Housing Minister Elliot McAdam said the Stuart Lodge is now up and running and meeting accommodation needs in Alice Springs.

The Northern Territory Government has spent $2 million renovating the Stuart Lodge and it opened its doors to clients this week.

“Stuart Lodge is an example of the Territory Government’s approach to bricks and mortar solutions for addressing the need for more low cost short-term managed accommodation,” said Mr McAdam.

“Territory Housing has worked hard with the Alice Springs Accommodation Action Group, community welfare and healthcare providers to complete this project.

“This 33 room facility will create up to 54 beds for people visiting Alice Springs from the bush, mostly for medical reasons.

“In its opening week, 25 rooms have been booked and the feedback from clients has been extremely positive.

“Stuart Lodge will provide practical low cost short-term accommodation suitable for individuals and people travelling with family.

“It will be a secure facility initially managed by Territory Housing, with local business Peppered Black providing security and Kungas Can Cook providing some meals on-site.

“This is a great example of government, business and the community working together to find practical solutions to address important issues.

“Last year the NT Government also funded the Ayiparinya Lodge with $1.2 million to create more managed short term accommodation.

“Stuart Lodge will be a great benefit to the Central Australian community and I thank all of the parties involved with this project for their hard work,” said Mr McAdam.

People wanting to find out more about booking accommodation at Stuart Lodge should contact the Manager Roger Cartwright on 8953 0324.
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