Minister for Local Government and Community Services, Bess Price, has visited the remote community of Milingimbi to meet with the Milingimbi and Outstations Progress Resource Association (MOPRA) Inc to discuss the rebuild of their workshop.

“The MOPRA workshop in Milingimbi is being rebuilt as a joint community project with the Department of Local Government and Community Services as it was badly damaged by ex-Tropical Cyclones Lam and Nathan,” Mrs Price said.

“The workshop rebuild community project is a great example of a community and government working together to identify local priorities and create community development outcomes.

“The Northern Territory Government worked with MOPRA to develop a plan to rebuild the workshop including maximising MOPRA staff labour on the project.

“The workshop is an important part of the Milingimbi community and is used as a mechanical, electrical and plumbing workshop, open meeting area, and office for the MOPRA organisation.

“Funding has come from the Northern Territory Government cyclone recovery, asbestos removal program (funded by the Commonwealth Government) and MOPRA who contributed $36 000.

“It is fantastic that MOPRA staff are providing labour for the project including electrical rewiring, plumbing and fitting internal linings. The asbestos removal works will deliver the final stage of building fit-out with MOPRA providing labour assistance.

“Work started last week, and it is hoped the workshop will be up and running again by the end of August.”

MOPRA Housing Manager Rod Linfield, said the new workshop means they can be more self-sufficient.

“We’re setting up the mechanical workshop now, installing the new car hoist so we can start doing our own mechanical repairs and servicing,” Mr Linfield said.

“Before, we had to rely on the council workshop, so this will be much more self-sufficient. For our little fleet of vehicles including cars, boats and quad bikes, it makes it a lot easier to repair and manage them here.”
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Attached is a photograph of Minister Bess Price, Crocodile Rangers Adrian Yunupingu, Fabian Gaykamangu, and Dennis Row, who have been working on the rebuild

Milingimbi MOPRA workshop rebuild