Media Release

Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

History never repeats

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The Northern Territory History Grants Committee has three new members.

Dr David Bridgman, Dr Sue Stanton and Dr Stephen Hamilton have been appointed to the committee which assesses applications for the Northern Territory Government’s History Grants program.

“This is a terrific program which aims to encourage and support original research about Northern Territory history,” Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said.

“From individuals through to community organisations and societies, the grants assist with expenses incurred while carrying out research projects.

“Previous grants recipients have covered a diverse range of projects from the Injalak Oral History project and History of Milingimbi Church window through to the History of Migration and Settlement of the Top End’s Cambodian Community and Remember me Kindly – a history of the Holtze Family in the Northern Territory.

“There is no doubt the Territory has a treasure trove of history with plenty of interest from locals so the new Committee has its work cut out for it!”

The grants program allows for single grants of up to $7000. The Committee is currently considering this year’s applications.

“The Committee members are a distinguished group of local historians with many years’ experience,” Minister Higgins said. “We are honoured to have them on the Committee.”

Dr David Bridgman is an architectural historian and specialises in the field of heritage conservation.

Dr Sue Stanton is a history academic and Fulbright Scholar who is a resident lecturer at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

Dr Stephen Hamilton is a research archivist at Charles Darwin University and a Professional Member of the Australian Society of Archivists.

Mr Higgins thanked outgoing committee members Emeritus Professor David Carment, Michael Wells and Dr Brian Reid for their contribution to the program and participation on the committee.

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