Nyirrpi Tidy Yard Competition sets the scene for the bush

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The Northern Territory Government is delivering on its commitment to improve the lives of people living in the bush by providing upgrades to over 180 houses in the remote communities of Areyonga, Kaltukatjara (Docker River), Kintore, Mount Liebig and Nyirrpi.

As a way to commemorate this investment into remote communities and to form a partnership with residents, a Tidy Yard Competition is being trialled in Nyirrpi to inspire a new pride in residents looking after their homes.

The Tidy Yard Competition trial will promote, support and recognise the efforts of community residents through community projects that improve living standards.

Minister Price said “The Tidy Yard Competition acknowledges people in communities who care for their surroundings and are contributing to a positive environment for all.

“This competition is a great way for people to get on board with the idea of pride in place and pride in community living and will hopefully encourage other community members to follow suit”.

The Tidy Yard Competition will run while the houses in Nyirrpi are being upgraded and community members in upgraded houses will be eligible to enter.

The National Partnership Agreement on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory upgrade program in Nyirippi commenced in August 2015, and is scheduled for completion in April 2016. Over the coming months there will continue to be numerous contractors in the community delivering the works.

This round of works will bring homes in these remote communities to a Remote Housing Provision standard.

The homes being upgraded are located in: Areyonga (30), Kaltukatjara (Docker River) (46), Kintore (38), Mount Liebig (26), Nyirrpi (43).

The total value of the works is approximately $16 million.

The National Partnership Agreement on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (SFNT) provides funding to improve the durability and amenity of Remote Community Housing, thereby improving the longevity of dwellings.
12 houses were handed back recently and the competition was launched for those new residents to take pride in their upgraded homes.

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Nyirrpi Tidy Yard Competition - Winners 1 - Photograph by Julianne Osborne
Nyirrpi Tidy Yard Competition - Winners 2 - Photograph by Julianne Osborne