

Tourism Northern Territory  
**Signage Guidelines**

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# 1.0 Introduction

Tourism NT have created these guidelines to assist those responsible in developing new signage within the Territory.

Templated artwork is available, which can be used as a base for your appointed designer to implement and finalise the design.

To help achieve a consistent look and feel across the three signage types, details are provided on design, featuring specific assets from the master Tourism NT brand.

The three signage types are shown right, with each type offering three tiers of size and format for consideration.

## Replacement

There is no expectation to replace signage if your existing signs are reasonably new and are still presentable with up-to-date place names and information.

## Approval process

Once the design of your sign is complete, it must be provided to Tourism NT for a final review and approval. A PDF of the design can be forwarded to:

[Name and email contact details here](#)

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<b>Border Entry Signage</b>			 
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<b>Destination Information Signage</b>			 

# 1.1 Signage assets

Within these guidelines you will find basic principles and specifications on the individual Tourism NT signage assets shown right.

Not all assets are recommended for all sign types, so ensure you refer to the appropriate section to determine which assets you will need for the sign you are producing.

**Note:** The Tourism NT logo is generally not used on signage unless Tourism NT wish to include it, which would be a decision made during the approval process. An exception to this is the Border Entry signage where the logo is the hero element.

## Logo

Apply to the Border Entry signage, or if requested during Tourism NT approval process



## Colour



## Typography

abcDEF abcDEF abcDEF abcDEF

## Sense graphic



.....  
Welcome to  
**Mataranka**

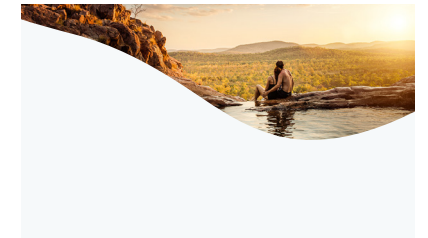
## Rugged box

Apply to Destination Information signage only



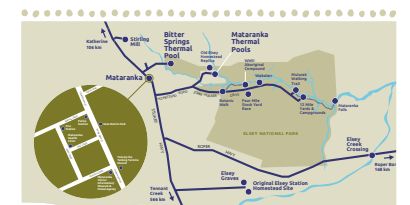
## Brand bar

Apply to Regional Entry signage only



## Map style

Apply to Destination Information signage only



### Restricted usage

Aside from the Border Entry signs, the Tourism NT logo is generally not featured on signage, unless within the review process Tourism NT wish to include it.

This will only be a consideration if the council or organisation requiring the sign has an ongoing maintenance plan for signage.

### Clear space

If you need to apply either version of the Tourism NT logo, always ensure the clear space is adhered to.

Primary logo



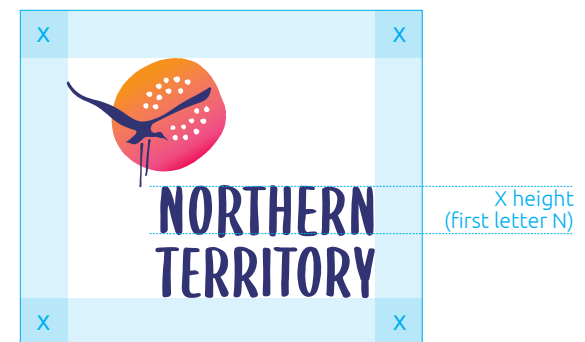
Clear space



Stacked logo



Clear space



Colours used in signage have been selected to remain consistent with the Tourism NT brand. No new colours should be applied to your signage.

### Primary colours

The primary palette for Tourism NT branded signage includes white, blue, and charcoal.

### Secondary regional colours

There are two signage types that require the use of a regional colour - the Regional Entry signs and the Destination Information signs.

If developing a sign from one of these types, you will need to select the specific colour for your region.

This additional regional colour is used as an accent and to highlight certain information. Only choose one regional colour, and do not overuse.

Tints may also be used when applying colour to maps. For more information on map style, go to page 1.8.

### Specifications

Each of these colours have a corresponding reference for printed outputs. Always match your CMYK output to the Pantone reference detailed right.

### Primary colours

**White**

C0 M0 Y0 K0

**Blue**

C100 M100 Y33 K0  
PMS 2119 C

**Charcoal**  
(for body copy)

C44 M34 Y22 K77  
PMS Cool Grey 11 C

### Secondary regional colours

#### Tennant Creek

**Yellow**

C0 M45 Y100 K5  
PMS 2012 C

#### Alice Springs

**Dark Orange**

C0 M74 Y100 K0  
PMS 7579 C

#### Uluru

**Red**

C0 M97 Y80 K25  
PMS 7621 C

#### Darwin

**Light Blue**

C93 M2 Y15 K7  
PMS 632 C

#### Kakadu

**Light Green**

C46 M0 Y100 K14  
PMS 2301 C

#### Arnhem Land

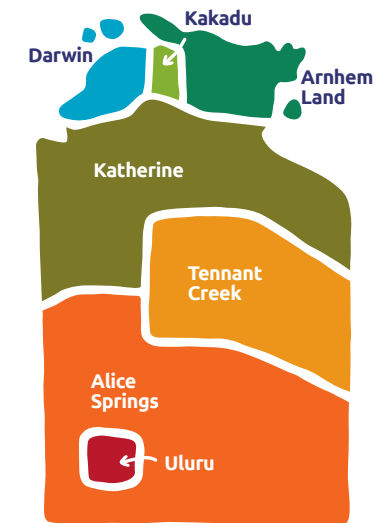
**Green**

C74 M0 Y70 K36  
PMS 2265 C

#### Katherine

**Khaki**

C22 M15 Y86 K47  
PMS 5825 C



Note: This map is to demonstrate regions only. It does not appear in Tourism NT signage.

Ubuntu is Tourism NT's corporate typeface.

Different weights within the Ubuntu font family are used in signage to illustrate a hierarchy of information. Bold and medium weights are used for primary and secondary headings, and the regular and light weights are used for body copy.

Italic versions of Ubuntu are also available for use in special circumstances, such as the need to highlight the title of a book/film etc., or certain passages in body copy.

Always use the correct font for all Tourism NT signage applications.

For primary and secondary headings

# Ubuntu Bold

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**  
**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**  
**1234567890**

# Ubuntu Medium

**ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ**  
**abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz**  
**1234567890**

For body copy

# Ubuntu Regular

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz  
1234567890

# Ubuntu Light

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ  
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz  
1234567890

The sense graphic is a distinctive device frequently used within Tourism NT branded materials. It comprises a set of graphic devices, each representative of the five senses.

For the purpose of signage application however, we use only one of these sense graphics – the ‘see’ graphic, as shown right.

The sense graphic can appear in two ways – locked up with heading type, or featured as a border device above the rugged box.

### Relationship with type

We have some basic relationship rules between the bold Ubuntu heading type and the sense graphic. This relationship between these two assets is already set in the available templates, however should you need to change the type size, you will need to ensure the sense graphic is scaled proportionately with the type, as this is a fixed relationship.

### Relationship with rugged box

The sense graphic also appears as a border device alongside the top edge of the rugged box within Destination Information signage.

The graphic can be extended (or reduced) to fit the box as demonstrated, but it should not be scaled. More information on the rugged box can be found on page 1.7.

### Sense graphic

Used in signage applications



### Sense graphic featured with rugged box

Applicable to Destination Information signage only



### Relationship with type

Size of the heading type determines the maximum size of the graphic



Colour can be changed within template



Extending the sense graphic



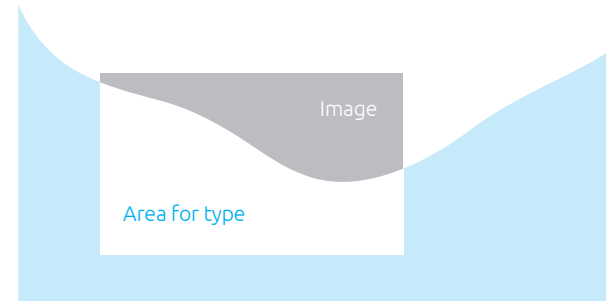


The brand bar is a graphic asset frequently used in Tourism NT materials.

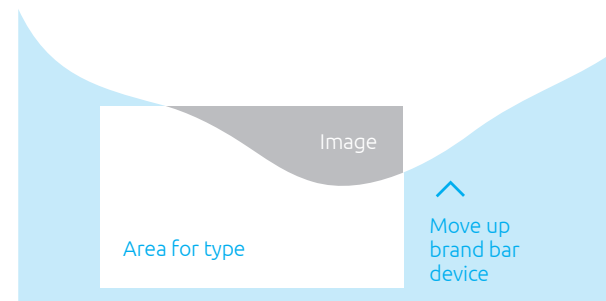
Within Regional Entry signage, we use it to create a space to feature an image.

Should your Regional Entry sign require a larger area to hold type content, the brand bar can be moved up within the template, as demonstrated right.

Area reserved for type may not be sufficient



Brand bar can be moved up to allow more room for type content



The rugged box only ever appears in Destination Information signage. It acts as a holding device for various types of content, including feature copy, maps and images.

The box always appears with the sense graphic bordering the top edge. These two assets are already set within the available signage templates.

### Adjusting the height

Within the available template, both single and two column rugged boxes are provided. Choosing which will depend on your content. The height can be adjusted to suit, as demonstrated right.

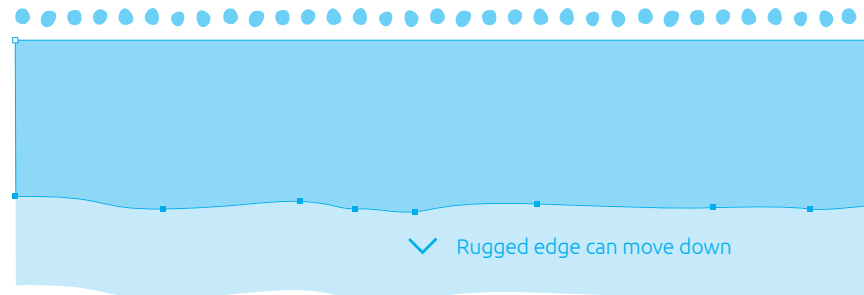
### Colour

The colour should represent the region the sign is located. Refer to the secondary regional colours section on page 1.3.

A holding device for feature copy, maps and images



Adjusting the height



Where possible, maps that appear in Destination Information signage can be styled using the Tourism NT colour and type assets.

An example of how to style maps with colour and type is demonstrated right.

### Type

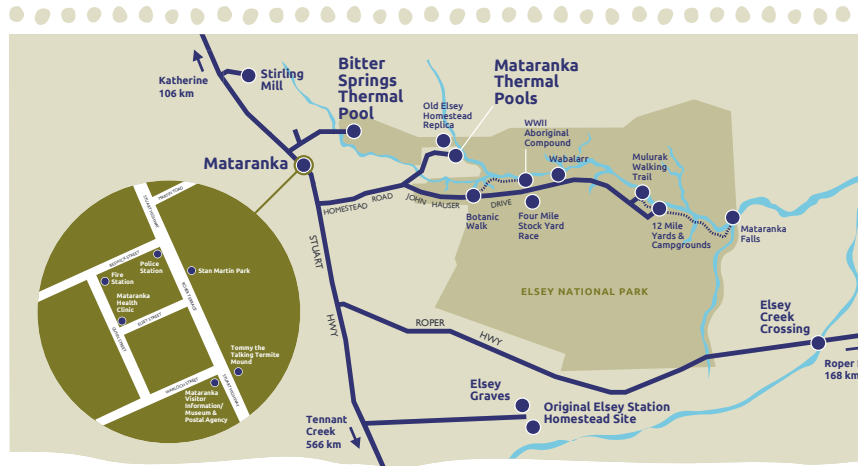
The Ubuntu font family is used for all Tourism NT materials. If creating a new map or you're able to amend an existing one, then style all your type content using the various Ubuntu weights.

### Colour

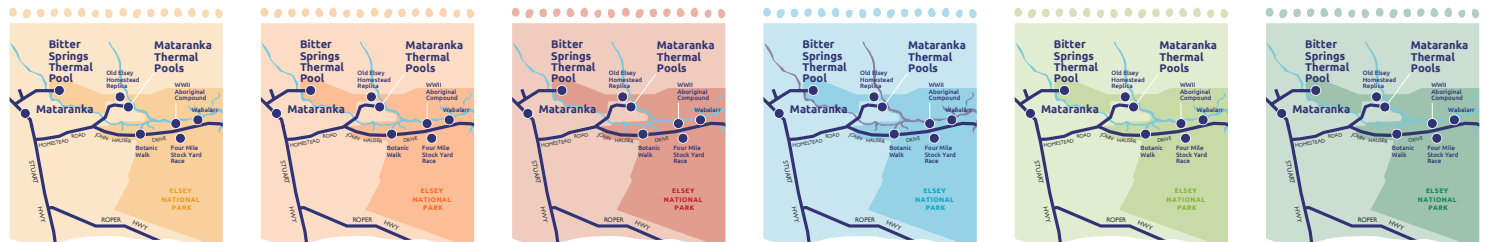
The colours used within maps should ideally feature the appropriate regional colour. Applying tints of colour is useful when needing to show different areas.

Refer to the secondary regional colours section on page 1.3 to ensure you are applying the right colour specifications.

Style maps using the Tourism NT colour and type assets



Apply the appropriate secondary colour for your region



### Sheet sizing

Many of the signs detailed in these guidelines are larger than the standard aluminium sheets available for production. In this instance, your signage producer will need to use multiple sheets to deliver the appropriate size and format.

To maximise the materials used, we have considered standard sheet sizes and designed the signs accordingly.

The schematic illustrated right provides guidance on how to best utilise these standard sheets.

### Materials

The materials detailed below are provided as a guide only. Please liaise closely with your signage producer to ensure the right materials are appropriate for the sign location.

#### Stock:

3MIJ180mC 7yr cast vinyl

#### Material:

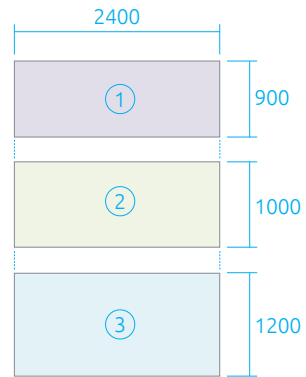
3mm Skybond Aluminium Composite Panel, wrapped

#### Protection:

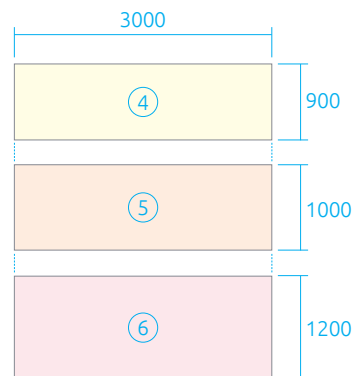
2pac clear-coat, satin finish

### Standard sheet sizes

#### Size A (2400)



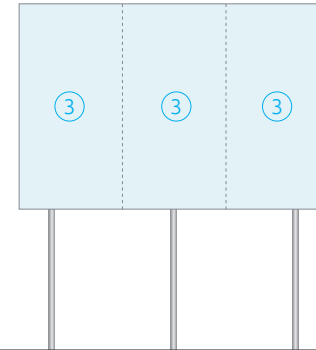
#### Size B (3000)



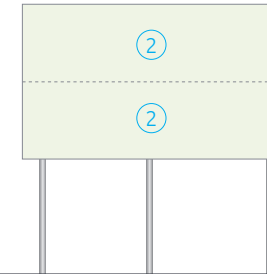
### Assembled sheets

#### Border Entry

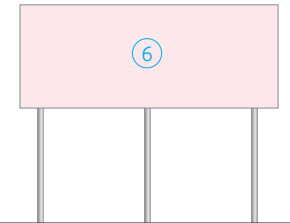
##### Tier 1 3600 x 2400



##### Tier 2 3000 x 1800

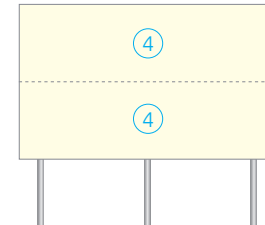


##### Tier 3 3000 x 1200

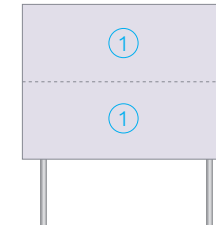


#### Regional Entry

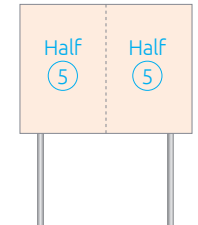
##### Tier 1 3000 x 1800



##### Tier 2 2400 x 1800

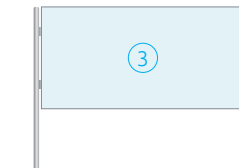


##### Tier 3 2000 x 1500

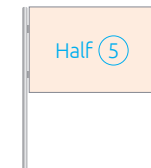


#### Destination Information

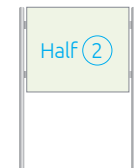
##### Tier 1 2400 x 1200



##### Tier 2 1500 x 1000



##### Tier 3 1200 x 1000



Border Entry signs are located at entry points into the Northern Territory, and are positioned along the roadside where they are clearly visible to approaching vehicles.

Artwork is available for three different sizes. There should be no need to make amendments or additions to the Border Entry signs.

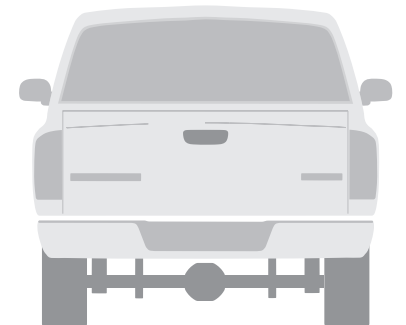
**Tier 1** 3600 x 2400



**Tier 2** 3000 x 1800



**Tier 3** 3000 x 1200



Border Entry signs utilise several Tourism NT assets, as demonstrated in this tier 1 signage.

### Sense graphic & type lock-up

These two assets have a fixed relationship. For more information, see page 1.5.



Brand bar

Stacked Tourism NT logo

Regional Entry signs are positioned in a visible roadside location that indicates the entry point of a specific region or town.

Template artwork is available for all three sign tiers.

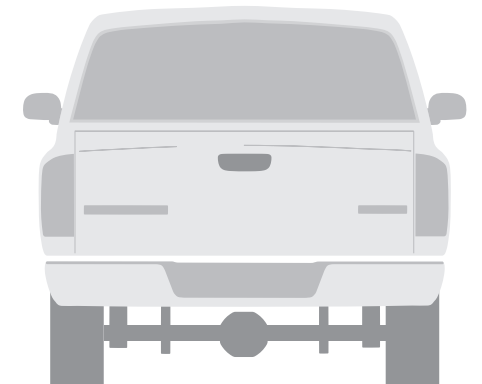
**Tier 1** 3000 x 1800



**Tier 2** 2400 x 1800



**Tier 3** 2000 x 1500



Regional Entry signs utilise several Tourism NT assets, as demonstrated in this tier 1 signage.

Templates are available for use for all three tiers, including variations on how type appears.

### Brand bar

Should the space reserved for type not be sufficient, the brand bar may be moved up to allow more room. For more information, see page 1.6.

### Welcome type

Change colour to reflect your regional colour. For more information, see page 1.3.

### Sense graphic & type lock-up

These assets have a fixed relationship. For more information, see page 1.5.

### Supporting copy

Optional line of copy to support the region name. If there is no supporting copy, align region name and other elements to baseline.



### Image area

Regional Entry signs feature an image to help showcase the uniqueness of the place.

Quality images are available from the existing Tourism NT image library on <https://imagegallery.tourismnt.com.au>. Simply register as a user to access high resolution image files.



We have developed several templates with flexibility in mind, as not all region names will fit within the space available.

The brand bar may also be moved upward to accommodate larger areas of text content. For more information on working with the brand bar, go to page 1.6.



### Region name & supporting copy

In instances where there is no supporting copy, align region name and other elements to baseline.



### Bilingual signage

A secondary level of sizing is available for signs featuring bilingual region names.



### Optional - logo inclusion

Demonstrating an option that features an area in the footer to house logos.

**Note:** The inclusion of the Tourism NT logo would only be a consideration if the council or organisation requiring the sign has an ongoing maintenance plan for signage. This would be decided during the Tourism NT review process.



### Extra long region names

If your region name cannot fit within one line across the width of your sign, then it can appear in two lines. Alternatively, reduce the size (see example right).



If adjusting the size of your region name, always scale proportionately with the sense graphic. These two elements have a fixed relationship.

Destination Information signs are designed to provide engaging and educational information relating to points of interest within a town or place.

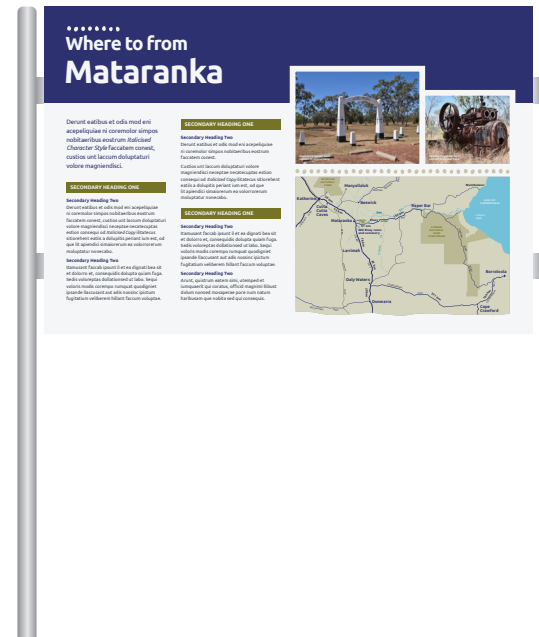
The location of this signage plays a major role in their level of use, so they should be located in an area that naturally encourages visitors to stop.

Template artwork is available for all three sign tiers.

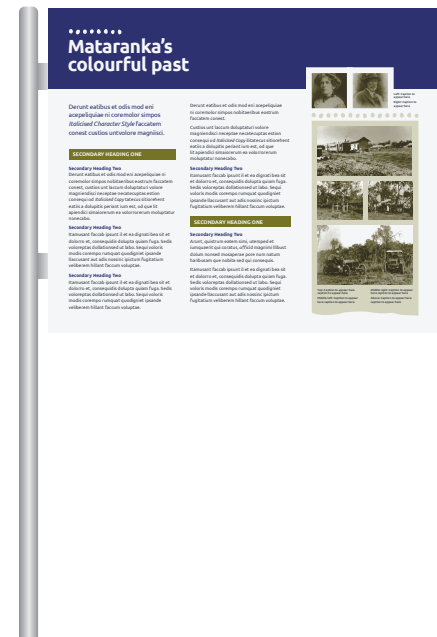
Tier 1 2400 x 1200



Tier 2 1500 x 1000



Tier 3 1200 x 1000



To provide guidance around how we place the various types of content in Destination Information signage, we have developed a flexible content grid which can be adjusted to suit your content.

There are three key content areas to consider.

Content grid for three key areas

**Header content**

Welcome text  
Destination name

**Visual content**

Images  
Maps

**Copy content**

Primary heading  
Introductory paragraph  
Secondary headings  
Body text  
Pull-out feature text  
Small thumbnail images (optional)

The grid to place the three key content areas is flexible and can be adjusted to specifically suit the information you're presenting.

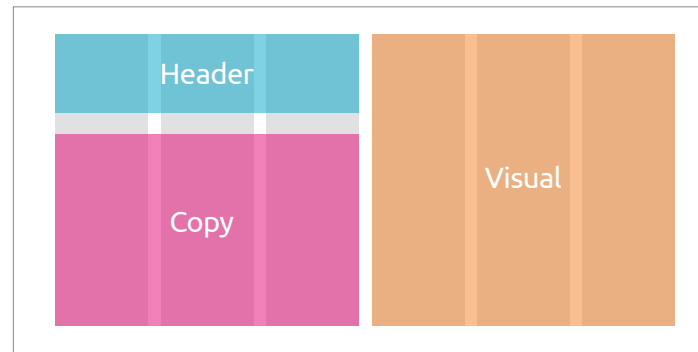
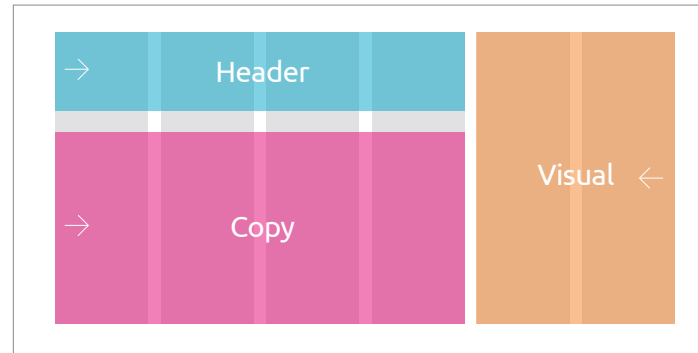
Within each sign template are columns that provide a framework for your designer to set content.

As demonstrated right, the three content areas can shift to other columns to allow for smaller or larger areas to suit your content.

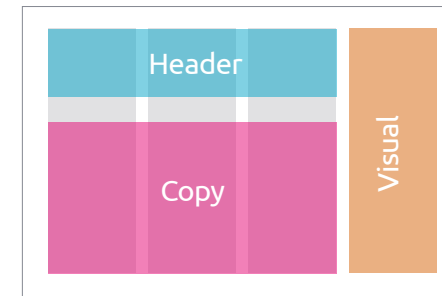
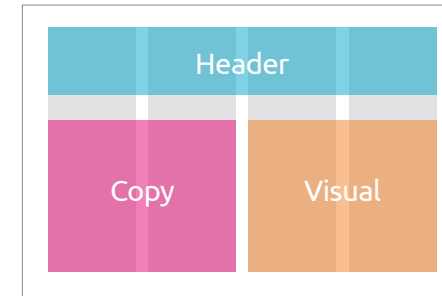
Aim to keep the header ranged left and top of sign, the copy anchored from the lower left side, and the visual content ranged from the right.

Areas for content can be adjusted

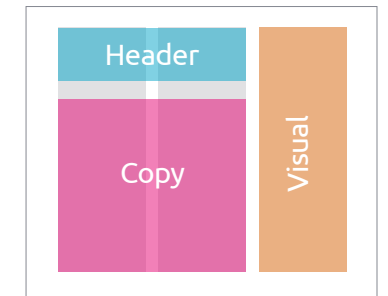
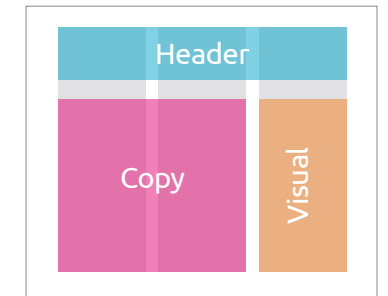
### Tier 1



### Tier 2



### Tier 3



Destination Information signs feature numerous Tourism NT assets, as demonstrated on this tier 1 sign.

Several template options are available to use as a starting point for developing signs that are suitable for various types of content.

**Sense graphic & type lock-up**

These assets have a fixed relationship. For more information, see page 1.5.

**Type**

Set in the various weights of Ubuntu.

All type styles are available as paragraph styles within the template artwork.

Smaller thumbnail images may appear within copy content.



**Header image**  
Place image within the header for more visual impact. Option to have simple blue header.

**Overlapping images**  
Ensure no important features within image is obscured by overlapping corners.

**Rugged box & map style**  
Pull-out copy and maps appear within the rugged box device and in a regional colour. If no map, fill with additional overlapping images.

Quality images are available from the Tourism NT image library on <https://imagegallery.tourismnt.com.au>. Register as a user to access high resolution image files.



## 4.2 Destination Information Signage | Regional colour and historic images

Destination Information signs always feature a regional colour to help add interest and highlight key content.

The examples right demonstrate how the Uluru regional colour is used, which is restricted to secondary heading styles, feature copy within the rugged box, and tints within the map.

Only apply the Tourism NT regional colour that has been selected for your region.

### Duotone for historic images

Regional colours might be applied to historic images also. The example shown right features images that are created using two colours, which in designer terms is called a duotone.

When creating an Adobe Photoshop duotone, the two colour mix should comprise the Tourism NT primary blue colour and the regional colour specific to your sign's location. Adjust the levels to suit the image.

For more information on colour specifications, see page 1.3.

### Content grid for three key areas

### Duotone colour mix:

Tourism NT Primary Blue

Choose the appropriate Tourism NT regional colour

Available template artwork files

Tier 1 3600 x 2400

 Filename: Tourism NT\_Border Entry\_Tier 1 FA



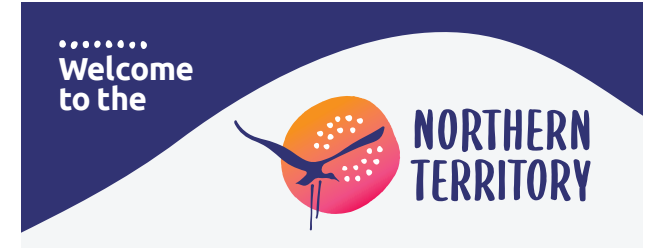
Tier 2 3000 x 1800

 Filename: Tourism NT\_Border Entry\_Tier 2 FA



Tier 3 3000 x 1200

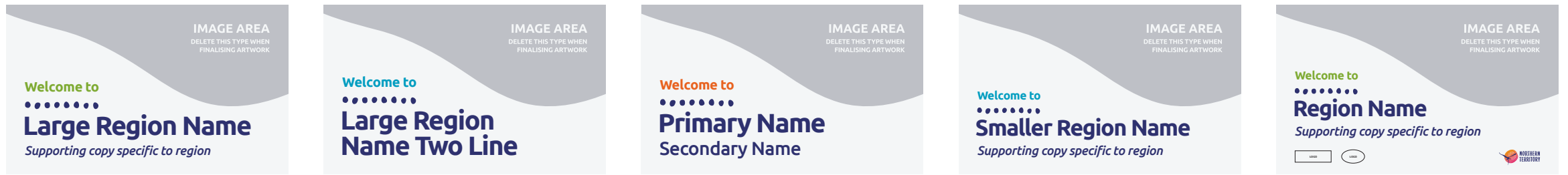
 Filename: Tourism NT\_Border Entry\_Tier 3 FA



## Available template artwork files

### Tier 1 3000 x 1800

 Filename: Tourism NT\_Regional Entry\_Tier 1 FA



### Tier 2 2400 x 1800

 Filename: Tourism NT\_Regional Entry\_Tier 2 FA



### Tier 3 2000 x 1500

 Filename: Tourism NT\_Regional Entry\_Tier 3 FA

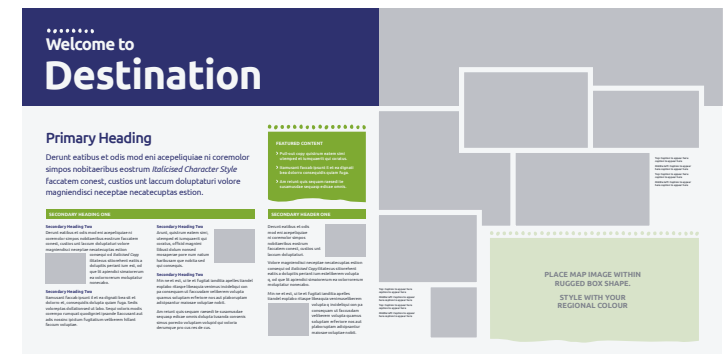
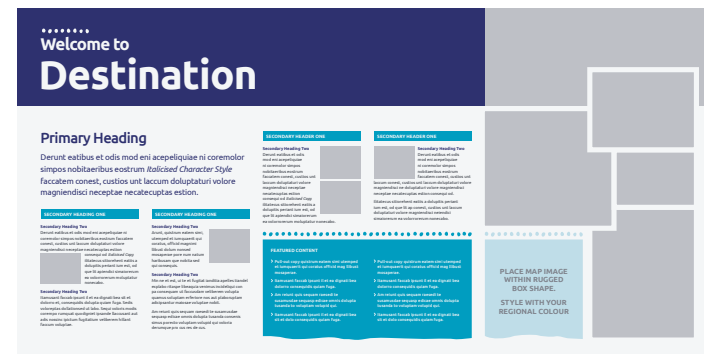




## Available template artwork files

### Tier 1 2400 x 1200

Filename: Tourism NT\_Destination Info\_Tier 1 FA



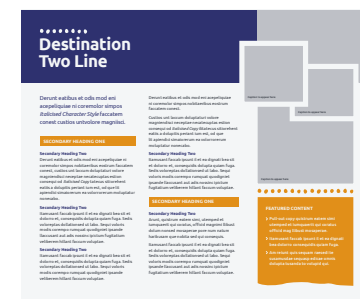
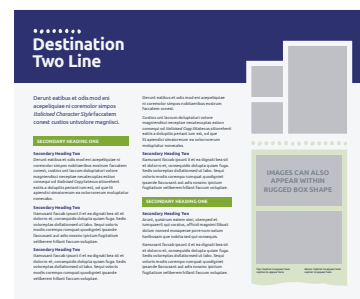
### Tier 2 1500 x 1000

Filename: Tourism NT\_Destination Info\_Tier 2 FA



### Tier 3 1200 x 1000

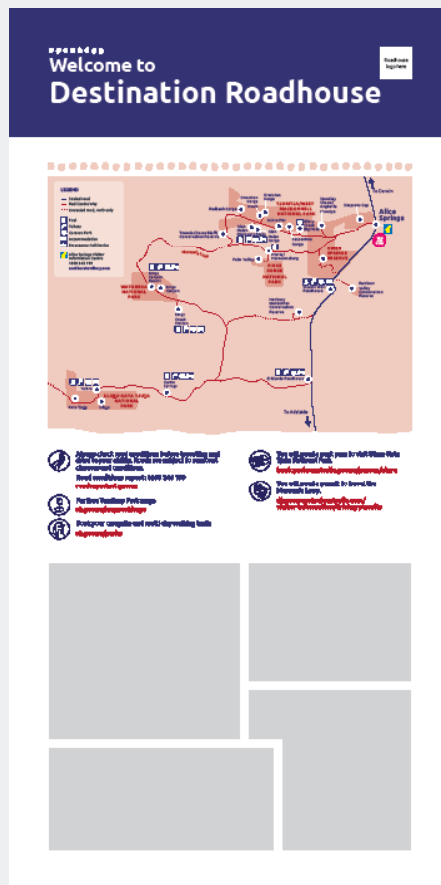
Filename: Tourism NT\_Destination Info\_Tier 3 FA



### Available template artwork files

Version 1 1000 x 2000

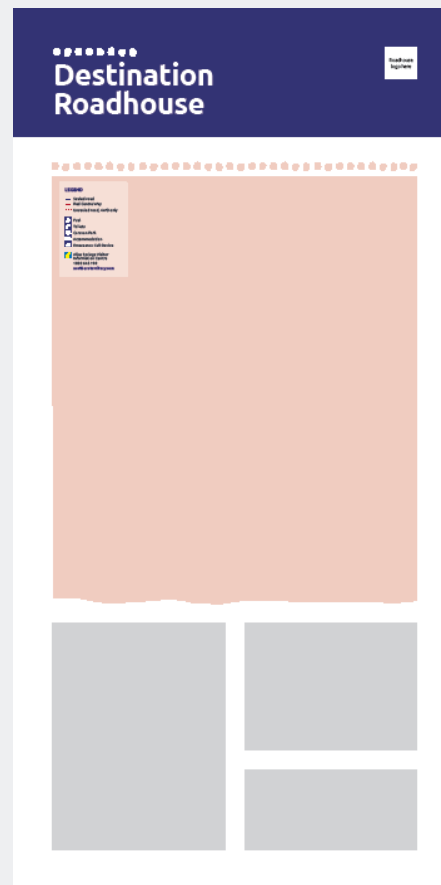
**Id** Filename: Tourism NT\_Roadhouse\_1\_FA



### Available template artwork files

Version 2 1000 x 2000

**Id** Filename: Tourism NT\_Roadhouse\_2\_FA



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**Thank you** for looking  
after our brand.

If you require more information,  
or have questions, please contact:  
[marketing.tourismnt@nt.gov.au](mailto:marketing.tourismnt@nt.gov.au)