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NUMBULWAR CELEBRATES CYCLONE SHELTER OPENING

Residents in the remote Gulf of Carpentaria community of Numbulwar have great reason to feel safe in the event of a cyclone, with the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling, officially opening a new cyclone shelter at the local school.

“I am delighted to open this new cyclone shelter, which has the capacity to accommodate 150 people when Numbulwar is next threatened by a cyclone,” said Mr Stirling.

“The shelter has been transformed from an old Manual Arts Shed into a great new facility, thanks to a special purpose grant of \$200 000 from the Territory Government.

“The Martin Government is committed to ensuring the safety of Territorians when cyclones strike and this shelter has been built to provide a safe place to gather when the need arises.”

“Cyclone Monica which lashed the Top End last month was a timely reminder about the dangers of cyclones, and this Government is acting to ensure that developments like the Numbulwar cyclone shelter continue to be built.

Mr Stirling said the Territory Government was proud to be associated with the recent developments at Numbulwar.

“New houses have been built and various facilities at the school have been upgraded. Furthermore, a well managed community council is working on many other improvements in Numbulwar.”

The Minister acknowledged Principal Leigh Mullin and the Numbulwar School staff.

“Numbulwar is a world leader in bi-lingual education and it showcases best practice with the revitalisation program for the traditional language of Wubuy. I commend the staff and thank them for their contribution to the future welfare of the students and the community,” Mr Stirling said.

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