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The NDIA in the Northern Territory hopes that everyone had a restful time over the April and May public holidays and are getting out and about for the Dry in the north and cooler temps of the Centre as we move into the final quarter of the year!

What's happening in the NDIS across the Territory?

The NDIA Engagement team have been busily working to ensure that information sessions are provided to a wide range of stakeholders, including participants, families, carers and service providers. We are working to support service providers in their registration process. We are also working with government agencies to ensure that the work we do in this agency is understood and that the best possible coordination of activities can occur.



Will presenting Information sessions in Alice Springs.

We have been working with community service providers, private business enterprises, Aboriginal Community Controlled sector, and established providers of services within the NDIS and a range of other interested parties.

We are keen to ensure that we are providing the information that you want, so if you have any comments around how we can best meet your information needs let us know. You can do that by emailing us at the nt.engagement@ndis.gov.au inbox, or have a chat with one of our staff.

As we prepare to consolidate a provider presence in the Darwin Remote and Katherine regions taking in communities from the WA to QLD borders, we are keen to talk to parties that might have an interest in becoming a provider.



If you are not sure of the services that you might be able to offer, have a look at the price guide on the <http://ndis.gov.au> website, send us an email to the nt.engagement@ndis.gov.au inbox, or give us a call and we can arrange to have someone come and talk to you.



Baldeep helping get the word out in Warruwi, Goulburn Island.

As we prepare for a July 1st rollout date throughout the Darwin Remote and Katherine Region, one to one provider information sessions and meetings have been initiated which are proving to be a great initiative, allowing for service providers to talk about concerns or queries they may have in regards to the Scheme and the use of the myPlace portal.

The Remote Engagement Team is getting out to remote communities in the Top End talking with community members, providers and stakeholder about the Scheme.

Dates in early June have been set to hold Community Connector training, which is an exciting pilot initiative involving local community folks in East Arnhem, and if successful it will roll out to the rest of the NT.

Upcoming Information Sessions in the NT

The Engagement team will be holding a range of sessions for providers, participants, families, carers and stakeholders. The Engagement Team will also be available to assist with Provider Registrations, with individual organisations, outside scheduled session times.

Please email your request for one on one contact for Registration to NT.Engagement@ndis.gov.au and we will contact you to make an appointment time.

For all up to date details on upcoming Events and Information Sessions please register for Information Sessions here

[Events in Northern Territory](#)

If you have any queries about upcoming sessions or require assistance to register as a Provider please contact: NT.Engagement@ndis.gov.au



LATEST NATIONAL NEWS

For the latest up to date news across the National Rollout you can checkout news on everything NDIS.

https://www.ndis.gov.au/latest_news.html

East Arnhem

The transition for people living in East Arnhem, into the National Disability Insurance Scheme, commenced on 1 January 2017. The Agency has a presence in East Arnhem and are co-locating with Prime Minister and Cabinet at their building – 74 Chesterfield Court, Nhulunbuy. The Nhulunbuy based team has grown to include Planners, Local Area Coordinators and Engagement staff.

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Katherine Region and Darwin Remote Region



Transition of the Katherine region and Darwin Remote region commences on July 1st, and includes Roper Gulf, Tiwi Islands, Victoria – Daly, West Arnhem, West Daly and the Katherine Region which takes in Timber Creek right out to Borroloola.

Organisations and service providers in remote communities are still registering with the NDIS and we are working to grow Support Coordinators in regional and remote

regions.

Red Cross staff at Wurrimiya, Tiwi Islands talking with Luke and Nfanwy

The Katherine office has now employed Planners and Local Areas Coordinators who will begin meeting with participants as the Scheme commences transition on July 1st.



Supported Accommodation – Darwin and Alice Springs

The transition of participants living in Supported Accommodation in Darwin commenced from 1 January 2017. The Service Delivery team is currently working with Service Providers, the Office of Public Guardian and the Office of Disability to transition the 104 participants. This process has been planned and scheduled with the providers so if you have any questions please contact your provider or write to the nt.servicedelivery@ndis.gov.au inbox.

The Engagement team are currently holding sessions aimed at Families, Carers and Guardians titled 'Getting ready for your planning conversation' in Darwin. The session is designed to provide information on what to expect during the planning meeting and how to prepare.

The planning conversations cover what supports the participant is currently receiving, the participant's goals for the next 12 months and what additional supports they may need.

From July 1st 2017 people in supported accommodation in Alice Springs and Katherine will move into the NDIS.

Barkly Region

The Service Delivery team in the Tennant Creek office are currently focused on undertaking plan reviews for the participants within the Barkly region. When the weather permits, the team will start their regular remote servicing to undertake plan reviews in the remote communities within the region. A recent recruitment exercise was also undertaken for Local Area Coordinator positions in the Tennant Creek office and we are eagerly awaiting the appointment of successful candidates!

For matters directly pertaining to the Tennant Creek/Barkly office, please contact Monica Staunton on 8963 3001, or email tennantcreek@ndis.gov.au.

Who should I contact?

For issues and questions relating to the Provider portal, or provider questions, please email NT Engagement staff at nt.engagement@ndis.gov.au

For urgent matters, contact Mark Kelly, Director of Stakeholder Engagement NT on 0472 822 397.

For matters relating to service delivery, that is related specifically to how services are delivered in plans, please contact Michelle Kellert, NT Director of Service Delivery on 0472878030 or nt.service.delivery@ndis.gov.au



Where to get more information and how we can help?

NDIS Shopfronts

Darwin Centrelink

The NDIS has consistent presence at Centrelink in Knuckey Street. Come in and talk to us face to face 5 days a week from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Ask for the NDIS when you arrive and you'll be directed to our NDIS staff.

Nhulunbuy

The Shopfront in Nhulunbuy is located at Prime Minister and Cabinet at their building – 74 Chesterfield Court, Nhulunbuy. Come in and talk to us face to face 5 days a week from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Tennant Creek

The Shopfront in Tennant is located at the Prime Minister and Cabinet Office – 1/9 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek. Come in and talk to us face to face 5 days a week from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Alice Springs and Katherine

From July 1st, there will be NDIS staff presence at the Alice Springs Centrelink office - 5 Railway Terrace, Alice Springs, and at the Katherine Centrelink office - 4 Second Street, Katherine. Come in and talk to us face to face 5 days a week from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

NEW! – NDIS Weekly Q & A

The NDIS has commenced a weekly Q & A of your questions.

You can check them out here on the front page of the NDIS website. <https://www.ndis.gov.au>

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This week's Q&A is here!



Roll out Schedule across the NT

When: The NDIS will be rolled out geographically across the NT over the next three years

1 January 2017

The NDIS will start in East Arnhem and for Supported Accommodation in Darwin.

1 July 2017

The NDIS will start in:

- Roper Gulf
- Tiwi Islands
- Victoria - Daly
- West Arnhem
- West Daly
- Katherine Region and;
- Supported Accommodation in Alice Springs.

1 July 2018

The NDIS will start in:

- Darwin Urban – Includes Belyuen, Coomalie, Darwin, Litchfield, Palmerston and Wagait
- Alice Springs
- Central Desert
- MacDonnell