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TRADITIONAL OWNERS TAKE ACTION ON FIRE MANAGEMENT

2 ***Traditional owners of the Kuyumba Nature Reserve have taken action to upgrade fencing and put in fire breaks to protect their horses, land and infrastructure at Mount Undoolya outstation.***

In January 2015 a group of traditional owners worked with Land Council rangers and community development staff to plan the project during a site visit. The plan included better fencing to look after their horses and keep out cattle and feral animals that were damaging water infrastructure, plus firebreaks to stop fires sweeping through the outstation.

The traditional owner group provided \$13,000 of their own rent money for the project which was implemented in two stages. The first happened in August 2015 when the CLC Ltyentye Apurte Rangers spent four days working at the outstation. Two of the rangers are traditional owners, and another two traditional owners who live at Mount Undoolya outstation worked alongside them.

The rangers used a grader to create firebreaks along the fence line then

repaired the boundary fence. They replaced some old wooden posts with steel pickets and extended the fence an extra twenty metres up the boundary of the East MacDonnell Ranges to prevent any stock escaping from the paddock.

The rangers went back to Mount Undoolya outstation in September 2015 to do some controlled burning to provide additional protection from fire. They completed the burn successfully despite strong winds and thick buffel grass.

Philip Fly, a traditional owner from Mount Undoolya who worked on the project, said the work was important for the ongoing sustainability of the outstation. "To live out here, we need more activities like this fencing work," he said. "We need to get all the family members to work here."



Ltyentye Apurte rangers and traditional owners Shannon Lander, Phillip Fly, Malcolm Hayes, Charles Lechleitner and Gibson John at Mt Undoolya.

NT PARKS

The Community Development News gives Aboriginal people a chance to talk about the many outcomes they are achieving as part of the CLC's Community Development Program.

This newsletter keeps CLC constituents up to date on some of the social, cultural and economic projects Aboriginal groups are planning and funding with their

own money across Central Australia. If you would like more information on this work please contact the CLC on 8951 6367 or visit www.clc.org.au

Ltyentye Apurte ranger Malcolm Hayes burns off at Mt Undoolya.





Family helping the Tyurretye West working group to plan their education program.

ELDERS INVEST IN BETTER EDUCATION OUTCOMES FOR KIDS

Two groups of traditional owners working on the NT Parks Community Development Project have recently started trial education support projects to help cover the costs for young people who move away for formal training and education.

The groups, from Watarrka and Tyurretye (West MacDonnell Ranges) West, are using their rent money from the jointly managed NT Parks to help young people gain further education at boarding schools, colleges and universities interstate.

Lofty Katarinja, from the Tyurretye West Education working group, said it's a great opportunity for the kids.

“MOST YOUNG PEOPLE GET EDUCATED LOCALLY, BUT SOME WANT TO BE STRETCHED A BIT WITH THEIR LEARNING AND GO INTERSTATE TO LEARN MORE. THERE THEY GET A STRONG EDUCATION, AND CAN STAY LONGER AT SCHOOL. SOME EVEN FINISH YEAR 12 THERE INSTEAD OF FINISHING IN YEAR EIGHT OR NINE LIKE THEY DO HERE.”

LOFTY KATAKARINJA

Julie Clyne, a Watarrka traditional owner, said it's a good use of money. “We were talking about how to make things better for our

people, everyone wanted to help their kids to have the chance for a good education, the opportunity to go down south to a good school. Our parents didn't have money there like this, but using Watarrka rent money we can help our kids,” she said.

Julie said other groups should follow suit: “I think other traditional owners should think about doing it too, not just thinking about homelands and communities, but making sure we spread that money around for programs like this one to include education.”

Watarrka traditional owners have allocated 25 per cent of their income each year to the Watarrka Education Program. Tyurretye West working group have allocated \$20,000 to the first year of their program.

So far it has been used to support students going to secondary boarding schools in Adelaide and Brisbane, University student fees in Adelaide and Melbourne, and enrolment fees in an Open College course.

Ngurratjuta / Pmara Ntjarra Aboriginal Corporation is administering the programs for both groups and the CLC's Community Development Unit helped the traditional owners plan and implement this project.

NEW LOOK CONTAINER HOMES

More people are able to live on their homelands thanks to locally designed shipping container housing.

Theo Alice enjoying his new house at Urremerne.

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Tangentyere Constructions created the affordable housing design using second hand shipping containers and this year five groups have built these houses on their outstations.

Seven locals were employed on these projects, getting training and earning proper wages. Three were from the Tennant Creek region, three from Amoonguna and one from Ntaria.

Theo Alice from the Urremerne outstation near Santa Teresa said: "I'm really happy. Now I can go into town just to do my shopping and go and see the families and then come back home. This is my home now, where my house has been built. The house is really good and big so I can have family staying with me on weekends."

Northern Territory Parks Rent Money Project Facts

- 16 national parks and reserves across the CLC region have been handed back to traditional owners by the NT Government and are under Joint Management arrangements.
- In 2014 the groups planned and allocated funds to 33 projects totalling \$1.95 million.

- This very big project involves all 16 traditional owner groups are using the park rent they get from the NT Government for community benefit projects.
- The CLC is working with each of the 16 groups to support planning and decision-making on projects that traditional owners prioritise for their group and region.



I FEEL GOOD BEING BACK ON COUNTRY. I NEED TO BE HERE. OUR OUTSTATION AND HOUSE ARE LOOKING REALLY GOOD. MY SON CLINTON WORKED ON THE HOUSE. HE ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE, AND HE LEARNT NEW SKILLS. YES, I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE GOOD LIVING BACK HERE."

LOFTY KATAKARINJA

Vera Charles from Parntaparinji outstation near Tennant Creek said their new place was great for kids. "We all want to live out there, but most of us have to take medicines and the kids go to school. So we go Friday to Sunday and school holidays. They really enjoy it, the kids. Go hunting, get bush tucker pick it up there. I was living there in the 80s, when my father was alive. We had some tents then but this is better, we've got house and toilet now. It's really good."

Lofty Katakarinja, from Mbalkanaka outstation near Ntaria, said their building was good for everyone: "We only had one little place out on country. We needed to build an extra place so that we could all go back there to live."

Funding came from the West MacDonnell Range Park rent money (Mbalkanaka), mining exploration compensation money from the Rover Mine project (Parntaparinji) and Ewaninga Rock Carvings Park rent money (Urremerne).

CLC constituents are continuing to put money from land use agreements into building these affordable houses on their homelands through the Land Council's CD program.



Andrew Alice working on the house at Urremerne.

FUNDING SHORTFALL NO BARRIER TO DANCE FESTIVAL

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Hiphop dance competition.

Community Lease Money Project Facts

The Community Lease Money Project started in 2012, after two new income streams started to flow:

- Five year lease money: the one off compensation payment the CLC negotiated with the Commonwealth for the compulsory leases it took out over communities during the five years of the Intervention.

- Other lease money: Government organisations and service providers now pay annual rent for the blocks they lease in communities.

31 communities across the CLC region are involved in the Project and most have set up working groups to plan community benefit projects. Over \$8.5 million of the five year lease money has been approved for a wide range of social, cultural and economic projects.

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Visitors joined with locals at the seventh Alekareng Dance Festival during NAIDOC week this year. Men's and women's groups performed traditional dances in front of a large crowd as part of the week-long celebration of culture. The Dance Festival was co-ordinated by Arlpwe Arts and was supported by a number of government agencies and community organisations. When some of the funding for this year's festival was cut, the community acted quickly and, working with the CLC's Community Development Unit, decided to make up the shortfall by contributing \$11,000 of their five-year lease money to make sure the celebrations could go ahead as planned.

"WE PUT SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY MONEY TOWARDS THE DANCE FESTIVAL, WE TEACH OUR KIDS AND IT HELPS KEEP OUR CULTURE STRONG."
PETER CORBETT, COMMUNITY LEADER

Alekareng elder Charlie Poulson had been looking forward to the festivities. "Today all the people are going to dance, old ladies, young girls," he said. "Helping people dancing, helping people singing, we spent our community money on this."

A big lunch was served following the performances and Alekareng resident Zeza Egan made sure no one went hungry. "We're teaching the



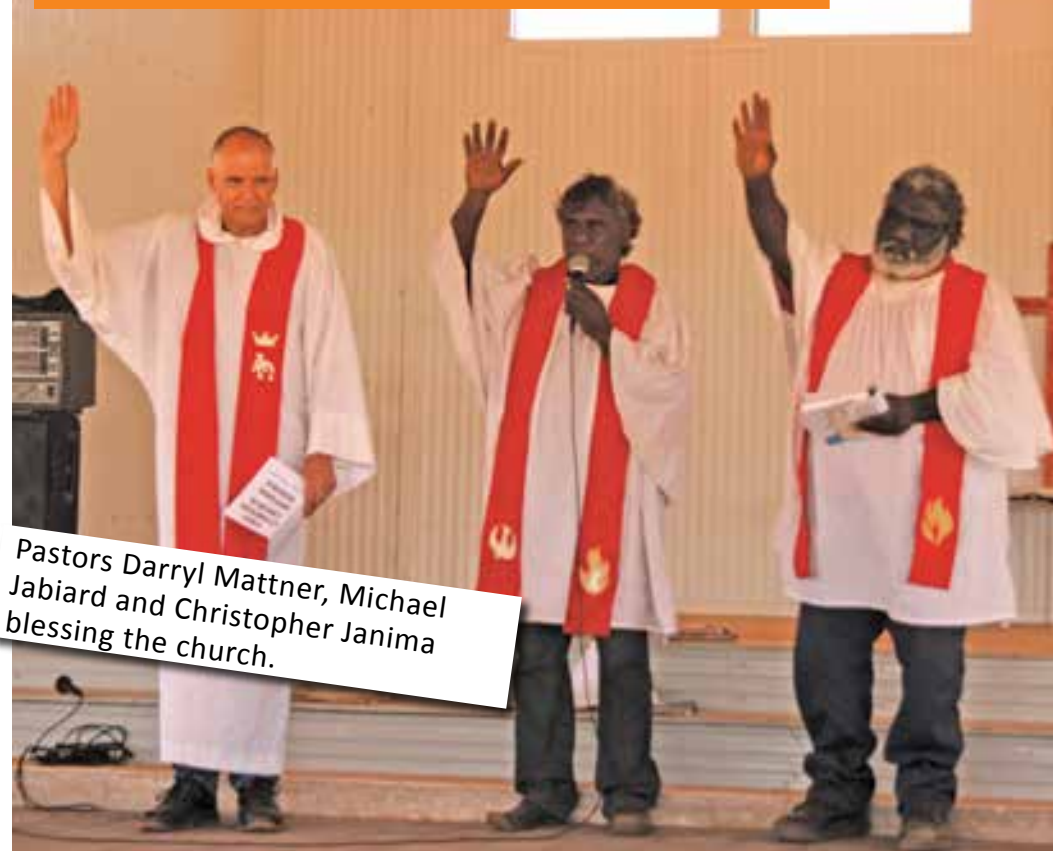
(Top) circus workshop, (middle) men dancing, (left) women dancing.



younger ones how to cook kangaroo tails and damper," Zeza said. "This will help them keep going, holding their culture strong."

Other highlights of the festival were the juggling performance and kids' circus workshops, the hip-hop dancing and the spear-throwing competitions, as well as the NAIDOC Cup footy competition between Warrabri, the Alekareng Kangaroos and the Mungkarta Tigers.

BRAND NEW CHURCH A BLESSING FOR COMMUNITY



Pastors Darryl Mattner, Michael Jabiard and Christopher Janima blessing the church.

After many years hosting church services and funerals at different places across the community, Tara now have their own church and will be able to do these things the proper way for years to come.

"We didn't have a proper church," said Selma Thompson, a community member. "Funerals and church services happened all over; night patrol office, bough shelter, my veranda, the clinic. We felt a bit bad about that, feeling 'this is not the right place'. So building a church was the main priority for our community".

The community spent over \$140,000 of their community lease money building the Lutheran church with Tangentyere Constructions, who employed three local workers. Local man Timothy Price worked on the construction and was happy with the work he did.

"We learned new stuff, how to build something from scratch. We did qualifications on the computer too, safety stuff, building sites can be dangerous. We used a backhoe, a dingo and other machines," Timothy said.

"Different people came and worked with us. It was good for the community, our own people working on our own projects and being a good example to young people".

Tara local Nathaniel Long worked on the church construction and is pleased about the lasting impact it will have on the community. "It's good that we built the church, it's good for the kids. We wanted to do something that will be here for a long time."

The community celebrated the church opening by putting on a big barbecue for the whole community as well as many visitors from Alice Springs and the nearby station, Wilora.

The Lutheran church project was planned and funded from the community's five year lease money with assistance from the Land Council.

COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY

CHURCH BELL ALL THE WAY FROM FRANCE!

“PALYA LINGKU! THE BELL IS REALLY LOUD. WE CAN ALL HEAR IT ALL AROUND THE COMMUNITY. NOW WE CAN HEAR IT WE GO TO CHURCH.” ROSIE CORBY

The old church bell was broken, so the pastors couldn't ring it to tell everyone in the community that it was time for church. The community members decided to buy a new bell and build a bell tower to showcase it and keep it safe.

The Kintore Community Lease Money working group looked at different bell options and then had it custom made in France by the world-famous Paccard Bronze Bells.

Irene Nangala, who is on the working group said the new bell and tower make her happy.

“It's a good project, and it's working with a lot of people. The bell is loud and clear when the pastors ring it on Sunday. It's really tall, which is what we wanted. I feel really good when I look at that bell.”

Pastor Lindsay Corby is also on the working group and said the community is proud. “Everyone is happy, and they heard and understood how they got their bell. The Land Council listened to us, and they supported the working group to do this. Palya lingku. Today we are all happy here. God is happy for us. Thanks to everyone; the working group, the Central Land Council, Shire, Finke River Mission for this bell.”

The project started in October 2014 and finished in July 2015. The community contributed \$27,249 from Kintore's five year lease money to get the bell and tower completed.

The community held an opening party with a barbeque, speeches and a sing-along in August.



Lindsay Corby; Community members Naomi, Ringo, Francine, Cheryl and Lindsay enjoy the bell tower opening; Farren cooks the BBQ while Michael plays music; Kintore young women at the opening.



Community members watch on as the bell tower is opened.



NEW CAR FOR MEDIATION GROUP

“WE DON’T WANT PEOPLE TO BE ANGRY; WE WANT THEM TO BE SENSIBLE AND PEACEFUL. HAVING A VEHICLE MAKES IT EASIER TO DO ALL THIS WORK.”

**ROBERT ROBERTSON,
YUENDUMU MEDIATION
CENTRE COORDINATOR**

“The vehicle is making it so much easier for us to do our work,” Robert said. “We use it in Yuendumu for mediation and emergency meetings. These meetings are focussed on sorting out local issues and conflicts.”

“We have also travelled to Willowra to restart the local peace process and help set up the local community safety patrol.”

In the future the team plans to use the troopy to visit Warlpiri people in prison to support their peaceful return to the

community. The vehicle will also assist community elders to travel to elder forums in Tennant Creek and Darwin.

Robert is proud of the work of the mediation team and said they want to do more.

The vehicle is being managed through a funding agreement with the Central Desert Regional Council who runs the mediation project in Yuendumu.

Approximately \$41,000 of community lease money was used for the vehicle purchase and covers repairs, maintenance and fuel allowance for the first 18 months. In another example of the way Aboriginal groups using their money for community benefit projects can attract other funding, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet contributed a further \$32,000.

The CLC’s Community Development Program has supported the Yuendumu Community Lease Money working group to set priorities, plan and allocate funding to 18 community projects worth over \$1.8 million.

Robert Robertson in the new Yuendumu Mediation Vehicle.



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COMMUNITY PRIORITISES HISTORIC CEMETERY

Elders in Ntaria have invested over two hundred thousand dollars of their lease money into an important restoration project.

Lutheran missionaries created the first cemetery in the late 1800s but over the decades the area filled with dust and became overgrown.

The Ntaria Community Lease Money working group decided to invest over \$200,000 to restore the old cemetery walls, put in a memorial stone and generally protect the area.

Local workers began moving built-up dirt from along the old cemetery wall, and soon uncovered hard concrete of the graves that some older community residents remembered.

Fifteen local young men have been employed and supported by Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre to work on the project.

Mark Inkamala, the local Aboriginal supervisor and mentor, said the men were eager to work on the site. "When I show these old burial records and photos to the

young fellas, they say 'this is some of our families here. Oh that's my grandfather, great grandfather'."

"Young fellas started digging then and kept finding more," Mr Inkamala said.

Older community members remembered there were some plots outside the cemetery walls where those who weren't baptised were buried.

Joseph Rontji, who worked on the original wall, was pleased to see the young men from Ntaria working to restore the cemetery because he also has close family resting there.

"All the young fellas got to do this," he said. "My last little sister is here in the children's section. I want to put headstone there for her."

The CLC's Community Development team worked with community members and Tjuwanpa for more than a year and a half

Ntaria workers at the historic cemetery. Mark Inkamala supervisor and mentor on the left.

to plan the project. Stage two is now being planned and involves setting up a workshop at Tjuwanpa where community members will receive training to make headstones from local stone in the future.

Traditional owners have also approved a lease application to turn the old community clinic into a language and culture centre using community lease money.

"KNOWING THE SKIN GROUPS, KEEPING OUR CULTURE AND LANGUAGE STRONG AND FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY IS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE."
MARK INKAMALA

STRONG PROGRAM HAS WHEELS

The Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture program run through the Yuendumu Clinic just got stronger thanks to a new Troopy the Community purchased for it.

The vehicle helps transport women onto country to engage in cultural activities related to pregnancy and early childhood.

This sometimes includes collecting bush medicine and food, smoking ceremonies, and sharing stories.

Maisie Wayne, a strong supporter of the program, explained the Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture work as, 'Talking, encouraging, listening. How the babies can come right and how the mothers can look after them.

'THEY ARE ALL HAPPY WHEN MOTHERS TALK TO ME OR GRACIE [EGAN]. WE LIKE TO USE THE VEHICLE FOR SMOKING THE BABIES. WE TAKE THEM TO THE BUSH FOR CEREMONY. IT'S IMPORTANT... CULTURAL. WE ALSO LOOK AFTER THE PREGNANT MOTHERS.' MAISIE WAYNE

Maisie also said, 'We want to go to Nyirripi and Willowra to help young mother's babies and young mothers. Also Ti Tree and Mt Allen. We are happy to do that. Working together to encourage young

MUSICAL BOOST FOR LARAMBA



A new music room has given the talented young musicians of Laramba their own space.

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Damien Tilmouth and Calam Scobie jamming.

The young musicians used to share the big space in the community's recreation hall but thanks to a project by the community, CAYLUS, Tangentyere Constructions and the CLC's Community Development Unit they now have a separate space adjoining the rec hall.

The room is four by three metres and sound proofed. It is a secure place where instruments and equipment can be permanently set up.

Helaine Day, acting Youth and Communities Coordinator for Central Desert Regional Council in Laramba said the young people are using the new music room every day. "Several of the younger boys have taken the opportunity to learn from the men and jam along with them.

IT HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT INVESTMENT, AND THE FELLAS ARE ALREADY TALKING ABOUT GETTING TOGETHER AND FUNDRAISING TO BUY NEW INSTRUMENTS."

HELAIN DAY

"They have written some new songs over the last few weeks and they sound great! These are talented fellas that can now make the most of their talents thanks to this new music room."

The project was funded with \$57,190 from the Laramba five year lease money project and \$7,810 from CAYLUS.

Like almost all infrastructure projects under the Community Development Program, local people were employed and trained as part of this building project. Francis Lovegrove, Johnson Briscoe, Lewis Delacruz Randiche and Danny Ware were employed and trained by Tangentyere Constructions.

The project started in October 2014 and was finished in May 2015.



Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture staff in vehicle; Gracie Egan, Maisie Wayne, Matthew Egan.

pregnant mothers. Encouraging, talking, sit down talking and ask mothers to look after their babies'.

A significant part of the program, even though it's not in its name, is encouraging and mentoring young men to help them to be great fathers. The Strong Women, Strong Babies, Strong Culture program has one male staff member working on this.

The program vehicle will also help women to get to Alice Springs for breast-screen programs and other appointments, and for staff to get involved in professional development in town. The Northern Territory Department of Health is an important partner in the project and is providing additional funding for child restraints, fuel, vehicle repair and maintenance costs.

The vehicle was one of the first seven projects funded by the Yuendumu Community Lease Money Working Group.

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DAGURAGU KITCHEN UPGRADE

The kitchen in the Daguragu recreation hall was in such a bad state it was unusable.

Thanks to the local women involved in the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (now the government's Community Development Program) it is now clean, working, and able to be used for making and selling food any day of the week.



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to clean it so it was hygienic and in working order. Then they decided they could use the kitchen to make and sell food for Freedom Day.

To make this happen the women needed new kitchen equipment and utensils. The Daguragu traditional owners put \$15,000 of their lease money towards upgrades and buying foods and ingredients. The new equipment included a microwave, deep fryer, pie-warmer, pots and pans, a rice cooker and a boiler.

The festival was held from 21 to 23 August and the kitchen staff were busy selling food and drinks that whole time. "People working in the kitchen could not keep up with the demand!" said RJCP site manager Paulajean McFie.

Traditional owners from the King family said the kitchen will be used for more events: "Everything was fine, selling the food for Freedom Day. RJCP helped with Freedom Day as well, everyone came down. Still making plans for the kitchen, to use it every Freedom Day festival."

RJCP participants now meet at the rec hall every morning to share a healthy breakfast from the kitchen.

Money raised during the festival will be used to support other RJCP activities in Daguragu.

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YEAR-ROUND LOCAL FOOTY IN SIGHT FOR LAJAMANU

With four local footy teams - the Lajamanu Swans, the Warnayaka Bombers, the Wulaign Blues and the Wombana Crows - the Lajamanu oval gets a heavy workout.

Since 2008 the Lajamanu GMAAAC Community Committee has been steadily funding improvements to the oval including building grandstands and re-surfacing the playing surface.

In 2014 the committee decided to contribute an additional \$132,000 to fix a long-term problem of water pooling on the oval by improving drainage, re-shaping the oval and incorporating a pipe culvert.

With these new improvements the oval will soon be an all-seasons surface so footy can be played all year round.

The GMAAAC-funded project is part of a larger Central Desert Regional Council Works Upgrade project that includes new change rooms, a toilet block, oval fencing, shade shelters and floodlights. These works are also

funded through an NT Special Purpose Grant of \$818,730 and it's a good example of how Aboriginal groups can co-fund projects with government to get better outcomes.

The fencing around the oval has been completed and now the Central Desert Regional Council is building the new change rooms for the players.

Norbert Patrick, a GMAAAC committee member, said the project is great for the community.

"WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY LOCAL PEOPLE FROM RJCP, WHICH IS VERY GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR PEOPLE."

NORBERT PATRICK

"The oval is very good for the community, especially young people. They play Auskick on the oval. School will put on Sports Day in October with activities like relay race and all sports things. Parents come along and look what's happening. And of course we have a local football competition with four teams from Lajamanu and one team from Kalkarindji."

Mr Patrick said some final touches will make the area nice and green. "Landscaping, that's going to take place when we finish the oval," he said. "Plant lawns so people can sit under the shade."

GMAAAC Project Facts



The Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) was set up to benefit nine Tanami communities affected by the Granites gold mine.

GMAAAC projects improve housing, health, education, employment and training, and essential services. They also promote Aboriginal self-management.

Community committees are elected every three years to plan and allocate GMAAAC funds to projects annually.

GMAAAC Directors are also chosen every three years from the committees and they meet

annually in Alice Springs to oversee GMAAAC.

The CLC's CD Unit works with the community committees in Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Willowra, Nyirripi, Yuelamu, Tanami Downs, Balgo, Ringers Soak and Billiluna to plan projects and oversee partner organisations to implement them.

The GMAAAC income for community projects in 2015 is \$2,714,990

ELDERS, YOUTH ENJOY TIME ON TRADITIONAL LANDS

The kids from Yuendumu School recently spent a whole week doing country visits.



An old lizard skin was one of the many great finds.

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Country visits have been an important part of the Yuendumu school and community calendar for over twenty years. The aim of country visits has always been to give Warlpiri young people the opportunity to visit their own traditional lands and to see important sites and hear stories about those places. It is an important time for elders and families to share knowledge and culture.

This year's trips were to Juurlpungu and Yajarlu, with lots of day trips from both places. Over a hundred people camped out in the creek in Juurlpungu and did Jukurrpa painting, storytelling, kangaroo hunting, bush walks and a big purlapa on the last night.

From Yajarlu the students and their families took day trips out to Pikilyi. Highlights included telling stories about Yajarlu at the soakage, collecting yinrntii, palya, bush medicine and going for walks looking for goanna. Kids did painting and Harry Jakamarra Nelson told stories.

School staff member Emma Browne who attended Yajarlu camp said it was a great way to learn about the students and culture. "It was really good to spend time on country with students. We all learned a lot about country, about bush medicine, tucker and old stories of nyurru-wiyi."

"COUNTRY VISITS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR BILINGUAL / BICULTURAL PROGRAM." EMMA BROWNE

Each year the four bush schools in the Tanami region (Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Willowra and Nyirripi Schools) receive funding from the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) to support country visits. In 2015 Yuendumu School was allocated \$20,000 for this important program.



Juurlpungu, waking up in the camp; yajarlu, looking for bush tucker.



Warlpiri Education and Training Trust Facts

- The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) was set up in 2004 and Kurra Aboriginal Corporation, the trustee, puts over \$1 million of mining royalties into it each year to support education and training for Warlpiri people.

- WETT and the CLC have built strong partnerships with Warlpiri community schools, the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation and Batchelor Institute to deliver these programs.
- WETT is supporting four major regional programs: Language and Culture Support

in Schools, Youth Development, Learning Community Centres and Secondary School Support. WETT is also supporting early childhood in Willowra.

- In 2014 the Kurra WETT Directors approved a further \$2.5 million for these programs.



Community Development

is the way the Central Land Council works with Aboriginal groups to build their knowledge and skills to manage their money for **lasting community benefit**.



What is Lasting Community Benefit?

Lasting

Projects that make life better, now and in the future.
Projects that keep making good changes after the money runs out.

Community

The whole group: young and old, men and women, especially the most vulnerable. Not individuals.
Supporting all the families, not just one or two.

Benefit

Good change, for example:

- Supporting Aboriginal self-determination and control,
- keeping language, country and culture strong,
- improving health, education, training,
- supporting employment and enterprise development.



CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1. Getting Started

Traditional owners/community members decide how much money to put aside for good projects that benefit the group.

2. Agree on Process

Group and CLC talk about how to work well together and how Aboriginal people will make the decisions. Will there be a Working Group or will everyone be involved?

3. Choose Project

The Aboriginal group talks about the main areas they want to work on to make life better now and for future generations. The group chooses the most important project/s to start working on.

4. Plan Project

The group works with the CLC to make a project plan and shares it with everyone. The plan shows (1) how the project will help Aboriginal people (2) which organisation will do the project and (3) how much it will cost.

5. Decide on Project

After the project plan is finished the group decides whether to allocate money to the project.

6. Enter Agreement

The CLC checks that the right Aboriginal people were consulted and decisions were made in the right way.

The CLC then signs a legal agreement with the organisation saying they will do the project as planned and budgeted.

PROJECT HAPPENS!

7. How did it go?

The group and CLC ask: How did the project benefit Aboriginal people? Was the money used the right way? How can we work better together next time?

PLANNING FOR ACTION



CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

CONTINUED SUCCESS

FOR COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Aboriginal groups spent a record \$12 million of their own money on health, education, employment, and culture projects in 2014 that are creating a whole range of benefits. And the clear message from many of the Aboriginal people involved is that it isn't only the projects that they value. The way the CLC's Community Development Program supports Aboriginal groups in planning and informed decision-making is just as important in getting these positive outcomes.

In late 2014 and early 2015 the CLC sent an independent person to Mutitjulu to interview people about the swimming pool and to five communities involved in the Community Lease Money Project: Ntaria, Nyirripi, Kintore, Titjikala and Alekarenge. Petronella Vaarzon-Morel interviewed 115 Aboriginal people and 34 community-based service providers. Then Linda Kelly from La Trobe University read all the interviews, plus reports from project

partner organisations and CLC community development staff. Linda used all this information to write a report on how the CD Program was going in 2014.

The two main findings are that across Central Australia under the CD Program there has been a big increase in:

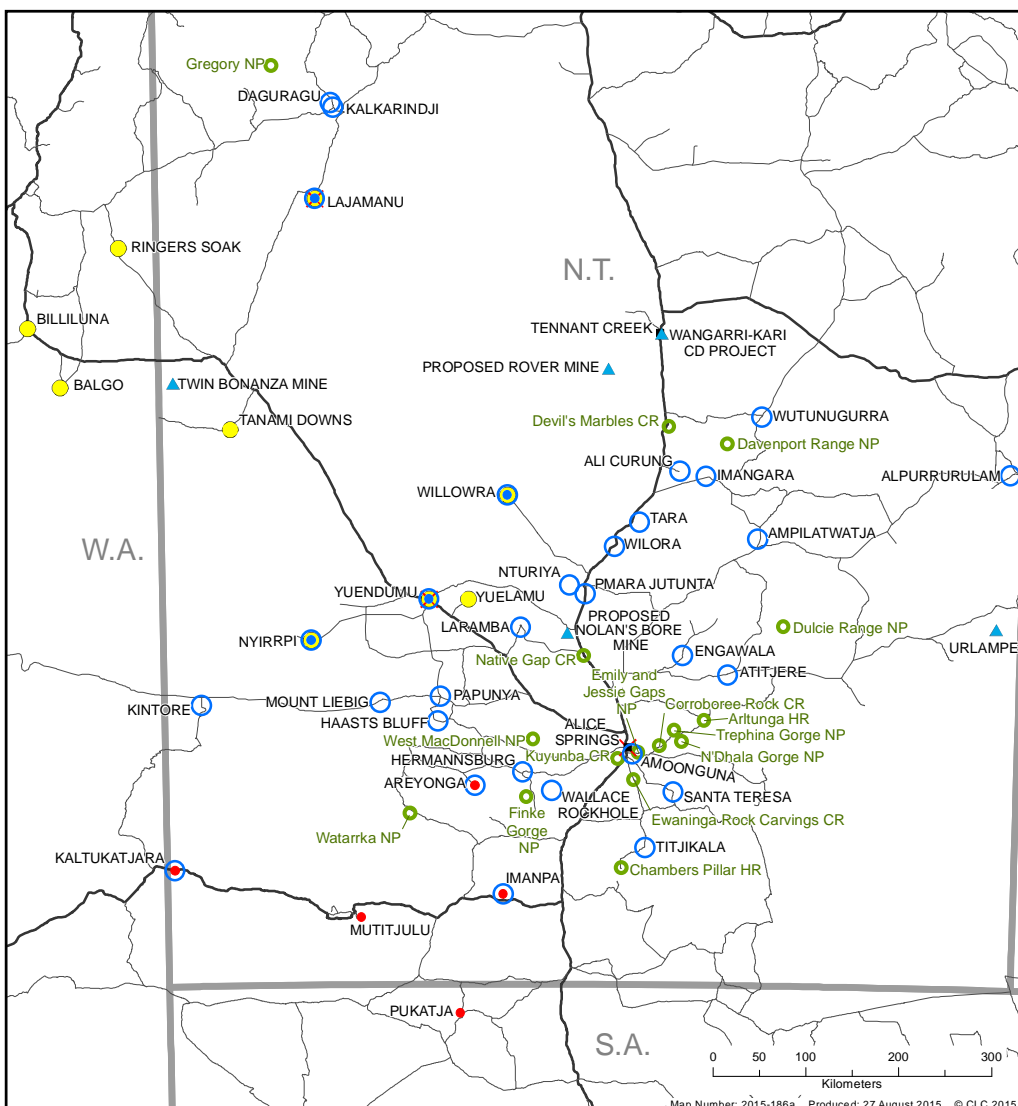
- (1) the number of projects and money under Aboriginal control, and
- (2) the benefits for Aboriginal people in the areas of health, education, employment and cultural and social well-being.

Working through good planning and governance processes to get strong outcomes makes people feel proud and able to take on other issues in their community. As one Mutitjulu community member said about the pool project: "[The pool was] a lot of money but community got what they want... I really enjoyed this journey to success. We fully

succeeded – it's been a long time. We finally see a smile on parent's faces. Knowing what we've achieved we can do other projects."

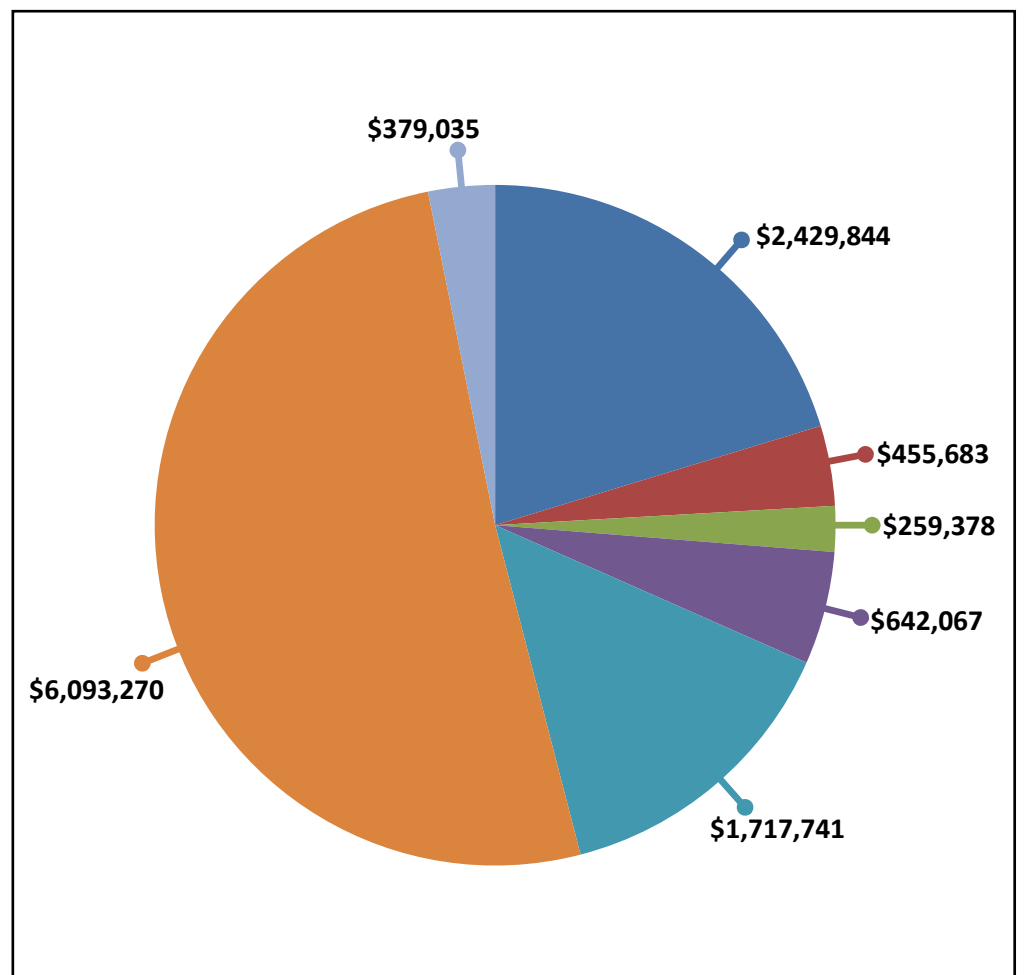
Aboriginal people were again generally happy with the way the CLC supports them with community development and the report says the CLC should share lessons about the way they work with other service providers.

The report also suggests some ways to strengthen the CD Program, which CLC staff and constituents will talk about over the coming months and decide what changes to make. For the full report please go to the CLC website, www.clc.org.au



Locations of 2014 CLC Community Development Unit Projects

- Uluru Rent Money Community Development Project
- Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT)
- × Tanami Dialysis Support Service Project
- Granites Mine Affected Area Community Development Project
- NT Parks Rent Money Community Development Project
- Community Lease Money Project
- ▲ New Community Development Project



Money approved for community benefit initiatives through all the projects in 2014 totalled \$11,977,019

- WETT
- NT Parks
- Tanami Dialysis
- Community Lease Money
- URM
- GMAAAC
- New projects

MEET THE DECISION MAKERS

All of the great community development projects that happen across the CLC region are due to the hard work of traditional owners and community members who plan and develop projects that will benefit their communities. These are just some of the groups that are making all planning decisions, big and small.



NT Parks traditional owner group for East MacDonnell Ranges - Williams family; Beverly Oliver, Tom Burdett, Williams Quall, Henry Oliver, Corey Burdett, Maree Oliver, Faye Oliver, Emilina Meneri, Bonita Oliver



Yuelemu GMAAAC Committee - Billy Stafford, David McCormack, Cliffy Tommy, Lisa Cooke, Kathy Bagot, Alison Daniels



Ntaria CLM working group and community member - planning in action!



Willowra GMAAAC Committee - Jeremiah Long, Nancy Long, Cecilia Martin, Helen Morton, Cathy Walker



Laramba CLM working group - Ronnie McNamara, Peter Stafford, Amy Stafford, Daisy Peltarr, Beryl Gorey



NT Parks traditional owners group for Arltunga Historical Reserve



Balgo GMAAAC Committee - Jimmy Tchooga, Margaret Milner, Daniel Rockman, Greg Smith, Darren Brown, Corina Darkie



Billiluna GMAAAC Committee - Dennis Chungulla, Terric Chungala, Angela Long, Margaret Sturt, Sandra Mandijarra, Justin Brockman



Uluru Rent Money Project June 2015 meeting



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