Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**NT History Book Awards shortlist announced**

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Books about Cyclone Tracy, World War 2 and commemorative plaques at Charles Darwin University have been announced as the shortlisted candidates for the Chief Minister’s Northern Territory History Book Awards for 2015.

“The 2015 Chief Minister’s Northern Territory History Book Award recognises the most significant historical book in the Northern Territory, published throughout 2014,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“I’m pleased to announce that this year’s three shortlisted books are Dick Dakeyne’s *Radar Gunner*, Sophie Cunningham’s *Warning – The Story of Cyclone Tracy* and Steven Farram’s *A History Written in Metal*.”

The shortlisted books cover a range of topics with *Radar Gunner* providing a biographical account of its author Dick Dakeyne’s time flying over enemy Japanese territory during World War 2.

In *Warning - the Story of Cyclone Tracy* – writer Sophie Cunningham uses eye witness accounts to revisit the story of Cyclone Tracy while Steven Farram’s *A History in Metal*, provides a series of extended commentaries about the commemorative plaques at CDU.

“I congratulate the shortlisted writers and am sure these books will add to the Northern Territory Library’s aims to grow, collect and energize the knowledge of the NT,” Mr Giles said.

The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony on 1st July.

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