

## MAGNT's Curator of Territory History Awarded Medal of the Order of Australia

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**The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is proud to hear of the Governor General's announcement to award Curator of Territory History, Jared Archibald, the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) (General Division) for service to the museum and galleries sector.**

"I am both surprised and humbled to receive this award. Researching and telling the unique stories of the individuals, machinery, institutions and communities that have helped make the Territory what it is today continues to be my passion." – Jared Archibald, MAGNT Curator of Territory History

"We are very pleased that Jared's more than three decades of service to the Northern Territory community has been honoured with this recognition of achievement. Jared is one of the Territory's true treasures and is incredibly deserving of this Award." - Director of MAGNT, Marcus Schutenko,

MAGNT appointed Jared as a trainee taxidermist in 1986. On completion of his training in 1991, he worked as a History technician. Jared briefly worked as a mechanic and part time lecturer in biological preservation techniques at the Northern Territory University, now Charles Darwin University.

Jared re-joined MAGNT in 1998 as taxidermist and preparator. He worked for the next 16 years in this role, following his father's legacy as MAGNT's inaugural taxidermist. Jared began his work in the history sector as an assistant curator on the [Defence of Darwin Experience](#) project at East Point opened by the Governor-General in 2012.

"Jared's vast technical expertise and knowledge of the Northern Territory's history, and of MAGNT's collections, is invaluable. Jared's enduring commitment enables MAGNT to continue to share our collections and stories with future generations," said Mr Schutenko

From 2014 till the present, Jared's role of Curator of Territory History has enabled him to share his vast knowledge and enthusiasm for the unique history of the Northern Territory and its residents.

### Key Accolades

- 2015 - Jared was the recipient of the Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in The Public Sector for being the curator of MAGNT's *Cyclone Tracy: 40 Years On* refresh of the existing [Cyclone Tracy](#) exhibition.
- 2019 - Jared received a Museums and Galleries National Award (MAGNA) on behalf of MAGNT for his work as the lead curator on the exhibition [Unruly Days: Territory Life 1911-1921](#).

- Jared is curating an exhibition entitled *The Track* at MAGNT's Defence of Darwin Experience to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin. *The Track* will open in mid-February, giving a photographic account of the development of the Stuart and Barkly Highways during World War II and their strategic importance to the defence of northern Australia.

#### About MAGNT

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory is the Northern Territory's premier scientific and cultural institution, with collections, exhibitions and programs across our core areas of Aboriginal culture, natural sciences, history, and art focussing on Northern and Central Australia, and our near neighbours.

#### Available to interview:



Marcus Schutenko, MAGNT Director



Jared Archibald, MAGNT Curator of Territory History

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