On the eve of the second anniversary of Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd’s national apology, members of the Northern Territory Stolen Generations celebrated their survival and their history.

Indigenous Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy joined with them to mark this historic occasion in Darwin today.

“It was a privilege to mark this special day with my elders, and members of the Stolen Generations and their descendants,” said Ms McCarthy.

“They shared their stories, their sorrow, their wisdom, their songs and their dances with all of us and we had a good laugh.

“The Stolen Generations members are always gracious and forgiving when they talk about being taken, as babies and small children, from their mothers and families and placed in harsh institutions.

“I admire every one of them because their generosity of spirit shines through and that is a great cause for celebration.

“They still have unfinished business that they’re pursuing and I will work through those issues with them.

“Tomorrow I urge all Territorians to reflect on our shared history and to always remember that – no matter hard it is – saying sorry can bring about change.”

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