

Implementation Plan

2012-13

Western 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 annual Implementation Plan to achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

Parties

3. The Implementation Plan has been agreed bilaterally between the Commonwealth of Australia represented by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and the State of Western Australia, represented by the Minister for Commerce.

Term of the Implementation Plan

4. The Implementation Plan will commence when both Parties agree in writing to the Plan and will expire on the later of 30 June 2013, or on completion of projects specified in this Implementation Plan, including the acceptance of final performance reporting.
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.
6. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to this Implementation Plan.

Project objective

7. Through this Implementation Plan, the Parties seek:
 - (a) enhanced social inclusion and community well-being in remote Indigenous communities by improving links between people, information and technology;
 - (b) improved access for Indigenous Australians in remote Indigenous communities to basic information and communication services required for participation in contemporary Australian economic, political and social life;

- (c) reduced barriers to the use of information and communication technology in remote Indigenous communities; and
- (d) better understanding of the benefits of the effective use of the internet and associated hardware and software in remote Indigenous communities.

Role of the Commonwealth

8. The Commonwealth is responsible for reviewing the performance of the State of Western Australia against the project benchmarks specified in this Implementation Plan.

Role of the State

9. The Western Australian Government is responsible for all aspects of project implementation, including:
- (a) fully funding the project, after accounting for financial contributions from the Commonwealth and any third party;
 - (b) completing the project in a timely and professional manner in accordance with this Implementation Plan; and
 - (c) meeting all conditions including providing reports in accordance with this Implementation Plan.

PART 2 – IMPLEMENTATION DETAIL

Target communities

10. The following remote Indigenous communities will be targeted to receive expanded or upgraded public internet access facilities, maintenance and/or training services under this Agreement:

Site No.	Community name	Pop.	Latitude	Longitude	Existing public internet access*	Services [†]
2	Blackstone	202	-25.9979	128.2841	NPA 2009-10	1#,2#
4	Cosmo Newberry	440	-27.9956	122.894	NPA 2009-10	1#,2#
5	Jameson	140	-26.05	127.567	NPA 2009-10	1^,2^
10	Wanarn	161	-25.2926	127.567	Limited	1#,2#
11	Warakurna	194	-25.0448	128.298	Limited	1^,2^
12	Warburton	170	-26.1383	126.568	NPA 2009-10	1#,2#
25	Tjirrkarli	55	-24.0028	125.471	Limited	1#,2#

* Nil; Limited; NPA 2009-10, 2010-11 or 2011-12 (year internet access provided under the Agreement)

[†] 1. Expand/upgrade internet access (in a location that previously received internet access under the Agreement)

2. Maintenance (in a location that *previously* received internet access under the Agreement)

3. Training

#. Incomplete activity from 2011-12

^. Completed activity from 2011-12 to be funded from funds previously provided.

Mode of service delivery

11. In accordance with Output 1 of the Agreement expanded or upgraded **public internet access** facilities will be delivered to the following communities as listed at item 10 (these communities were due to receive public internet access facilities in 2010-11):

Site No.	Community name	Description of internet access facilities	\$
2	Blackstone	Computers, software and related equipment already purchased. Awaiting installation once secure facility is complete. This remaining activity was carried over from and funded in 2010-11.	Nil
4	Cosmo Newberry	Computers, software and related equipment already purchased. Awaiting installation once secure facility is complete. This remaining activity was carried over from and funded in 2010-11.	Nil
10	Wanarn	Computers, software and related equipment already purchased. Awaiting installation once secure facility is complete. This remaining activity was carried over from and funded in 2010-11.	Nil
12	Warburton	Computers, software and related equipment already purchased. Awaiting installation once refurbishment of existing facility is complete. This remaining activity was carried over from and funded in 2010-11.	Nil
25	Tjirrkarli	Computers, software and related equipment already purchased. Awaiting installation once refurbishment of existing facility is complete. This remaining activity was carried over from and funded in 2010-11.	Nil
		Total funding for internet access	Nil

12. In accordance with Output 2 of the Agreement, **maintenance** services will be delivered to the following communities as listed at item 10 (these communities were due to receive public internet access facilities in 2010-11):

Site No.	Community name	Description of maintenance services	\$
2	Blackstone	To remove and transport an existing shipping container from Wingellina to securely house the public internet equipment funded in 2010-11.	\$16,932
4	Cosmo Newberry	To purchase and install a purpose-built shipping container to securely house the public internet equipment funded in 2010-11.	\$16,932
5	Jameson	Existing facilities were upgraded in 2011-12 to securely house the public internet access equipment funded in 2010-11. No funding to be provided in 2012-13. Unexpended funding provided previously to be used.	Nil (\$28,670 previously paid to be used)
10	Wanarn	To purchase and install a purpose-built shipping container to securely house the public internet equipment funded in 2010-11.	\$16,932
11	Warakurna	Existing facilities were upgraded in 2011-12 to securely house the public internet access equipment funded in 2010-11. No funding to be provided in 2012-13. Unexpended funding provided previously to be used.	Nil (\$28,670 previously paid to be used)
12	Warburton	To upgrade existing facilities to securely house the public internet access equipment funded in 2010-11.	\$16,932
25	Tjirrkarli	To upgrade existing facilities to securely house the public internet access equipment funded in 2010-11.	\$16,932
		Total funding for maintenance services	\$142,000

Note: for site numbers 5 and 11, refer to clauses 20 and 23 of the Implementation Plan.

13. In accordance with Output 3 of the Agreement, **training** services will be delivered to the following communities listed at item 10:

Site No.	Community name	Description of training services	No. Trainees	\$
-	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nil
		Total for training services		Nil

Performance benchmarks, timelines and reporting

14. The State of Western 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.	Expanded or upgraded public internet access to 100 per cent of the remaining five Ngaanyatjarra Lands communities carried over from 2010-11. Maintenance facilities provided to 7 of the remaining communities
An increased number of people in remote Indigenous communities that have received training in information technology and internet use.	No funding is required in 2012-13 as all planned training has been completed. Funding for training has been provided in previous years.
An increase in transactions and communication between remote Indigenous communities and government agencies, businesses, communities and families.	Internet facilities in use within 100 per cent of the remaining five Ngaanyatjarra Lands communities carried over from 2010-11.

15. The Agreement at paragraph 27 requires that the States and Western Australia will report on a six monthly basis to the Commonwealth. However, as there are less than six months remaining until the end of the current financial year period, only one report will be submitted following the end of this period.
16. As the 2012-13 Implementation Plan will be submitted in the second half of the 2012-13 financial year, a mid-year report will not be required in this instance.
17. An annual written report will be submitted to the Commonwealth by 31 July 2013. This report will include at a minimum:
- (d) a summary statement of expenditure of funding received under the Agreement for each community listed at item 10;
 - (e) a statement of achievements against each of the outputs specified in the Agreement;
 - (f) a statement of achievements against each of the outcomes specified in the Agreement;
 - (g) a statement of achievements against each performance indicator and benchmark specified at item 14 above; and
 - (h) a summary table of achievements against each community's proposed services specified at items 11, 12 and 13.

Promotion, acknowledgment and publicity

18. 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

19. The maximum amount of funding available from the Commonwealth for the State of Western Australia in 2012-13 will be \$142,000.
20. The funding of \$142,000 under this Agreement will consist of \$57,336 in unspent funds previously provided to Western Australia and \$84,664 to be provided in 2012-13 to see the activities under this Agreement completed.

Payment schedule

21. The Commonwealth will make payments to the State of Western Australia according to the following schedule, having regard to achievement of previous performance benchmarks and reporting requirements:

Date	Amount	Comments
7 June 2013	\$84,664	In determining subsequent Implementation Plans and payments, the Commonwealth will have regard to achievement of previous benchmarks and reporting requirements.

22. Any Commonwealth financial contribution payable will be processed by the Commonwealth Treasury and paid to the State Treasury in accordance with the payment arrangements set out in Schedule D of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations*.

Payment Summary

23. The following table illustrates the allocations to each of the outputs in the Agreement.

Output	Amount
Output 1	Nil
Output 2	\$142,000 (\$57,336 paid previously and \$84,664 paid in 2012-13)
Output 3	Nil
Total	\$142,000


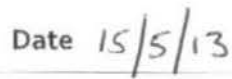
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Sign off

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signature  Date 
Minister for Commerce – Western Australian Government

Signature  Date 
Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy – Commonwealth Government
