



TERRITORY FAMILIES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

Mid-Year Report

2023-2024 Action Plan

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Introduction

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities' (the Department) 2023-24 Action Plan details the goals and strategies for the agency's fourth year of operation.

The mid-year report outlines how we are achieving these and delivering culturally appropriate services that promote engaged, diverse and vibrant communities for all Territorians.



Goal 1

Communities are engaged, diverse and vibrant places where everyone belongs.



Goal 2

All Territorians are safe, and can access services to enhance their lives.



Goal 3

Our people are valued, empowered and have opportunities to develop and contribute to our agency.



Goal 4

Our agency and partners are agile, responsible and focused on our collective impact for all Territorians.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this nation. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and waters. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders past, present and emerging. Our Department is committed to honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that this document may contain images of deceased persons.



Goal 1

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1.1 Open the NT Library at the Education and Community Precinct in Darwin

Construction is under way on the Education and Community Precinct. This includes the new Northern Territory Library, which will relocate the existing library from Parliament House. The library is scheduled to open in 2024-25.

1.2 Progress the development of the Northern Territory Art Gallery

Construction is under way on the Northern Territory Art Gallery. During construction archaeological finds were excavated by an archaeological contractor and removed from the site for post-excavation analysis. The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory is developing the exhibition program ahead of an anticipated opening.

1.3 Review the operating model for the Araluen Cultural Precinct

The Department completed an audit of the Araluen Cultural Precinct which includes recommendations on business improvements. Implementation of recommendations will commence in early 2024.

1.4 Implement the new funding model for the Interpreting and Translating Service NT

The new funding model is being implemented, which includes a new payment structure offering rates for interpreters that consider accreditation and training and a new fee structure that is aligned with Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) rates and current market standards.

1.5 Develop a masterplan for the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

Development of a masterplan has commenced with a design consultant commissioned.

1.6 Develop a masterplan for the Hidden Valley Motor Sport Complex

Development of a masterplan has commenced with a design consultant commissioned.

1.7 Develop a masterplan for the Marrara Sporting Precinct

Initial meetings have occurred with stakeholders to inform the scope of works. Procurement of a design consultant to develop the masterplan is expected to occur in early 2024.



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1.8 Develop a masterplan for Mickett Creek Shooting Complex

Development of a masterplan has commenced with a design consultant commissioned. Consultation to inform the masterplan has also been completed.

1.9 Develop the Northern Territory Arts Strategy

The Arts Policy Reference Group has been established, comprising of representatives from all art forms, regions and expertise, to provide feedback as the Strategy and Action Plan are developed. Consultation commenced through a Discussion Paper and Have Your Say survey in early 2024.

1.10 Implement the Sport and Recreation Volunteer Action Plan.

The Sport and Recreation Volunteer Action Plan was launched in September 2023. (Refer to the case study)

1.11 Procure a service provider to operate the youth services hub and drop-in centre in Darwin's northern suburbs

A designer has been commissioned to develop the design of the centre. Planning is under way in relation to service delivery with a open grant process expected to be issued by the end of 2024.

1.12 Partner with the National Disability Insurance Scheme Review Panel to support the development of recommendations to improve service provision to remote and very remote participants

Maningrida has been announced as the trial site for Alternative Commissioning to strengthen the access and utilisation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDIS Review report was released in December 2023. The Department will work with the Australian Government and states and territories on responses to the NDIS Review and the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.

1.13 Consider changes to the *Heritage Act 2011* in response to Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority review of the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989*

The Department will consider changes to the *Heritage Act 2011* following the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority review of the *Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989*.

1.14 Deliver a long-term Multicultural Infrastructure Plan

Consultation to inform a Multicultural Infrastructure Plan has been completed. A Plan is being developed which will include recommendations addressing matters raised during consultations.



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1.10 - Implement the Sport and Recreation Volunteer Action Plan

The Northern Territory Sport Volunteer Action Plan 2023-25 (the Action Plan) was launched in September 2023, highlighting the vital role volunteering plays in sport and active recreation participation.

The Action Plan outlines how government will support sport and active recreation organisations to provide ongoing positive recognition, education, training, and other forms of assistance, proven to improve volunteer recruitment, retention and development. The Action Plan will also help organisations ensure sport and active recreation is more sustainable.

The Action Plan was launched during the first NT Volunteer Development Network workshop conducted in September 2023, facilitated by Volunteering SA&NT. The workshop brought together representatives from NT peak sporting bodies, sport service providers, and active recreation organisations.

The workshop focused on how to recognise and celebrate the efforts of volunteers after the season ends. Key deliverables of the Action Plan were announced, together with an engaging discussion on the environment faced by the Territory's sport and active recreation volunteer sector.

The NT Sport Volunteer Network continues to expand with a free online app available to any club or association. The app is helping to role model effective use of communication and technology to retain and develop volunteers.

Support for the roll out of the Australian Sports Commission online platform Game Plan has commenced. Game Plan is designed to provide sporting clubs with insights into their capability and connect them with specific tools and resources to support ongoing development, including volunteers. A soft launch will occur with a selected group of NT sporting organisations to gather local insights before a wider launch across the Territory.

The NT Sport and Active Recreation Volunteer Development Grant Program has been established. This program aims to enhance the volunteer development strategies of eligible organisations by building capacity to implement coach and officiating development frameworks and supporting the recruitment, development and retention of other volunteering roles.

The NT Sports Academy Coaching and Officiating Scholarship Program was also launched in December 2023.



“Having an action plan from government dedicated to promoting and supporting volunteering in sport, with funding to back it, will make the world of difference to our volunteers and our sport.”

“Our volunteers are not only passionate people, they're accredited and they work hard every week to make Volleyball NT the success it is. It's so important that we support them anyway we can.”

Luke Seib, Volleyball NT President



Goal 2

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2.1 Work with agency partners to lead planning for the \$50 million Social Housing Accelerator program to deliver between 100 and 150 new dwellings by 30 June 2028

Planning has commenced for the delivery of the first stage of this program. The first package of works was released to the market in December 2023 for 8 dwellings in Darwin's northern suburbs.

2.2 Progress an Expression of Interest for the housing development of Shiers Street, Darwin

An Expression of Interest was released in September 2023 for the construction of the first mixed-tenure Build-to-Rent project in the Northern Territory. The Expression of Interest closed in November 2023 and assessment is underway. The outcome of this first stage market-sounding will inform the development of a Request for Proposals to be released by Q1 2024-25. (Refer to the case study)

2.3 Develop a new Homelessness Strategy in partnership with NT Shelter, including to integrate services that address domestic, family and sexual violence

The Australian Government is developing the National Housing and Homelessness Plan. This Plan will inform development of the Northern Territory's Homelessness Strategy.

2.4 Progress the development of the Visitor Parks service delivery model, including to integrate services that address domestic, family and sexual violence

A review of service delivery at the Apmere Mwerre (Alice Springs) and Darwin Visitor Parks has commenced and will inform the development of a future Visitor Park service model.

2.5 Continue to work in partnership with the Remote Housing Joint Steering Committee members to drive and monitor the delivery of a minimum of 157 houses in remote communities.

As at 31 December 2023, 117 homes have been completed, achieving 387 additional bedrooms. A further 40 new or replacement homes are underway, to be completed by 30 June 2024.

2.6 Pilot a Remote Community Housing program

The Department is progressing a remote Aboriginal community housing trial with Anindilyakwa Aboriginal Housing Corporation on Groote Eylandt.





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2.7 Deliver targeted housing support within Central Australia through short-term transitional housing and homelessness services for vulnerable community members

The Department implemented a program of head leased dwellings for women and families escaping domestic, family and sexual violence through Community Housing Central Australia and increased bed capacity of the Apmere Mwerre (Alice Springs Visitor Park) to meet anticipated additional demand through the Northern Territory Government's 2023-24 Summer In Alice Springs response.

2.8 Implement the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction Action Plan 2 and embed the Interagency Coordination Reform Office within the Department on an ongoing basis

Action Plan 2 was released in August 2023 and Northern Territory Government agencies have commenced implementing their actions. The Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Reduction program has been established within the Department, following the conclusion of the Interagency Coordination Reform Office.

2.9 Commission the new Youth Justice Centres in Darwin and Alice Springs

The Alice Springs Youth Justice Centre was commissioned in December 2023 and will operationally open in April 2024. The Darwin Youth Justice Centre commenced commissioning in March 2024.

2.10 Establish the Barkly Youth Justice Facility

The Indigenous Land Use Agreement was registered by the National Native Title Tribunal in November 2023. Civil works are anticipated to commence in early 2024 with the facility operational in July 2024.

2.11 Implement policy and program changes to support raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 12 in partnership with the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice and Northern Territory Police

The *Criminal Code Amendments (Age of Criminal Responsibility) Act 2022* took effect on 1 August 2023. The On the Right Track Policy and Program commenced operation across the Northern Territory on 1 August 2023 and responds to children under the age of 12 years located outside of their usual place of residence, not in the company of a responsible adult, and engaging in negative behaviour that would ordinarily constitute an offence.





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2.12 Enhance intensive early intervention services for children aged eight to 12 and their families through community-led approaches under the Accelerated Family Support Program

The On the Right Track program is a voluntary preventative and targeted support service to families of children aged eight to 12 and increases the intensity of the supports offered to a child and their family to achieve the child's safety or wellbeing, and strategies to achieve those goals.

2.13 Implement community-led approaches to youth justice including cultural camps, enhanced family support services and coordination, and targeted youth engagement programs in Central Australia

Oonchiumpa Consultancy and Services was engaged to receive referrals for high risk young people and their families to facilitate on country learning and culturally-led activities and interventions. Central Australia regional councils received funding to support school holiday activities to keep young people engaged while in community, improve their wellbeing and increase positive behaviours.

2.14 Deliver the \$100 million Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP)

All 14 projects related to the \$25 million Rapid Response have commenced. The Regional Work Plans (\$75 million) for homelands within the Central Land Council and Northern Land Council boundaries were developed, consulted and approved with relevant Land Councils and Aboriginal Housing NT. These regional plans are available on the [HHIP website](#).

2.15 Continue to enhance the CARE system to support integrated case management of child protection and youth justice clients, and to inform practice improvement

The CARE Business Alignment Unit has been established to lead, manage, monitor and liaise with the Department of Corporate and Digital Development regarding the continuous support, maintenance and development of CARE and progression of 360 Degree View of a Child.



Goal 2: Case study 1

2.2: Progress an Expression of Interest for the housing development of Shiers Street, Darwin

The Northern Territory Government is redeveloping the Shiers Street public housing complex to better suit the needs of the community.

In line with the Community Housing Growth Strategy 2022-32 the site will be redeveloped through the Territory's first large-scale Build-to-Rent project in partnership with the community housing sector. It is expected that the redevelopment will increase the number of homes, supply new, fit-for-purpose, social and affordable housing and improve liveability and neighbourhood amenity for tenants and other residents in The Narrows.

In preparation for redevelopment, the last tenant moved out of the former complex on 30 June 2023 and a contractor has been engaged to undertake site demolition and rehabilitation.

An Expression of Interest process to identify a Community Housing Provider, or consortium including a Community Housing Provider, to lead the Build-to-Rent project closed in November 2023 and submissions are being reviewed. It is anticipated that the second stage of the procurement process will commence in Q1 2024-25.



“We are super excited about the redevelopment’. Bring The Narrows back to what it once was a safe place for families from all backgrounds.”

“Create a positive environment.”

“Consider developing the site as a community precinct with publicly accessible spaces for the community to enjoy.”

Quotes from Community Have Your Say conducted in December 2021

Goal 2: Case study 2

2.14 – Deliver the \$100 million Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program

The 2022-23 Federal Budget provided \$100 million over 2 years (\$25 million in 2022-23 and \$75 million in 2023-24) to address urgent housing and infrastructure needs across NT homelands. The funding is being delivered through a new Federation Funding Agreement with the Northern Territory Government. The Northern Territory Government has established the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP) to facilitate the investment.

The HHIP is managed through the Department, with decisions regarding planning, project selection and implementation overseen by the Joint Steering Committee comprising representatives from:

- Northern Territory Government
- Australian Government
- Northern Territory Land Councils
- Aboriginal Housing NT.

Paru homeland was selected to receive works as part of the HHIP's \$25 million allocation for 2022-23.

Through consultation with residents of the homeland and Tiwi Islands Regional Council, 2 homes in the homeland received upgrades aligning with the 9 Healthy Living Practices, based on HealthHabitat's Housing for Health.

The Tiwi Islands Regional Council undertook these works with a predominantly local Aboriginal work crew.

Daniel Johns, Grant Coordinator, and Thomas McDowall, Senior Project Officer with the Department, visited Paru homeland on 2 November 2023 for the handover of a home that was recently extended. The refurbishments have meant a father and son, who had lived together in a one-bedroom home for many years, now have their own bedrooms.



The son is very excited (middle of photo) to have his own space.



Goal 3

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3.1 Invest in growing the leadership capability of our middle management staff

The Department has invested in staff participating in the:

- OneNTG Emerging Leaders program
- Kiguruk and Lookrukin Aboriginal Leadership Program
- Public Sector Management Program.

3.2 Develop and implement Government Employee Housing initiatives that support local recruits in remote areas

The Remote Public Housing (Local Recruits) Rental Concession policy has been implemented for Northern Territory Government employees. From 1 January 2024, local recruits in remote areas receive rental entitlements aligned with other government employee housing.

3.3 Implement the Customer Service Charter which is accessible for all agency stakeholders including being responsive and safe for Aboriginal people

Staff consultation was completed to inform the Customer Service Charter and Implementation Plan. Implementation will occur by mid-2024 aligning to staff and stakeholder forums.

3.4 Develop the action plan to implement initiatives identified by staff at the May 2023 Aboriginal all-staff forum

The majority of actions identified by staff at the forum have been implemented. Further actions that will be implemented over time have been incorporated in the Aboriginal Employment and Career Development Strategy for 2023-24.

3.5 Implement housing practice and policy reform to align with contemporary operations and improve efficiency and effectiveness of services and support integrated service delivery

The Department progressed reforms to support improved service delivery and the transfer of public housing assets to community housing management. Areas of focus included:

- the development and implementation of a local recruit's rent concession
- the design and development of a contract management and a reporting model for community housing providers
- the development of an integrated waitlist model for public and community housing
- a review of the role of Public Housing Safety Officers in supporting community housing providers to manage antisocial behaviour in and around transferred properties.



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3.6 Deliver the refreshed Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework

The refreshed Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework was launched in September 2023. (Refer to the case study)

3.7 Deliver contemporary training programs for front line staff and encourage best practice, integrated service delivery and service enhancements

The Professional Development and Training team has delivered induction and other professional development courses across all work units. This has included presentations from subject matter experts drawn from frontline work units, partner government agencies, non-government services and Registered Training Organisations (including Charles Darwin University, Australian Childhood Foundation and Griffith University).

3.8 In partnership with the Department of Corporate and Digital Development, develop and implement online tools and systems that enhance frontline operations and improve client experience

The Department's Digital Landscape Report was finalised in October 2023. This report aligns with the Northern Territory Government Digital Roadmap and outlines the Department's current digital environment and priorities.

The Department and the Department of Corporate and Digital Development continued to support the development of reporting tools, training and support for frontline staff, and system enhancements to the integrated case management system CARE. The Housing Mobile Inspection Tool was implemented in May 2023 to enhance tenancy management, inspections, and reporting, with training and rollout continuing through June to December 2023.



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Action item 3.7 Learning pathways for youth justice staff

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3.6 Deliver the refreshed Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework

The Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework outlines our commitment to transformational change and clearly defines our vision and protocols for all staff to adhere to so that we achieve cultural proficiency across our workforce, services and governance.

Aboriginal cultural security is vital to support the Department to achieve outcomes relating to commitments under Closing the Gap, the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle and the NT Aboriginal Employment and Career Development Strategy.

The framework informs all our decisions. From working with Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities, to how and when we fund and deliver services. It directly influences and informs our strategic and business planning, policy development, communication, and our relationships and partnerships with Aboriginal people, communities and organisations.

With this framework and the support of everyone, our aim is to be a responsive and safe place for Aboriginal people. Where cultural values, strengths and differences are celebrated and integrated into governance, management, design and delivery of services.

Consultation to inform the refreshed framework occurred with staff, including those who attended the Aboriginal All Staff Forum and the Aboriginal Cultural Security Advisory Framework Committee. The refreshed **Aboriginal Cultural Security Framework** was launched in September 2023.



Goal 3: Case study 2

3.7 Deliver contemporary training programs for front line staff and encourage best practice, integrated service delivery and service enhancements

At the Charles Darwin University graduation on 21 September 2023, 11 staff members graduated with the Diploma of Child, Youth and Family Intervention. Of the graduating staff, 4 are from Alice Springs, one was from Katherine, and 4 staff identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The Diploma strengthens the academic ability of our staff and enables staff to transition to higher education courses, while creating an agile workforce across the human and community services sector.

Staff who complete this Diploma are encouraged to undertake the Graduate Certificate in Safe Communities, which gives graduates eligibility to apply for professional stream positions in accordance with the Northern Territory Public Service Qualifications Framework.





Goal 4

Our agency and partners are agile, responsible and focussed on our collective impact for all Territorians

4.1 Establish a Northern Territory Aboriginal Repatriation Working Group which will develop a NT Aboriginal Repatriation Strategy to support the safe return of ancestral remains and secret/sacred objects from other jurisdictions and from overseas to NT Aboriginal custodians

Invitations to join the Working Group have been sent to Northern Territory land councils, other organisations and government agencies who facilitate the Aboriginal repatriation process. The Working Group will meet in early 2024 after membership of the Working Group is confirmed.

4.2 Continue to grow the Department's remote office footprint to support delivery of integrated, place-based services in Maningrida and Elliot, and plan for further expansion

Construction of a new Maningrida Remote Services Hub is scheduled for completion in Q4 2023-24. Refurbishments of the Angurugu remote office has commenced and is expected to be complete in Q3 2023-24, with Elliot's office design underway with construction planned for 2024. (Refer to the case study)

4.3 Ensure the systems are in place to support sustainable revenue management

Regular reporting enables the Department to identify and manage risks and opportunities for improved revenue management. On-the-ground tenancy engagement has enabled increased revenue collections in these areas. In 2024 work will occur to map out regional revenue and debt activity and determine future actions.

4.4 Develop governance, program planning, implementation, reporting and evaluation in line with commitments under the National Partnership on Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment; Safe and Supported: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children; and 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Families in Northern Territory

The first Action Plan for the Generational Strategy was released on 2 October 2023. The Generational Strategy Steering Group, established under the Children and Families Tripartite Forum, is the key forum to drive implementation of the Generational Strategy and Action Plan. Parties to the Action Plan continue to work in partnership on the implementation of the identified actions.

The Department has established an internal governance group to guide and oversee the implementation of Safe and Supported: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children; initiatives under the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment; and the 10-Year Generational Strategy for Children and Families in Northern Territory.





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4.5 Undertake a strategic review of the investment into sport and recreation across the Territory with key partners and stakeholders so that programs delivered are aligned with industry need

The scope of the strategic review was designed. An Industry Survey which identifies current deliverables, plans and priorities was completed. Drafting the strategic review report and the investment framework has commenced. A review of the future five year investment framework is underway.

4.6 Implement the Child Wellbeing and Safety Partnership Framework to support enhanced, place-based collaboration and connection between community leadership and services to safeguard and plan for the wellbeing and safety of children and their families

The Child Wellbeing and Safety Framework has been implemented in the 6 regions. A supporting policy and operating guidelines have been developed to support the legislative provisions in the *Care and Protection of Children Act 2007*. Regional offices continue to implement the partnership approach in individual communities.

4.7 In partnership with Office of Water Security and Remote Essential Services, implement the actions under the Territory Water Plan to improve water security for remote communities and water quality in homelands

The Department has worked collaboratively with other Northern Territory Government agencies to implement the Territory water plan, including to

- establish the Remote Water Team
- establish the Essential Services Working Group, which includes Northern Territory Government agencies, Land Councils and Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT, to report to the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing NT
- work with NT Health and Power and Water Corporation to develop fact sheets about drinking water quality to be shared by NT Health with key stakeholders.

(Refer to the case study)

4.8 Negotiate long-term partnerships with the Australian Government for remote housing, urban housing and homelessness services.

The Department has worked collaboratively with states and territories and the Australian Government to establish the early design parameters for the negotiation of a new funding agreement to replace the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement.

The Department developed a set of draft investment principles in partnership with the Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing NT and Aboriginal Housing NT to inform the negotiation of a new bilateral remote housing funding agreement with the Australian Government.



Goal 4: Case study 1

4.2 - Continue to grow the Department's remote office footprint to support delivery of integrated, place-based services in Maningrida and Elliot, and plan for further expansion.

The Department is committed to increasing the number of integrated Remote Service Delivery Hubs through leasing, upgrades to existing infrastructure and co-location of multidisciplinary teams.

Works are underway in Maningrida, Angurugu and Elliot.

The Maningrida Remote Services Hub tender was awarded in September 2023. Works comprises of the refurbishment of the existing infrastructure at Lot 666 Maningrida and the construction of a new playground. Works include:

- A veranda and outdoor spaces for community engagement
- Playground with a shade structure
- Large community meeting rooms
- Reception, kitchen and workspaces.

The new Maningrida Remote Services Hub is expected to be operational in Q4 2023-24.

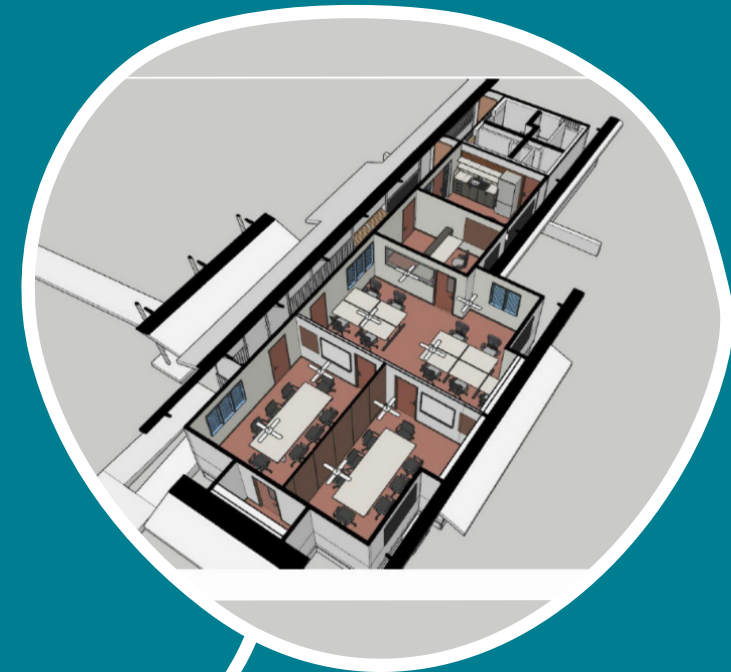
The Angurugu Remote Services Hub works include:

- refurbishing and extending the existing transportable buildings
- improving accessibility through the installation of an access ramp
- verandah to provide shaded outdoor breezeway for community engagement

- relocation of carpark to provide onsite dedicated secure car parking
- a new playground with a shade structure.

The Angurugu Remote Services Hub refurbishment is expected to be complete in early 2024.

The Elliot Remote Services Hub tender was awarded in August 2023. Design is underway with construction planned to occur in 2024.



Plans for Maningrida Remote Services Hub



Goal 4: Case study 2

4.7 - In partnership with Office of Water Security and Remote Essential Services, implement the actions under the Territory Water Plan to improve water security for remote communities and water quality in homelands

In line with the Territory Water Plan, the Department has an ongoing commitment to improving water security and services for remote communities. Five funding proposals were approved by the Australian Government's National Water Grid Authority in 2023 and, alongside the Northern Territory Government, they are jointly investing approximately \$60 million to deliver 14 water infrastructure-related projects across 6 remote communities in the Northern Territory.

The Department developed funding proposals in partnership with the Office of Water Security, and Power and Water Corporation. Proposals target the communities of Milingimbi, Yuendumu, Maningrida, Numbulwar, Yirrkala and Gunyangara.

- Milingimbi Water Security Strategy: Investing in 3 water infrastructure projects designed to improve sustainability and resilience of the Milingimbi water supply (\$11.4 million).
- Yuendumu Water Security and Supply Strategy: Investing in the construction of 3 water infrastructure projects to improve water security, availability and reduce water losses in the Yuendumu water supply (\$15.3 million).
- Maningrida Water Supply Upgrade Strategy: Investing in the construction of 3 water infrastructure projects to improve water security and supply, and reduce water loss in the Maningrida water supply (\$21 million).

- Numbulwar Water Security Strategy – Phase 1: The Numbulwar Water Security Strategy is split into multiple phases. Phase 1 consists of investigative and planning projects to define the needs of future phases in developing a new water source (\$3.1 million).
- Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy - Phase 1: The Gove Peninsula Water Supply Upgrade Strategy is being developed through phases and covers the communities of Yirrkala and Gunyangara. Phase 1 includes a construction project in Yirrkala to reduce water loss and a planning project in Gunyangara (\$8.9 million).

The projects will help improve water security and water quality, improve level of service, and support community developments and other Northern Territory Government initiatives such as the remote communities housing program, **Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.**



Figure 1 - Yuendumu – Drilling rig – Ground water investigation project

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