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World War II Exhibition on the move to Central Australia

Locals and visitors around Alice Springs are in for a treat with the arrival of a travelling exhibition from the Northern Territory Library making its final stop at the Museum of Central Australia.

'The Track: 1000 Miles to War was created to commemorate the anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942 and will enthral visitors to the Museum of Central Australia from 15 April through to 16 October 2011.

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory Alice Springs based Curator for Territory History, Michelle Smith said the exhibition features a series of panels on which visitors will learn about a significant Territory history.

"The historical significance of the Northern Territory's role during World War II is of immense importance to Territorians," Ms Smith said.

"This exhibition focuses on the transformation of a bumpy old stock route to a fully functioning highway supporting crucial military operations during World War II.

"We are hoping that both local and interstate visitors will appreciate the displays and learn, among other things, the enormous benefit the north-south road brought to Territorians and how Alice Springs became the Territory's main military base following the bombing of Darwin.

"The exhibition has been on display at the Northern Territory Library since February this year and has been travelling along the Stuart Highway to arrive at the Museum of Central Australia in Alice Springs this week."

The launch of this display is just one of many events that will occur in Alice Springs as part of the 2011 Heritage Festival in Alice Springs.

Michelle Smith and Pat Jackson of the NT Archives Services in Alice Springs will be conducting a workshop 'Caring for Your Treasures' - helping the general public understand how to care for their precious heirlooms at home, using cheap preventative conservation methods.

It will be held at the Hartley Street School on Sunday April 17 between 3pm and 5pm.

Media Note – for more information / interviews contact Michelle Smith on 8951 1103

Image - Army trucks circa 1940 - Ashley David Magarey Collection, Northern Territory Library

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