John Elferink
Minister for Health

**Extensive upgrades for Papunya and Titjikala Health Clinics**

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Staff and community members were joined by Health Minister John Elferink as they welcomed the official opening of the newly refurbished and upgraded Papunya and Titjikala Health Clinics.

The $2.76 million upgrades to Papunya Health Clinic include the construction of a separate male and female waiting room, a secure reception area, a new state of the art emergency room, general and children’s clinical consultation rooms.

The dedicated consultation rooms for males and females is important in the delivery of adult health checks, the expansion of the health school aged program, midwifery services, sexual health and chronic disease management.

The $2.59 million upgrades to Titjikala Health Clinic include a modern emergency room, ambulance bay, a new purpose built renal room and the refurbishment of the existing clinical consultation rooms.

The new ambulance bay provides for direct access to the emergency room and covered protection from the weather.

“Papunya and Titjikala Health Clinic will provide enhanced clinical care for patients and help streamline patient flow and staff workflow to improve the quality of service provided to the community,” Mr Elferink said.

“Not only do the improved facilities provide extra clinical rooms but the design is culturally appropriate and purpose-built to ensure all visitors to the clinic are comfortable and respected.

“This $5.35 million project to upgrade both health clinics was completed as part of the Commonwealth funded $50.29 million program to upgrade and rebuild eleven remote health clinics across the Northern Territory.

“The upgrades will serve the communities of Papunya and Titjikala by improving the infrastructure to ensure the health service can adequately serve the people in the community with quality health care and culturally appropriate facilities.

“The health care team are vital members of the community and their outstanding work contributes to improving the health of the residents of Papunya and Titjikala.”

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