



Marion Scrymgour
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TRAVELLING WAR EXHIBITION TO TELL STORY OF OUR PAST

Territorians are being encouraged to visit the Australian War Memorial's travelling exhibition – *Australia Under Attack 1942-1943* – at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Arts and Museums Minister Marion Scrymgour said this was a significant exhibition that captures our wartime history, and will be on display in Darwin for the next five months.

“The Territory was in the front line during the war, and this exhibition illustrates the nature of life in wartime Australia,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“65 years ago, 188 Japanese planes flew above my home islands – the Tiwi Islands – to attack this country and attempt to destroy Darwin.

“Darwin and nearby areas endured 64 raids over the next 18 months – but it was never conquered. In fact today the signs of the attack on Darwin remain – the air strips, the gun turrets, the oil tunnels, and most of all with the graves at the Adelaide River War Cemetery.”

Ms Scrymgour said the exhibition *Australia Under Attack*, is designed to make sure “Australians do not forget – that this time of great peril and of enormous national effort in defence, remain in our memories”.

She said the exhibition will feature an important Territory relic of our past – the flag which flew over the Administrator's residence at that time, and which bears the marks of the attack.

“I welcome the flag back during the duration of this exhibition and thank the Australian War Memorial for allowing Territorians the opportunity to visit this important piece of our history.

“Other contents of the exhibition include photographs, art and relics, and audio visual presentations.”

The exhibition is open to the public from tomorrow to July 8.

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