GOVT GRANT FOR DAILY WATERS HERITAGE TRAIL

The Government has approved a $10,000 grant to develop a heritage trail near the old aerodrome at Daly Waters.

Lands and Planning Minister Dr Chris Burns said the grant would be made to the Daly Waters Progress Association.

“The township of Daly Waters has had a remarkable history, starting life as a repeater station for the Overland Telegraph,” Dr Burns said.

“In the 1930s, it was transformed into an aviation hub as international flights landed at the aerodrome for refuelling.

“During the Second World War, Daly Waters became an important base for the RAAF and the USAAF.

“Today it is a popular stop for people travelling up and down the Stuart Highway.”

The Daly Waters Progress Association has proposed a heritage trail with interpretive signs linking a series of historic sites between the township and the aerodrome.

These include the site of the old Telegraph Station, the cemetery, the cell block at the rear of the former Police Station, the Stuart Tree, and the flying fox which was used to transfer passengers across Daly Waters Creek during the Wet season floods.

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