Minister for Arts and Museums Matt Conlan has announced more than $220,000 in funding to help preserve important Northern Territory history.

Mr Conlan said five museums around the Territory are set to receive a share of the funding under the Regional Museums Grant Support Program.

“This funding will assist in the preservation of community owned and nationally significant heritage collections,” Mr Conlan said.

“If we don’t take the time to invest in preserving our history now, it could be lost forever.

“This $220,000 will ensure that our local heritage collections are maintained and accessible for future generations of Territorians.”

Mr Conlan the Regional Museums Grants included:

- **The Central Aviation Museum – Alice Springs ($36,090)**
  For the critical improvement and expansion of its collection database (including audio visual media)

- **The National Pioneers Women’s Hall of Fame – Alice Springs ($45,748)**
  To update its existing exhibition ‘First in their Field’

- **The Yolgnu Cultural Museum – Yirrkala ($34,139)**
  To upgrade the Museum’s storage facilities, display and interpretive information (both material culture and digital archives)

- **The Darwin Military Museum – Darwin ($35,000)**
  To assist with the development and delivery of a multi-media interpretive experience that explains WWII in the ‘North’ of Australia in areas outside Darwin

- **The Katherine Museum – Katherine ($71,023)**
  To upgrade the museum’s photographic cataloguing system and to assist with the research and development of two new exhibitions, one on the early Hospital and Medical services in the Katherine area and the second on the Chinese history of the region.

“These upgrades will enable greater visitor access to these important collections and ensure these museums can grow and attract more tourists to our regions,” Mr Conlan said.

“I know this funding will be a welcome boost to the many volunteers and staff who make an outstanding contribution to our community through the preservation of our nation’s treasures.”

The Regional Museums Grant Support Program is an initiative of the NT Government to support the development of a confident culture that showcases and celebrates our rich arts and heritage.

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