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The Territory Remembers 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book

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Minister for Tourism and Culture Lauren Moss and His Honour the Honourable John Hardy AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory today launched The Territory Remembers 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

Minister Moss said the Bombing of Darwin was a significant event in Australia's history and The Territory Remembers 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book showcases through photographs personal accounts of men and women who were crucial in the defence of Northern Australia.

"Every school and public library throughout the Territory will receive a copy of the book helping future generations understand the impact felt 75 years ago," Ms Moss said.

"The book is a permanent keepsake, recognising the historical and cultural significance of the Territory's role in the defence of Australia in WWII.

"I thank the contributors from around Australia who provided photographs and mementos from their own personal collections."

The book illustrates the war effort across the Northern Territory from when the first bomb was dropped on 19 February 1942 to the last air raid on 12 November 1943.

His Honour the Honourable John Hardy AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory said the Bombing of Darwin is to this day the largest single most destructive attack ever mounted by a foreign power on Australia.

"This commemorative book has been made possible by the generosity of many contributors who hold collections of photos and memorabilia of enormous sentimental value of a time long past, and of those very close to their hearts," Mr Hardy said.

"These previously unpublished collections have been donated for inclusion in this milestone anniversary keepsake and will leave a lasting appreciation of the challenged faced by those who served proudly on our home soil."

Make sure to pop into your local library to view this beautifully presented book.

For more information on The Territory Remembers program visit www.territoryremembers.nt.gov.au

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