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Yuendumu is embarking on a project which, as far as the Central Land Council knows, is a first for Central Australian communities - running a remote community-based recycling business.

The Yuendumu Granites Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) committee planned the project and allocated $140,000 in late 2015 to fund the purchase of a tilt-tray truck, a fork lift, and stillage to store recyclables. The aim being that with a small initial investment the operation may go on to being a viable on-going business, employing local Yapa and keeping the Yuendumu community and surrounding roads tidier.

Manager of partner organisation Yapa-Kurlangu Ngurrara Aboriginal Corporation (YPYAC), Malcolm Wall, explained that to succeed, the enterprise needs to focus on a broader service, not just recycling cans and bottles.

He noted that the main purpose of the tilt-tray truck is to provide a recovery service for broken down vehicles.

“So that we could recover Yapa vehicles on the Tanami whenever they get broken down,” Mr Wall said.

This is a valuable service to community residents as breakdowns are a regular occurrence due to the roads and frequent long trips. If left too long unattended in remote areas the vehicles are then quickly stripped of all valuable parts.

Mr Wall said he has confidence that the enterprise will get from strength to strength and already a number of people have paid for their vehicles to be taken into Alice Springs for repair.

A load of recyclables has also been taken into town to be sold, more than covering the cost of the trip and employee’s time.

Ultimately, Mr Wall expects the operation will sustainably support ongoing local employment.

“Ideally we’ll have two people doing the recycling alone,” he said.

CLC chairman Francis Kelly is from Yuendumu and has been a proponent of the idea for a number of years. He believes the enterprise will be an example for other communities to learn from and replicate.

When other communities see it, they’ll follow on!” he said.

INNOVATIVE RECYCLING ENTERPRISE

The CLC’s CD Unit works with the community committees in Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Wilwara, Nyirripi, Yuelamu, Tanami Downs, Balgo, Ringers Soak and Ottahra to plan projects and oversee partner organisations to implement them.
IMANGARA WORKSHOP REPAIRING PRIDE AS WELL AS A COMMUNITY

Imangara resident Ned Kelly explaining that his community’s commitment to spend $55,000 of its five-year lease money on the repair and stocking of its workshop has brought benefits beyond just new equipment.

“It’s good that local people worked fixing up that shed, we gonna do things for ourselves. We never had anything like this before. We feel proud of what we’ve done with our lease money.”

Concern about limited employment opportunities for young people and the need for some tidying up around the community inspired people in Imangara to repair their old shed and stock it with tools and equipment.

“We NEVER GOT MUCH HELP BEFORE, BUT NOW WE’VE GOT OUR OWN WORKSHOP AND WE USE THOSE TOOLS FOR OUR COMMUNITY” MR KELLY SAID.

WILLOWRA’S GOT TALENT AND NOW IT CAN BE HEARD

The Lander River Band from Willowra and young musicians hopeful of emulating them have been given a boost thanks to an injection of funds from Community Lease Funding.

The band has received $12,320 for music equipment under a project managed by the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC).

With the new equipment Lander River Band can now play at concerts in the community, providing a positive addition to youth program activities and bringing the entire community together.

Band members will also provide lessons for youth program participants, which will strengthen the music program in Willowra.

So far the Lander River Band has performed three concerts in Willowra and travelled to two other communities to perform. The equipment was also used by PAW Media to deliver a 10-day workshop focusing on how to use equipment and record songs.

The community has also planted fruit and shade trees and installed irrigation to help them grow.

Imangara residents Billy Pumper and Linda Dobbs are just as happy.

“We've got rakes and wheel barrows and people have been doing lots of work around the place,” Linda added.

Imangara local Matthew Ladd worked with Tangentyere Constructions on the project.

“We dig trenches and set up the irrigation for the trees,” he said. “I liked doing that work, setting up the workshop for the community and having our own equipment.”

Fellow local Robin Morton also worked on the project, as did Jonathan Whitcham from just up the road at Hatches Creek.

Community leader Sammy Ladd is responsible for looking after the new workshop.

“Setting up that workshop made me happy and I've been busy cutting lawns,” he said. “We share all of that equipment, I hold the key and people come to ask me when they want to borrow some equipment,” said Sammy.

AREYONGA GETS ITS CARNIVAL BACK AFTER LONG WAIT

A sports weekend has been held in Areyonga, west of Alice Springs, for the first time in seven years after the community dedicated lease money to its funding.

Together with project partner the Finke River Mission, which purchased equipment for the carnival, a $13,412 commitment by Areyonga’s Community Lease Money Project meant the carnival could go ahead on the weekend of the 14-15 May.

The money allowed the community to hire equipment and bands through CAAMA, hire football umpires, purchase football and softball equipment and trophies.

Gordon Tiger, a member of the working group behind the event said the carnival gave community members and others from the region a platform to display their skills and socialise over healthy activities such as sports and concerts.

“IT ALL WENT REALLY WELL, THE COMMUNITY WAS REALLY PROUD, WE WANT TO SAVE UP TO DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR” HE SAID.

Another working group member involved in organising the event, Jonathon Doolan, said it was the first time in seven years that the community had been able to put on a sports weekend, and now they were thinking about the future:

“We want to have another one next year; we want to keep it going. It’s good, but we want to help the kids too, I worry about that too, we could include them more next time, give them a running race.”

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**OVAL UPGRADE BOOSTS FREEDOM DAY ANNIVERSARY**

The 50th anniversary celebration of the Wave Hill Walk Off in August was the first major event to benefit from an upgrade to the Daguragu Oval.

The upgrade was funded with $108,000 worth of five-year lease money and completed with the help of project partner Tangentyere Constructions.

The perimeter of the oval has been extended by two metres during the redevelopment, five solar lights installed, a new scoreboard added, goal posts relocated and the oval graded.

Seven locals, Junior Bird, Justin Sambo, Ernest Frank, Asmond Pelasco, Malcolm Alice, Elwyn Anzac and Howard King were employed to work on the project.

“WE ARE PROUD OF THE NEW OVAL THAT WE SPENT OUR FIVE-YEAR LEASE MONEY ON, WE HAD A PLAN FOR A LONG TIME AND NOW IT’S HAPPENED” COMMUNITY MEMBER ELMORE ANZAC SAID.

Another community member, Marjorie King said the upgrade has been wanted for a long time.

“The reason we wanted to get it done is because of the big 50th Anniversary of the Walk Off,” she said. “The years before when people came to Freedom Day we had a lot of complaints that the oval was too small, now it’s bigger and we are proud of it.”

**COMMUNITY**

Dialysis patients from Kalkarindji, who have had to reside in Darwin or Katherine almost 500 kilometres away from their families, can now return home for part of the year and instead, receive their treatment in Lajamanu, just over a hundred kilometres away.

Community leasing money, committed by Kalkarindji traditional owners, is allowing dialysis patients who have been split from their families to be reunited with them for longer periods during the year.

The change has been made possible by traditional owners committing $88,000 through the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation, in partnership with the Gurindji Corporation and was brought about with assistance from the Central Land Council’s community development section.

The scheme pays for patients to travel back from Darwin or Katherine to Kalkarindji on the Bodi Bus, with them then able to use the Gurindji Corporation’s patient transport service to Lajamanu, to access dialysis there.

Christine Alec, from Kalkarindji, says she’ll now be able to spend more time with her mother.

“I follow my mum (Hilda Alec) to Lajamanu for dialysis,” she says.

“If she couldn’t come here (Lajamanu) she would still be staying up in Darwin. Now she gets to spend four weeks at a time at home in Kalkarindji every four weeks. At dialysis, here in Lajamanu, Chris and Noelene (nurses) are doing the best job. They help the ladies from Lajamanu and Kalkarindji.”

Christine’s mother, Hilda, says she gets lonely when in Darwin and being able to return home more often will make her very happy.

“Dialysis in Lajamanu is good for me,” she says. “I’m really glad when I come here and Kalkarindji. When I’m in Darwin I have no family, nothing. No family visits me. When I am in Kalkarindji I am with all my family, all my grandchildren.”

**PUTTING THEIR MONEY WHERE THE DIALYSIS IS**

The Tanami Dialysis Project is a great example of Aboriginal people using their own money to look after their community, and millions of dollars later, that commitment remains strong.

The Kurra Aboriginal Corporation has provided funding from the royalties it receives from the Granites Gold Mine to develop and support the provision of dialysis in Yuendumu and Lajamanu since October 2010.

Patients from Yuendumu, Nyirrpi and Yuelamu are supported by the Yuendumu clinic while the Lajamanu clinic welcomes patients from Lajamanu and Kalkarindji.

An independent review of the services run by the Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation found the corporation is providing a successful initiative.

Additional funding from Kurra has allowed centres to be launched, the employment of Aboriginal liaison officers, extra nurses, social support for patients when they’re away in for dialysis, as well as to return them to Lajamanu or Yuendumu for dialysis.

Traditional owners’ commitment to having on-country dialysis has been rewarded and recognised through a recent Commonwealth Government grant of $300,000 for the installation of two additional chairs at the Lajamanu clinic.

The extra chairs will allow more Warlpiri and Gurindji dialysis patients from Lajamanu and Kalkarindji to spend more time back in their community. This has positive impacts for dialysis patients who are healthier and can spend longer periods of time on Country with family and loved ones.

Kurra Director and Lajamanu resident Rodney Hudson says, “It means a lot to have dialysis here in Lajamanu. It brings family back together. Some of us have grandkids and great-grandkids. Before the dialysis clinic I had to stay in Darwin. It makes our families sad.”

**EXTENSION OF THE UNIT IN YUENDUMU HAS MEANT MORE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO LEAVE THE HUMBUG IN ALICE SPRINGS AND BE OUT BUSH WITH FAMILY**

Since Kurra started funding dialysis in 2008, they have spent over $2 million on the Yuendumu and Lajamanu Dialysis centres.

Yuendumu’s Community Lease Money Project also contributed funds for the additional nurse’s vehicle and the dialysis equipment for two chairs. The ongoing support of Kurra and the one-off support by Community lease money shows importance of these services and the community contributions.

The Tanami Dialysis Project has been operating since 2008.

The Kurra Aboriginal Corporation funds the project with royalties it receives from the Granites gold mine, meeting two times a year with CLC to discuss the project and make funding decisions.

Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku (WDNWPT) Aboriginal Corporation operates the program.
YAPA STAFF AT THE HEART OF WILLOWRA PLAYGROUP

Since the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) funded Willowra Playgroup opened in 2013 it has been going from strength to strength and local Yapa staff are at the centre of the playgroup’s success.

Local staff numbers recently reached an all-time high with seven Yapa employed on a casual basis and attendance rates of children have also been climbing, with between 12 and 22 children attending each day during the past 12 months. As many as four Yapa work at the centre each day, assisting the playgroup coordinator to set up and run educational activities for the children.

The most recent local to join the playgroup team, Cecilia Martin, says she’s loving the work.

“I like to work at the playgroup, being close to the kids;” she said.

Yapa staff are supported by the coordinator with informal on-the-job training. They learn skills such as how to provide the kids with healthy food and drinks and how to read food labels to avoid salt, fat and sugar.

Cecilia says she’s enjoyed learning the new skills.

“I’ve learnt to put out some of the new toys in the backyard for the kids to play out in the sun,” she said. “I like doing cooking, and serving the kids with their meals. When kids are nice and clean they are strong and healthy. When they haven’t had a bath, we give them a bath at the playgroup.

“We’ve also been travelling to learn from other playgroups. Six of us, three from Willowra and three from Nyirrpi, we travelled out to Derby and Fitzroy (Crossing) in Western Australia to visit three playgroups.”

The staff are completing a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways with Early Childhood Electives. This training supports Yapa staff to contribute to the daily planning for the playgroup.

“I am planning a trip for the kids to do outdoor activities in the river bank next week,” Cecilia said.

Yapa staff are also sharing what they learn with the community and strengthening their understanding of the role of families in educating their kids.

WETT contributes $260,000 annually towards the operation of the centre, which is run by project partner the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE).

The centre has also received funding support from BIITE for coordinator wages and World Vision Australia for Yapa staff employment.

Cecilia Martin with Nerbert Martin.
NOLAN’S BORE GETS BUSY

The Nolan’s Bore Community Development Project has had a busy 12 months.

The Project was started when traditional owners allocated $360,000 of their mining exploration compensation money to community benefit projects with assistance from the Central Land Council’s Community Development Unit.

The group has planned and allocated funds for 12 community benefit projects totalling more than $330,000. In this edition of the CD News we’re looking at three of the projects that the group has undertaken.

IN THE WASH IN ALUYEN

Andrew Glenn, from Aluyen, remembers how they used to do their clothes washing.

“We used to do handwashing at first, now we’ve got a laundry and can use the washing machine,” he said.

Mr Glenn and the other residents in Aluyen have been waiting a long time for a laundry block. During planning with the CLC’s Community Development Unit, they identified that they wanted to invest in a laundry and ablution block to provide a good facility for residents and visitors.

However, the group didn’t have a big budget and after meeting and comparing a number of contractors, the group chose to work with the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) on the project.

CAT advised the group they could save costs by fixing up an existing building and designed a laundry with a shower and toilet at the back.

Mr Glenn was one of three locals employed to refit the old building along with Stanley Tilmouth and Trevor Glenn.

“IT WAS VERY GOOD TO WORK ON IT, I WORKED AND GOT SOME MONEY FOR THE KIDS” ANDREW GLENN SAID.

Nola Glenn was another community member to get involved in the project. She organised a painting for the laundry door and has helped to plant shrubs and flowers around the building.

TI TREE ROOSTERS KICK GOALS FOR ‘NO MORE’

The Ti Tree Roosters are back in the Central Australian Football League (CAFL) and scoring wins on many levels.

“The Ti Tree Roosters Football Club is all about family and friends,” Roosters coach Wayne Scrutton said.

“The goal is to try to get younger fellas to step up and become role models. We want to be role models for the whole Ti Tree area.”

Despite it being their first season back in the CAFL, the Roosters made it all the way to the grand final. They achieved that by playing great footy, but just as impressive was the team’s participation in the No More campaign to end family and domestic violence.

Ti Tree was the first team in the CAFL to join the No More campaign.

“We want to stand behind mums, daughters, sisters and grandmothers. Good to support them for a change” MR SCRUTTON SAID.

He added that the players had taken the No More campaign message seriously.

“The young fellas involved are not seen fighting on the football field or outside.”

The working group chose the Central Desert Regional Council to manage the project with the Roosters receiving support with football uniforms, equipment and registration fees.

CHILD CARE IDEAS

Susie Stafford and Irene Floyd from the Laramba child care centre were funded to attend the sixth Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) national conference in Perth.

“The conference was all about caring for young children, sharing and celebrating stories, listening and learning, and growing and taking action to inspire each other to strengthen culture” MS STAFFORD SAID.

Attending workshops and talking to their peers has given her ideas to try back home.

“One lady shared her story about starting up a new Indigenous service in Canberra to support children, youth and families,” she said.

“There was no government funding so the women needed to work out ways to run the service. They were busy fundraising.”

“We talked and listened about Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and thought we could learn more for my community and the children who might be affected by this.” Ms Stafford added.

Little children with FASD, a serious disability that is caused when pregnant women drink alcohol, have a better chance in life when they get help early.

The Laramba child care centre is now educating its staff about FASD and plans to do more to support affected children and families. Central Desert Regional Council operates the child care centre and was chosen by the working group to administer the project.
Aboriginal people from across the CLC region continue to engage in community development processes to direct their land based income to lasting community benefit. People have been working with CLC staff (including Community development officers, lawyers, anthropologists, land management and AAMC staff) to make projects happen the way Aboriginal people want them to.

Over the last year there were 240 facilitated community consultations in which Aboriginal people planned and funded community benefit initiatives. In total 234 projects were approved with funds of $13.5million of Aboriginal people’s money allocated to social, cultural and economic projects.

Newmont are a significant player in the international mining industry. They have been operating the Tanami Granites Mine, the source of income for the WETT, GMAAAC and Tanami Dialysis projects, since 2002. In recent times Newmont has acknowledged the value of CLCs Community Development program. Part of their commitment has been a three-year financial contribution to provide additional resources which will support Aboriginal led development initiatives in the Tanami. Representatives from the mine meet with CLC and the GMAAAC Directors on a regular basis.

### Rent Money Levels

**The Playing Field for Mutitjulu**

Seven local people have been employed during an upgrade of the Mutitjulu sports ground funded from the community’s portion of the Uluru Rent Money.

The community committed $263,646 of its rent money towards infrastructure for the project and $63,105 for repairs and maintenance.

Tangentyere Constructions carried out the work with on-the-ground support provided by Anangu jobs.

That work included levelling the football field, removing rubbish from around the complex, levelling the softball field, removing the old scoreboard and replacing it, installing six grandstands, two change rooms and a boundary fence.

Local workers employed during the construction phase included Colin Armstrong, Jacob Breaden, Michael Mumu, Warren Maloney, Terrance Rye, Abraham Kitsen and Kevin Cooley.

The project was seen as important by community members because of the employment of Anangu, the preparation of the sports ground for football and softball training as well as competitions and for increasing community pride and involvement in sport.

Local Anangu will also be employed to provide ongoing repairs and maintenance work when required.

Working group members Colin Armstrong and Reggie Uluru have welcomed the opportunity for local people to work on the project.

“LOTS OF ANANGU EMPLOYED. PALYA, LOTS OF FELLAS WORKING OUT THERE” SAID REGGIE.

“BEEN GOOD FOR THOSE FELLAS TO WORK THERE AND GOOD TO HAVE THAT SPORTS GROUND FIXED UP” COLIN SAID.

### RENT MONEY LEVELS

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

The URM Project started in 2005. Each year traditional owners spend a big part of their share of the park rent on projects that help their communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

Traditional owners meet throughout the year to discuss projects and make decisions. Many local and regional projects have been done like fixing outstations, building and running the Mutitjulu Pool, renovating the Imanpa Store and supporting renal dialysis.

### ANOTHER BUSY YEAR OF COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Aboriginal people from across the CLC region continue to engage in community development processes to direct their land based income to lasting community benefit. People have been working with CLC staff (including Community development officers, lawyers, anthropologists, land management and AAMC staff) to make projects happen the way Aboriginal people want them to.

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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.

Tjoritja West National Park working group members and traditional owners – Regina Rankin, Jecexels Moketarinja, Darren Inkamala, Carl Inkamala, Rhonda Inkamala, Beth Inkamala, Clara Inkamala, Tony Sena

Yuelamu Community Lease Money working group and community members – Gracie Tilmouth, Barbara Charles, David McCormack, Daisy Frank, Elsie Moore, Doreen Tilmouth, Roslyn Jones, Lisa Cook, Jack Cook

Yuendumu Community Lease Money working group members – Wendy Brown, Elizabeth Katakarinja, Tess Ross, Peggy Brown, Lindsay Williams, Matthew Egan, Simon Fisher, Walter Lechleitner

Kalkarindji Community Lease Money working group members – Serena Donald, George Edwards, Michael Loman, Justin Paddy

Nyirrpi Community Lease Money working group members – Jacob Spencer, Marshall Poulson, Christine Curtis, Judith Martin

WETT Advisory Committee and Kurra WETT Directors – Alan Dickson, Jacob Spencer, Barbara Martin, Annette Patrick, Julie Kitson, Carol Kitson, Enid Gallagher, Rita Brown, Maisie Kitson, Jenny Timms, FM, Renie Dixon, Serena Shannon, Valerie Patterson

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