



Syd Stirling
ACTING CHIEF MINISTER

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COMMUNITY CABINET ON TIWIS

Cabinet Ministers will fly to the Tiwi Islands tomorrow for the first Community Cabinet of the Martin Government's second term.

"Community Cabinets provide a valuable opportunity for Ministers to meet directly with communities and keep in touch with the real issues right across the Territory," Mr Stirling said.

"These meetings were a great success in the first term of this Government and we will continue to conduct them regularly in our second term.

"We're a Government for all Territorians, no matter where you live."

Mr Stirling will visit schools on Monday including Xavier Community Education Centre, Murrupurtiyanuwu School, Milikapiti School and Purlarumpi School. He will also meet with the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board.

Business Minister and Minister for Police Fire and Emergency Services Paul Henderson will meet with the Tiwi Island Local Government along with Minister for Local Government Elliot McAdam. He will also visit the police at Milikapiti and Pirlangimpi.

Lands and Planning Minister Chris Burns and Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries Kon Vatskalis will tour the Barra Base and Ranku. Mr Vatskalis will also visit Top End Fishing Safaris.

Minister for Women's Policy Marion Scrymgour and Minister for Family and Community Services Delia Lawrie will take part in a Women's Forum. Ms Lawrie will meet with mental health staff at Nguiu and visit Jirnani Childcare, as well as visiting the Milikapiti Health Centre.

All Ministers will meet with the Tiwi Land Council on Monday afternoon, before hosting a community barbecue on the beach at Pirlangimpi at 5pm.

They will then hold a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday.

"Ministers have had the chance to meet with thousands of Territorians as a result of Community Cabinet events, and I am looking forward to taking Government to Territorians on the Tiwi Islands tomorrow," Mr Stirling said.

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