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18 New Aboriginal Community Police Officers

Minister for Children and Families Malarndirri McCarthy today congratulated the Territory’s newest Aboriginal Community Police Officers at their graduation ceremony at Marrara.

The 18 ACPO’s will be based at Darwin, Casuarina and Palmerston, as well as Warruwi, Nyirrpi, Ngukurr and Katherine.

“Each graduation, and the graduation of each individual member of the force, is a milestone—a visible marker of the development and growth of our police force,” Ms McCarthy said.

“And this is especially the case with our Aboriginal Community Police Officers here in the Northern Territory.

“The Territory has a very strong culture of community policing, from our remote towns and communities to our cities.

“And at the heart of this is our system of Aboriginal Community Police Officers.”

Ms McCarthy said today’s graduates will not only be working at the front line of community safety, but will also be key links in creating greater understandings between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Territorians.

“The graduation of Aboriginal Community Police Officers are special occasions for the men and women who have completed their training, and are going on to their first postings.

“As Minister for Women I am also pleased to see that there around just as many women as men serving as ACPOs in the Territory.
“This is reflected in today’s graduation, with nine each of men and women. There is no other policing force in the land that has achieved this sort of equity.”

Today’s graduates will become part of ACPO Squad 15. It brings the level of ACPO’s in the Territory up to 88.

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