

Land council to come together in new home

The Central Land Council's new home will be opened on June the 11th. The multi-million dollar building will consolidate the CLC's five Alice Springs offices in one purpose-built complex opposite the CLC's current main office on the Stuart Highway, leaving only the royalties office at a separate location.



The north side of the new office while it was still under construction late last year.

Federal Government approval of the \$10 million construction followed seven years of negotiations and will bring many benefits for the community as a whole and the people the CLC represents.

CLC director David Ross said the new building will improve efficiencies for the council's operations and convenience for its constituents.

"Having all staff located in the one place will improve the way we operate, including reducing

costs, and when people, who live out bush come to do business with us, they'll have a central office to go to," Mr Ross said.

The building will have an environmental four green star or "best practice" rating.

The project is funded from the Aboriginal Benefits Account as well as money raised through the sale of the CLC's current building on the Stuart Highway.

Mr Ross said the opening of the new building is a pivotal point in the land council's history.

Women's Business on CAAMA



A new show on CAAMA has audiences clamouring for more according to its producers.

Denella Hampton and Celestine Rowe have been hosting the show since Friday 13 February.

"It was awesome and we had a great response from the community and people are telling us they can't wait to hear it again," Denella said.

"I've just managed to do a quick interview with the first female vice president of South Africa and we've had a lot of great people on already.

"What we're trying to achieve is to hear from women in the community and tell us what they want to hear about health, education and all sorts of issues," she said.

Celestine is equally enthusiastic about their show.

"If we get other women on

board who can be role models then the sky's the limit," she said.

Denella first entered media when she joined Imparja TV's Yamba's Playtime and moved to CAAMA four years ago.

"I was employed as a promotions officer and then they needed somebody in radio.

"I filled in and I became full-time and I really love it," she said.

Celestine was first interviewed by Land Rights News when she was an apprentice diesel mechanic at the Granites Mine some years ago.

"I became a mum and ended up looking after my kids for three years.

"I've been at CAAMA for about six months now and I love it. It's the best job - ever.

"Every day is like the first day of work. It is fantastic," Celestine said.

Top: Womens Show hosts Denella Hampton and Celestine Rowe
Below: the team I-r Denella Hampton, Natasha Watkins, Marissa Wollogorang and Celestine Rowe

Below: Just some of the homes of the CLC over the years



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