

# DARWIN REGION WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

## Community Update | Issue 2



Welcome to the second community update for the Darwin Region Water Supply Infrastructure Program (the Infrastructure Program), which includes the Manton Dam Return to Service (RTS) and the Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage (AROWS) projects. We will continue to provide these updates across the year to keep you informed on the progress of these projects.

Keep reading for recent updates on the following:

- Second Community Reference Group meeting
- Upcoming tender releases and appointments
- Pudukul Cultural Tour and Wetland View Top Visitor Centre

Visit the [Water Security website](#) to learn more about the Infrastructure Program.

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# Community Reference Group

The second Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting for the Darwin Region Water Infrastructure Program was held at De Lago Resort at Lake Bennett on 31 March 2023.

CRG members were provided with briefings on the following topics:

- Water Allocation Plan – delivered by Simon Cruickshank, Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security
- AROWS update – delivered by Evan Tyrrell, Department of Industry Tourism and Trade
- Manton Dam RTS update – delivered by Liam Early, Power and Water Corporation (Power and Water).

Following the meeting, the CRG held a meet and greet which provided the community an opportunity to meet with CRG members to discuss the Infrastructure Program. The CRG answered questions about the AROWS project and recognised the interests of the community members and how the project may impact them. They informed community members about the progress of the project and outlined the next steps. It was addressed by CRG that the AROWS project is only in its planning and approvals phase and will be for the next three to four years. This phase of the project is where community engagement is critical to delivering a project that benefits the community.

The NT Government showcased a 3D model of AROWS, which is a physical representation of the proposed development. The model allows community to visualise the large scale of AROWS and shows how the naturally occurring basin will be used to store water.

A meeting communique, which provides an overview of the meeting outcomes and discussion, is available on the [Water Security website](#).



3D model of AROWS project site



L-R: Darryl Day, Dheran Young MLA, Ruth Palmer and Evan Tyrrell  
Credit: Ruth Palmer

## CRG Community event

The Lake Bennett Association will be holding a community BBQ event on Saturday 6 May at Lake Bennett for the AROWS project. This will provide community the opportunity to meet and speak directly with CRG members and NT Government on the project. All members of the community are welcome to attend and further information is provided in the invite below.

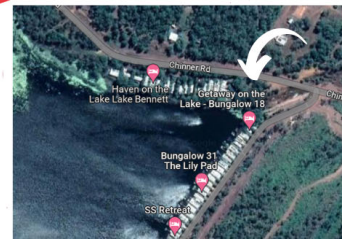
THE LAKE BENNETT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
INVITES YOU TO A

# COMMUNITY BBQ

Saturday, 6th May 2023, from 9-11 AM  
in the Common Area, just over the causeway before the  
North Shore Residents turn off.

This is an opportunity to speak with government  
representatives and the Community Reference Group  
about the AROWS Project and how it may impact you.

Community members welcome



THANK YOU TO OUR LOCAL MEMBER FOR DALY, DHERAN YOUNG FOR  
SUPPORTING THE BBQ BY PROVIDING THE SAUSAGES!

## Pudakul Cultural Tour

Staff from the NT Government and Power and Water Corporation working on the AROWS project attended a tour with Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours when the National Water Grid Authority were in Darwin in March.

The tour was delivered by Traditional Owner and custodian of Limilngan-Wulna land, Graham Kenyon who is also a member of the CRG. Pudakul is a 100% Aboriginal owned and operated family business, and was established by Graham and his wife Lynette more than a decade ago.

The team learned about the local customs and traditions of the Aboriginal people of the Northern Coast Wetland region and experienced being on Country. They were taken on an informative tour through the property by Graham and his daughter who shared local knowledge, history and stories with the group about bush tucker and medicine, wildlife, dilly bag making, and more.





*Photos from the Pudakal Cultural Tour*

## Wetland View Top Visitor Centre

The group also visited the Wetland View Top Visitor Centre, which was purchased by Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours last year. The tourist centre is perched at the top of Ludawei (Beatrice Hill) with stunning 360-degree panoramic views of the wetlands.

Visitor Centre Owner, Lynette Kenyon, shared dreamtime stories about the local wetlands, seasonal changes, Limilngan-Wulna culture and their connection to Country.

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## Environmental consultant appointed for the AROWS project

The Northern Territory Government recently announced that it has awarded a \$2.4 million tender to GHD Pty Ltd to undertake the necessary scientific, stakeholder and regulatory processes required to deliver an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the AROWS project.

With a team of local experts in environmental and regulatory processes, GHD has a demonstrated long term commitment to supporting and delivering Territory projects.

GHD will carry out a series of environmental assessments to produce a final EIS for the AROWS project. A crucial part of the EIS process will be to undertake community engagement and consultation. GHD will work closely with the CRG to ensure stakeholders are appropriately consulted.

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# Tender opportunities

The following Future Tender Opportunities have been published:

- [Provision of Lead Engineering Consultant](#) to deliver the Concept Design for the AROWS project
- [Design and Construction of the Manton Dam Return to Service Project](#)

There are a number of tenders to be released for the Manton Dam RTS and AROWS projects over the coming months. If you would like to receive notifications of these, please register your interest with NT Government's [Quotations and Tenders Online](#).

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## Contact us

We value your input and look forward to working with the community as the Infrastructure Program progresses.

Community members can reach out to Community Reference Group members directly or contact the Project Team at any time to discuss matters related to the Infrastructure Program. Please send us an email at [WaterInfrastructure.DITT@nt.gov.au](mailto:WaterInfrastructure.DITT@nt.gov.au).

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