Administrator of Christmas Island
Administrator of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

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Welcome Message

As we move through September, we are already looking ahead to one of the most important events on the Indian Ocean Territories calendar, Territory Week on Christmas Island, taking place at the beginning of October. Territory Week is a special opportunity to celebrate our distinct identity, culture, achievements and spirit, while strengthening the connections that bring our communities together. It is a time to recognise the contribution of local residents, showcase community pride, and highlight the many reasons our home is such a remarkable place to live, work and visit. I encourage everyone to get involved in the celebrations and look forward to seeing our community come together for this important occasion. Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour MP will be visiting Christmas Island to join Territory Week celebrations and I will then join Marion's staff to visit Cocos the following week.

Following the recent announcement by Qantas of baggage policy changes for the Indian Ocean Territories, I continue to make representations to the airline about the significant impacts of this move on our community. I am working with Marion to raise community concerns and advocate for revision of the new baggage policy. I understand the importance of the checked baggage allowance as an avenue to support transport of essential items and goods, given our remote location and available freight options. I will continue to work with your elected representatives to seek resolution on this matter and will keep you updated on my discussions.

I recently travelled to Canberra to represent the Indian Ocean Territories for a Regional Australia Institute event, as part of my role as chair of the Regional Development Organisation. These engagements provide an important opportunity to advocate for our communities on the national stage, share the opportunities and challenges of living in remote island communities, and strengthen connections that will help support the future sustainability of both Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. While in the capital, I also took the opportunity to meet with Marion ahead of her visit and engage with Minister for Territories Kristy McBain on local issues. I also met with the Department who facilitated a meeting with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority to press the importance of northern flights for our communities and to progress with suitable pathways.

September is also a time to recognise a number of important community events and observances. Across Australia, many communities marked Daffodil Day, raising awareness and support for people affected by cancer and recognising the vital work of cancer researchers and support services. We also observed R U OK? Day, an important reminder of the value of looking out for one another and starting meaningful conversations about mental health and wellbeing. Sometimes a simple conversation can make a significant difference.

Christmas Island hosted an International Women's Day celebration on 19 September, recognising and celebrating the remarkable women of the Indian Ocean Territories. Events such as these provide an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions women make across every aspect of community life and to celebrate their leadership, achievements and dedication to our islands.

In this edition, you'll find an update on the International Women's Day celebration, including photos from the day. A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to ensure the day was such a success. This edition also has an update on the Old Tech School Amenities Project, the latest developments on the Seawater Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) Plant Project on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, a fun recap of recent sports visits to the Territories, information about an exciting scholarship opportunity for Cocos Islanders made possible through Island Pharmacy, and details of an important community resilience project in the works for Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

As always, we welcome your ideas for future editions of the newsletter, including any upcoming community events or activities you would like to highlight. Stories (including photos) about recent IOT community events are very welcome and can be emailed to IOTAdministrator@infrastructure.gov.au along with any questions about the content of this edition.

Farzian Zainal
Administrator of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Latest News

Progress Continues on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands SWRO Project as Key Milestones Are Reached

The Seawater Reverse Osmosis (SWRO) Plant project on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands continues to advance, with several important milestones strengthening water security for the West Island community.

In recent months, the Department and the Western Australian Water Corporation have been working closely with the Department of Defence to finalise the design of the temporary SWRO plant. This temporary facility will support the Defence Airfield Upgrade Project and ensure access to a reliable water supply while major works are underway.

Installing the temporary plant ahead of construction of the permanent SWRO facility means the island's water needs will remain fully supported throughout the transition. This coordinated approach allows both the Airfield Upgrade Project and the water infrastructure project to progress smoothly, without placing pressure on the existing freshwater lens beneath the airfield. Protecting this natural resource remains a key priority, and the permanent SWRO plant will provide a modern and sustainable alternative that reduces reliance on groundwater.

The Western Australian Water Corporation has now issued the tender for the permanent SWRO plant, marking the beginning of the procurement phase for the new facility. Community members and stakeholders can view the tender online through Tenders WA (WC7000015480), where all enquiries should be directed to the contacts listed on the webpage.

The community will be kept informed of updates and key milestones as the project moves from planning into delivery, with the permanent plant scheduled to become operational in 2028.

The project highlights strong collaboration across government agencies and a shared commitment to delivering essential infrastructure for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

A Family and Community Service for Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The Australian Government has partnered with Key Assets Australia (Key Assets) to enhance community support services and community wellbeing on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

During 2024 and 2025, the Government asked Key Assets to talk with local people and services about the community's social priorities and needs. The Administrator played a key role in facilitating those discussions.

In response to what the community said, the Government has contracted Key Assets to establish a community support team who will work on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, with a focus on

- Working with families and the community to design and deliver supports which help children and families with the challenges of family life
- Providing positive activities and developmental programs for young people
- Building on the Islands' community strengths and way of life to ensure people are connected and equipped to manage stressors as they arise
- Support local problem-solving to respond to shared challenges.

Key Assets will work with Cocos residents in the design and delivery of these programs so they reflect what people want to see happen.

Two qualified Key Assets staff will work on Island, supported by staff employed casually from the local community. All these positions are being advertised now and local residents are encouraged to apply or pass the opportunities onto others – including former residents – who may be interested. See the advertisements in this issue for more information.

Applications for the Youth and Family Support Worker casual roles closed on Monday 21 September. The Community Development Worker and Team Manager roles will close on Sunday 27 September. The Key Assets Australia team will be on Island until 25 September to talk with the community about these opportunities and meet with people who have expressed interest in the roles.

The initial pilot program is for twelve months.

Key Assets is a national not-for-profit child and family services organisation who are experienced in working with remote and diverse communities – including on Norfolk Island where they run a wide range of programs supporting families, children, young people and the community.

If you want more information about the program or the employment opportunities please contact Stephanie Fielder, via email Stephanie.Fielder@keyassets.org.au or WhatsApp 0409 726 886. You can also contact Stephanie if you want to be part of an advisory network of local people who will help shape the program to meet community needs.

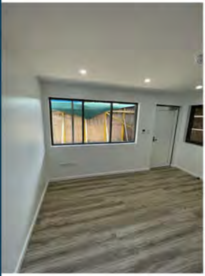
The Australian Government is working with all levels of government, stakeholders and the community to ensure strong child and family wellbeing structures and support for CKI.

Old Tech School Amenities Project Nearing Completion

The Christmas Island community, tenants, students, children, carers and other users of the Old Tech School will soon benefit from the completion of the new Child Care Office and Amenities building at the site.

The project to demolish the old termite-damaged facility and construct a new steel framed modern building has progressed well throughout the year and is now substantially complete.

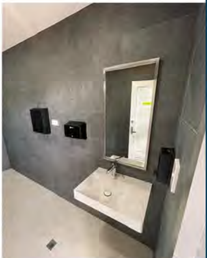
The builder is currently finishing off some final minor works and project certification processes required before the building can officially open. Once these certifications and approvals are complete, the facility will be ready for occupation and use.



In the meantime, existing users of the Old Tech School will continue to access the temporary amenities on site. Safety structures around the Child Care Centre will stay in place until the temporary facilities are removed and the permanent child care safety fencing is reinstated.

With the finish line now in sight, it is anticipated that the new Child Care Office and Amenities building will be fully operational in October, subject to the remaining approvals being received.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the project and adapted to the temporary arrangements during construction. Your patience and cooperation have helped bring this important community facility to life. The upgraded building will soon provide a modern, safe and welcoming space that will support the needs of the community well into the future.



New Fitness Initiative Builds Local Skills and Supports Healthier Communities

Island Pharmacy is opening the door to exciting new training opportunities for residents in the Indian Ocean Territories, with fully funded scholarships now available for two Cocos (Keeling) Islands residents to complete Certificate III and IV qualifications in Group Fitness and Personal Training.

These nationally recognised courses can be completed online, making them flexible and accessible for busy community members.

Two scholarships are currently available for Cocos (Keeling) Islands residents, while two Christmas Island residents have already commenced their studies. Island Pharmacy has partnered with the Heart Foundation and secured Active Australian Innovation Challenge (AAIC) grant funding to make these opportunities possible. The initiative aims to build local capacity, strengthen community wellbeing, and ensure residents have access to trained local fitness professionals who understand island life.

Scholarship recipients will receive a laptop to support their studies, along with a $500 voucher on completion of the course to purchase fitness equipment and resources. Whether it's resistance bands, mats, timers, weights or a new pair of sneakers, the voucher is designed to help graduates step confidently into their new roles.

While scholarship recipients undertake their studies, Island Pharmacy is also expanding opportunities for residents to improve their health through twice-weekly community walking groups on both islands. The Christmas Island walking group has now launched, with the Cocos (Keeling) Islands program to follow in October.

The walking groups will provide free, supervised and inclusive physical activity for residents of all ages and fitness levels, with incentives available as participants reach key milestones. The initiative aims to encourage people to be more active, strengthen social connections and support better health outcomes across both island communities, particularly for those at increased risk of cardiovascular disease, metabolic conditions and age-related health concerns.

These qualifications will equip participants with the skills to deliver group fitness classes, support individual training goals, and contribute to healthier, more active communities. With online delivery, participants can study at their own pace while balancing family, work and community commitments.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands community members interested in pursuing a career in fitness are encouraged to apply for one of the two available scholarships. This is an opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications, support local health and wellbeing, and help shape the future of fitness on the islands.

For more information about the scholarships, including how to apply, contact: tamsin@islandpharmacy.com.au.

Celebrating International Women's Day 2026: Give to Gain

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The women of Christmas Island came together on 19 September to celebrate International Women's Day 2026, recognising the remarkable women whose leadership, resilience and contributions help shape the Indian Ocean Territories every day.

This year's theme, "Give to Gain", highlighted the powerful impact of sharing knowledge, experience, encouragement and opportunity. Through acts of mentorship, volunteering, advocacy and community service, women across our islands continue to strengthen connections and create positive outcomes for future generations.

The event brought together community women of all ages for an evening of celebration, reflection and inspiration, providing an opportunity to recognise achievements, build new connections and honour the important role women play across all aspects of community life.

Guests enjoyed a women's health Q & A with visiting Dr Li, yoga and fitness bootcamp with Lin and Anne, line dancing with Sally and an arts and craft session with ISHAR Multicultural Women's Health Services. The attendees enjoyed the opportunities to learn from one another, share experiences and celebrate the diversity of talent and leadership found throughout the Territories.

Attendees also enjoyed the numerous stall holders who exemplified the "Give to Gain" theme, through their information and insights into volunteering, mental health awareness and were also treated to fresh herbs and veggies provided by Greenspace.

Across the Indian Ocean Territories, women make invaluable contributions through their work, cultural leadership, community involvement, volunteering, business, education, sport and advocacy. International Women's Day provided an opportunity to acknowledge those contributions and recognise the positive impact women have on the lives of those around them.

A highlight of the evening was the numerous raffle prizes and Zumba with Suzanne to finish off a night where attendees celebrated women.

The celebration served as a reminder that when we invest in one another, share our knowledge and support those around us, everyone benefits. The theme "Give to Gain" reflects the strength of community and the idea that generosity, encouragement and leadership help create opportunities for others to thrive.

As the evening drew to a close, attendees left with a renewed appreciation for the women who enrich our communities and for the collective power of giving back. Sincere thanks to all the stall holders, raffle prize donators and sponsors for their support in making the event possible. Special thanks to the fabulous ladies at the Indian Ocean Territories Health Service and the International Women's Day organising committee, especially Stevhnie Nel who went above and beyond in pulling together such a great night.

Thank you...

TO ALL THE AMAZING SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS.

Suzane Chan
Anne Wessel
Lin Gaff
Sally Tan
Custard's Coconuts

Sport Takes Centre Stage in the Indian Ocean Territories

The Indian Ocean Territories have been buzzing with activity, as Western Australian sporting organisations visited the region for another round of coaching, community engagement and skill-building. These visits are part of the ongoing partnership between the Australian Government and the Western Australian Government, supported by the Shire of Christmas Island, the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and local sporting and community organisations across both territories. Together, they continue to champion active, connected and resilient communities.

Rugby League: Community Spirit Scores Big

Earlier this year, Jack Rolle, Game Development Officer at the National Rugby League (NRL) brought his experience, expertise and love of the game to the Territories. Jack's enthusiasm and expert coaching made for plenty of opportunities for locals to get hands-on with the game. His visit began on Christmas Island from 27 July to 3 August, where he supported school programs and worked closely with the Christmas Island Robbers Rugby League Club. A highlight was the club's spirited Purple Day Game, which saw 48 participants take the field to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer. It was a powerful reminder that sport can bring communities together both on and off the pitch, with community spirit proving the real winner on the day.

Jack also delivered a Seniors session through Stay on Your Feet, proving that rugby league truly is a game for all ages. Across both islands, participants ranged from four years old to over sixty. Whether it was a first-time pass, a seasoned sidestep or a well-earned try, the enthusiasm was unmistakable.

Athletics: Leaps, Bounds and Big Smiles

Soon after, the Territories welcomed Athletics coach Kylie Wheeler who visited the Indian Ocean Territories from 24 August to 3 September, bringing her trademark energy to both Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Many children recognised her straight away, giving her the rare joy of seeing their progress in leaps and bounds – literally, in many cases. In the lead-up to the athletics carnivals, Kylie worked closely with schools to refine techniques and build confidence. After-school sessions at the Christmas Island Cricket and Sporting Club, along with a relaxed Kampong pop-up, gave young athletes the chance to practise running, jumping, and throwing. High jump quickly became the star of the show, with students raising the bar, reaching new heights and cheering each other on.

Adults also joined the fun through a lively Stay on Your Feet session on Christmas Island. Reaction games, relay races and soft-ball shot-put drills kept everyone moving and laughing, proving IOT seniors have still got plenty left in the tank. Kylie said she will never tire of visiting such a beautiful part of the world and sent her best wishes to all students and teachers ahead of the carnivals.

A winning partnership

From high jumps to try-scoring triumphs, these visits highlight the strength of the partnership between governments, shires, coaches, schools and local sporting organisations. Together, they continue to build active, inclusive and connected communities across the Indian Ocean Territories, one carnival, one clinic and one kick-off at a time, demonstrating that when communities come together everyone finishes on the winning team.

Community Notices

Farzian Zainal
Administrator of Christmas Island
Administrator of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands

SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Nomination for Christmas Island's Volunteer Awards

Territory Week is a week where we celebrate our history and our community, the people who together make up the rich, multicultural home that makes our island so distinct.

This year, at the opening ceremony of Territory Week, the Administrator and the Shire of Christmas Island would like to celebrate the individuals and groups who go above and beyond in service to our community. Volunteering is deeply embedded in our culture, with countless people generously giving their time, sharing their skills, and lending a hand whenever and wherever it is needed.

These awards recognize all forms of volunteering. Whether it's supporting community events, assisting those in need, mentoring others, or quietly contributing behind the scenes, every act of service makes a difference. Volunteers freely give their time and expertise for the benefit of others, without expectation of financial reward.

Nominating a volunteer is one of the most meaningful ways to acknowledge their dedication and thank them for the positive impact they have on our community. This Territory Week, we would like to recognize volunteers in the following categories and encourage you to submit a nomination.

Young Volunteer of the Year Award – Persons to the age of 25 years at 31 December 2026

Adult Volunteer of the Year Award – Persons over the age of 25 years and up to 64 years at 31 December 2026

Senior Volunteer of the Year Award – Persons over the age of 65 at 31 December 2026

Lifetime contribution to Volunteerism Award – contribution of 15 or more years in volunteerism

Volunteer Team of the Year Award in Arts, Sports and Recreation Volunteer Team of the Year Award in Culture, Religion and Heritage Volunteer Team of the Year Award in Community Services

Nominations for these awards should be submitted to the Office of the Administrator by email to iotadministrator@infrastructure.gov.au or physically to the Office of the Administrator.

Each nomination should include:

- The nominator's details
- The nominee's details and the category in which the nomination is made
- Describe the nominee's significant dedication, impact and contributions to the community and why you are nominating them (self-nominations are permitted for team awards)

The persons being nominated should give permission for their nomination. The nominee is required to understand that their name, image and story may be used publicly.

The Administrator and the Shire of Christmas Island President will announce the Volunteer Awards and present the winners with prizes at Territory Week Opening Night on Friday the 2nd of October.

To further recognize the contribution of our volunteers, all volunteer organisations are able to set up a fundraising table free of charge at the Territory Week Opening Night.

Nominations must be received by the Office of the Administrator by close of business **Friday 25th September.**

For further information, contact the Office of the Administrator on 089164 7901 ext 8519 or iotadministrator@infrastructure.gov.au

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Christmas Island Recreation Centre – Reopening of the main 25-metre swimming pool

The main 25-metre swimming pool at the Christmas Island Recreation Centre will reopen this Friday 18 September 2026. Maintenance work was completed ahead of schedule.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we improve our community facilities. We look forward to seeing you back in the water!

Job Opportunities

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IOTA

Project Officer - Housing and Emergency Management

Territory Officer Level 4 | Cocos (Keeling) Islands Full Time Ongoing Vacancy

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is currently seeking a motivated, professional and suitably qualified individual to join our team as the Project Officer within the Indian Ocean Territories Operations Services (IOTOS) based on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

The IOTOS is responsible for managing a diverse portfolio of services and infrastructure across the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI) and Christmas Island in the interest of the Commonwealth including Commonwealth owned properties and infrastructure, community services including distribution of licences and permits, justice, fleet, land management and contracts and project management.

About the Role

The key responsibilities of this position are to deliver housing, community, corporate, emergency and land management services to the CKI community.

The duties of the Project Officer include, but are not limited to:

- Liaise with other government departments and contractors in regards to the day to day operations of the IOTA CKI Office

- Assist with regular maintenance inspections of all residential properties and arrange, monitor and address maintenance
- Inventory control, including distribution and replacement of furniture and equipment for both housing and commercial properties. This will require some manual handling and lifting
- Support the coordination of Emergency incidents with all effected stakeholders
- Assist with a range of clerical and administrative tasks including monitoring and updating of WHS registers and contractor documentation.

About You

Our ideal candidate will have:

- Sound understanding of housing and property management including the challenges faced in maintaining property in a remote environment
- An understanding of community-centred emergency management, including knowledge of emergency risk management planning, coordination of emergency response and recovery and working with emergency service volunteers
- Excellent interpersonal, communication, relationship building and consultative skills including the ability to build and maintain effective working relationships at all levels
- Demonstrated experience in working within a procurement framework to achieve results, seeking spending approvals, issuing of purchase orders/contracts, monitoring delivery of goods and services, and acquitting expenses.
- Experience with maintaining confidentiality and working in sensitive environments.

Applicants with well-developed computer skills, particularly with the MS suite of programs and asset management systems will be well regarded.

The successful applicant will also be required to obtain a security clearance at Baseline Vetting level (must be Australian citizen), complete a pre-employment medical assessment and successfully complete a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.

What's in it for You?

Our ideal applicant will receive:

- Base salary of $80,603 to $85,805 per annum, ***plus***
- Employer contribution to superannuation at 16% of base salary, ***plus***
- District allowance payable from $472.37 per fortnight in addition to base salary, ***plus***
- Generous leave entitlements, including 27 days annual leave, ***plus***
- Annual return airfares allowance to Perth for you and eligible dependents

How to Apply

For further information regarding this position, please contact Tania Charlston at Tania.Charlston@infrastructure.gov.au.

For an application pack outlining how you can apply for this position, please contact the IOT Human Resources Team at IOTARecruitment@infrastructure.gov.au and quote position number **116115**.

Applications close 4.00pm (Christmas Island local time) (CXT) (UTC+7), Friday, 25 September 2026

Australian Government
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

Property and Housing Manager

Territory Executive Level 2 | Christmas Island

Full-time Ongoing Vacancy

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is seeking a motivated, professional and suitably qualified person to join our team as Property and Housing Manager based on Christmas Island. If you're looking for a new challenge, where you can make a meaningful impact to community members in a unique and culturally diverse environment, this might be the opportunity for you!

About the Role

The key responsibilities of the Property and Housing Manager position include but are not limited to:

- Deliver social/public and staff housing services in accordance with relevant housing policies, legislation and organisational requirements, coordinating the provision of housing services across Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, including temporary accommodation for incoming and outgoing employees and contractors.
- Support and monitor compliance with tenancy and occupancy arrangements in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and organisational requirements, including eligibility reviews, rent reviews, invoicing, utility billing and debt management, while maintaining productive relationships with tenants, contractors, government agencies and community stakeholders.
- Plan, coordinate and oversee property operations, including the scheduling and delivery of maintenance, repairs and minor capital works, ensuring properties are appropriately maintained, equipped and prepared for occupancy, and that relevant work health and safety and risk management requirements are met.
- Undertake procurement, contract administration and project management activities, including directly managing and overseeing larger, complex and high-risk projects to ensure successful completion, while understanding and applying heritage requirements to the appropriate management of heritage buildings and places.
- Provide effective leadership, supervision, mentoring and performance management of a multidisciplinary team, actively participating in the planning and coordination of service delivery to achieve high-quality outcomes and a positive workplace culture.
- Provide effective financial, governance and operational management, including contributing to the annual Property and Housing budget, monitoring expenditure against approved allocations, maintaining accurate records and statistics, meeting reporting requirements and ensuring compliance with organisational governance requirements.

In addition to deliver property, housing, fleet and project services within the Property and Housing operations, this position will also be responsible for managing court and justice functions to ensure the effective delivery of court services in accordance with relevant legislation, processes and organisational requirements.

About You

Our ideal candidate will have:

- Demonstrated experience in property management, social/public housing management or experience in a similar role
- Demonstrated experience managing projects and operational programs, including procurement, contract management and the efficient allocation of resources to deliver quality outcomes within approved budgets and timeframes
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including a proven capacity to demonstrate this in the form of written reports and briefs to senior management, peers and relevant external stakeholders and maintain positive relationships with colleagues, contractors and clients.
- Strong and effective leadership skills demonstrated by previous experience in supervising employees, managing performance, scheduling and delegating tasks and ensuring activities comply with quality requirements.
- Demonstrated ability to interpret and apply legislation, policies and organisational procedures, exercise sound judgement and ensure compliance with governance, financial and operational requirements.
- A valid driver's licence and WA Working with Children Check (or able to obtain at engagement),
- Experience working within a remote and/or multi-cultural community will be highly advantageous.

The successful applicant will also be required to obtain a security clearance at Baseline Vetting Level (must be an Australian citizen), complete a pre-employment medical assessment and successfully complete a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.

What's in it for you?

In addition to being part of a supportive team, the successful applicant will receive:

- Base salary between $132,854 - $154,994 per annum, ***plus***
- Employer contribution to superannuation at 16% of base salary, ***plus***
- District Allowance *starting* from $472.37 per fortnight in addition to base salary, ***plus***
- Generous leave entitlements, including 27 days of Annual Leave, ***plus***
- Annual return airfares assistance to Perth for yourself and eligible dependents.

If relocating to the Indian Ocean Territories, you can also expect relocation assistance, including uplift, storage of personal effects and heavily subsidised housing and relocation of your motor vehicle, subject to availability.

How to Apply

For more information about this role, please contact Matthew Worsnop at Matthew.Worsnop@infrastructure.gov.au or 08 9164 7901.

For an application pack outlining how you can apply, please contact the IOTA Human Resources Team at IOTARecruitment@infrastructure.gov.au and quote position number **109133.**

Applications close 4.00pm Christmas Island local time (CXT)(UTC+7) Monday 28 September 2026

Australian Government
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts

IOTA

Domestic Maintenance Electrician

Territory Officer Level 8 | Christmas Island
Full-time Ongoing Vacancy

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is seeking a motivated, professional and suitably qualified person to join our team as a Domestic Maintenance Electrician based on Christmas Island. If you're looking for a new challenge, where you can make a meaningful impact to community members in a unique and culturally diverse environment, this might be the opportunity for you!

About the role

The key responsibilities of the Domestic Maintenance Electrician position include but are not limited to:

- Undertake electrical maintenance, fault finding and repairs across housing, community buildings, worksites and Commonwealth facilities, ensuring existing electrical installations and equipment are maintained in accordance with relevant Australian Standards.
- Undertake electrical safety inspections in accordance with AS/NZS 3019, identifying electrical faults, hazards and required remedial actions.
- Undertake RCD testing in accordance with AS/NZS 3000, AS/NZS 3012 and AS/NZS 3760, and other applicable standards.
- Undertake emergency lighting testing in accordance with AS/NZS 2293, and testing and replacement of smoke detectors in accordance with relevant requirements.
- Maintain, service and repair electrical installations, equipment and systems to ensure they remain safe, functional and compliant.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date inspection, testing, maintenance and repair records, including work history and remedial actions through paper and computerised systems such as MEX.
- Complete all work in accordance with relevant legislation, Australian Standards, codes, safe work procedures and electrical safety requirements, including the safe operation of plant and equipment.
- Participate in relevant training, skills development and refresher training, including First Aid, CPR, LV Rescue and Working at Heights, as required.

About you

Our ideal candidate will have:

- Minimum of 5-years post apprenticeship experience working as a fully qualified electrician, with proven experience in electrical installation, maintenance or repairs in a domestic setting.
- Demonstrated experience recording results of electrical testing and/or inspections, and identifying remedial actions.
- Demonstrated compliance of safe work procedures of electrical safety.
- Demonstrated ability to manage work priorities, schedules, records and reporting within a team environment.
- Experience in use of a computerised asset maintenance system, such as MEX A valid driver's licence and WA Working with Children Check (or able to obtain at engagement).

- Sound understanding of AS3000 and the WA Electrical Requirements is desirable.
- Possess a current and valid Western Australian Unrestricted Electrical Worker's Licence (or ability to obtain prior to commencement).
- Experience working and living in a small, remote and/or multi-cultural community; and within a small multi-skilled workforce and ability to communicate in Malay, Mandarin, Cantonese or Hokkien will be highly advantageous.
- Evidence of Elevated Work Platform (EWP), Forklift and Medium Rigid (MR) truck licences will be highly advantageous.

The successful applicant will also be required to complete a pre-employment medical assessment and successfully complete a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.

What's in it for you?

In addition to being part of a supportive team, the successful applicant will receive:

- Base salary between $111,437 - $121,451 per annum, plus
- Employer contribution to superannuation at 16% of base salary, plus
- District Allowance starting from $472.37 per fortnight in addition to base salary, plus
- Generous leave entitlements, including 27 days of Annual Leave, plus
- Annual return airfares assistance to Perth for yourself and eligible dependents.

How to apply

For more information about this role, please contact Matthew Worsnop at Matthew.Worsnop@infrastructure.gov.au or 08 9164 7901.

For an application pack outlining how you can apply, please contact the IOTA Human Resources Team at IOTARecruitment@infrastructure.gov.au and quote position number **122580.**

Applications close 4.00pm Christmas Island local time (CXT)(UTC+7) Monday, 05 October 2026

Community Announcements

Christmas Island Outdoor Cinema

Late changes will be posted on the Roundabout Blackboard and Facebook.

Movie ticket $5.00

FROM THE CREATORS OF WALLACE & GROMIT AND CHICKEN RUN
Shaun the Sheep
THE BEAST OF MOSSY BOTTOM
ONLY IN THEATRES

Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom

Saturday, 26 September - 7:30pm

On Halloween Eve at Mossy Bottom Farm, excitement turns to dismay when the clumsy Farmer ruins the pumpkin patch. Shaun tries fixing it with science experiments, but things go wrong when a wild beast appears in the woods.

TOM and JERRY
FORBIDDEN COMPASS

Tom and Jerry: Forbidden Compass

Saturday, 3 October - 7:30pm

During a chase inside a museum, Tom and Jerry find a magical object and end up being transported through time. Lost in a distant era, they will need to work together to find a way back home.

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Disney
CATHERINE LAGA'AIA
MOANA

Moana 2026
Saturday, 10 October - 7:30pm

A brave teenager named Moana leaves her island for the first time and sails with a shape-shifting demigod named Maui to fix a dangerous curse.

Want to sponsor an upcoming movie?

You will receive 2 free passes, special seating, food platter with your favourite nibbles, drinks of your choice and a public announcement on the evening of the movie. We will advertise your company or individual message in the Islander, Facebook Page, on the world's most remote roundabout and one of the last remaining outdoor Cinema screens. (Your choice of movie and date will be dependent upon availability.)

To become part of this exciting club or enquire about sponsorship, please Email: cioutdoorcinema@gmail.com or accounts@cinema.org.cx

Rating information provided by http://www.classification.gov.au.

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