

## TEAMhealth press release

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### **TEAMhealth welcomes major new resources for mental health support on their 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Today, TEAMhealth celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with participants, carers, families and staff. News of TEAMhealth's success in the competitive Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) grant process made the day even more special for CEO, Helen Egan.

“TEAMhealth is really excited to receive this grant of \$1.9 million under the Building Better Regions Fund from the Commonwealth Government. It means that all the effort to develop the concept and access resources will see Top End House become a reality.”


“Top End House will provide a purpose built facility and program to support the recovery journey for people with mental illness. Transitioning to independent living in the community is a long term goal for many participants. The transitional housing elements of Top End House fill an important gap in mental health support services in the NT.” Ms Egan said.

The Top End House project will establish a high quality, rehabilitation complex. The project includes a residential facility with a capacity to support 10 participants, and six transitional housing units. Top End House will be staffed 24/7 and will enable participants to develop and consolidate skills, and pursue their recovery goals in an effective manner.

Currently the only long term residential rehabilitation facility for people dealing with mental illness is operated by TEAMhealth at an old Darwin house. This service, known as the Manse, has a maximum of six beds. Top End House will be the first purpose built mental health rehabilitation facility in the Northern Territory.

Top End House will help to ease the considerable pressure on mental health supports, including the clinical services available at the Cowdy Ward of Royal Darwin Hospital.

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TEAMhealth is grateful for the support from a range of key stakeholders, including the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Nigel Scullion, the Northern Territory Government Ministers and Departments, and a wide range of community service providers from across the Top End.

“It was really valuable to be able to demonstrate our long term commitment to the NT, and the support and respect that TEAMhealth has in the community, with our funders and with our colleague organisations in this competitive BBRF grant process.” Ms Egan said.

The project has an investment value of approximately \$3.9 million and is expected to generate 24 jobs in the Darwin economy and 40 jobs in the national economy.

#### About TEAMhealth

The Top End Association for Mental Health Inc. (TEAMhealth) has been providing services to people with mental illness in the Northern Territory (NT) since 1987. TEAMhealth is an incorporated association providing benevolent and charitable activities wholly within the NT.

TEAMhealth is based in Berrimah, Darwin and operates across the top end of the Northern Territory with support provision in the regions and communities of Darwin, Palmerston, Litchfield, Mataranka, Belyuen, Daly River, Gunbalanya, Maningrida and Katherine.

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