Media Release

Gary Higgins
Minister for Arts and Museums

**Never too late - applications closing for the 2015-16 Regional Museums Grants Support Program**

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More than $260,000 in funding is available to community museums for the development of local community projects.

Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins says applications close this Friday (20 November) for the 2015-16 Regional Museums Grants Support Program.

“This program funding supports our regional museums so they can provide an even greater learning experience and increase visitation from both locals and tourists in our regions,” Minister Higgins said.

“The program considers initiatives and programs which enhance understanding and appreciation of the history of local communities.

“It’s just another way the Northern Territory Government supports local communities to keep our rich history alive and help ensure the preservation of Northern Territory heritage.”

Grants recipients from last year included:

**Patakijiyali Museum** - $28,982 - Digitise Tiwi involvement in WWII and sport, and Tiwi stories from the past (collection of audio tapes). Produce a collection policy and disaster plan, clean old cassette tapes and showcases

**Batchelor Interp. Museum** - $14,482 - To broaden the content of the Batchelor Interpretive museum with particular reference to an Aboriginal component

**Central Australian Aviation Museum** - $24,680 - Accessioning and cataloguing of the collection, partial restoration and interpretation, and display of a Qantas Batmobile

**Alice Springs War Museum** - $66,991 - Multimedia technology upgrade – introduction of an interactive multimedia video display system (WWI centenary of ANZAC)

**National Pioneer Women’s Hall of Fame** - $69,365 - Re-develop and update the “Women and Work” exhibition

The Regional Museums Grants Support Program has been running since 1997 and is instrumental in fostering a high standard of community museums throughout the Northern Territory.

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