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Battery Hill icon gains new funding grants

The Battery Hill Mining Museum is set for further upgrades with the help of $55,000 new NT Government funding announced during Community Cabinet’s visit to Tennant Creek.

The NT Regional Museums Grant program will provide $40,000 to Battery Hill to upgrade the museum building and install a new mining social history exhibition.

Chief Minister and Minister for Arts and Museums, Clare Martin, said the grants are a way to ensure museums can grow their collections and also reflect the importance of museums to the community.

“Battery Hill Mining Centre is an important Tennant Creek icon and a significant drawcard for tourists visiting the Barkly,” she said.

“I was pleased to deliver significant funding ($280,000) for infrastructure upgrades to Battery Hill in the 2004/05 budget and this new funding will continue to build the museum’s capacity to attract tourists and locals alike.”

Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Marion Scrymgour announced Battery Hill Mining Centre has also secured a $15,000 Heritage Grant.

“This $15,000 heritage grant will fund the development of a conservation and management plan for the Battery Hill Mining Centre, an important heritage site in the Territory,” she said.

“Protecting and preserving our heritage is important for Territorians, and we can also highlight the Territory’s unique history to visitors.

“That’s why the NT Government recently injected $1million into preserving the numerous heritage-listed sites that are owned by Government.”

Ms Scrymgour said that the grant to Battery Hill is part of the $200,000 NT Heritage Grant Program which aims to help organisations preserve their heritage projects and buildings.