

# Remote Learning Partnerships

## Creating Mutual Ways

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### Ramingining Signs

On 8 February 2008, the Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Ms Marion Scrymgour MLA, Member for Arnhem, Ms Malarndirri McCarthy, DEET Chief Executive, Ms Margaret Banks and other members of DEET attended and participated in the signing of a Remote Learning Partnership Agreement in Ramingining.

The Yalibarki Team (the community negotiation team), named the Remote Learning Partnership Agreement the *Malmurrngu Employment, Education and Training Agreement*. Malmurrngu is the traditional name of Ramingining.

Key objectives identified in the negotiations include:

- Maximising student attendance throughout the school years;
- Maximising youth well being;
- Developing real pathways to employment through opportunities in education and training programs;
- Maximising literacy and numeracy outcomes in English; and
- Respecting the importance of Yolngu languages and culture.

The festivities included traditional dancing, a sausage sizzle and the cutting of a celebratory cake, kindly provided by the Member for Arnhem.

Minister Scrymgour also presented certificates to three young people who completed their NTCE in 2007.



(L-R) Richard Milurrurr, Albert Waninymarr, Barry Djarriyang, Susan Gumbata, Linda Wulamana, Ms Marion Scrymgour MLA, Kathy Gonun, Ronnie Barramala, Miya Miyatatawuy, Ms Malarndirri McCarthy MLA, Rita Henry and Margaret Banks

### Who's Next?

#### Borroloola and Yuendumu

Negotiations have commenced in Borroloola and Yuendumu. Agreements are expected to be signed in 3<sup>rd</sup> Term (July-August).

#### Maningrida

Negotiations are expected to commence in Maningrida in June 2008.

#### Other Communities

The Community Engagement Team has now engaged with all 15 communities identified in the *Indigenous Education Strategic Plan 2006-2009*. All 15 communities have agreed to participate in the development of a Remote Learning Partnership Agreement. Consultations have commenced in Gunbalanya, Lajamanu, Milingimbi and Ngukurr.

## Other News

A revised model has been developed as part of Phase 2 of the project. Recently the contract for Independent Facilitator (IF) Services was awarded to Simpson Norris Pty Ltd for the five communities in the North (Angurugu, Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, Gunbalanya and Milingimbi) and to Woodhead Consulting for the five communities in the South (Alekenge, Kalkaringi, Lajamanu, Ngukurr and Numbulwar).

In the revised model the Independent Facilitators provide two functions, the local community planning and advocacy role (previously undertaken by the Local Community Consultant) and the role of independent broker supporting the negotiation process. Both consultancy groups have built into their methodology a clear separation of these two functions.