Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP)

working together to help make communities safer and healthier

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Getting a trade

Giuseppe Tipiloura is currently working with Territory Alliance in Wurrumiyanga. Prior to this, Giuseppe worked for smaller builders on shorter contracts where he gained valuable experience but did not have the opportunity to get formal training.

Having completed his Certificate II in Carpentry and Joinery, Giuseppe is now working towards his Certificate III. In between his two week blocks of theory he is also being rotated through various jobs on site which is increasing his experience further.

Giuseppe is grateful for the chance to get his qualifications and says that it is particularly satisfying to work on houses in his own community.

Work is complete in 31 and underway in 17 communities and a number of town camps across the Territory with more than 250 Indigenous people employed in the delivery of the Australian and Northern Territory Governments’ construction program for remote public housing.

Across the Territory 1414 refurbishments and rebuilds are now complete and 81 are underway.

A total of 236 new houses have been built and work is continuing on the construction of another 186.
Housing Reference Groups

Housing Reference Groups (HRGs) have now been established across the Territory, including 16 for Alice Springs town camps.

The HRGs work with residents and government to ensure local communities have input into decisions about housing in their community. They also provide advice to government on cultural and family-related matters that affect decisions about housing and infrastructure.

Membership consists of community representatives with different interests and family groups.

Creating jobs

There are more than 250 Indigenous people employed across the Territory in the delivery of the Australian and Northern Territory Governments’ construction program for remote public housing.

Sustainable employment and training outcomes for Indigenous people are a key priority of this program.

A target of 20 per cent Indigenous employment has been set and this is being exceeded with a current achievement of 31 per cent across the program.

Indigenous Employment

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Works update

Across the program works are now complete in 31 communities and five Tennant Creek community living areas while work continues in 17 Territory communities and a number of town camps.

During the Wet season works in a number of communities were delayed. These works have now recommenced and progress will be visible throughout the Dry season.

Alice Springs town camps

A total of 85 new houses will be constructed in the Alice Springs town camps. Twenty-eight new houses have been completed and another 34 are underway across Hidden Valley, Little Sisters, Ilipiye Ilipiye and Palmer’s Camp.

In addition to the new houses, there will also be refurbishments to existing houses and significant improvements in infrastructure.

The infrastructure in Trucking Yards, Hidden Valley and Larapinta Valley will be constructed to a full sub-divisional standard including new roads and drainage works, new water, power, sewer and street lighting.

Additional works will also be completed in other town camps to ensure appropriate infrastructure is in place to support new housing.

Sixty-six rebuilds and refurbishments are complete at Morris Soak, Hidden Valley, Ilipiye Ilipiye, Larapinta Valley, Little Sisters, Iparpa, Palmer’s Camp and Trucking Yards while 24 rebuilds and refurbishments are underway at Hidden Valley, Ilipiye Ilipiye, Larapinta Valley, Little Sisters, Anthepe, Basso’s Farm, Karnte, Kunoth, Old Timers and Walpiri Camp.

Southern Region refurbishments

A total of 657 refurbishments have been completed in 26 communities as part of the Southern Region refurbishments package. Refurbishment works continue at Papunya.
Works update cont’d

Tiwi Islands
Forty-three new houses have been built at Wurrumiyanga (Nguiu) and construction is underway on a further 22 new houses. Ninety new houses will be built at Wurrumiyanga with 29 houses completed in stage one and 61 houses completed in stage two.
Sixty rebuilds are complete at Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi. Seventy rebuilds and refurbishments are complete at Wurrumiyanga while a further 15 are underway.

Gunbalanya, Acacia Larrakia and Belyuen
A total of 62 new houses are scheduled to be built at Gunbalanya and 17 new houses are complete while a further 16 are underway. Works have commenced in Banyan, one of the two new subdivisions in Gunbalanya, with houses at various stages of construction.
Eighty rebuilds and refurbishments are complete at Gunbalanya, Acacia Larrakia and Belyuen while a further four refurbishments are underway at Gunbalanya and Acacia Larrakia.

Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island
A total of 80 new houses will be built across Angurugu, Umbakumba and Milyakburra and 26 houses are complete while a further six are underway.
Fifty rebuilds and refurbishments are complete at Angurugu, Umbakumba and Milyakburra while a further 12 are underway at Angurugu and Milyakburra.

Ngukurr, Rittarangu, Barunga and Beswick
A total of 110 rebuilds and refurbishments are complete at Ngukurr, Rittarangu, Barunga and Beswick while four rebuilds are underway at Ngukurr.

Maningrida, Warruwi and Minjilang
A total of 109 new houses will be built at Maningrida and 47 new houses are complete while a further 22 are underway. This includes 27 houses in stage one and four houses in stage two of the new subdivision.
Forty-six rebuilds and refurbishments have been completed at Maningrida and Warruwi while a further four refurbishments are underway.
Scoping and planning for refurbishments at Minjilang is underway.

Wadeye, Nganmarriyanga and Peppimenarti
A total of 105 new houses are scheduled to be built at Wadeye. Sixty-five new houses are complete and a further 40 are underway.
A total of 135 rebuilds and refurbishments are complete at Nganmarriyanga (Palumpa), Wadeye and Peppimenarti while a further eight rebuilds and refurbishments are underway at Wadeye and Nganmarriyanga.

Tennant Creek
Seventy houses have been rebuilt in Tennant Creek community living areas. Major upgrade works have also been carried out on infrastructure and this work continues.

Galiwin’ku
A total of 90 new houses will be built at Galiwin’ku. Ten new houses are complete and a further 46 are underway. The rainfall during the Wet season did slow the delivery of some houses but now that the Dry season has started works have recommenced.
Seventeen rebuilds and refurbishments are complete and eight are underway.

Bulla, Yarralin and Binjari
Fifty-three refurbishments are complete at Bulla, Yarralin and Binjari.

The data contained in this update is current as at 16 May 2011.