

Factsheet

East Arnhem Communities of Excellence Program

What is the East Arnhem Communities of Excellence Program?

The Department of Health, AMSANT and NT Primary Health Network have recently formed a collaborative partnership to develop and deliver the *Strengthening Our Health System Strategy 2020-2025*.

The East Arnhem Communities of Excellence (CoE) Program is the first approved program under this Strategy, contributing towards “Building healthier communities”.

For this important Program, the Australian Digital Health Agency (the Agency) has come on board as a partner, investing \$750,000 this financial year towards the CoE Program.

What will the Program seek to achieve?

The CoE program is a national initiative intended to embed digital health capabilities across targeted communities. The Agency has recently delivered Communities of Excellence in Emerald, Queensland and Port Hedland, Western Australia.

The aim of the Agency’s Communities of Excellence Program is to deliver four outputs:

1. Connect healthcare providers within designated communities to the national My Health Record system, telehealth, secure messaging and electronic prescriptions, educate and train them on using these digital health technologies.
2. Create a model for building digital health communities of excellence that can be replicated across Australia.
3. Develop local clinical use cases where technology can be harnessed to deliver greater healthcare to the community and can

be replicated in other communities e.g. my health record core content, telehealth, virtual care, secure messaging and paperless prescribing.

4. Develop and implement a digital health literacy program for local residents to teach them about digital health and how to use it.

East Arnhem will be the third CoE in Australia and we plan to showcase East Arnhem as a model for building digital health Communities of Excellence that can be replicated across the Territory and Australia.

Who is in scope?



Gove District Hospital and five Remote Health Clinics



Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation, Laynhapuy Health, Marthakal Homeland & Resource Centre Association



Arnhem Family Medical General Practice (GP) and Gove Amcal Pharmacy

Who will benefit from this Program?



Consumers – enhanced digital and health literacy amongst consumers and engagement in their healthcare management



Healthcare providers – Better connected health care delivery by bringing health care providers and organisations together



Community - cost, quality and safety improvements and better outcomes for community health

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