Working Together for Better Futures in Gapuwiyak

The north east Arnhem Land community of Gapuwiyak today outlined education and the establishment of a School Attendance Work Group as a priority in its Local Implementation Plan (LIP).

The Gapuwiyak LIP outlined plans to develop strategies that will engage across the 13 clan groups to increase school attendance and have young adults and parents returning to school.

The Plan was signed today by the Gapuwiyak Reference Group, the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, and the East Arnhem Shire Council.

Indigenous Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy said that providing support for young people, educational opportunities and leadership support is an important focus for the residents of Gapuwiyak.

“The Gapuwiyak plan also includes establishing the Families as First Teachers - Indigenous Parenting Support Service (FaFT–IPSS) program,” said Ms McCarthy.

“The Local Implementation Plan sets time lines for specific actions to be taken by responsible parties, including government agencies and the community, and is a major step towards progressing the Territory Government’s Working Future policy.

“This plan will drive future development in Gapuwiyak and was developed in partnership with the local community.”

Other highlights of the Gapuwiyak Plan include:

- Develop a proposal to expand the existing Recreation Hall to include youth drop in centre, sports, women and playgroups, cyclone shelter and toilets.
- Developing an integrated and strategic program of community governance and leadership support that suits the needs of the men, women and youth of Gapuwiyak,

The Gapuwiyak Local Implementation Plan will be available online at: www.workingfuture.nt.gov.au

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