

Implementation Plan

2009-10

South Australia

**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 State of South Australia.

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 training services under this Agreement:

	Community name	Pop.	Latitude	Longitude	Existing public internet access*	Services†
1	Dunjiba (Oodnadatta)	103	-27.55	135.45	Nil	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
<p>A suite of four computers networked to a server and printer will be available in a secure community library facility installed at the Oodnadatta Aboriginal School. A satellite internet connection will be procured and filtering, security and Office software installed. The computer and internet functions will be monitored monthly and service provided by remote access by a contracted provider. Secure individual access will be provided for all community members who wish to use the computers and internet provision</p> <p>This will enable the Dunjiba community members access to computers and internet facilities which have not previously been available to them.</p>	\$29,000
<p>A trainee will be employed, under the supervision of the School Principal, to receive training in IT and business administration. The trainee will gain work readiness, IT and training skills which will provide a basis for future employment opportunities. The trainee will coordinate the opening of the centre, including after school hours, to maximise community use of the facility and to provide basic support in computer and internet access. It is planned that this will generate a peer-support environment and a culturally appropriate learning culture which will maximise the sustainability of this facility and encourage the community to effectively engage with the digital environment.</p> <p>This aims to achieve the program objectives of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhanced social inclusion and community wellbeing by improving links between people, information and technology. reduced barriers to the use of information and communication technologies in remote Aboriginal communities 	\$11,000
Total funding for internet access	\$40,000

* Benefits should link directly to the outcomes and objectives contained in the Agreement.

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	Funding
1	<p>A training program will be developed which addresses the identified needs of the community, which may include knowledge of basic computer and software applications, applied Internet use including financial transactions, searching the internet.</p> <p>It is intended that this training will be targeted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to improve access for the Dunjiba community to the basic information and communication services required for participation in contemporary Australian economic, political and social life • to better understand the benefits of the effective use of the internet and associated hardware and software 	\$2,000
2	As a further development opportunity, the community will be encouraged to access DFEEST's Outback Connect program which provides basic computer and internet training via a virtual classroom for all people in regional South Australia.	South Australian Government In-kind
Total funding for training services		\$2,000

* Benefits should link directly to the outcomes and objectives contained in the Agreement.

Performance benchmarks, timelines and reporting

9. The State of South Australia 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 one approved community in financial year 2009 - 2010.
An increased number of people in remote Indigenous communities that have received training in information technology and internet use.	<p>Training in information technology and internet use to one approved community in financial year 2009 - 2010</p> <p>Training received by 20 agreed participants in financial year 2009 - 2010.</p>
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 State of South Australia 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 State of South Australia will provide:
- (a) a progress report on delivering the services described at items 7 and 8 for the 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 the 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.

PART 3 – FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Funding

13. The maximum amount of funding available from the Commonwealth for the State of South Australia in 2009-10 will be \$42,000.

Payment schedule

14. The Commonwealth will make payments to the State of South Australia according to the following schedule, subject to achievement of performance benchmarks and reporting requirements specified in Part 2 above:

Date*	Amount	Comments
7 November 2009	\$42,000	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.