

Youth Policy SNAPSHOT DARWIN

NT Government's initiatives and activities for youth

This snapshot should be read in conjunction with the TERRITORY WIDE snapshot

Health and wellbeing

Funding to NGOs (DHF) Funds are provided through the Alcohol and Other Drugs Program of DHF to non-government agencies to provide rehabilitation programs for people who misuse volatile substances. Such treatment service agencies are able to cater to the needs of children and youth who are using volatile substances including petrol, paint and solvents.

A service funded in 2008-09 in Darwin, delivered by the Council of Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services Inc., provides a residential program for young people. Another, Bushmob in Alice Springs, provides residential rehabilitation services, case management, family support and interventions for young people aged between 12 and 25.

Juvenile detention (DoJ) The prison In-Reach Program was established in the Don Dale Centre, to provide group sessions, brief interventions, one on one counselling and post release referral to those detainees who need to access Alcohol and Other Drug services whilst they are incarcerated. This program is voluntary, although detainees are encouraged to participate, especially if their crime is drug or alcohol related, or if they have an assessed need in this area. The program aims to improve the communication with various community-based agencies to ensure client needs are followed up on after their release to the community.

Quit Program (NTT) Treasury promotes healthy lifestyles for all its employees and in May 2009 held a Quit course to assist staff who wanted to give up smoking. The course was free and aimed to provide a greater understanding about why people smoke, and how to make the decision to stop smoking. Additionally, the Quit course provided strategies and support to help with the challenges of quitting for good.

Juvenile Detention (DoJ) The Case Management Unit in Juvenile Detention recognises family support as a protective factor against further offending. Visits by family to young people in detention are encouraged and supported. A telephone system is being developed that will enable detainees to maintain contact with family through access to pre-approved telephone contacts. The families of young offenders are actively engaged through the case management process.

*Family
Responsibility
Program*

*(DHF, PFES,
DET, DoJ, DLGH)*

Family Support Centres have been established in Darwin and Alice Springs. The Centres have responsibility for the administrative services being established to coordinate the new Family Responsibility Program (FRP) and the Youth Community Corrections functions. Families attend the centres to receive assistance when experiencing difficulties with their child, parenting skills, or other family issues. The centres provide information about the support services available to young people and their families.

Interagency Collaboration Panels (ICPs) have been formed in Darwin and Alice Springs to ensure all available information is gathered and shared about a family of concern, and to ensure that both government and community services work in partnership to meet the needs of parents and young people. The ICPs are chaired by the Family Support Centre Manager and members are Authorised Officers from each of the Appropriate Agencies. The Minister for Children and Families has decided that Appropriate Agencies from the Northern Territory Government are NT Police, DoJ, DHF, DET and the Department of Local Government and Housing (DLGH). These Appropriate Agencies were chosen as they have the most regular contact with families and children, due to their core business.

After information is shared, panel members may decide that it is worth making a Family Responsibility Agreement or a Family Responsibility Order with a family of concern if it is in the best interests of the child. At 30 June 2009, two Family Responsibility Agreements had been entered into by Police. No Family Responsibility Orders had been given.

One of the major benefits of the combined effort of the ICP is that there are few gaps for youth to fall through who are considered by the panel. As the appropriate identified agencies share their knowledge of families a picture is assembled that details their individual needs and this leads to robust case plans being compiled.

During the 2008-09 year the Darwin ICP considered 27 families and the Alice Springs ICP considered 11. The ICPs have also undertaken a range of stakeholder meetings to ensure the key organisations working with young offenders have been kept informed.

The FRP has implemented a number of accountability and management systems including:

- development of policies and protocols
- data collection and reporting
- establishment and monitoring of contracts with non government organisations
- development of an evaluation framework.

*headspace
(DHF)*

headspace Top End and *headspace* Central Australia are two of 30 Community of Youth Services (CYS) sites established across Australia with funding from the Australian Government. DHF is a consortium member in each of the NT sites.

The aim of CYSSs is to improve access to health and wellbeing services for young people aged 12 to 15 years, by bringing together local youth mental health, drug and alcohol, primary care and education, training and support agencies. Each *headspace* service is being implemented by a consortium of local agencies, working in partnership to facilitate more coordinated, integrated and holistic care for young people.

- *headspace* Top End: Anglicare NT is the lead agency of the local consortium of organisations including DHF, the General Practice Network of the NT (GPNNT) and Danila Dilba Aboriginal Medical Service.

DHF and *headspace* Top End have now established shared intake assessment processes whereby young people in the *headspace* target age group will undergo an initial assessment at *headspace* before a decision is made regarding any need for specialist treatment and care through Top End Mental Health Services (TEMHS).

A consultant psychiatrist from TEMHS is also now attending fortnightly clinical case review meetings to provide consultation liaison advice to staff at *headspace* Top End.

Secure care facilities
(DHF)

Funding has been committed for new secure care facilities to be established in Darwin and Alice Springs which will enhance the capacity of mental health inpatient units to provide care in a more appropriate environment for young people with a mental illness. They will also provide for treatment of young people who may not be mentally ill but are exhibiting very high risk behaviour.

Juvenile detention
(DoJ)

Within one week of admission, all young people in detention are assessed for mental health issues, using the Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument. All identified issues are referred to Forensic Mental Health Services for follow up.

Education

School attendance initiatives
(DET)

- The School Attendance Team provides program support and strategic advice dedicated to improving enrolment and attendance, particularly for children at risk of poor school attendance. In 2009 DET employed five regional school attendance officers, in addition to 43 Aboriginal and Islander Education Workers and 30 Home Liaison Officers providing schools with additional resources to improve student attendance.
- DET's Alternative Education Provision (AEP) initiative operates in Darwin's northern suburbs and Palmerston and works to transition young people disengaged from schooling aged 10–15 back into schooling, or alternatively, training or employment.

Guest Lecturer
(Tourism NT)

Two Tourism NT staff have been guest lecturers at Darwin High School and Palmerston High School for *Introduction to Tourism and Tourism Marketing* courses.

<i>Student Staff Interviews</i> (Tourism NT)	Tourism NT volunteers at least one staff member a year to be interviewed by a first-year student in Charles Darwin University's tourism course. The student interviews the staff member about their path to the tourism industry, what their role entails, challenges, advantages and what they enjoy about their job, among other questions. The interview is then collated and submitted as part of the student's assignment work.
<i>Infrastructure development and upgrades</i> (DPI)	In partnership with the Australian Technical College (ATC) and funding from the Australian Government, upgrading and renovating of Palmerston High School and construction of new facilities at Taminmin High School and Casuarina Senior College have provided facilities to accommodate the ATC's School Based Apprenticeship Scheme.
<i>Science in the Field</i> (NRETAS)	Science in the Field, held during the June–July School Holidays 2009, allowed a group of Year 12 students the opportunity to participate in a scientific study, examining the response of vegetation to fire. This participative study ran for 1-2 weeks and involved 10 students. Students gain new skills, participate in environmental management and are involved in real-life exploratory scientific skills.
<i>Museum and Art Gallery NT School Education Program</i> (NRETAS)	The Discovery Centre at the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT (MAGNT) coordinates a range of on-site learning opportunities for visiting schools including exhibition tours that complement the curriculum. Teachers' information sessions are held for each new exhibition. This program reached approximately 12,500 students and teachers in 2008-09.
<i>On-line Education Resources</i> (NRETAS)	MAGNT has produced a number of online education resources to both inform students and teachers. MAGNT has also increased accessibility to the collection and exhibitions via online imagery and virtual exhibitions. These resources enable remote and rural schools to have an educative museum experience without leaving their communities. On-line school education resources assist teachers to plan curricula-based educational uses of MAGNT exhibitions.
<i>The annual Careers Expo</i> (DET)	<p>The annual Careers Expo is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents, and the general public in the Territory to explore career opportunities and identify future career pathways. Expos were run in August 2008 in Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Darwin, Nhulunbuy and Katherine, with over 3300 students and participants attending.</p> <p>2008 Expos had 250 exhibitors from a broad range of industries and higher education institutions. This impacted positively on the students and participants.</p> <p>Overall exhibitor satisfaction with the 2008 Careers Expo in all regions was high due to the introduction of the Careers Passport along with the Careers Trail questionnaire. These tools were distributed to schools prior to the Expo which dramatically increased student preparation. This resulted in a noticeable increase in exhibitor/student interaction.</p>

<i>Scholarships (DPI)</i>	During 2008-09, DPI offered 12 Scholarships in a Bachelor of Engineering to students undertaking full-time study at CDU.
<i>Taste of Uni at CDU (NTT)</i>	In May 2009, Treasury participated in the Taste of Uni program, which brings Indigenous high school age students onto the CDU campus to encourage and promote further education and employment options. It offers Treasury the opportunity to meet, speak to and promote the agency, entry level employment programs, and the NTPS directly to the students.
<i>Careers Expo (NTT)</i>	In 2008-09 Treasury attended CDU's Graduate Recruitment Fair and Careers Expo. Both events provide employers with an opportunity to meet, speak to and promote direct to graduates career and employment opportunities within Treasury and the NTPS.
<i>Adopt-a-School Program (DPI)</i>	<p>DPI's Construction Division has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Darwin High School to commence a pilot program in July 2009. The link will be with the Computer Aided Design Graphics class of about 30 students. This will involve visits by the Division's Civil Design section to the class and vice versa. The class will be provided with small projects to design and conduct site visits during construction.</p> <p>Further Adopt-a-School arrangements are anticipated particularly with schools in the regions.</p>
<i>Prizes and Awards (NTT)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each year Treasury sponsors a number of academic awards at CDU and is proud to support prizes in economics and accounting to recognise the efforts of students who have excelled in their studies. ▪ In 2008-09 Treasury also continued with the sponsorship of three awards for Casuarina Senior College's Year 12 Graduation Awards Ceremony, acknowledging and celebrating student effort and achievement in mathematics, accounting and economics.
<i>Exit Art exhibition (DET and NRETAS)</i>	<p>The annual Exit Art exhibition at Darwin's MAGNT features contemporary art by Year 12 students from across the Territory.</p> <p>From May to July 2009, the MAGNT presented the fifth Exit Art exhibition in partnership with DET featuring the talents of senior visual art, craft and design students.</p>
<i>Barbara Singer Environmental Studies Scholarship (NRETAS)</i>	The Environment, Heritage and the Arts Division sponsored the 2009 CDU Barbara Singer Scholarship. The \$3000 Scholarship is available to a full time student enrolled in an environmental science course at CDU. It is awarded to the student who best demonstrates their passion, ability and initiative in promoting the aesthetic and/or environmental health of the NT environment.

Training and employment

<p><i>Treasury Apprentices (NTT)</i></p>	<p>In 2008 Treasury hosted one business administration apprentice who successfully completed the apprenticeship program in early 2009. For the current year's intake Treasury is hosting a new business administration apprentice, who as part of the program has been engaged for a period of 12 months during which time she will undertake study towards a Certificate III through Group Training NT while undertaking full-time work. As part of the on-the-job training during the 12 month contract, apprentices complete two six-month work placements in different areas of Treasury in order to provide them with the opportunity to develop a broad range of skills and knowledge that is not only relevant to their discipline but to the agency and the NT Public Sector (NTPS).</p>
<p><i>Indigenous Cadets (NTT and DPI)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In 2008-09 Treasury continued its ongoing commitment to the National Indigenous Cadetship Project (NICP). During 2008-09 Treasury employed three cadets: one undertaking a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Adelaide; the second a Bachelor of Commerce at Curtin University in Western Australia. The third cadet who was in his second year of his Bachelor of Business majoring in Economics at James Cook University in Queensland decided to discontinue his tertiary studies to take up a trade apprenticeship. ▪ The Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) engaged three cadets as part of the NICP in a Bachelor of Engineering during 2008-09.
<p><i>The Work Integrated Learning Scholarship (NTG)</i></p>	<p>The Work Integrated Learning Scholarship (WILS) is a whole-of-government program which enables students undertaking full-time studies at Charles Darwin University (CDU) to apply for a scholarship and receive payments to assist with university fees, and undertake paid vacation work in NTPS agencies during university breaks, for the duration of their studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasury offers scholarships to full-time students of accounting as well as students undertaking economics at CDU. Treasury currently has a total of nine new and continuing WILS holders, four of whom are undertaking a Bachelor of Accounting, three are studying towards a Bachelor of Business majoring in Economics and a further two are undertaking a Bachelor of Commerce one majoring in Economics and the other in Accounting. ▪ DPI offered eight Work Integrated Learning Scholarships in a Bachelor of Engineering during 2008-09.
<p><i>Try'a Trade (DET)</i></p>	<p>Try'a Trade is a Worldskills Australia initiative. In the NT the program is aimed at encouraging Year 9 students to consider a career in the trades and take on VET subjects in their senior years of school. The event is interactive and provides students with an opportunity to "have-a-go" at various skill and trade occupations.</p> <p>2008 Darwin Try'a Trade was held over four days in September and catered for 14 schools and 430 students from Darwin and the surrounding region. The trades included horticulture, plumbing, electrical, hospitality, carpentry, cookery, hairdressing, automotive, welding, and defence. Australian</p>

Apprenticeships NT provided information on careers and how to go about undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship.

90% of Darwin attendees surveyed said that the event helped their understanding of how to get a trade skill, with 77% indicating their desire to pursue a traineeship or apprenticeship.

Gap Year Program

(NTT)

In 2008-09 Treasury commenced a pilot 12 month Gap Year Program aimed at attracting students from year 12, who have an interest in economics, accounting or business to give them a taste of employment in the public sector before deciding what field of tertiary study they want to pursue.

Treasury currently has a full-time employee participating in the program. The employee has received training on government structure and processes, and financial and economic management in the Territory and receives 'on the job' training through placements in two to three Treasury business units.

Gap Year participants will continue to be offered the opportunity to undertake paid work placements with Treasury during their semester breaks once they commence higher education, and it is envisaged that the participants will go on to join Treasury's graduate program once they have completed their studies.

Finance Officer In Training (FOIT) graduate program

(NTT)

Each year Treasury undertakes recruitment for graduates to participate in the Finance Officer in Training (FOIT) graduate program, employing local and interstate graduates from a variety of different disciplines. This is an important ongoing component of Treasury's recruitment strategy and succession planning and aims to fast track high quality graduates to middle and senior management capability.

Each graduate undertakes a year long learning experience where they are provided 'hands on' work experience in up to four different work area within Treasury, in addition to regular in-house training through a comprehensive series of workshops and seminars on major Treasury policy areas, important Government processes and structures, and basic management and general workplace issues (eg. anti-discrimination and harassment). The FOIT workshops and seminars are also open to graduates from other government agencies as well as other Treasury staff interested in learning more about other Treasury work areas and issues in government.

During 2008-09 14 of the 15 graduates recruited for the 2008 FOIT intake successfully completed their graduate program, and in January 2009 12 new graduates commenced the 2009 FOIT program.

Work Experience

(NTT)

In addition to cadets and scholarship holders sponsored by Treasury, work experience placements during holiday breaks were also offered to other university students. During 2008-09 a total of five students undertook vacation employment during the Christmas and mid year breaks, including Northern Territory Government scholarship holders and other local tertiary students. Students were employed for periods of up to two months at the Administrative Officer 2 level across various Treasury business units.

<p><i>Indigenous Employment Pilot Program (NTT)</i></p>	<p>In 2008-09 Treasury participated in the first NTPS Indigenous Employment Pilot Program by hosting work placements for two Indigenous employees.</p> <p>The Indigenous Employment Program is a key initiative to address the NTPS Indigenous Employment targets under the Northern Territory's Indigenous generational plan of action "Closing the Gap". Designed to attract Indigenous jobseekers including recent school leavers, the program equips them with the foundation skills to be employed in entry level administrative positions.</p> <p>The program consists of 16 weeks of training which incorporates accredited vocational training, complemented by work readiness development and work-based learning. Participants who successfully complete the program are then offered permanent employment in an Administrative Officer 2 position with a sponsoring agency.</p>																							
<p><i>Trainee Program Civil Construction (DPI)</i></p>	<p>In late 2008 and early 2009, DPI's Construction Division advertised for various Technical Trainee Positions in Civil Construction Supervision and Civil Construction Design. As a result of the campaign, 12 school leavers and others under the age of 25 were given the opportunity to participate in the program. The trainees are located across all regions in the NT:</p> <p>Darwin-6, Nhulunbuy-1, Katherine-2, Tennant Creek-1, Alice Springs-2.</p> <p>Six of the current intake are Indigenous trainees.</p> <p>It is anticipated all will take up full time employment at the end of their 12 month traineeship. The trainees will participate in formal studies at CDU, for a Certificate IV in Civil Construction Supervision and Certificate IV in Civil Construction Design. In addition, they will rotate to various disciplines within DPI Road Projects to gain valuable work experience.</p>																							
<p><i>MAGNT work experience (NRETAS)</i></p>	<p>In 2008-09 the MAGNT hosted eight work experience students providing an insight into museum practices. Three of these have returned as volunteers to further explore their career prospects.</p>																							
<p><i>National Youth Week and associated programs (OCPE)</i></p>	<p>Over 2008-09 OCPE has managed a variety of development and career programs for NTPS employees. A total of 71 young employees (15 to 25 years of age) attended these workshops as outlined in the table below.</p>																							
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Work experience (OCPE) The Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment (OCPE) has co-ordinated three whole-of-government work experience programs for Indigenous boarding students from remote communities. A total of 47 students boarding at St Johns and Kormilda Colleges participated in a variety of work experience placements in various government agencies.

Agency	No. students Nov 2008	No. students May 2009	No. students Jun 2009
Department of the Chief Minister	2	1	2
Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources		2	4
Department of Justice			2
Department of Planning and Infrastructure			2
Police, Fire and Emergency Services	6		6
Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport	2	1	8
Department of Health and Families	1	5	2
Department of Legislative Assembly			1
Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment		1	

Northern Territory Training Awards: celebrating excellence in vocational education and training (DET) The annual NT Training Awards recognise achievements by Territory businesses, training organisations, apprentices, trainees and students. The Awards consist of two categories, student and organisational, with twelve awards in total.

The student categories are: the Austin Asche Apprentice of the Year, Trainee of the Year, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year, Vocational Student of the Year, School-Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year, and VET in Schools Student of the Year.

Winners and runners-up of all categories were announced at the Gala Dinner on 13th September 2008 at the Darwin Convention Centre. Winners of four NT student categories were eligible to represent the NT at the Australian Training Awards, held in Darwin for the first time at the Darwin Convention Centre in November 2008.

Fun, entertainment and skills development

Youth Engagement Grants Program (DHF) The Youth Engagement Grants Program engages young Territorians aged 12 to 25 years through a variety of drug and alcohol free recreational events and youth development and leadership programs. The funding rounds for the grants coincide with National Youth Week and the major school holidays (June/July and December/January). In 2008-09, 105 grants totalling \$136,400 were awarded to young people and community organisations through the program.

<p><i>Treasury's Family Fun Day</i> (NTT)</p>	<p>Treasury's Social Club organised its annual Family Fun Day at Lake Leanyer on 24 May 2009. Staff members and their families enjoyed the new water slides, water park and BBQ.</p>
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<p><i>Water Safety Month/Week</i> (DLGH)</p>	<p>Each year the Water Safety Branch hosts a water safety campaign targeted at young people. In 2008, there were 26 events that young people could get involved in, all of them free. Events included a Splash Fest at Lake Alexander, fun day at the Nightcliff Pool and Disco by the Pool held at Palmerston Recreation Centre. The Water Safety Branch also conducted competitions including colouring in and creative arts, both targeted at young people Territory wide.</p>
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<p><i>Sponsorship of regional events</i> (Tourism NT)</p>	<p>Tourism NT has a grant program providing marketing support sponsorship for regional events in the NT. Sponsorship of these events benefits young people and others in the community. Events sponsored in 2008-09 included \$20,000 in marketing sponsorship for the Darwin Festival and \$10,000 in sponsorship for Darwin's Fist Full of Films.</p>
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<p><i>Darwin Waterfront Precinct</i> (DCM)</p>	<p>The Darwin Waterfront Precinct is home to the ever popular Wave Lagoon and offers open parklands and water recreational facilities for young Territorians to have fun outdoors.</p> <p>The open parklands are suitable for outdoor ball games or to pull up a spot under a tree with a book and the Recreation Lagoon is a free saltwater lagoon and beach area where visitors can swim or paddle around in their inflatable boat. Lifeguards patrol the waters between 9am–6pm, seven days a week.</p> <p>Activities at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct are promoted through advertising and the website www.waterfront.nt.gov.au</p>
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<p><i>Festivals/concerts</i> (DCM)</p>	<p>The BASSINTHEGRASS music festival is a highlight of youth entertainment in the Top End. It has been recognised by national acts as northern Australia's greatest music festival. This year's concert, held on 23 May 2009 at Darwin's Garden's Amphitheatre, was attended by 7500 people.</p>
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<p><i>Leanyer Recreation Park</i> (DPI)</p>	<p>The \$5.7 million redevelopment of Leanyer Recreation Park, project managed by DPI, was opened to the public on Sunday 29 March 2009.</p> <p>The Park is dominated by three new 14m high red, yellow and blue waterslides with additional infrastructure, including expanded car parking, more shade structures, barbeques and seating, life guard towers, a skate park half-pipe and BMX moguls and security lighting.</p> <p>The new Leanyer Recreation Park is another milestone entertainment feature for Territorians providing safe, secure and accessible outcomes for the more than 100,000 people who visit the free park each year. The capacity of DPI to adapt its engineering expertise to projects of widely different scope and design will ensure the longevity of the Park as a drawcard for fun seekers of all ages who enjoy the relaxed Territory lifestyle.</p>
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<p><i>Public Events held by Northern Territory Library (NRETAS)</i></p>	<p>Events held during 2008-09 at the Northern Territory Library (NTL) included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 21 Aug Lunchtime Performance - The Librarian of Basra ▪ 27 Aug Evening Talk and Book launch - Barry Jonsberg ▪ 22 Sept ArtStories: A Celebration of Research and Practice ▪ 29 Sept Australian Poetry Slam ▪ 20 Nov Book Launch - 'Quoll' Sandra Kendell ▪ 21 Nov Book Launch - 'Tom Tom' Rosemary Sullivan ▪ 27 Nov "In Conversation" - Maureen McCarthy and Barry Jonsberg ▪ 18 May Evening Talk - Frances Watts and David Legge - In conjunction with the Little Big Book Club ▪ 27 May Simultaneous Storytime - National Event, also at regional libraries ▪ 30 May NTL Storytime - Author Hazel Edwards
<p><i>The Discovery Centre (NRETAS)</i></p>	<p>The Discovery Centre provides a healthy positive atmosphere that encourages interactive, reflective and intergenerational learning. Open every day until 4.30pm, MAGNT Discovery Centre is a popular intergenerational activity area where young people can explore natural science and art with educational hands-on activities. Special activities held in the Discovery Centre are tailored for young minds and topical interests to assist their appreciation of the museum collection, Territory culture and environments. In 2008-09, 35,000 young people participated in organised informal learning programs.</p>
<p><i>MAGNT and CSIRO Show (NRETAS)</i></p>	<p>MAGNT and CSIRO Show is a popular annual entertainment opportunity for young people to be exposed to the research of both MAGNT and CSIRO in a fun and informative manner. In 2009 these shows explored evolutionary science and the achievements of Charles Darwin.</p>
<p><i>The Big Draw (NRETAS)</i></p>	<p>In October 2008, MAGNT participated in an annual national program, The Big Draw. These events encourage young people's observation, thinking, creative and technical skills through drawing.</p>
<p><i>Tekee Tokee Tomak (NRETAS)</i></p>	<p>Tekee Tokee Tomak brought to life Timor-Leste's culture through music demonstrations, story-telling, games, art and craft activities from 12–16 January 2009. This family workshop complemented the MAGNT exhibition 'From the Hands of our Ancestors: the art and craft of Timor-Leste'.</p>
<p><i>Little Explorers (NRETAS)</i></p>	<p>This is a weekly wet season session presented by a retired early-years teacher. The activities encourage parents to explore the museum environment with their children. The Little Explorers is publicised through the playgroup association and targets young families (parents under 25).</p>

<i>Ceramic Workshops</i> (NRETAS)	The Discovery Centre at MAGNT provided young people the opportunity to work with international ceramic artist Michael Doolan an exhibitor in the MAGNT exhibition Arafura Craft Exchange from 14–18 July 2008.
<i>Children's Trails</i> (NRETAS)	MAGNT produces online and printed children's trails and activities notably for the Arafura Craft Exchange (12/7/08–18/1/09) and Telstra National Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Art Award (15/8/08–26/10/09). The children's trails are produced throughout the year to complement MAGNT's exhibition program.
<i>Police and Citizens Youth club</i> (PFES)	The NT Police and Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) is a not for profit organisation which provides young people and their families with a range of recreational activities. The PCYC incorporates a Gymnastics and Judo Club and offers weights and fitness classes to members. The Wongabilla Equestrian Centre is attached to the PCYC and was designed to provide young Territorians with the opportunity to participate in equestrian activities without incurring the costs involved in caring for a horse. Wongabilla Equestrian Centre provides activities for youth at risk and on diversion programs so that they are given the opportunity to develop life skills and self esteem and to increase awareness of future employment options.
<i>Exit Art of Northern Territory year 12 students, 2008</i> (NRETAS)	In 2008-09, MAGNT presented the fifth Exit Art exhibition in partnership with DET showcasing the talent of senior visual art, craft and design students in the NT. In conjunction with the exhibition, three Senior Art Study Days were undertaken, attracting 60 students from the Darwin region. The Exit Art catalogue was distributed to all schools and published online to improve access to this valuable resource for young Territorians outside the Darwin region and further promote the talent of our youth to a national audience.
<i>Celebrating success in sport</i> (NRETAS)	Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) Sports Awards and the Northern Territory Sports Awards were held during 2008-09 to promote the achievements of young athletes.
<i>Entry level programs</i> (NTT)	Treasury has a number of entry level programs that provide Treasury's young people with access to leadership and development opportunities.
<i>Youth Mental Health Forum</i> (DHF)	In October 2008, the Mental Health Program held a Youth Mental Health Forum in Darwin, which brought together 50 young people from around the Territory to provide them with the opportunity to share their views on youth mental health, make recommendations about future directions in youth mental health and to develop leadership skills, peer support training and coping strategies. The Mental Health Program provided support for 20 young people from around the Territory to attend the forum.

<p><i>Junior Ranger Program</i> (NRETAS)</p>	<p>The long running, NRETAS Parks and Wildlife, Junior Ranger Program affords Territory youth with the opportunity to participate in a range of team building, community leadership, volunteer and environmental education activities. The Program is free for Territorians aged 9-14 years and includes members in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and some remote communities.</p>
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<p><i>Treasury Social Club</i> (NTT)</p>	<p>Treasury's Social Club organises activities for Treasury employees to interact in a social setting during and after work hours. The Social Club, which is mainly comprised of FOIT graduates, organise the End of Financial Year Party and the Christmas Party, 100 Clubs, as well as raffles and various charity events during the year.</p>
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<p><i>MAGNT Website</i> (NRETAS)</p>	<p>During 2008-09, renovation and content updating of the Learn and Discover (education) pages of the MAGNT website has improved accessibility. This included the provision of online school resources and promotion of events for young people and their families.</p> <p>MAGNT has instigated and promoted an active “what’s on” page that promotes whole of museum activities allowing young people to access up to date information about what is happening at their museum and art gallery.</p>
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<p><i>Consumer Affairs</i> (DoJ)</p>	<p>Consumer Affairs is committed to getting the message out to young Territorians that they need to be aware of their rights as consumers. In 2008-09, Consumer Affairs staff gave presentations specifically directed at youth. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a presentation at the NT Youth Housing Forum that provided information and advice on what youth need to be aware of when being a tenant for the first time. ▪ a presentation at the Sanderson High School asking students to participate in an online survey relating to the Consumer Affairs Cool Consumer Newsletter. The survey assisted Consumer Affairs to tailor its services to youth. Real life stories, scams, and warnings, money, banking, careers and shopping are some of the topics Territory youth say they want information about. Sessions at schools, displays at markets, fun free stuff, TV adverts, FaceBook pages and radio talks were suggested as ways the Consumer Affairs message can be spread. <p>Consumer Affairs material was available at major 2009 Youth Week events including the BIG GIG, Making in Malak, Go Bowling, Leadership Camps, and the Alice Springs Public Library. Consumer Affairs linked in with organisations such as the YWCA, The Shak, local councils to connect with younger consumers.</p>

<i>Delivering training opportunities</i> (NRETAS)	Members of Darwin's sporting community attended advanced mentoring, presenter and assessor training. A Sports Development Workshop was conducted in Darwin in July 2008. Good Governance workshops were held in Darwin and Alice Springs in November 2008. A Disability forum was held in June for organisations which provide disability services.
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Safety and security

<i>Pipes and Drains</i> (DLGH)	In conjunction with the City of Palmerston and the Darwin City Council, the Northern Territory Government launched the Frogs Campaign in October 2008. The campaign comprises TV, press and radio advertisements and an education lesson plan encouraging young people to stay out of pipes and drains.
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<i>Road safety awareness campaigns</i> (DPI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Top End road safety theatre production, MuttaCar Sorry Business, commenced touring on 18 May 2009. Twenty two shows were performed over a four week period. In addition to the performances in Darwin and Katherine schools and correction centres, the tour visited 14 communities. ▪ In 2008-09, key road safety education messages were delivered to 35,648 students at Territory schools and childcare centres. ▪ The Indigenous Road Safety AFL Partnership program commenced in March 2009, with participation in remote community healthy lifestyle carnivals held in Utopia, Barunga, Katherine and Darwin. ▪ The back to school road safety awareness campaign targeted at drivers, parents and students was promoted through newspaper and radio advertising.
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<i>Road safety project</i> (DPI)	Construction of new access to Darwin Middle School and traffic signals were opened to traffic in January 2008 prior to the start of the school year. The new intersection provided safe access to the school through 2008 and now in 2009. The affected roads are Darwin City Council roads, but the project was funded by the Northern Territory Government as part of the Middle Schools infrastructure needs.
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<i>Juvenile detention</i> (DoJ)	A structured classification and behavioural management program has been developed within juvenile detention to encourage detainees to make positive choices and adopt pro-social behaviours. All young people in detention are subject to comprehensive case management plans that address the issues leading to their offending behaviour and link detainees to services and supports upon their return to the community.
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*Youth Justice Strategy**(DHF)*

On 1 July 2008 the Northern Territory Government's Youth Justice Strategy was introduced. The strategy includes amendments to the *Youth Justice Act* which incorporates the introduction of Family Responsibility Agreements and Orders, and the transfer of the youth clients of Community Corrections from the DoJ to DHF.

The strategy aims to bring all programs and services for young people together under one department so that youth anti-social and criminal behaviour can be addressed more effectively.

Youth Community Corrections is a way to manage, monitor and assess community based young offenders (aged 10 to 18 years) who have been given an order by the Court or Parole Board.

Youth Community Corrections is currently the responsibility of the DoJ, however the function will transfer to DHF from December 2009. As of this date, Youth Justice Officers will be based in the Family Support Centres in Alice Springs and Darwin and one position will be located in Katherine.

DHF is aiming to move towards a more holistic case management approach to young offenders to reflect a more holistic, therapeutic-based approach to youth services which underpins the intent of the Youth Justice Strategy.

DHF is focussed on involving families and improving access to diversionary pathways and other support services for young people and their families.

*SCRAM (Schools Conflict Resolution and Mediation) program**(DoJ)*

On 3 April 2009 at the NT Supreme Court, the Community Justice Centre launched the SCRAM program as part of National Youth Week.

SCRAM is an interactive role play competition for Year 9 and 10 high school students. The students are taught mediation principles, skills and process to develop peaceful dispute resolution awareness and skills. SCRAM aims to influence the school and the community through the skills the students learn. It provides an enjoyable and dynamic way of introducing students to the mediation process.

A very enthusiastic congregation including School Principals, Directors from DoJ, Acting NT Anti-Discrimination Commissioner and members of the NT Youth Ministers Round Table of Young Territorians welcomed the SCRAM initiative into the NT. In 2009, five Territory schools have embarked on the wonderful journey of exploring conflict by understanding difference through the use of mediation.

SCRAM is a not-for-profit organisation that relies on the generosity of organisations, service providers, educational institutions and individual professional mediators.

The SCRAM program serves a double purpose. While it is focused on creating a pleasant experience in which students can learn about conflict and mediation, it also offers mediators opportunities to practise and enhance their own mediation skills. Participation in SCRAM is a recognised Professional Development activity under the National Mediator Accreditation System.

<p><i>Mandatory reporting of domestic and family violence</i></p> <p>(DHF)</p>	<p>Changes to the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Act</i> came into effect on 12 March 2009, when it became mandatory for all adults in the Territory to report serious physical harm to Police. The serious harm needs to be actual, suspected or an imminent threat between people in a domestic relationship.</p> <p>A Domestic and Family Violence Policy Team has been established within DHF to lead the implementation of this legislation. The Team have delivered information sessions about the new provisions across the NT's five main regional centres, which has included over 100 information sessions involving over 1000 people. Some key youth-focused organisations that have participated include <i>headspace</i>, YWCA, Bushmob Inc, Clinic 34 and Anglicare NT.</p> <p>An internet site will be live from August 2009 for service providers and the general public and aims to be a resource for best practice response to domestic and family violence.</p> <p>A successful tenderer to design, develop and implement a social marketing campaign to address domestic and family violence has been appointed. This campaign will inform the Territory community about the mandatory reporting legislation and most importantly challenge underlying beliefs that serve to normalise domestic and family violence. Young people aged 15 to 25 years of age have been identified as a key target group and will be consulted in the design of campaign material.</p>
<p><i>Blue Light Disco</i></p> <p>(PFES)</p>	<p>NT Police manage a Blue Light Disco Program aimed at providing entertainment for young people in regional branches of Blue Light NT that are environments free of alcohol, drugs and violence. During 2008-09, in excess of 80 discos were held throughout the Darwin Region and many others at remote and rural centres across the NT. Uniformed Police members attend the discos and interact with youth and their families in a positive, proactive way.</p>
<p><i>Youth Headleasing Program</i></p> <p>(DLGH)</p>	<p>DLGH allocates properties at a reduced rental to YWCA to support youth into leasing their own rental property.</p>
<p><i>Funding to community groups</i></p> <p>(DLGH)</p>	<p>Grant funding from the Community Housing Program administered by Territory Housing enabled the YWCA of Darwin to purchase a two bedroom unit for its Youth Housing Program to offer supported accommodation to young couples with one child/single women with children.</p>
