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New homes provided by trainees to aid Warmun

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Trainees have helped provide 11 houses for the Warmun community, working with Ri-Con Contracting and the Department of Housing to replace houses destroyed or damaged by floods last wet season.

Most of the infrastructure and houses at Warmun were either destroyed or severely damaged and deemed unliveable after flash-floods tore through the East Kimberley community in March.

As part of the clean-up effort, pre-employment programs were introduced to ensure local workers could benefit from the labour opportunities presented by the floods.

Held in conjunction with employment training agencies, a program was developed with the aim of providing long-term opportunities for local indigenous workers.

Since the program started in July, seven trainees and one mentor have received accreditation through Ri-Con.

Company director John Jenkins said combining the program with the rebuilding of Warmun had been a great

success.

"Our program provided local indigenous workers with the opportunity to gain entry-level employment in the building and construction workforce equipped with the knowledge, skills and understandings needed to gain and sustain employment and maintain social health and stability," Mr Jenkins said.

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