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Ted Egan Book Launch at NT Library

Former Administrator of the Northern Territory Ted Egan AO will launch his book *Due Inheritance: Reviving the Cultural and Economic Wellbeing of First Australians* at the Northern Territory Library at 6pm tomorrow night, Thursday 11 December 2008.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said Mr Egan's latest book outlines the problems confronting today's Aboriginal population with particular reference to the Northern Territory.

"Mr Egan describes the book as 'a cry for help' and tomorrow night he will talk about the reasons why he wrote it," Ms McGill said.

"Mr Egan is a long-term Territorian who resides in Alice Springs and during his earlier career with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs he was mainly based in the bush, employed as a Patrol Officer, Reserve Superintendent, Teacher and District Officer.

"He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1993 'for services to the Aboriginal people and for the interpretation of Australian cultural heritage through song and verse', and was Administrator of the Northern Territory from 2003 to 2007.

"Mr Egan has drawn upon his wealth of experience with Aboriginal affairs to write this latest offering which presents a set of radical proposals to re-invigorate the Aboriginal community.

"*Due Inheritance: Reviving the Cultural and Economic Wellbeing of First Australians* is published by Darwin based Niblock Publishing and book sales and signings by the author will be available on the evening.

"Ted Egan has written and co-authored many books, all of which are held in the Northern Territory Library collection.

"The Northern Territory Library always endeavours to provide the local community with a diverse range of events including book launches, lunchtime and evening talks with authors, workshops, presentations and exhibitions for everyone to enjoy."

There is no admission fee to visit the Northern Territory Library and the Library is open to everyone.

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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