Minister Encourages History Grant Applications

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour today encouraged interested people to apply for the Northern Territory History Grants.

Ms Scrymgour said the grants program aimed to encourage and support original research about the Territory’s history.

“The Territory has a unique history and cultural heritage – and we want to record these stories for future generations,” Ms Scrymgour said.

Applications for the grants are encouraged from groups or individuals and close on Friday the 2nd of May.

The Northern Territory Government is providing funding for the 2008 Grants of $50,000, with single grants ranging from $500 to $7000.

The grants were established by the NT Government to commemorate the attainment of self-government on 1 July 1978.

Projects funded in the past include historical research for a radio program, journal article, published work, unpublished or self-published work, oral history interviewing or production of a video, film or website.

- Last year’s recipients included research on:
  - The history of the NT Police Special Branch and its successor, the Criminal Intelligence Unit;
  - Research into memories of John Flynn in the Alice Springs region;
  - Highset houses in Darwin; and
  - The contribution of senior Indigenous public servants in the NT Government.

- Criteria for assessment includes:
  - Demonstrated uniqueness of the project;
  - Provision of achievable project plan;
  - Identification of funding requested (maximum $7000) based on a realistic budget;
  - Proposal of how the result of the research will be disseminated; and
  - Written references from two referees

For more information phone 08 8924 7677, email nt.archives@nt.gov.au or go to www.nt.gov.au/nreta/ntas/grants

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