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NATIONAL TREASURES OPEN IN DARWIN

The National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries exhibition opens in Darwin tomorrow giving Territorians a once in a lifetime opportunity to see some of Australia's most iconic and historical items.

Local Government Minister Elliot McAdam encouraged people to come and see this free exhibition.

"The Northern Territory Government is proud to bring this terrific exhibition to Darwin," said Mr McAdam.

"Ned Kelly's helmet, the Cyclone Tracy evacuee list from Darwin, the last convict uniform and Sir Donald Bradman's bat are just a few of the items on display.

"National Treasures features over 170 items and is a journey into Australia's history and tells some amazing stories of how we came to be the country we are today.

"People will be able to see items that have impacted upon our history and pieces that reflect some of our national obsessions over time - there is something for everyone to enjoy.

"National Treasures is free and being held at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory until June 11.

"There is so much to see in the National Treasures and it's the first time all state and territory libraries in Australia have worked together to contribute their pieces for a touring exhibition.

"The Northern Territory Library has contributed six pieces to the National Treasures.

"Northern Territory Library and will host a complementary display featuring more 'Territory Treasures' at the Library in Parliament House until the National Treasures display closes," said Mr McAdam.

The Minister also thanked exhibition sponsors AAMI, Qantas, News Limited, Hoyts, Animal Logic, Sofitel, SBS Television and ABC Local Radio.

Teaching resources on the National Treasures are available at www.nationaltreasures.nla.gov.au

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