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MINISTER LAUNCHES ARCHIVES ACT AND ACCESS TO THE TERRITORY'S RECORDS

Minister for Territory and Municipal Services, John Hargreaves, today launched Archives ACT, a new initiative of the ACT Government which enables public access to ACT Government records and archives.

"I am happy to announce the access of the Territory's archives and records of 20 years or older to the public," said Mr Hargreaves.

"I am also pleased to announce the new Archives ACT website which will assist the community make enquiries about and gain access to these Government records. While Government records will still be kept in repositories around Canberra, requests for access will be made via the Archives ACT website.

"An assortment of information can be discovered in the ACT Government's archives including policy, social, cultural and sporting history.

"It is important that we as a community know not only where we are heading and where we are at present, but also where we have come from. Access to these records will allow members of the public to carry out important historical research.

"There is so much that we will be able to understand about the way in which our community has lived and developed with access to these records, created before 1988.

"As the Territory plans for the celebration of Centenary of Canberra, I know that we will benefit from the research that the community will now be able to undertake through access to these records and archives.

"This initiative of the ACT Government in making older records available is one of which I am particularly proud.

"People interested in accessing these records can do so by visiting the Archives ACT website at www.archives.act.gov.au," said Mr Hargreaves.

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