



The Walungurru Ranger group with advisory committee members Monica Robinson and Tommy Conway, introduced themselves to the delegates at the council meeting in Kintore.

HOUSING AND WATER

The council asked the executive to negotiate with the Australian Government about reforming the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

It wants the government to change the law so that a community-controlled remote housing body for the Northern Territory can be set up.

The delegates heard that Indigenous Australians Minister Ken Wyatt supports the NT land councils' community-controlled housing model. The NT's new remote housing minister Chansey

Paech wants to hear more about the model and said that transitioning housing to Aboriginal community control is a priority for the NT Government.

The council asked the policy team to keep working on a water advocacy strategy and a water pricing and trading policy. In the NT water is precious but unlike anywhere else in Australia is given to developers for free.

It also heard about a concerning commercial application for a big water licence for Singleton Station.

MINISTER CHANSEY PAECH

The member for Gwoja, Chansey Paech, is the new NT minister responsible for remote housing and town camps, essential services (power and water) in remote communities, local government (shires), Central Australian economic reconstruction and arts,

culture and heritage (including Sacred Sites).

The delegates had lots of questions for Minister Paech, who promised to improve remote housing, roads, water and community life.

He announced a trial of community management of tenancies, repairs and maintenance and house builds in Papunya supporting Haasts Bluff and Mt Liebig and said he wanted to run a similar trial in top end communities.

He also said he had asked public servants to make a plan for fixing water quality issues in remote communities.

He promised to present the plan to the next council meeting and to update delegates on the action he has taken.

He said he would visit Laramba in November with a company that wants to filter the high level of uranium out of the community's water.



Region 9 delegates Peter Stafford and David McCormack.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR TRIAL

The delegates discussed the rules for a three-year trial where the Australian government will match the investment of Aboriginal groups in community development projects dollar for dollar.

The trial will help all communities make their income go further, but especially those in the south west

and east of our region that get a lot less land use income.

It will allow more groups to work with our community development program and to implement bigger projects.

The delegates also heard about new projects near Kintore, in Utju and Mutitjulu.

NT TREATY

NT Treaty Commissioner Mick Dodson and his deputy Ursula Raymond updated the council about their work towards a treaty or treaties in the NT.

They have written a discussion paper and have begun to consult with Aboriginal people across the

NT about whether they want a treaty or treaties and, if so, how they want to go about it.

Their consultations will finish next October and their report to the NT Government is due in March 2022.



Ursula Raymond and Mick Dodson will travel across the NT for community consultations.

NEW UNIT FOR JOBS AND BUSINESS CEREMONY FUND RULES

The council heard that the CLC has set up a new economic participation unit. The unit's manager, Sera Bray, joined delegates as they discussed in nine regional groups employment and business activities in their communities.

Delegates also took part in a panel discussion with representatives from Indigenous Business Australia, the National Indigenous Australians Agency and the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation.

The council decided that each of the CLC nine regions will nominate four people who can sign off on applications for increased amounts of ceremony support to the CLC.

For the first time, each region will receive \$14,000 for ceremonies, up from \$9,000 per region last year. The increase follows a request from the council to Minister Wyatt for more Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) funds for ceremonies.

Applicants can use \$350 per young person's ceremony and up to \$100 of this amount can be spent on fuel. The rest is for food.



Region 8 delegates told economic participation manager Sera Bray (left) about their ideas.



Tony Renehan spoke to council about ceremony funding.

DISABILITY ROYAL COMMISSION WANTS YOUR STORIES

Andrea Mason heads a royal commission into violence, abuse neglect or exploitation of people with disabilities.

to get help.

Some delegates shared their experiences with Ms Mason but she would like to hear from more people in the CLC region.

Commissioner Mason told the council that among Aboriginal people aged between 18 and 65 almost every second person has a disability – that's more than twice the rate of disabilities among non-Aboriginal people.

Anyone with a story can contact Sara Rowe at the North Australia Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) on 0447 110 330 and she will lodge that story with the royal commission. Or they can contact the Commission directly on 1800 517 199.

Despite this, it is much more difficult for Aboriginal people with disabilities and their carers



Lynda Lechleitner in regional discussions.



Conrad Ratara spoke up about tourism.



Andrea Mason wants your stories.



Matthew Egan, delegate for region 4.

WALUNGURRU RANGERS

Kintore has made good progress towards its long-held dream of setting up its own ranger group, the Walungurru Rangers.

its work plan.

Rangers Gerrard Giles, Camilla Young, Michael Wheeler, Marita Maxwell and Rowena Gibson presented about their work.

Monica Robinson and Tommy Conway from the community's traditional owner ranger advisory committee told the delegates how they are developing the group and

The new group is the CLC's 13th ranger group and is funded by the 10 Deserts project and the Australian Government.



Sammy Wilson, Barbara Shaw and Joe Martin-Jard in consultation.

CUSTOMARY LAW IN SENTENCING

Three lawyers from the NT Law Reform Committee consulted with council on a law that used to allow judges to consider customary law in sentencing. The NT Intervention saw changes to this law with judges no longer able to consider this information when

making their decisions.

Russell Goldflam, Tamika Williams and Nick Espie are preparing a report about this for the NT Government.

The law that would need to change is a Commonwealth law, not an NT law.



Monica Robinson has been a strong supporter of the new ranger group in Kintore.

CLC MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE

2-3 DECEMBER 2020, ALICE SPRINGS

COUNCIL

20-22 APRIL 2021, ALPURRURULAM