aboriginal product development.  

“We want to continue sharing Albert Borella’s amazing military story by turning the travelling exhibition, which accompanied the ride earlier this year, into a permanent display in Tennant Creek, boosting the local tourism economy,” Mr Giles said.  

Member for Stuart Bess Price made the announcement of the new commemoration after attending today’s ANZAC Day service in Tennant Creek.  

“Albert Borella was an outstanding Territorian who served his country proudly and his remarkable story was brought to life earlier this year with the re-enactment of his journey from Tennant Creek to enlist in World War I,” Mrs Price said.  

“This new exhibition will be an opportunity to permanently commemorate Albert Borella’s contribution and share his amazing military story with a new generation of Territorians.”  

“A local steering group will consider location options in Tennant Creek for the display, the potential for interpretive signage, and ongoing maintenance and operations so that Territorians and future visitors to the region can share in this important part of our Territory’s history.”
Albert Borella walked, swam through flooded rivers, rode horses and eventually travelled on a mail coach and a train to Darwin.

Unable to sign on there, he travelled by ship to Queensland and then went on to Western Australia for training before serving at Gallipoli and then the Western Front.

Borella received the distinctions of Mention in Despatches and the Military Medal for his services in action. Wounded, he was commissioned in the field. In 1918 he received the highest military honour, the Victoria Cross, for most conspicuous bravery in attack.

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