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CABINET AND TERRITORY RECORDS TO BE RELEASED TO HELP MARK CANBERRA DAY

Territory records older than 20 years and Cabinet records older than 10 years and will be made available on Canberra Day, David Wardle, Director of the Territory Records Office said today.

“For the first time the ACT Government will coordinate the release of older Territory and Cabinet records to draw attention to the important information they contain about our history,” Mr Wardle said.

“This practice will continue each year on Canberra Day meaning people will be able to anticipate the records being made available. It is a valuable way to recognise the extensive documentary heritage we have here in the ACT.

“There is a wealth of information in the records created 20 years ago dealing with subjects such as the Very Fast Train, the bubble over the Civic Pool and the refurbishment of Woden Valley High School to become the Southside CIT.”

Mr Wardle said the release of the documents was in line with changes made as part of the *Territory Records Amendment Bill 2010* and built on the ACT’s already robust record management practices.

“Cabinet records from the period July 2000 to March 2001 will be open for access in accordance with the revised provisions of the legislation.

“As Canberrans plan for the celebration of our 100th anniversary in 2013, we will appreciate even more just what an outstanding wealth of material we have in the records in our custody.”

Arrangement for access to these records can be made through the ArchivesACT website <http://www.archives.act.gov.au> or by contacting the Reference Archivist, Elizabeth Estbergs, on 6207 5726.

Editor’s note: The media is invited to view records under strict embargo until Saturday 12 March 2011 in the Seminar Room, Level 2, Macarthur House, 12 Wattle Street, Lyneham today between 12 pm and 5 pm. The embargo includes seeking comment from parties referred to in the documents and other third parties.

Statement ends

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