Cyclone recovery progresses for Arnhem schools

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Major progress is being made in rebuilding the communities affected by Cyclone Lam, which struck early last year.

Minister for Infrastructure and Education Peter Chandler is pleased to see the tender released for replacing a number of buildings at Milingimbi School.

“The school buildings were significantly damaged during Cyclone Lam in February last year,” Mr Chandler said.

“The Northern Territory Government is investing $4.2 million for these works that will meet the needs of the community to once again access a fully operational school.

“The school will receive a new language production centre, a new home economics centre and new facilities for a general learning area.

“The investment is part of the $90 million rebuilding package following Cyclone Lam announced by the Territory government shortly after the devastation arose.”

Additionally, construction of a new $3.8 million cyclone shelter and multi-purpose hall at Warruwi School is nearing completion.

“The new shelter will have the capacity to hold 300 people during an extreme weather event with appropriate amenities included,” Mr Chandler said.

“The shelter will not only provide safe refuge during extreme weather conditions, but will also reduce the need for evacuation of the community in the event of another cyclone.

“An added bonus will see the shelter double as a multi-purpose hall for both school and local community use.”

The tender for the Milingimbi School rebuild is due for awarding late April.

Construction of Warruwi cyclone shelter is due for completion next month.

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