Alice Springs Hospital has been accepted as a member of the prestigious Regional Health Improvement Network.

Minister for Health Dr Peter Toyne said the honour follows major improvements to the hospital building and its environment.

"The admission to the Regional Health Network is a tribute to all the hard work done by the hospital’s dedicated staff," Dr Toyne said.

"Inclusion in the network will provide many opportunities for Alice Springs Hospital to build on its success and provide an even better service for the community."

"Membership of the Regional Health Improvement Network will ensure the administrators and clinicians at ASH overcome their physical isolation from colleagues in other areas."

"They will have the opportunity to examine themselves against national benchmarks and seek new ways to excel," he said.

The network includes regional hospitals from New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania and now the Northern Territory.

It was established to;

- Provide opportunities for health care organisations to compare and share how to achieve better patient, staff and community outcomes
- Measure and compare clinical practices with the aim of improving care processes and outcomes
- Promote collaboration and networking among health care providers at all levels.

In another boost for the Territory, the Royal Darwin Hospital has been admitted to Australasia’s elite hospitals Health Round Table.