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## **MAGNT Closed Due to Burst Water Main**

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory at Bullocky Point, Darwin will be closed to visitors today due to a burst water main.

None of the MAGNT's works have been damaged or affected by the burst water main, as it is located outside of the building.

The burst water main has left the MAGNT building with no running water for amenities, and as a result the Cornucopia Café will also be closed for today.

Assistant Director of MAGNT Scott Mitchell said the event was disruptive to visitors and staff alike at the MAGNT.

"With no running water for the building's amenities due to the burst main, there was no other option than to close the facility for today," Dr Mitchell said.

"The water main that burst was external to the building, so none of the Museum's works were affected or are in danger of incurring any water damage from this event."

Dr Mitchell said contractors were in attendance this morning to address the problem.

"We expect the MAGNT to be open at 9am tomorrow for business as usual," Dr Mitchell said.

"The 24<sup>th</sup> Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award exhibition is in its final weeks of showing, and we expect visitors to MAGNT to be able to access this and our other collections tomorrow."

Fannie Bay Goal and Lyons Cottage will be open for business as per normal today.

**Media Note – For more information contact Dr Scott Mitchell on 8999 8245 or 0401 118 811.**

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