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Unveiling Local History

If you're interested in history, want to discover what life used to be like in the Top End and like a good yarn then come along to the Northern Territory Library local history workshop from 9am - 12pm this Saturday 15 November 2008.

Northern Territory Library Assistant Director Anne Devenish said the workshop features local authors Colin and Kathy De La Rue who will be discussing their archaeological and historical research.

"Colin will be discussing the archaeology of Fort Dundas on Melville Island, 1824-1829 which will be a fascinating topic as Melville Island was a convict outpost and the first colonial settlement in Northern Australia," Ms Devenish said.

"Kathy is continuing on from her book *The Evolution of Darwin 1869-1911*, and will discuss her research on Darwin's history from 1911 to self-government in 1978.

"We will also have two local Territorians, Joy Cardona and Tony Priore, sharing memories about their early lives following WWII until Cyclone Tracy through oral history interviews conducted by Matthew Stephen from the Northern Territory Archive Service.

"Information on these stories and many more can be found in the North Australia collection at the Northern Territory Library."

Ms Devenish said the Northern Territory Library conducts regular workshops and discussions on local history that are open to the public.

"The Northern Territory Library has the largest unique collection of material relating to the Northern Territory in the world," Ms Devenish said.

"Researchers and authors often use the Library's collection quite extensively when delving into the history of the Northern Territory.

"Admission to the library is free and open to everyone so we strongly encourage all locals and visitors to come along and share in this unique insight into Northern Territory history.

"Bookings are essential to attend this Saturday's workshop and can be made by phoning 1800 019 155."

For more information about the Northern Territory Library, including a list of upcoming events, go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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