GOVERNMENT NAMES HISTORY AWARD WINNERS

The Territory Government has accepted recommendations for the distribution of $50,000 in history grants to document various aspects of the Northern Territory’s history.

Corporate and Information Services Minister Dr Chris Burns said had been a record number of 49 applications for the 2005 NT History Grants, which are administered by the NT Archives Service.

“I congratulate all successful applicants, and I look forward to reading the results of their research next year,” Dr Burns said.

The NT History Grants Committee – which comprises Sue Harlow from the Museums and Art Galleries NT, Professor David Carment from Charles Darwin University, and Michael Loos, a retired heritage librarian – recommended a total of 18 grants be awarded, 10 to Territorians and eight to interstate applicants.

In Parliament today, Dr Burns placed on the record the names of the 10 successful Territory applicants.

They are:

Gayle Carroll, who will research a history of Marrenah House, the Government’s Women’s Hostel in Darwin;

Jason Davidson, who will record a Gurindji history of stolen generation, family and country;

Stephen Gray, who will study the issue of “stolen wages” in the legal context of the Territory’s Indigenous history;

Julie Wells, who will research the ownership, management and government intervention in the Northern Territory media between 1945 and 1960;

Colin De La Rue, who will research archaeological sites at Fort Dundas;

Gregory Crowe, who will record the recollections of retired Territory School Principals about Territory education;

Mary Flynn, who will record oral histories from the lower Finke River region;

James Goulding, who will research a history of tourism in Central Australia; and

Ushma Scales, who will research the lives of Central Australian doggers.
The final successful Territory applicant is the NT Breast Cancer Voice, which will research the impact that Territory women have had on the national and international breast cancer movement.

Interstate winners are:

Bill Bunbury from WA, who will research radio documentaries about the history of various Territory communities;

Dan Sprod from Tasmania, who will research and document the diaries of Ludwig Leichhardt;

Claire Lowrie from NSW, who will study the history of domestic servants in Darwin;

Gwenda Baker from Victoria, who will research Aborigines, missions and government in Arnhem Land;

Julia Martinez from NSW, who will study Indonesian labour in the NT pearl-shell industry;

Peter Monteath from SA, who will research and document the diary of Ernest Favenc during his 1883 expedition to the Macarthur River;

Noah Riseman of Victoria, who will research the defence of Arnhem Land by the NT Special Reconnaissance Unit during the Second World War; and

Jacqueline Van Gent from WA, who will research the social history of German missionary wives at Hermannsburg.

The Northern Territory History Grants have been awarded since 1980 to commemorate the attainment of self-government on the 1st of July 1978.

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