The Health Minister Chris Burns today launched a book containing a historical look at health in the Territory.

The 50-page book titled *The Long Road to Territory Health*, was written by former Royal Darwin Hospital clinician Dr David Lo.

Dr Lo arrived in the Territory in 1967 as senior specialist physician at Darwin Hospital.

“Dr Lo is a well-respected and long-serving physician,” Dr Burns said.

“He retired in 2000 after 33 years with the Health Department. He was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia for services to Medicine and the Community the same year.

*The Long Road to Territory Health* is a personal perspective of the Territory health system between 1965 and 1985.

“It outlines Dr Lo’s own experiences, the evolution of health services, the influences on those services and the many health professionals who were prominent in the Territory during that period, including the late paediatrician Dr Alan Walker AM.

“The book looks at a range of health problems and case studies from melioidosis and cardiovascular disease to diabetes, substance abuse and box jellyfish stings.

“Dr Lo recalls the old hospital at Myilly Point when patients survived with overhead and portable fans, mosquito nets and bare concrete floors.

“The impact of Cyclone Tracy and the devastation she wrought on Darwin and Dr Lo’s own home is discussed, along with the impact on Darwin’s health services following the disaster.

*The Long Road to Territory Health* provides a practical and informative introduction to clinical medicine and to the Territory’s recent history. I congratulate Dr Lo on his work.”

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