

DARWIN YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE



The Northern Territory Government is constructing a new purpose-built Darwin Youth Justice Centre on a greenfield site at 498 Taylor Road, Holtze. The site is located close to police, emergency services and health services.

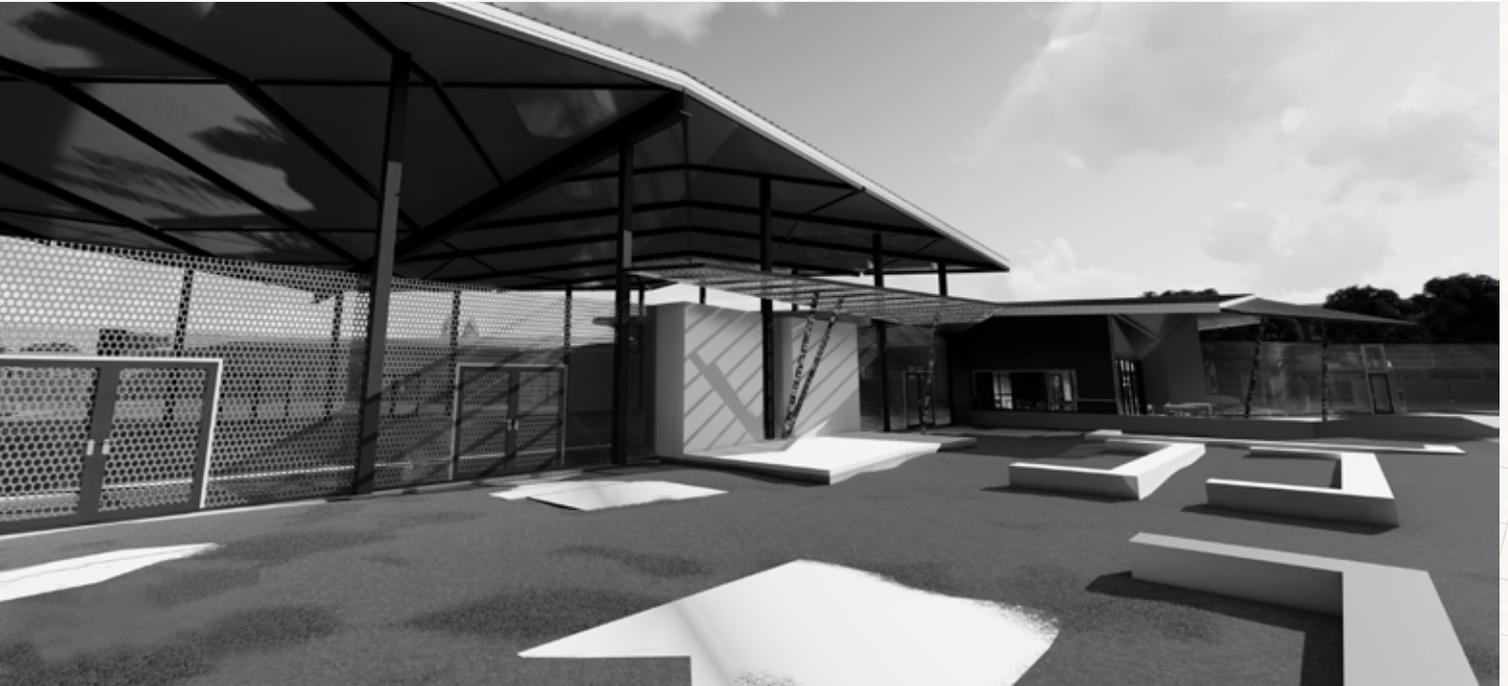
The new Darwin Youth Justice Centre strikes a balance between ensuring facilities are secure, safe, robust and durable, while meeting the therapeutic and rehabilitative needs of young people sentenced to detention or on remand.

The structures and landscaping of the Darwin Youth Justice Centre site will occupy four hectares on a densely vegetated 14.5-hectare site.

The Northern Territory Government has awarded Halikos Pty Ltd the \$55.1 million construction tender for the development of the new centre. Construction is expected to commence in late July 2020 and be completed in mid-2022.

Development of the Darwin Youth Justice Centre is expected to create around 350 local jobs across the duration of the project, which will be in addition to the ongoing jobs to manage and operate the centre.

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KEY FEATURES INCLUDE:

- 30 bedrooms for young people equipped with a shower, toilet, desk and access to drinking water. The rooms are housed within three accommodation blocks that each contain recreation, living and dining areas, as well as program delivery and outdoor spaces.
- A learning and training hub to support the delivery of traditional schooling and vocational education and training activities.
- A reception area equipped with screening for staff, visitors and service providers as well as visitation spaces to facilitate in-person and virtual conferencing with family, Elders, mentors, legal support and other service providers.
- A health and wellbeing hub, including a dental consultation room and space for an audiology booth.
- An admissions area equipped with contemporary scanning technology and an orientation area to provide a detailed induction to the centre for newly arriving young people.
- The latest security systems incorporated as unobtrusive building design features to provide a strong security reinforcement and deterrent. This will ensure the safety and security of young people, staff, visitors, service providers and the general public.
- Open-plan office space for youth justice staff and government and non-government health, wellbeing, education, and specialist assessment treatment service providers.

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SECURITY AT THE CENTRE

The design will deliver high-quality and contemporary security systems that ensure young people, staff and visitors to the facility, as well as the wider community, are safe. This will be achieved through the use of proven yet unobtrusive security features that work to maintain an environment shown to deliver behavioural improvements in young people in the centre.

Examples include:

- External anti-climb perimeter fence that is 5.4m in total height.
- Movement-detecting cameras located along the perimeter fence line to reinforce security and provide an all-encompassing barrier.
- Use of double-storey buildings as part of fence lines to form security barriers in lieu of mesh.
- The dominant use of contemporary digital access technology for improved security and ease and speed of access throughout the centre.
- Entry process using latest-technology scanning systems for all persons entering the site.
- Improved CCTV system, allowing effective supervision of, and response to, escalating situations.

The centre will feature dedicated zones with different layers of security to suit the activities that will be conducted and the users of each space.



Territory Families has worked with young people in detention, Traditional Owners, Aboriginal stakeholder groups, legal services, local government and Youth Justice Officers to develop the design for the centre.

Its programs and services will ensure the centre meets current and future needs and supports delivery of recommendations made in the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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