Minister for Community Development, John Ah Kit, will officially open the Katherine Day Activity Centre when the NT Government holds a Community Cabinet meeting in the town next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Day Activity Centre, established in the Ngurrdalingi Aboriginal Corporation complex in Pearce Street, is an initiative of the Katherine Region Community Harmony Group.

Activities at the centre will include arts and crafts, skills training, referrals to social service providers as well as providing a base for community and foot patrols.

Other activities organised during the Community Cabinet include a range of visits by Ministers to groups and locations associated with their portfolio responsibilities.

Cabinet will have a formal meeting with the Katherine Town Council before an official dinner to be attended by representatives from a range of local community organisations including the Regional Tourist Association, Chamber of Commerce, Jawoyn Association, Regional Development Board and NT Agricultural Association.

Chief Minister, Clare Martin, says Community Cabinet visits are an important part of the program to take government to the people of the Northern Territory as well as promoting open and accountable government.

“They give local residents an opportunity to raise issues with Ministers and senior public servants who accompany them”.

The Katherine Community Cabinet is the twenty-fourth held since Labor came to government.

“We are committed to holding at least thirty Community Cabinet meetings in this term of office,” Ms Martin said.

“Community Cabinet provides a real opportunity for members of the public and organisations to meet with Government in an informal setting and raise issues of importance.

“It is also an important way to achieve the open and accountable government we are committed to,” Ms Martin said.