Funding grants worth $50 000 to support historical research projects were announced today by Corporate and Information Services Minister Dr Peter Toyne.

The Northern Territory Government History Grant Scheme was established in 1979 to commemorate the attainment of self-government in a way that would give historical knowledge back to the Territory.

"These grants are valuable to support the work of historians in documenting the history of the Territory," Dr Toyne said.

"There is an abundance of intriguing Territory tales and unique Territory characters to be recorded.

"These grants will help to ensure they are researched and recorded before they are lost for future generations of Territorians.

"This year 17 grants have been allocated for amounts up to $5,000. These grants assist with expenses incurred on research projects," Dr Toyne said.

The 2003 History Grants include:

**Alan Powell** of Darwin: $5,000 to continue research on the American Army Engineers in the Northern Territory, 1942-1944.

**Christine Gordon** of Glasshouse Mountains: $3,000 to research a history of Wadeye (Port Keats).

**Glenice Yee** of Darwin: $3,000 to research Chinese migration in the Northern Territory, 1874-2003.

**NT Police Museum & Historical Society**: $4,000 to continue recording oral histories of NT Police members and their spouses.

**David Bridgman** of Darwin: $3,000 to research the history of tropical colonial architecture in Darwin.

**Klaus Newman** of Melbourne: $2,000 to research Darwin’s response to Deserters and Deportees, 1961-1962.

**Colin De La Rue** of Darwin: $2,000 to research the military presence and activities at Fort Dundas, Melville Island.

**Dennis Foley** of Brisbane: $4,000 to research a history of Governance in Indigenous Business Enterprises in the Northern Territory.

**Peter Monteath** of Adelaide: $2,000 to edit the diary of Emily Creaghe
and research her involvement in the Favenc expedition of 1883 through Northern Australia.

**Robert Gosford** of Nowra: $3,000 to research a bibliography of Arnhem Land Ornithology, 1803-1964.

**Linda Clack** of Alice Springs: $3,000 to research Olive Pink’s experiences in the Northern Territory and her perspective on anthropology and policy in Indigenous affairs.

**Andrew McMillan** of Darwin: $4,000 to research a history of the Roper River region.

**CAAMA Productions** of Alice Springs: $3,000 to research the life and times of Gurindji man Kumanja Wilson Jupurrula.

**Megg Kelham** of Alice Springs: $2,500 to continue to research and document the Pine Gap Peace Camp of 1983.

**David Roberts** of Armidale: $1,500 to research a history of western Arnhem Land through the documentation of Aboriginal rock art sites.

**Genealogical Society of the NT**: $2,000 to research Centralian deaths at Hermannsburg, Arltunga, Stuart Town Cemetery, Winnecke Depot, Horseshoe Bend and Mount Riddock.

**Karen Hughes** of Adelaide: $3,000 to research Ruth Heathcock and her relationship with Aboriginal women in the field of remote health in the Northern Territory in the 1930s.