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NTACC breaks the \$2million mark

The NTACC brought in over \$2.2 million dollars for projects in the Northern Territory in 2006.

11 projects with a total project value in excess of \$5 million dollars were funded through the Regional Partnerships Program.

Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre	\$561,000
Islamic Community Facility	\$376,145
Chung Wah Society Chinese Cultural Centre	\$368,500
Tennant Creek Hospital Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund	\$193,229
Larrakia Public Art & Design for Lyons Community	\$190,300
Cox Peninsula Utilities Building	\$165,000
Katherine Multipurpose Skate Park	\$124,300
Naiyu Nambiyu Daly River Mechanics Workshop	\$122,711
Nhulunbuy Tyre and Timber Shredder	\$55,550
Nhulunbuy Interpretive Project	\$23,694
Coomalie Mobile Skate Park	\$21,175

Tyre and Timber Shredder for Gove

Located at the Nhulunbuy Waste Management Facility, the tyre and timber shredder is an initiative put forward by the Nhulunbuy Corporation, to recycle tyres to provide landfill as an alternative to burning waste tyres, which is environmentally unacceptable.

The Gove Peninsula, including the township of Nhulunbuy, generates domestic tyres and the bauxite mine also has many waste tyres from the operation of its large vehicle fleet.

Additionally many pallets and packing crates from the mine operation will be broken down using this new equipment.

Removal offsite due to the area's remoteness is very expensive. Burial is unsuitable due to the volume involved and amount of landfill required. **\$55,550** has been approved under the Regional Partnerships Programme to assist with the purchase and implementation of the equipment.



The new tyre and timber shredder to be situated at Gove.

UPCOMING NTACC MEETING

22 February 2007 in Darwin

A wide range of funding is available to you!!!

Community Water Grants

Funding of up to **\$50,000** is available through the Department of Environment and Heritage for projects that demonstrate direct water savings, efficiency and/or benefits to surface or groundwater health, and can demonstrate clear public benefit.

A wide range of groups are eligible to apply for the funding including local government, schools, indigenous organisations, and community groups.

Successful projects funded in the NT through Round 2 include numerous installations of rainwater tanks to be used to flush toilets and irrigate. The 3rd round of funding will open soon.

See www.communitywatergrants.gov.au for more information.

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)

The FRRR was established in 2000 by the Australian Government and the Sidney Myer Fund, to meet the needs of rural and regional Australia.

FRRR runs a number of programs consistent with its Mission 'To champion the economic and social strength of Australia's regional, rural and remote communities through private partnerships with the private sector, philanthropy and governments'. FRRR has granted over **\$9.2 million** (1400 grants) since starting in 2000. The foundation has developed a specialisation in supporting smaller rural communities with smaller grants, though has the capacity to work across all of rural, regional and remote Australia.

For more information, see www.frrr.org.au.

Program Funding Submissions 2007/08 Financial Year

The Australian Government is calling for submissions from eligible organisations for funding for services to Indigenous Australians in the 2007/08 financial year under the following programmes:

- National Arts and Craft Industry Support
- Indigenous Sport and Recreation
- Community Development Employment Project (CDEP)
- Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records
- Indigenous Culture Support
- Indigenous Women's program
- Indigenous Broadcasting
- Law and Justice Advocacy Development
- Prevention, Diversion, Rehabilitation and Restorative Justice
- Indigenous Heritage
- Family Violence Prevention Legal Service and Early Intervention and prevention

A common funding application form has been developed. This will form part of an on-line Submission Kit (eSub) and will be used for the programs listed above. The Submission Kit and Program Guidelines can be accessed at: www.indigenous.gov.au

An application pack and further program information can also be obtained from your nearest indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC). ICCs are located throughout each state and the Northern territory. To contact your nearest ICC visit: www.icc.gov.au

Or phone 1800 079 098, with the exception of Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

Funding submission must be lodged at your nearest ICC by 5pm, Wednesday 21 February 2007.

The Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations recently proposed a new model for Indigenous employment servicing in urban and major regional centres. This may impact on locations where CDEP is funded. Further information on this is at www.workplace.gov.au/cdepsub.

Organisations funded through the Community Housing and Infrastructure Program (CHIP) will be contacted by their local FaCSIA state office or ICC regarding the process for 2007-08 funding.

Note: Not all of the programs listed are available in all states or territories.

In addition to the programmes listed above the Australian Government provides funding for other Indigenous specific programmes. Details of these can also be obtained from ICCs.

One of these additional programmes is the Public Information Program (PIP), a small program which provides limited funding for projects that raise awareness in the wider Australian community about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, society and issues. This includes funding for NAIDOC Week activities. Applications for PIP funding can be submitted throughout the year through ICCs.

Don't forget that the Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund can provide assistance to your Community!!

The Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund (RMIF) is an Australian government initiative which provides funding for small rural councils to help establish 'walk-in walk-out' community medical facilities making it easier to recruit and retain general practitioners.

Changes to the Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund (RMIF) agreed by the Ministers are as follows:

- An increase in the funding cap from \$200,000 to \$400,000 under the program;
- An expansion of the eligibility to apply for funding from only local government to now include local Divisions of General Practice and Indigenous Community Councils; and
- The ability to fund the recruitment and retention of professional allied health services.
- The provision of a renal treatment unit can now also be included under this program.

Contact the NTACC for further details on 08 8941 7550.



Tennant Creek hospital was successful in 2006 with their application for funding through the Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund.

New Industries Development Program

Grants of up to \$120,000 are now available for agribusinesses to commercialise their products, technology or service.

The New Industries Development Program (NIDP) is made up of a number of elements.

The first is a **Pilot Commercialisation Program** which is a competitive, merit-based grants program that provides matched funding of between \$35,000 and \$120,000 to agribusinesses that have finished their R&D stage and are ready to take the next step to commercialise their product, technology or service.

Round 15 for PCP's Close on Wednesday 7 March 2007!

The second is an **In Market Experience Scholarship** designed to help potential business managers to gain valuable market knowledge on their proposed industry by making available \$12,500 for market exploration activities.

The program also has the following resources available that assist in building the knowledge of innovative agribusinesses.

- Marketing CD that uses real life examples to provide practical advice on developing and implementing a marketing strategy for your business.
- Supply chain CD, an interactive CD that brings you the experience of Australian agribusinesses in implementing supply chain management practices.

See www.affa.gov.au/agribiz for more information.

Job Placement Services

Job Placement Services are the Australian Government funded recruitment services, with more than 400 organisations delivering services from over 2500 offices across Australia.

Job Placement Organisations provide FREE services for registered job seekers. They match, screen, refer and place suitable job seekers into vacancies that exist with employers. Information has been recently produced on

Job Placement Services on workplace.gov.au which provides information for job seekers, employers and recruitment companies.

The information is available at www.workplace.gov.au/jobplacement.

National Pioneers Women's Hall of Fame official opening will be held at the Old Gaol in Alice Springs on 8th March 07

For more information on Regional Partnerships Funding

Organisations, councils, or businesses interested in seeking funding for worthwhile projects which will create jobs and provide an economic or social benefit to the community should visit our website www.ntacc.com.au or contact the NTACC on 08 8941 7550.

Chair re-appointed by the Minister for 2 years

Col Fuller

The Minister for the Department of Transport and Regional Services, The Hon Mark Vaile MP, has re-appointed the NTACC Chair Col Fuller for a further period of two years commencing 1 January, 2007.



This is a welcome decision, as Col has led the NTACC to achieve very successful outcomes since his appointment in September 2005.

We thank Col for his continued commitment and dedication to the NTACC and very much look forward to working with him over the next 2 years.

Congratulations Col!!

Deputy Chair now appointed by the Minister

Tracey Brand

Tracey Brand has been appointed by The Hon Mark Vaile MP as the Deputy Chair of the NTACC for a 2 year period commencing January 1, 2007. This is the first time Deputy Chairs of ACC's have been officially appointed by the Federal Minister. Tracey has been a member of the NTACC since 2001 and is committed to assisting Col and the other Committee members in its success. Tracey is based in Alice Springs and works full time as the Senior Executive Officer of the Tangentyere Council.



In June 2006, Tracey was also appointed to the Australian Regional Women's Advisory Council. Appointed by Minister Truss, Tracey was chosen as one of the 12 members from across Australia because of her expertise in key issues facing regional Australians such as agriculture, health, education, business, social welfare, regional development, indigenous issues and industry. This is an outstanding achievement – well done Tracey!!!

Project Progress Update



Building of the Cox Peninsula Emergency Services and Community Centre valued at in excess of \$650,000 has commenced and is progressing well.



Building of the Marthakal Homelands Resource Centre Workshop & Training Facility worth over \$990,000 is also taking shape with completion scheduled this year.

Our People

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Advice to Federal Government

NTACC works in partnership with government, business and the community to promote economic, social and environmental development in the Northern Territory. We welcome suggestions that will enable the provision of constructive and regular advice to the Australian Government in order to maximise support for the development of the Northern Territory.