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Preserving our visual history

Northern Territory Library secure grant to help preserve the Territory's heritage.

During an award ceremony held in Canberra early this week, the National Library of Australia presented the NT Library with a Community Heritage Grant worth \$9200.

Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport, Chief Executive, Mike Burgess said it was great to see the Northern Territory Library's efforts being nationally recognised again.

"Libraries play a major role in preserving our Territory history," he said.

Manager Heritage Services Diana Richards said the grant will help the library to identify the best way to preserve their photographic collection.

"The grant provides us with an opportunity to bring a specialist to the Territory to assess our photos and provide practical ideas on how best to preserve our visual history," she said.

The Northern Territory Library holds historical and contemporary photographs dating back to the 1880s covering a wide range of subjects relating to the Territory and its people.

Photos include early buildings, forms of transport, Cyclone Tracy photographs, images taken during WW2 and photos of past and present Territorians.

Mr Burgess said this would be a great help in preserving the Territory's history for the future.

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*Media please note Ms Richards is available for immediate comment. A photo opportunity exists.

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