

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Australian military service records family history workshop**

The Northern Territory Library is holding a free workshop to teach people how to access Australian Military service records when searching for their family history.

This hands-on workshop will help people seek out records from the Boer War, 1899 – 1902 up until to the most recent Gulf War, September 1991.

Jo McGill, Director, Northern Territory Library said with ANZAC day approaching the workshop was timely as the event often inspired a great deal of interest in Australian families and their experience of war.

“We will be teaching participants how to access a range of service records including medical and dental records, promotions, and court martials.

“But, it doesn’t stop there — we will be searching through war campaigns, battlefield history, war graves, medals and decorations,” she said.

Ms McGill said most people did not realise that these records were accessible online and that the Northern Territory Library could help make their family history search much easier.

Workshop participants will be privy to a demonstration of resources and case studies while undertaking their own research on the computers.

“The day should prove to be an eye-opener,” Ms McGill said.

The workshop is open to everyone and will be held at the Northern Territory Library on Saturday 29 March, 9am – 12 noon.

Bookings are desirable and can be made by calling 1800 019 155 or emailing [ntlinfo.dcdsca@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntlinfo.dcdsca@nt.gov.au)

The Northern Territory Library is open to everyone, situated at Parliament House opening hours are –

**Monday to Friday - 10.00 am - 6.00 pm**  
**Saturday and Sunday - 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm**  
**Closed Public Holidays**

Ends

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**Photo caption:** Jo McGill Director, NT Library amongst some items currently on display at the library in Parliament House.