Maningrida receiving real results through upgrades

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The Top End community of Maningrida will benefit from new infrastructure, lighting and council equipment.

Minister for Local Government and Community Services, Bess Price, said this Government was delivering much needed upgrade works.

“’The new sewage pond and sewer main delivers infrastructure that supports the community as it grows, and provides a robust system for the future that does not need further work,” Mrs Price said.

“Previously, the treated sewage effluent outfall pipe ended on the beach, meaning that treated effluent flowed onto the beach at low tide.

“Sewerage system upgrade works consisted of extending the treated sewage effluent outfall pipe, and building a new sewage pond and sewer main.”

Local Member for Arafura, Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu, said the upgrade will make the beach safer for everyone.

“Local people collect shellfish from the beach at low tide so this posed a risk,” Mr Kurrupuwu said.

“The outfall pipe has now been extended 136m further out to sea, past the low tide line making it safer for locals to harvest shellfish.”

The community has had 1474 square meters of asbestos containing materials removed from non-government community public buildings estimated cost of $451,260.

“Three local Indigenous participants were trained and offered employment in asbestos removal and remediation works at Maningrida,” Mrs Price said

The community has benefitted from a number of special purpose grants awarded to the West Arnhem Regional Council.
“The West Arnhem Regional Council has received $38,900 under the Family Safe Environment Fund for solar LED lighting across parks and barbeque areas in Maningrida, Gunbalanya, Minjilang, Warruwi and Jabiru,” Mrs Price said.

“In Maningrida, LED lighting will be installed in the areas beside the council office, which includes a public amenity block, playground, and newly landscaped space.

“They also received $185,000 towards the cost of a Caterpillar D6 Traxcavator, with the machine is due to arrive in Maningrida in September.”

Local Member for Arafura, Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu, said as Maningrida’s population has reached 1000, the dump management requirements for council have changed, and old cars need to be turned into cubed rubbish cells.

“The D6 Traxcavator means the council will be able to do contract work and more effectively carry out post-cyclone clean-up and other major civil works,” Mr Kurrupuwu said.

$40,000 was provided towards the purchase of a heavy duty low loader trailer to transport machinery throughout the communities of Maningrida, Gunbalanya and Jabiru.

This will allow the council to more effectively manage their fleet and have ongoing training and work for the crews operating their fleet.

West Arnhem Regional Council is also contributing funds to all these projects

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