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Lunchtime Talk with Pearl Ogden

Local historian and author Pearl Ogden will be sharing some of her stories from her latest book *The Fuller Family of the Katherine Region*, as part of the Northern Territory Library lunchtime talks this Thursday 25 September 2008 at 12.10pm.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said the Northern Territory Library hosts regular lunchtime talks with guest speakers invited to share their knowledge, ideas and stories with the public.

“Pearl Ogden is a well known Territory historian who has a wealth of knowledge and interesting stories to share,” Ms McGill said.

“Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in Queens Birthday Honours 2008 for her ‘service to the community in the Northern Territory, particularly as an historian and author, and through heritage conservation roles’, Ms Ogden is a foundation member of the Historical Society of Katherine Inc and a former member of the Heritage Advisory Council of the Northern Territory.”

Author of many historical articles and books focussed on the history of the Territory, in particular the Katherine region, some of Pearl Ogden’s titles include:

- *Legs More Sweet than Tail*, a history of her family from the Katherine region
- *Bradshaw Via Coolibah*, the history of two pastoral properties west of Katherine
- *From Humpy to Homestead* the biography of a part Aboriginal man, Peter (Sabu) Sing
- *Women of the Kath-rine*, a history of women in the Katherine region
- *Katherine’s Wartime Years: 1942 to 1947*, the history of Katherine’s role in WWII
- *The hazards of flooding: a century of coping with the wet in the Katherine region*

Pearl’s latest book, *The Fuller family of the Katherine region*, tells the story of three generations of the Fuller family and their connection with the Katherine region since first settling in the Territory in 1899.

A droving family from the Victoria River District both Ted and Charlie Fuller, sons of James Fuller, married Australian Inland Mission Sisters from the Wimmera Home on VRD Station, and the men and women of the family and the contributions they made are honoured in the name of Fuller Crescent in Katherine.

The Fuller family of the Katherine region as well as many of Pearl’s other publications are available at bookshops throughout the Territory and direct from Pearl.

For more information about the Northern Territory Library, including a list of upcoming events, go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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