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# ZINDZI AND MARGARET MEAN BUSINESS



Zindzi Jigili and Margaret Johnson putting their new business skills into action.

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**Two Lajamanu girls who used the community's learning centre to complete a Certificate I in Business found that the qualification opens doors to the world of work.**

Zindzi Jigili and Margaret Johnson were proud to receive their certificates at their school assembly in December 2013.

As part of their course the girls did work experience at local organisations. Margaret worked at the shire office while Zindzi chose the Lajamanu clinic.

Zindzi performed really well and with great confidence in her work at the clinic. She impressed everyone so much with her typing skills that she was offered paid casual

employment. She worked at the clinic four days a week during her Christmas holidays.

Zindzi and Margaret were inspired to enrol in the course when they saw photos of a Batchelor graduate in the Learning Centre. They went to small group sessions at the Centre and loved seeing the sign on the door booking the space just for them.

The two students were soon flying ahead and became more and more confident as they understood the language of business better. At the Centre they used a typing tutor program bought specially for them. They also visited the Lajamanu store so they could experience a real business work place.

"Zindzi was so keen she went twice", said Lajamanu Learning Centre Co-ordinator Cheryl Cartwright.

**"SHE CAME TO THE CENTRE DURING HER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND EVEN ON DAYS WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED. SHE SO BADLY WANTED TO WEAR ONE OF THOSE YELLOW GRADUATION GOWNS!"**

Zindzi and Margaret will graduate in their yellow gowns in June.

The course is a joint initiative of the Lajamanu school and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. It introduces vocational training into the senior curriculum. WETT and the federal government fund the Lajamanu Learning Centre.

# YUENDUMU LEARNING CENTRE COMES TOGETHER

**Three organisations have joined forces to develop the Yuendumu Learning Centre.**

The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT), the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC) and Batchelor Institute (BIITE) will work together to unite the Big Store College and WYDAC's new Jaru Training Rooms under one umbrella.

Since it opened over a year ago, the Warlpiri Training College at the Big Store has become a busy place. Trainer Ros Bauer and four Yapa tutors have done a great job providing computer access and informal training to Yuendumu residents.

Money for the Big Store College runs out in June this year. At its March 2014 meeting Kurra WETT Directors came to the

rescue and agreed to fund a large part of the college's operational costs for the next two years. They also decided to support more formal training at the Jaru Training Rooms.

The Yuendumu Learning Centre will occupy two neighbouring sites. The Big Store site will be used for informal learning such as computer use, internet, internet banking, tax and driver training.

The nearby Jaru Training Rooms behind the WYDAC offices will offer accredited training in land management, children's services, education and business skills, art and craft, media and much more.

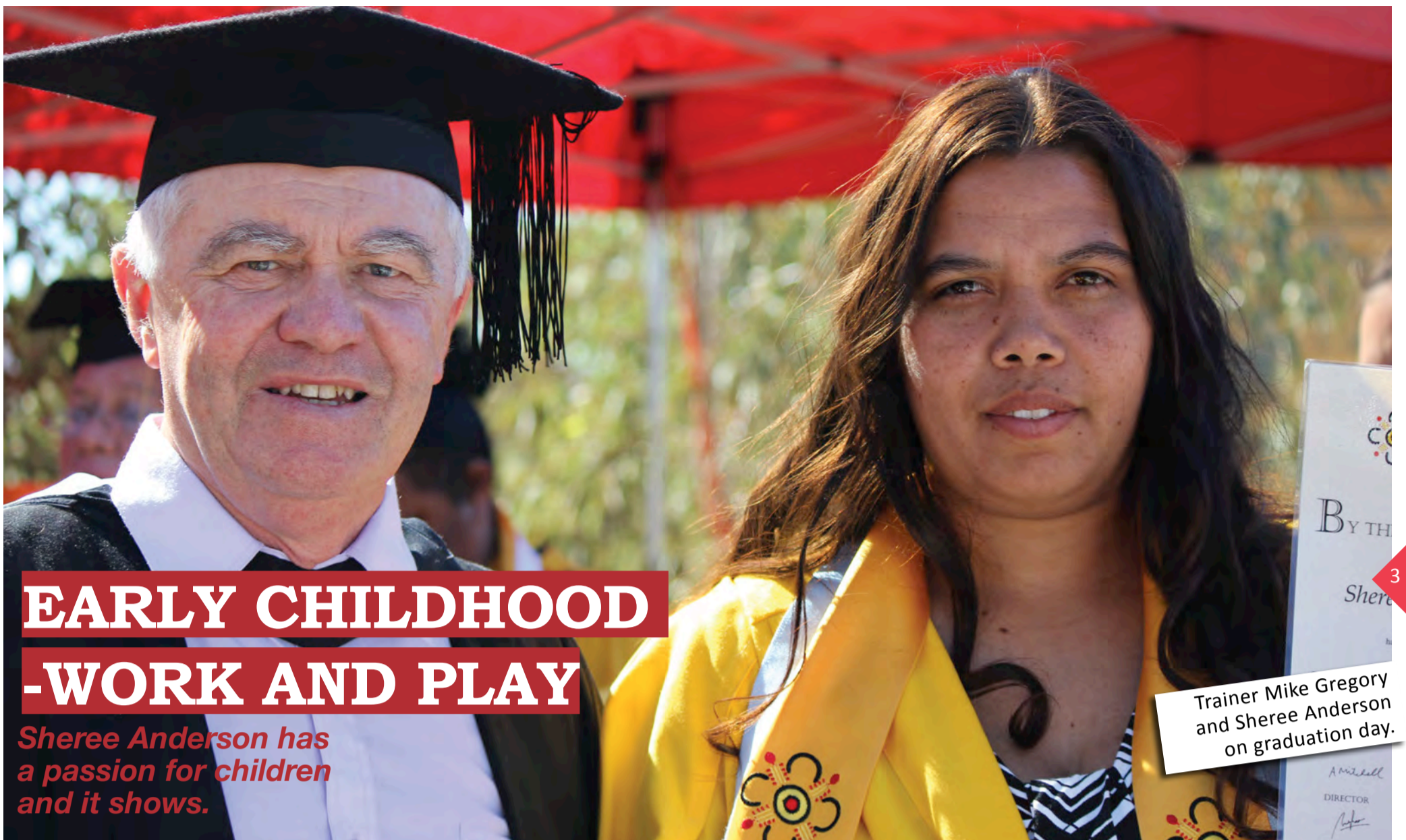
The three organisations will work closely together to achieve the best possible results for the community.

WETT will contribute money for employment and operational costs, and monitor reporting, acquittal and evaluation of the project.

BIITE will employ a qualified centre co-ordinator who will manage the centre and Yapa tutors who will run learning activities in response to community demand as well as support the Reference Group that governs the project.

WYDAC will provide the Jaru Training Rooms, help young people choose the training that's right for them and have representation on the Learning Centre governance group.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD -WORK AND PLAY

*Sheree Anderson has a passion for children and it shows.*

Trainer Mike Gregory and Sheree Anderson on graduation day.

She has just graduated with a Certificate III in Children's Services and is now putting her training into action at the Lajamanu Safe House.

**"I AM HAPPY AND PROUD TO HAVE COMPLETED MY CERT III. I LEARNED A LOT OF THINGS, AMAZING STUFF WHEN I DID THAT TRAINING."**

**IT HELPED ME TO GET THIS JOB AND NOW I AM STUDYING CERT I IN BUSINESS STUDIES. I WILL THEN GO ON TO GET A BUSINESS DIPLOMA AND AIM FOR ONE OF THE GREATEST JOBS IN LAJAMANU OR ELSEWHERE," SHEREE SAYS.**

Sheree's training was funded through the WETT Early Childhood Program and delivered by Batchelor Institute (BIITE) lecturer Mike

Gregory. Sheree attended training at the WETT Lajamanu Learning Centre – another WETT Program - which is run by Batchelor.

World Vision has run the WETT Early Childhood Program in the four Warlpiri communities for the last five years. The program supports strong governance through local Yapa reference groups, funds certificate training in Children's Services and supports families to take part in early childhood activities such as the crèche and playgroup.

## NEW PLAYGROUP EQUIPMENT FOR WILLOWRA KIDS

*The Willowra playgroup's outdoor playground has new equipment for little kids.*

"The playground has been off limits for a while because the equipment was for older kids. WETT has replaced the equipment with a new set which is providing lots of fun and physical challenges for little kids. The original equipment has been gifted to WYDAC for older kids," says playgroup Co-ordinator Connie Borg.

The Willowra Playgroup is run by Batchelor and supported by World Vision through an agreement with WETT.



Willowra kids try out new play gear.

### WETT quick facts

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

WETT is supporting five major regional programs: Early Childhood, Language and Culture Support in Schools, Youth

and Media, Learning Community Centres and Secondary School Support. WETT and the CLC Community Development Unit have built strong partnerships with numerous boarding schools, Warlpiri community schools, World Vision, the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation and Batchelor Institute to deliver these programs.



# FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND THE HOT TICKET FOR WETT EXCURSIONS

36 middle and secondary year students from Lajamanu, Willowra and Nyirrpi Schools went on school excursions to Far North Queensland last year. The schools organised the trips using money from the Warpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT).

Here's what the Willowra students enjoyed most:

**"THE PLANE RIDE WAS SCARY AT FIRST, WE GOT BOOKS FROM THE HOSTESS. I LIKED THE HORSE RIDING AND SWIMMING AT PALM COVE."** DENISHA

**"THE BIKES AND SWIMMING POOLS AT COCONUT RESORT WERE FUN. MY BEST PLACE WAS SNORKELLING AT GREEN ISLAND."** TACHIANA

**"SKYRAIL WAS SO SCARY AS IT WAS SO HIGH AND WE COULD SEE A LONG WAY. I LIKE HORSE RIDING TOP."** LATISHA

**"I LIKED HORSE RIDING AND THE CROCODILES JUMPING FOR THE FOOD."** GARVIAS

**"EVERYTHING!!!!"**

MACHARIOS

After the trip, the students and teachers from Willowra thought a lot about how different Far North Queensland is from their community.

Lajamanu students enjoyed Hartley's Creek Crocodile Farm and the Tjapukai Cultural Centre in Kuranda. They said the most exciting experience was sailing to Green Island to snorkel in the ocean for the first time. "Finding a real live Nemo was great and experiencing the Great Barrier Reef was fantastic!" said one student.

They also visited the Far North Queensland TAFE College to learn about training choices after high school. They talked with other Indigenous students preparing to be nurses, musicians, chefs, landscape gardeners and artists.

The Nyirrpi students had so much fun that they wrote a song about their adventure. Yuendumu students missed out on an excursion last year. They are planning to go to Sydney and the Blue Mountains this year instead.





Enjoying the waterslides at Coconut Holiday Resort



The gang on the train to Kuranda.



Beach babes and a mermaid: Tachiana Williams, Nikesha Long and Tasha Forrest



Left: Tachiana Williams and Nikesha Long on the pier at Palm Cove Beach. Right: the rest of the crew, Michaellus Ross, Maggie Williams, Denisha Long, Tasha Forrest, Latisha Long.



# ATITJERE CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

*Work on the community's first lease money project kicked off in March after the community decided to spend \$330,000 on a new church.*

Atitjere wanted a church that is big enough for locals and visitors to come together and strengthen their community. "The whole community decided to spend our money on a place where families can gather together because we were holding our church services in a small shed", said local resident Maria Schaber.

Local men Peppi Drover, Anthony Petrick, Albert Kunothe, Karl Stevens and Luis Delacruz have been working with Tangentyere Constructions to get the job done by this winter.

The new church will have a concrete floor, a stage, a storage room and a verandah around the outside.



Anthony Petrick (left) compacts the site before the concrete can be poured. Peppi Drover (right) works on the church foundations.



Local workers prepare the site for the concrete foundations.

## Community Lease Money Project Quick 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.

- 40 year (Section 19) lease money: Government organisations and service providers now pay annual rent for the blocks they lease in communities.

Traditional owners of 31 communities across the CLC region are using some of their five year lease money for community benefit projects. Many are also putting their 40 year lease money towards these projects.

Most communities have formed a working group to plan projects with the CLC's Community Development Unit.

# NTARIA LIFESAVERS ALL ON THE SAME WAVE LENGTH

**Thanks to the traditional owners, emergency service volunteers, fire fighters, police, ambulance and rangers in the Ntaria region will soon be able to talk to each other for the first time by radio.**

The Ntaria Community Lease Money Working Group has invested \$40,000 in an emergency beacon project to improve UHF radio communication across the whole region.

The Hermannsburg volunteer unit of the NT Emergency Services (NTES) signed a funding agreement with the CLC for this project last December. Since then they have begun to test the range of the beacon (UHF repeater) at different hills on the Ntaria Land Trust to find the place that achieves the best signal for the Wallace Rockhole, Lilla, Old Station and Motna areas.

This testing will take a couple of months and cost \$5,000. Next, the NTES volunteers will buy and install the beacon in the best spot. The project budget also includes looking after

it for 10 years which will make sure traditional owners get long-term benefit from their money.

The project will not only improve how the different emergency services agencies work together during floods, fires, accidents and land searches. Residents of Ntaria, surrounding outstations, nearby communities and tourists – anyone with a UHF handset or a UHF receiver in their car – will also benefit.

The NTES volunteers have agreed to train Ntaria and outstation residents in the use of UHF handsets and the Finke River Mission Store has offered to sell them at cost price.



Graham Ebatarinja looks forward to using the UHF repeater

Max Baliva surveys the footprint of the UHF repeater from Mt Hermannsburg.

## IMANPA REC HALL FIXED UP

**Imanpa spent almost \$179,000 of its community lease money to upgrade and repair its recreation hall.**

The hall now has a new kitchen, showers and toilets, a children's play area with storage and safety fence, a new projector, sound system and a screen.

Local young fellas Adrian Smith and Kurt Campbell did great work with the Centre for Appropriate Technology.

Tanya Luckey of the Imanpa Lease Money Working Group said: "We're really happy with the improvements to our Recreation Hall. There is a safe place for small children and their mothers, and things for the whole community to use and enjoy."

The work team insulated the hall and painted the inside. It also added a container to extend the airconditioned music room and recording studio.

Next, Imanpa is planning to use its community lease money for a community bus, to fix up the community laundry and construct a BMX track.



Adrian Smith and Kurt Campbell worked on the Imanpa Recreation Hall Upgrade Project.

COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY



Constance Kirkman doing pool games with Swimming Australia.

## FIRST MUTI POOL SEASON WENT SWIMMINGLY

*The Mutitjulu Tjurpinytjaku Centre – better known as the Muti pool – is celebrating the end of its first successful swimming season.*

“All the kids are happy to be able to swim,” said Mutitjulu Working Group and Pool Committee member Barbara Tjikatu. “We’ve had a lot of visitors from Utju, Docker and Imanpa. They were happy to join the kids here. It’s been really good. Now that it’s cold we have to close and wait until it opens again.”

She says the next step is more local employment. “We need to get local people trained to work here. I’d like some young men and women to get training to work at the pool.”

There is still more to be done on local employment at the pool, with just a few Anangu giving it a try so far. But UK-born pool manager Freddie Couldwell reckons he has found his “dream job”.

**“YOU’RE RIGHT NEXT TO ULURU, HELPING TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR PEOPLE AND SEEING THE SMILES ON THE KIDS’ FACES. IT’S BETTER THAN ANY OFFICE JOB.”**

One of the parents added: “It’s great for all the kids to be able to come here and have fun with their friends in the afternoons.”

Elderly locals, those with disabilities and their therapists have made good use of the hydraulic lift that eases people into the pool.

“That’s a good thing,” said wheelchair user Barbara Tjikatu. “When it gets hot again I may have a swim. I get tired really easily. It might be a good thing.” She said the pool has helped a young local girl with a physical disability: “Through swimming she’s got stronger, running around.”



Mutitjulu pool manager Freddie Couldwell implements the “yes school - yes pool” policy.

Employed by CASA Leisure, the company that operates the pool, Freddie makes sure all pool guests are safe and happy. One important responsibility is helping to enforce the community’s “yes school – yes pool” policy. He says the process negotiated by the Mutitjulu Pool Committee, the CLC and the local primary and secondary schools has been working well.

**“THE PRINCIPAL ATTACHES A PAPER BAND TO THE KIDS’ WRISTS AFTER THEY HAVE ATTENDED FOR A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL”, HE EXPLAINS. “SHE WRITES THE DATE ON THE BAND AND INITIALS IT.”**

At the pool gate Freddie welcomes all community members personally. “Nobody comes in until I’ve seen them. I inspect all school kids’ wrists and snip their bands off before they’re allowed in. If a school aged kid has no wrist band and is with a parent it’s an

opportunity for a chat with the parent about why the kid is not allowed to swim that day. There are no excuses.”

The community’s many years of work to plan the pool and the fact they are using their own money to operate it means Mutitjulu residents have a strong sense of ownership. This seems to help the pool run smoothly. There had been only one problem since it opened last September. After rocks and bottles were thrown over the fence in March Freddie closed the pool until he had vacuumed them up.

With the pool closed for the winter, Freddie is visiting the UK to tell his mates about the world’s best job. Barbara Tjikatu hopes he’ll be back in September to work with secondary students interested in becoming pool attendants. “He’s been good. The kids like him. He’ll work side by side with Anangu workers. We will be happy to have him back to look after the kids. Hopefully he’ll have someone local to work with him.”

Next season the pool committee is planning even more events for older swimmers. Congratulations to the committee members, the CASA team and the Mutitjulu community on a great first season!

### First Season Facts:

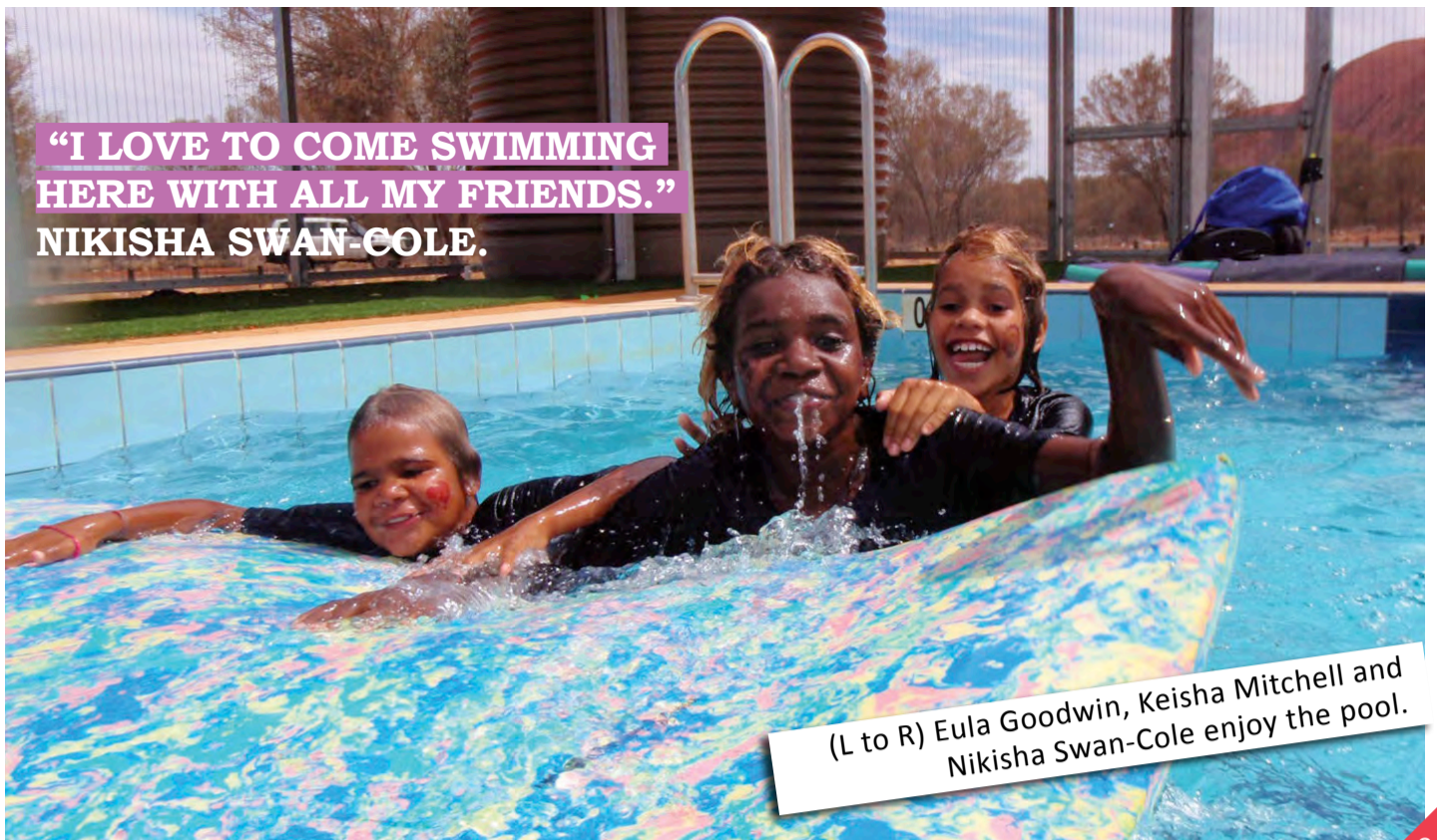
- There were 6,500 pool visits between September and April.
- 35 people visited the pool on an average day.
- 8 in 10 pool users (80%) were Mutitjulu residents.
- Females used the pool more than males.
- Most swimmers were under 13 years of age.



Barbara Tjikatu wants more local people to work at the pool.



**"I LOVE TO COME SWIMMING HERE WITH ALL MY FRIENDS."**  
**NIKISHA SWAN-COLE.**



(L to R) Eula Goodwin, Keisha Mitchell and Nikisha Swan-Cole enjoy the pool.

## PILANITJA CEMETERY PROTECTED

*Donkeys had been damaging the Pilanitja cemetery near Ernabella until the traditional owners of the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park put a stop to it. They funded Tangentyere Constructions to fence the whole cemetery.*

Cyril McKenzie and Darren Pan from Ernabella and Luis Delacruz from Mutitjulu did all the work. They finished the job quickly and Luis even got a full time job with Tangentyere Constructions.



They also earned praise from the traditional owners.

At a meeting of the Uluru Rent Money Project in Mutitjulu in March, Tjunkaya Tapaya told the traditional owners;

**"I WENT OUT AND SAW IT ALL FINISHED. IT LOOKS GREAT AND WE'RE ALL SO PLEASED, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE**



**TRADITIONAL OWNERS FOR SUPPORTING THE PROJECT TO PUT A FENCE TO PROTECT THE CEMETERY AT PILANITJA".**



### Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park Rent Money (URM) Project Quick Facts

The URM Project started in 2005 when the entrance fee for park visitors went up. Since then the traditional owners have spent a big part of their share of the park rent on projects that help their communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

They have used their money on a wide range of local and regional projects, for example to fix up their outstations, build

and run the Mutitjulu Pool, renovate Imanpa store and support dialysis patients and the Ara Irititja social history database.

Traditional owners meet twice a year to discuss reports and make decisions about the project's future. "It's going to benefit not only us old people but generations to come," said traditional owner Julie Clyne.

# FRESH VEG FOR ULPANYALI

Ulpanyali now has two CAT-designed garden beds.

Two rabbit proof and water saving “wicking” beds have been set up in Ulpanyali in time for winter planting. Water for plants’ roots goes in at the bottom of wicking beds so plants stay alive even in the heat of summer.

The community is looking forward to growing its own fruit and vegetables in the raised garden beds.

Ulpanyali traditional owner Julie Clyne said,

**“WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A LONG TIME TO START OUR GARDEN AGAIN. NOW KIDS CAN TAKE TOMATOES AND CUCUMBER TO SCHOOL FOR THEIR LUNCHES.”**

As well as supporting health and nutrition in Ulpanyali, this project provided training in the construction and operation of wicking beds for two community members. Lizzie Pearce and Arnold Limbiari (pictured) worked alongside trainer Jen Clarkson.

The Uluru Rent Money project cost \$10,000.



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# LILLA'S NEW CAMPSITE

The many visitors to Lilla can now stay in safety and comfort at the new campsite. There is a toilet, a shower and a large shed with plenty of room for swags. There is shelf space for storage and food preparation, as well as tables and benches.

“Family and kids stay there when they go to funerals or are travelling past”, said traditional owner Vera Williams.

**“WE’RE HAPPY WITH IT. IT’S GOOD TO HAVE A SPARE BIG SHED WHERE THEY CAN STAY INSTEAD OF ON MY VERANDAH.”**

The project was managed by CAT (Centre for Appropriate Technology) and cost \$55,000.

Watarrka school kids jump for joy as the extensions to the Lilla visitors’ site are finished off.



ULURU RENT MONEY

# GMAAAC DIRECTORS SHARE THEIR STORY

The DVD *Our Projects Our Way* shares the story of the great work the nine GMAAAC communities have been doing.

Yuelamu GMAAAC director David McCormack and community member Lisa Cook

The directors of the Granites Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) launched a DVD to spread the word about their community development work in the Tanami.

**“THE DVD SHOWS OUR COMMUNITY AND OTHER PEOPLE AROUND AUSTRALIA WHAT WE DO ON OUR COMMUNITIES”, SAID GMAAAC DIRECTOR NOEL HEENAN.**

“The older people are putting this in place and it’s up to the young ones to come on board and share ideas. Making the DVD was our idea. It shows what GMAAAC is, where the money comes from and how to get involved to make things better where you live. “

Noel won the Best Presenter Award at the 15th National Remote Indigenous Media Festival for presenting the DVD and doing the English narration. There is also a Warlpiri version.

“I am really proud of this DVD and what it says about GMAAAC. When I was filming across the nine communities I could see the difference GMAAAC is making”, said Noel.

The GMAAAC Directors launched the DVD at a well attended event at the CLC office in Alice Springs late last year. It will be screened in the GMAAAC communities this year.

You can watch it at <http://vimeo.com/87977311> or ask the Community Development staff for a copy.



Noel Hennan presents the award winning DVD at the CLC

## GMAAAC Code of Conduct

The GMAAAC directors have adopted a formal agreement on how to work together in a good way.

It was developed from ideas from all GMAAAC community committees and includes:

- Avoiding conflict of interest;
- Acceptable behaviour;
- Making fair decisions;
- Using power in a responsible and proper way; and
- Being a good leader (who listens, cares for the community and people,

speaks up for them and lets them know what GMAAAC is doing).

The Code of Conduct will support committees to keep their community projects going strong.



# SECOND HATCHES CREEK PROJECT FINISHED

*The traditional owners of Iyitwelepentye (Davenport Range) National Park have done extra work to make last year's rent money project at Hatches Creek even stronger.*

After building a meeting shelter and two shower blocks at the outstation, the group decided to spend more rent money on landscaping, barbecues and a new equipment shed for a fire trailer.

Traditional owner Shane Wickham, who helped to build the meeting shelter, again worked with the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) to put up the new shed and install the taps and barbecues.

The fire trailer will be bought later this year.

Iyitwelepentye traditional owners spent \$82,000 of their park rent money on the extra work at Hatches Creek. They want the outstation to become a base for land management work in their region.

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Hatches Creek Storage Shed for the Fire Trailer.

# ULUPERTE ALL POWERED UP

*A new solar power system has been installed at Uluperte outstation using rent money from the East MacDonnell Ranges National Parks.*

The traditional owners of Corroboree Rock Conservation Reserve, N'Dhala Gorge and Trepkina Gorge Nature Parks decided that a reliable and sustainable power supply at the outstation is part of their vision of returning to country.

After detailed planning with the CLC and EcoEnergy, the group put \$150,000 of their rent money towards the project. The 7.5 kilowatt system was installed early this year. It includes solar street lights with the latest low-maintenance deep cell batteries and a back up diesel generator that kicks in when extra power is needed. EcoEnergy will maintain the system for two years.

The group's next projects include a shelter, water tanks and fencing for the outstation.



Uluperte Outstation solar panels.

## Northern Territory Parks Project Quick Facts

Sixteen national parks and reserves across the CLC region have been handed back to traditional owners. In return, they have leased the land to the NT government for 99 years. As part of the lease deal, the NT government is paying traditional owners rent and other income such as camping fees.

NT PARKS

The traditional owner groups for the parks are using all of this income for community benefit projects and have agreed on decision making processes.

"We thought if we could spend some money together and put it back into the community, into the land itself, we can come back together," explained Teresa Alice, a member of one of the working groups that plan projects with rent money for the East MacDonnell National Park.

# PANEL WELL GETS ITS WATER BACK

*Water pipes at Panthapilenhe (Panel Well) outstation, destroyed in a bush fire, have been restored with rent money from the Arltunga Historical Reserve.*

The traditional owners of Arltunga Historical Reserve visited the site with workers from Ingkerreke Commercial to plan the project.

Ingkerreke worked with the group to design fire proof water infrastructure. They buried PVC water pipes and laid steel pipes on the ground where

trenching was not possible. The outstation also received a new tank for the two houses.

The \$38,000 project is another example of traditional owners using their own money to help them get back to country with support from the CLC's Community Development Program.

## LOOKING AFTER BLACK TANK BUSH GRAVES

Bush graves of the Lynch family are getting the care they deserve after the traditional owners of Native Gap Conservation Reserve decided to spend \$25,000 on the project.

The project will record the locations of the graves, fence them and teach young people about the lives of their ancestors. Families will be able to look up this information at Ingkerreke. The CLC will also keep it safe in its archives for future generations.

"It is the knowledge that was passed onto me from my father about his old people and where they were resting", said Magdaline Lynch. "It is the responsibility of us here to protect and care for olden time burial sites and to pass this knowledge and responsibility to the next generation, our children".

The project was planned by members of the traditional owner group. Ingkerreke Outstation Resource Services did the work.



Workers from Ingkerreke.

# INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF THE CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE PROGRAMMES



Prepared by Chris Roche (La Trobe University) & James Ensor (People and Planet Group Pty Ltd) for the Central Land Council March 2014

## REVIEW GIVES CLC'S DEVELOPMENT WORK THUMBS UP

**The CLC's community development work plays a critical role in putting traditional owners and community residents in control of their lives. Without it, a huge range of important services would not have started.**

These are some of the main findings of an independent, government funded evaluation of the CLC's Community Development (CD) Program after its first eight years.

A team of CD experts from La Trobe University and People and Planet Group reviewed the CD program last year to help the CLC to improve its development work and increase its benefits to Aboriginal people. The review team also looked at the Lajamanu Governance Project. The full CLC Council meeting at Lajamanu in April was first to hear what the experts found out.

The team interviewed 129 people, mostly Aboriginal men and women and some service providers. It visited Imanpa, Willowra and Lajamanu, reviewed the program's activities and processes in other places and read the reports the CD program has collected over the years.

Many Aboriginal people told the team that government policy changes such as the Intervention and the shires have reduced their power and control in their communities but that the CD program is putting them back into the driver's seat.

**"YAPA CONTROL GMAAAC MONEY. YAPA ARE THE BOSSES OF PROJECTS THROUGH GMAAAC COMMITTEE."**

The review team found that the community benefit projects supported by the CLC are mostly successful and well managed. That's why Aboriginal people value them.

"We are happy with Land Council. They are the ones taking us the right way because we are not experienced. Yapa do make things happen. We make the final decisions."

"Before Land Council was doing all these things here people went away from Imanpa when nothing was happening. It's been a good help, Anangu money."

The team also reported that:

- Communities are choosing to spend their money together to address their own needs with the support of the CLC.
- Some of the many benefits include employment, training and education opportunities; improved child care, youth programs, cultural strengthening work and improved kidney patients' health.

### EVALUATION

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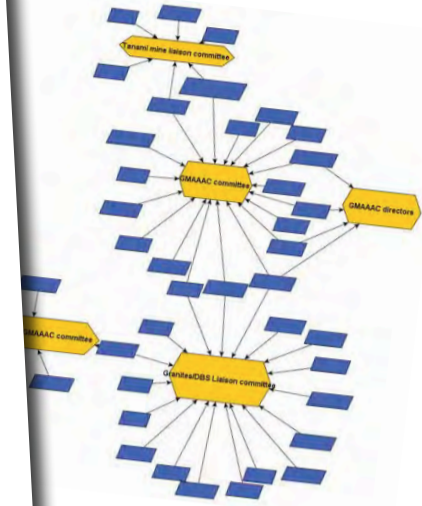
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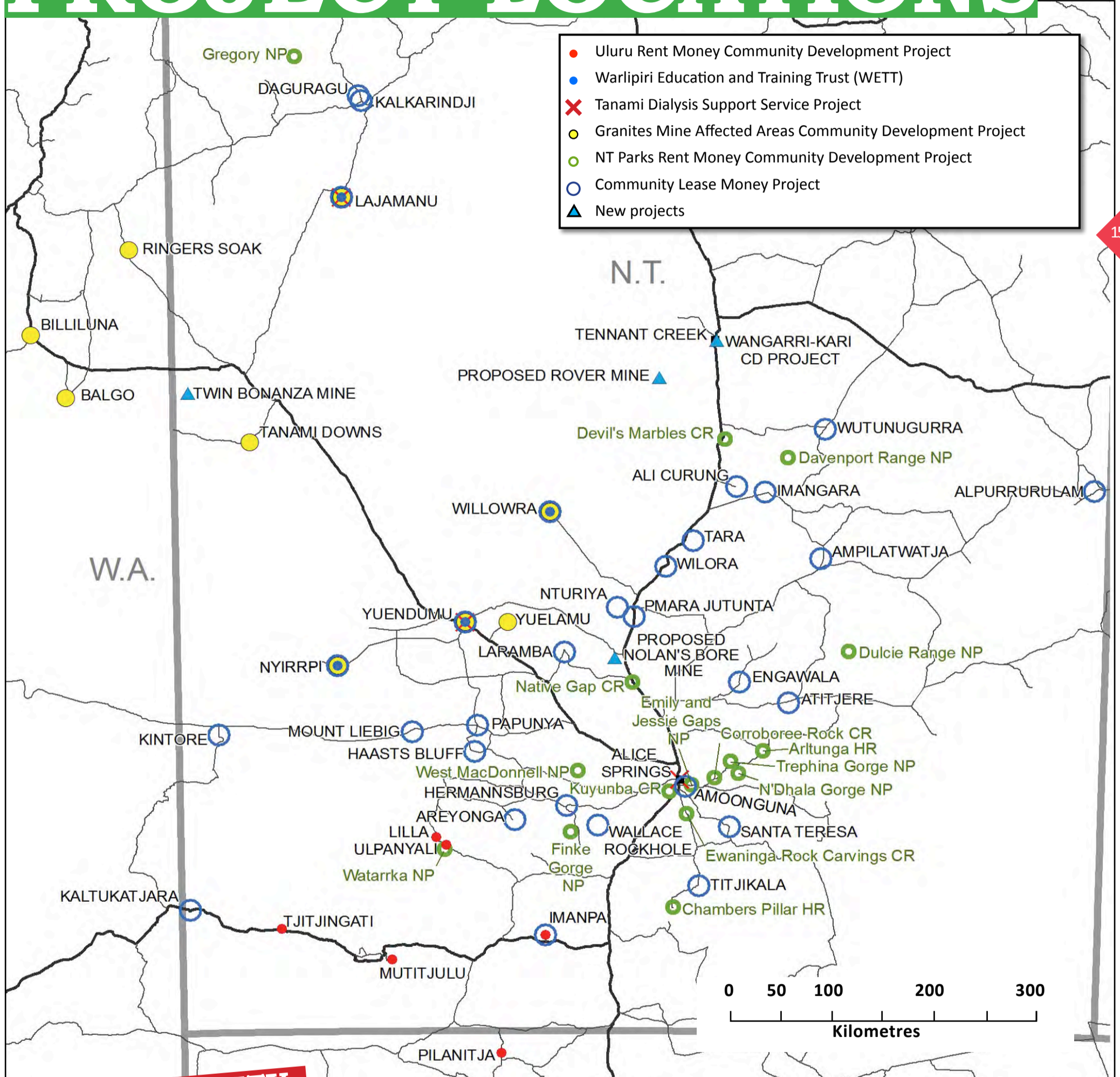
- CD projects usually help more people than individual royalty payments and bring longer lasting benefits.
- The program has grown from spending half a million dollars in 2005/6 to nearly \$5 million each year. Since 2005 \$25.2 million of traditional owner money has been spent on projects across the region.
- Program costs are well managed, with only 15% of total costs paying for CLC's support. Most of this is funded by government.

The report said there is a risk that Aboriginal people may be paying for health and education services governments fund in other places. The CLC has worked hard to get governments to put extra money into community projects so that traditional owner money goes further. So far, CLC has attracted an extra \$8 million from governments and other organisations.

The review team found that the CLC carefully checks how projects are going, learns from mistakes and then improves how it works. It had some good ideas about how the CLC can do this even better. It recommended the CLC improve how it works with contractors and project managers and that it do more to share with other organisations the lessons it learns about its CD work.

For a plain English summary and the full evaluation report please go to <http://www.clc.org.au/articles/info/review-gives-clcs-community-development-program-gives-thumbs-up>.

# CLC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATIONS



## NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

Two more traditional owner groups have decided to invest their money in projects that help their communities.

The members of the Wangarri-Kari Aboriginal Corporation, which is winding up after the closure of the Chariot and Malbec gold mines near Tennant Creek, decided to put almost half of their investment money from the mines into community benefit projects. The group has set up three funeral funds and started planning for

their next projects. These include upgrading outstations and projects to provide local employment and to keep culture strong.

The traditional owners of the land around Twin Bonanza, a major new gold mine in the Tanami, have decided to use some of their future royalty payments for community projects. They wrote this into the mining agreement they signed with ABM Resources.

A quarter of their future royalties will be used for community benefit and the CLC's Community Development Unit will help the group to plan and implement their projects.

Some of their ideas include fixing up Ngulupi outstation near Balgo and more support for their school students. They were also talking about using their money to start a cattle business at Ngulupi.



# 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.*



Haasts Bluff Community Lease Money Project working group: Douglas Multa, Trevor Raggett, Gordon Butcher, Doreen Lane, Alison Multa, Kathleen Dixon and Serianne Butcher



Mount Liebig Community Lease Money Project working group: Norma Kelly, Neil Peterson, Phillip Abbott, Roderick Kantamarra, Jeffrey Wheeler, Marilyn Nangala, Audrey Turner and Jerry Bennett



Engawala Community Lease Money Project working group: Joe Ross, Kathy Inkamala, Benedict Bird, Kenny Tilmouth, Lorraine Foster, Jennifer Neal, Maureen Dixon, Joy Turner and Dianne Neil (interpreter).



Ali Curung Community Lease Money Project working group: Graham Beasley, Peter Corbett, Dyllis Wilson and Zeza Egan.



Alpurrurulam Lease Money Project working group: Kerry Campbell, Marshall Teece, Gordon Long, Jackie Mahoney, Pam Corbett, Natasha Long, John Percy and Irene Toby. Betty Nelson is a community member.



Papunya Community Lease Money Project working group and visitors: Sid Anderson, Sammy Butcher, Kathleen Joy Brown, Linda Anderson, Isobel Gorey, Punata Stockman.



Abraham Poulson, Ngoi Ngoi Donald, Judy Brumby, Dennis Nipper and Charlie Chirrup at the Utju Community Lease Money Project working group.



Willowra members of the WETT Advisory Committee – Maisie Kitson and Helen Morton.



Ntaria vv Project working group members and proxies: Rafael Impu, Baydon Williams, Roger Ebatarinja, Edward Rontji, Mervyn Raggett, Voight Ratara, Mildred Inkamala, and Conrad Ratara.



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