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Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

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Minister for Young Territorians

**Leaders of the future meet with the leaders of today**

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Members of the Chief Minister’s Youth Round Table of Young Territorians met with the Northern Territory Government today to hear their recommendations on youth issues.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the members advised the Government on issues of interest after working on community-based projects for 12 months with young people in their community.

"The project recommendations were developed based on investigations and consultations with young People from across the Northern Territory," Mr Giles said.

"The Youth Round Table gives young people and Government representatives an opportunity to discuss important issues. The Government has been presented with an impressive range of topics today, from a vast representation of Territorians."

Mr Giles said the 14 members of the 2014 Round Table represent the geographical, cultural and ethnic diversity of youth in the Northern Territory.

"We had feedback from Darwin, Mataranka, Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Galiwin’ku, Elliot, Darwin Rural and Palmerston.

Minister for Young Territorians Peter Styles said he was very impressed with the efforts and hard work the members of the Round Table had put into their community-based projects and recommendations to Government.

“We had a great mix of representatives this year, and I am impressed with how well they worked together to come up with their recommendations.

"The Chief Ministers Youth Round Table is a direct communication avenue between young Territorians and the Territory Government.

“What better way to understand and work with our young people of the Territory, than to hear what the issues are from young people themselves,” he said.
“The young people of today are our future – and we need to listen to them.”

In addition to producing their community-based projects, members also contributed and participated in activities such as:

- Youth consultations where they collect and collate topical concerns, issues, suggestions and opinions of young people across the Territory;

- Community engagement where they participate in committees, meetings and forums representing young people;

- National Youth Week where they promoted and attended events, as well as promoted the Round Table to young Territorians; and

- Media activities promoting the achievements and successes of young Territorians.

The Chief Minister’s Round Table of Young Territorians (Round Table) provides a direct communication avenue between young people aged 15-25 years and the NT Government.

The projects will be made available online at [www.youth.nt.gov.au/youth_round_table.html](http://www.youth.nt.gov.au/youth_round_table.html) in early 2015

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