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NT's Centenary Year Was Celebrated in Style

The Northern Territory's 100th year has been a busy one, celebrated with birthday cakes, history seminars, music, art, stamps and community grants.

Statehood Minister Malarndirri McCarthy said as 2011 came to a close it was great to see so many Territorians getting involved in the centenary celebrations to reflect on the Northern Territory's democratic history and aspirations for the future.

"The theme for the centenary has been *"100 years of the Territory, over 50 000 years of stories"*, which recognised that this 100-year milestone is part of a much larger history that stretches back thousands of years," Ms McCarthy said.

"On 2 January 1911, not far from where Parliament House sits today, the Northern Territory of South Australia was officially transferred to the Commonwealth of Australia.

"Although self-government would take another 67 years, this moment marked the beginnings of the Territory we know today."

Minister McCarthy and Chief Minister Paul Henderson kicked off the centenary celebrations last New Year's Eve with the cutting of a giant cake at the Darwin Waterfront.

Since then a range of events have been held throughout the year, including:

- the launch of the centenary logo, which was created by three Territory artists Yalmay Yunupingu, Jane Young and Chips Mackinolty);
- a history seminar at the Northern Territory Library featuring prominent historians from across Australia;
- a digital art competition for Territory for middle and high school students;
- promotion of the Territory's centenary at the *Dreamtime at the G* AFL match;
- a commemorative Australia Post envelope featuring the centenary logo;
- daily stories in the NT News' centenary lift-out;
- the Albert Medal display in the Northern Territory Library. It was the first ever medal of gallantry awarded to an Indigenous Australian;
- a Territory anthem competition;
- 32 community events and projects that received funding as part of the centenary grants program.

For more information, visit www.nt.gov.au/centenary

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