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New Multi-Purpose Cyclone Shelter and Community Hub for Numbulwar

Roper Gulf Regional Council will receive more than $16 million through the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) and Council contributions to deliver a new multi-purpose cyclone shelter and community facility for Numbulwar, designed to strengthen emergency preparedness and community resilience.

The funding was announced today by Federal Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour MP, alongside Member for Arnhem and Opposition Leader Selena Uibo and Roper Gulf Regional Council Mayor Tony Jack.

The project will deliver a purpose-built, dual-use facility designed to strengthen community resilience during severe weather events while providing a modern, year-round community hub for local residents.

During cyclone events and emergency situations, the facility will operate as a critical emergency shelter, providing a safe and secure place for residents.

Throughout the rest of the year, the building will support recreation, sport, community events, meetings, training activities and community gatherings.

Importantly, the facility will also include space for a crèche, helping address a service currently unavailable in Numbulwar and supporting local families to access community activities, programs and services.

Mayor Tony Jack said the project represented a significant investment in both community safety and wellbeing.

"I'm very honoured to be here today and to see this project receive the support it deserves."

"This is something Council has been working towards for a long time, and it's exciting to see it take this important step forward."

Member for Arnhem and Opposition Leader Selena Uibo said the project would provide both reassurance during cyclone season and ongoing benefits for the community.

"It's phenomenal to see that we will have this much-needed multi-purpose facility in Numbulwar, one of the most remote communities in the Northern Territory."

"Having this facility will bring great joy to the people of Numbulwar, but also comfort in times of uncertainty like cyclones."

Council will work closely with the community as planning and design progresses, with consultation opportunities helping shape how the facility will operate and meet local needs.

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Attachment 1:



Image Description:

Pictured (left to right): Federal Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour, Roper Gulf Regional Council Mayor Tony Jack and Member for Arnhem and Opposition Leader Selena Uibo at the funding announcement for Numbulwar's new multi-purpose cyclone shelter and community hub.