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## **Territory Stories for *Australia***

Images of prominent Northern Territory families, visiting dignitaries and functions at Government House were just some of the photographs sought by the producers of the Baz Luhrmann film *Australia*.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said the images were chosen for their accurate depiction of Darwin in the era preceding World War II.

“Historic images from the Northern Territory Library’s Territory Stories collection were used to dress the sets in photo frames, and in particular to authenticate the building used as our historic Government House, for the Administrators Ball scene,” Ms McGill said.

“The Northern Territory Library has put together an online exhibition, *Australia – True Stories*, within the Territory Stories repository which contains some wonderful images for those swept up in *Australia* fever.

“As well as housing the PicturesNT collection from which these images were chosen, Territory Stories contains documents, images and other relevant materials which record the history and development of the Northern Territory from the early days to the present,” Ms McGill said.

“It is a repository of many historical and culturally significant digital objects, and is a wonderful collection that includes everything from social functions at Government House, to buildings damaged during World War II, to Stolen Generation children from Kahlin Compound, to wedding parties.

“If its part of the Territory history it’s likely to turn up in the Territory Stories collection.”

For more information or to view the collection go to [www.territorystories.nt.gov.au](http://www.territorystories.nt.gov.au)

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