

Implementation Plan

2009-10

Northern Territory

**CLOSING THE GAP: NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON
REMOTE INDIGENOUS PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS**

PART 1 – FORMALITIES

Preliminaries

1. This Implementation Plan has been developed to facilitate implementation of Closing the Gap: the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Public Internet Access (the Agreement).
2. Agreement to the Implementation Plan fulfils the requirement under Part 4 of the Agreement to jointly develop and agree an Implementation Plan to achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

Parties

3. The Implementation Plan has been agreed bilaterally between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Northern Territory.

Term of the Implementation Plan

4. The Implementation Plan will commence when both Parties agree in writing to the Plan and will expire on 30 June 2010.
5. In accordance with paragraph 26 of the Agreement, amendments to the Plan can be requested at any time to accommodate emerging issues. These amendments will need to be agreed in writing bilaterally with the Commonwealth.

PART 2 – IMPLEMENTATION DETAIL

Target communities

6. The following remote Indigenous communities will be targeted to receive public internet access facilities and/or training services under this Implementation Plan:

	Community name	Pop.	Latitude	Longitude	Existing public internet access*	Services [†]
1	Anmatjere	191	-22.1300	133.4167	Limited	Both
2	Angurugu	890	-14.1359	136.5675	Limited	Both
3	Barunga	570	-14.7046	132.9855	Limited	Both
4	Elliot	650	-17.7087	133.5744	Limited	Both
5	Galiwinku	1687	-12.2250	135.7250	Limited	Both
6	Hermannsberg	650	-23.9333	132.7667	Nil	Both
7	Lajamanu	1130	-18.4700	130.6770	Nil	Both
8	Milikapiti	484	-11.6985	130.7547	Limited	Both
9	Milingimbi	850	-12.2593	135.0213	Limited	Both
10	Minyerri	410	-15.5118	134.2051	Nil	Both
11	Ngukurr	1495	-14.9633	134.8061	Limited	Both
12	Peppimenarti	244	-14.4439	130.0846	Limited	Both
13	Pirlangimpi	345	-11.5122	130.5503	Limited	Both
14	Ramingining	802	-12.5098	135.1048	Limited	Both
15	Santa Teresa	600	-24.2191	134.4068	Limited	Both
16	Umbakumba	476	-13.9781	136.8743	Limited	Both
17	Wadeye	2215	-14.4214	129.6790	Moderate	Both
18	Wallace Rockhole	160	-24.2883	132.9649	Nil	Both
19	Yirrkala	900	-12.4701	136.9738	Limited	Both

* Nil; Limited

† Internet access; Training; Both

Mode of service delivery

7. In accordance with Output 1 of the Agreement, internet access facilities will be delivered to the communities at item 6 which are listed to receive internet access services as follows:

	Description and intended benefits of internet access facilities	Funding
1	Supply and install internet enabled PC with connection in local library which will maintain security of the infrastructure investment whilst maintaining the keen community focus on their local library. For all communities listed this will:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a facility to increase public access to online resources. ▪ Increase awareness of the benefits and uses of online resources through the associated training. ▪ Facilitate transactions and communication with families, communities, government agencies and businesses. ▪ Provide the means and knowledge to use information technology to achieve these goals. <p style="text-align: right;">Rollout 06/10</p>	\$5,000
2	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. This is a major community on Groote Eylandt and part of the South Miwatji ward of the East Arnhem. An identified COAG site Rollout 06/10	\$5,000

	Description and intended benefits of internet access facilities	Funding
3	Joint facility management between Roper Gulf Shire Council and Department of Education and Training (DET). Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Wireless connection. On site maintenance of PC and equipment provided under DET contract. Provide and fund internet connection. Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
4	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. This will provide a facility to increase public access to online resources, and increase awareness of the benefits and uses of online resources through the associated training. This will facilitate transactions and communication with families, communities government agencies and businesses. This project aims to provide the means and knowledge to use information technology to achieve these goals. Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
5	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library located in East Arnhem Shire Council Offices. Provide and fund internet connection. This island community boasts a population of 1687 and is due to be serviced by a 150 Mbs radio ADSL link as part of the NT Government Arnhem Fibre Project. This is due to be commissioned no later than 31/12/09. An identified COAG site Rollout 06/10	\$5,000
6	Greenfield site – no library. In conjunction with Govt Business Manager on site, locate suitable facility. Supply and install internet enabled PC. Provide and fund internet connection. Close liaison with NT Library to assist in establishment, training and support. An identified COAG site Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
7	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. Central Desert Shire, Tanami Ward Population 1130. An identified COAG site Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
8	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. Well established community on the Tiwi Islands. Serviced by ADSL radio link from Darwin. Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
9	Joint facility management between East Arnhem Shire and Department of Education and Training. Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. On site maintenance of PC and equipment provided under DET contract. Provide and fund internet connection through DET contract. An identified COAG site Rollout 03/10.	\$5,000
10	Greenfield site. Community is currently establishing a public library with two part time library staff. Acquire PC and associated network and internet hardware. Close liaison with NT Library to assist in establishment, training and advice. Rollout 06/10	\$5,000
11	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. An identified COAG site Rollout 06/10.	\$5,000
12	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. Rollout 06/10.	\$5,000
13	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. Rollout 06/10.	\$5,000
14	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. Rollout 06/10	\$5,000
15	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library. Provide and fund internet connection. Joint management of accommodation by MacDonnell Shire Council and Catholic Education Office NT. Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
16	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library located in Shire Council Offices. Provide and fund internet connection. This is a major community on Groote Eylandt and part of the South Miwatji ward of the East Arnhem. An identified COAG site Rollout 06/10	\$5,000

	Description and intended benefits of internet access facilities	Funding
17	Supply and install internet enabled PC in local library located in Daly Shire Council Offices at Wadeye. Provide and fund internet connection. This is a major community with fibre infrastructure. An identified COAG site Rollout 06/10	\$5,000
18	Greenfield site. Community is currently establishing a public library with two part time library staff. Acquire associated network and internet hardware. Close liaison with NT Library to assist in establishment, training and advice. Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
19	Supply and install internet enabled PC at Yolngu Multimedia Archive and Production Centre. Provide and fund internet connection. NT Libraries provides support through Nhulunbuy Community Library. An identified COAG site Rollout 03/10	\$5,000
	Total funding for internet access	\$95,000

8. In accordance with Output 3 of the Agreement, training services will be delivered to the communities at item 6 which are listed to receive training services as follows:

	Description and intended benefits of training services	Trainees	Funding
1	Provide train the trainer skills to library staff to pass on to community members. Utilise local cultural digital resources and relevant library online resources to increase community members' familiarity with the Internet. This training was awarded the international Bill Gates Access to Learning Award in recognition of it being culturally appropriate, innovative training that improves the lives of recipients. This training will then be passed on through an eLearning framework to individual community members. The target for 2009-10 is 5% of the total population of the community. Formal training in nearest major centre to further develop skills may be required. This training is tailored to individual community needs. This methodology was proven successful in the Advanced Training Program as there were fewer distractions, less call upon individuals by clan members and provided training in a controlled learning environment. A training schedule is yet to be developed and has been tasked to the Steering Committee for immediate action.	1	\$6,000
2	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
3	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
4	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
5	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
6	Greenfield site with little infrastructure and limited exposure to this technology. Training required for library Staff with reinforcement in Alice Springs for both Hermansberg and Wallace Rockhole as both are close and from same skin group. Best value for combined training either in situ or centralised.	1	\$2,000
7	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
8	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
9	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
10	Greenfield site with little infrastructure and limited exposure to this technology. Training required for library staff with reinforcement. Dial up services only.	1	\$6,000

	Description and intended benefits of training services	Trainees	Funding
	Initial support from NT Library with train the trainer type courses offered locally by contractor.		
11	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
12	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
13	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
14	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
15	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
16	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
17	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
18	Greenfield site with little infrastructure and limited exposure to this technology. Training required for library staff with reinforcement in Alice Springs for both Hermansberg and Wallace Rockhole as both are close and from same skin group. Best value for combined training either in situ or centralised.	1	\$6,000
19	As for Location 1	1	\$6,000
	Total funding for training services	19*	\$110,000

* Recipients of train the trainer training. An additional 1 to 3 per cent of the population of each community will receive training in 2009-10 dependent upon community size.

Performance benchmarks, timelines and reporting

9. The Northern Territory agrees to meet the following performance benchmarks:

Performance indicator	Benchmark
A reduction in the number of remote Indigenous communities that have limited or no public internet access.	New or expanded public internet access to 19 approved communities in 2009-10.
An increased number of people in remote Indigenous communities that have received training in information technology and internet use.	Training in information technology and internet use to 19 approved communities in 2009-10. Training received by 19 agreed participants in 2009-10.
An increase in transactions and communication between remote Indigenous communities and government agencies, businesses, communities and families.	All communities receiving new or expanded public internet access have internet facilities in use.

10. The Agreement at paragraph 27 requires that the States and the Northern Territory will report on a six monthly basis to the Commonwealth.
11. As the Implementation Plan will be effective for part of the 2009-10 financial year, the Northern Territory will hold a meeting with the Commonwealth on or before 1 March 2010 in lieu of a first six monthly written report. At this meeting, the Northern Territory will provide:

- (a) a progress report on delivering the services described at items 7 and 8 for each community listed;
 - (b) a forecast of anticipated achievements by the expiration of the Implementation Plan;
 - (c) an assessment of emerging issues and risks; and
 - (d) an update on other matters relevant to the Implementation Plan and/or the Agreement as requested by the Commonwealth.
12. A written report will be submitted to the Commonwealth by 30 June 2010. This report will be in the format specified at Schedule A and will contain:
- (a) a summary statement of expenditure of funding received under the Agreement for each community listed at item 6;
 - (b) a statement of achievements against the outputs specified in the Agreement;
 - (c) a statement of achievements against the outcomes specified in the Agreement;
 - (d) a statement of achievements against each performance indicator and benchmark specified at item 9 above; and
 - (e) a summary table of achievements against each community's proposed services and benefits specified at items 7 and 8.

Promotion, acknowledgment and publicity

13. The Parties will reach prior agreement on the nature and content of any events, announcements, promotional material or publicity relating to activity under this Implementation Plan, and how the roles and contributions of the Parties will be acknowledged and recognised appropriately.

PART 3 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Funding

14. The maximum amount of funding available from the Commonwealth for the Northern Territory in 2009-10 will be \$205,000.

Payment schedule

15. The Commonwealth will make payments to the Northern Territory according to the following schedule, subject to achievement of performance benchmarks and reporting requirements specified in Part 2 above:

Date *	Amount	Comments
7 April 2010	\$205,000	In determining subsequent Implementation Plans and payments, the Commonwealth will have regard to achievement of previous benchmarks and reporting requirements.

* Not before the Implementation Plan is agreed in writing by the Parties