Papunya Celebrates New Laws To Combat Sniffing

People supplying petrol and other volatile substances into Papunya can now be punished under the NT Government’s laws as a result of the Community Management Plan which came into effect on May 1.

Member for MacDonnell, Alison Anderson has worked with the community to develop a Community Management Plan under the groundbreaking Volatile Substance Abuse (VSA) legislation.

“It’s great to see the community come together to celebrate the new Management Plan that will assist the fight against the scourge of petrol sniffing,” said Ms Anderson.

“The new VSA laws are complimented by the broader roll out of the unsniffable fuel, Opal.

“The supply of petrol and other volatile substances within the Papunya community is now punishable under Territory law.

“There is also the capacity for mandatory treatment orders.

“The NT Government has improved rehabilitation services and is encouraging other communities to develop their own management plans.

“The Territory approach has already attracted interest from around the world with a group of Canadian health workers visiting Papunya today to see how Government measures and Opal Fuel have reduced sniffing,” Ms Anderson said.

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