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Housing Upgrades Completed for Mulggan Town Camp

In November 2018 the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development awarded funding to Roper Gulf Regional Council for priority upgrades at Mulggan Town Camp. The grant provided funding of \$1 Million to ensure safer living conditions for all residents.

This funding is part of the \$24 Million Room to Breathe Program allocated by the Territory government for urgent repairs and maintenance of housing and essential services in town camps.

Mulggan Town Camp is located north-east of Mataranka. The Town Camp consists of eight residential dwellings that are serviced by sewer, water and electricity and a number of temporary dwellings that are not serviced.

Before renovations were started the Town Camps Futures Unit visited Mataranka for consultations with local residents and traditional owners of the Mulggan Town Camp. The purpose of the visit was to provide an opportunity for engagement, to learn about their visions and aspirations for the future of their community and use consultations to make more balanced and informed decisions.

Roper Gulf Regional Council Mayor Judy MacFarlane says the completed works were a much needed upgrade to the Town Camp and by consulting with the residents beforehand their needs were considered in to the renovations process.

“It is fantastic to see the results of the Northern Territory Government and Council working together.”

“It is important to support our residents in the Region and develop a sustainable future for town camps,” she said.

The million dollar upgrades have brought each dwelling back to original state to ensure each property lasts for many years to come.

New playground equipment that was also part of this project has already had a positive impact in the Town Camp with lots of use by the Camp’s younger residents.

Mayor MacFarlane highlighted the importance stating “Playgrounds promote healthy and pro-active sport and active recreation options that are crucial to the physical, emotional, social and cognitive development of children and provide spaces where families can meet and socialise.”

All physical works in the project were carried out by local contractors in accordance with Council’s commitment to support the economic development of the Region.

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PHOTO: Playground Mulgga Town Camp

Caption: New playground equipment has provided hours of fun for the Camp's smallest residents.

PHOTO: Mulgga Town Camp Renovations

Caption: The renovations have been a welcome upgrade, delivering safe living conditions for the Residents of the Town Camp.