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Working Together for Better Futures in Milingimbi

The north east Arnhem Land community of Milingimbi today signed a Local Implementation Plan (LIP) with a strong focus on school attendance through ‘no service for children at the shop during school time’.

The LIP was also signed by the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, the East Arnhem Shire Council and the local Reference Group of Milingimbi.

Indigenous Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy said Local Implementation Plans were a major step towards progressing the Territory Government's Working Future policy.

"Local Implementation Plans are being developed for each of the Territory Growth Towns. We are focused on getting government and local people to work together to make our towns and communities better places to live, said Ms McCarthy.

“It is great to see such a strong community focus on school attendance and it is clearly a very important issue for the residents of Milingimbi.

“This is further strengthened by students gaining additional access to sporting and recreational activities if they regularly attend school.”

Other highlights of the LIP include:

- Milingimbi becoming the service hub for surrounding communities.
- Introduction of strategies to assist people reduce their level of smoking including stock nicotine abatement products being available at the store and declaring areas ‘smoke free’ such as playgrounds and government buildings.
- Skill development opportunities for the next generation of Mala Leaders in governance and leadership to prepare them for this important future role.

This plan will drive future development in Milingimbi and was developed in partnership with the local community and will continually adapt to suit the needs of the community.

The Local Implementation Plan sets time lines for specific actions to be taken by responsible parties, including government agencies and the community.

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

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