



Elliot McAdam

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NATIONAL TREASURES COMING TO THE TERRITORY

Local Government Minister Elliot McAdam announced that the Northern Territory Government will be bringing some of Australia's best known treasures to the NT.

Mr McAdam said the National Treasures travelling exhibition will open in the Top End on April 14 and Territorians will be able to see some of Australia's most iconic and historical pieces.

"Territorians will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to see some of the most significant pieces of Australian history for themselves," said Mr McAdam.

"The collection includes Ned Kelly's helmet, Sir Donald Bradman's bat, Captain Cook's Endeavour journal, the last remaining complete convict uniform and much more.

"Northern Territory Library has contributed items to the National Treasures including the Cyclone Tracy evacuee list, the original log from 1838 – 1840 from the HMAS Alligator, and photographic collections from wartime Darwin.

"There are more than 170 items that are incorporated into eight themes in the National Treasures collection which link Australians to their past.

"The Northern Territory Library will hold a complementary exhibition featuring some Territory gems to coincide with the main exhibition at the Museum.

"Items will include the first Territory newspapers, an original map of the southern hemisphere from 1650 and a photographic display of the first Federal Parliamentary visit to Darwin in 1912.

"The National Treasures started touring Australia in December 2005 and the Northern Territory is the second last State Library to host the exhibition.

"We are a month away from the opening of the exhibition and I encourage Territorians not to miss this opportunity to come and see the Treasures for themselves," Mr McAdam said.

National Treasures is a free exhibition and opens on April 14 and runs until June 11 at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

For more information on the National Treasure exhibition, contact the Northern Territory Library on 1800 019 155 or visit www.ntl.nt.gov.au

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