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Applications Open for NT Heritage Grants

Territorians working on heritage places and projects are being encouraged to apply for funding through the Northern Territory Government's 2011-2012 Heritage Grant Program

Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) Director of Heritage Michael Wells said a total funding pool of \$230,000 is available.

"Funding is available through three project categories; Physical Conservation, Research and Documentation, and Promotional Projects," Mr Wells said.

"This means we can support a broad range of applicants, whether it's through helping private owners of heritage listed places to assist with conservation, supporting organisations who are planning festivals and events connected to historic places, or assist people who are undertaking research work associated with the Territory's heritage."

Some of the recently completed projects funded by the Northern Territory Government's Heritage Grants Program include:

- The Aputula Social Club who received \$29,500 to undertake restoration work on the Old Police Station at Finke
- The Central Land Council who received \$30,000 for the Iwupataka Aboriginal Land Trust (Jay Creek) Heritage Restoration Project
- The Friends of Fogg Dam who received \$5,000 for their Humpty Doo Rice Trail project
- Ruth Murphy who received \$4,900 for implementing the Knotts Crossing Interpretive Panels in Katherine

Mr Wells said the Grants Program was designed to conserve and promote the unique and diverse heritage of the Northern Territory.

"Between our rich and diverse Aboriginal cultural heritage places, remnants of European settlement, World War II, townscapes and places of social significance, maritime history and underwater wrecks we have some fascinating and relatively unexplored history," Mr Wells said.

"The NT Heritage List has more than 250 declared heritage places and objects under the *Heritage Conservation Act*, which ensures these places are properly preserved and protected for future generations to enjoy."

Applications close COB Thursday 21 April 2011.

For more information visit www.nt.gov.au/heritage or phone 8999 5039.

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Media Note – for more information / interviews contact Michael Wells on 8999 5036

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