



# Council NEWS

September 2015



Shane Franey told Council how Tangentyere's 4 Corners family safety program trains town campers to recognise and stop family violence.

## Constitutional recognition

Council met in Ikuntji (Haasts Bluff) in August and again discussed recognition of Aboriginal people in the Australian constitution.

CLC director David Ross reported on his meeting in July with other Aboriginal leaders, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten about the process leading up to a referendum (a vote about changing the constitution).

At that meeting, Aboriginal leaders asked for meetings for Aboriginal people around the country so they can make up their minds about the proposed changes.

The Council decided to ask Mr Abbott that one of these meetings be held with Aboriginal people in Central Australia.

## Changing the land rights act?

Council members discussed proposed changes to Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

The changes would allow land council boundary changes and amend section 28A, which deals with the delegation of land council functions.

Delegates supported Aboriginal people remaining in control of the legislation.

## Aboriginal Housing NT

Committee members of the new Aboriginal Housing NT met with Council.

They have launched the Housing Forum report and started talking to governments about changes to housing delivery and management.

The committee is also working on campaign/advocacy activities and on its rules and governance structure.

Aboriginal Housing NT committee members are Tony Jack, Brian Pedwell, Sammy Bush-Blanasi, Matthew Ryan, Annunciata Wilson, Barb Shaw, Geoffrey Matthews, Yananyumul Mununggurr, Maxine Carlton and Chris Neade.

The committee was formed after the APONT Housing Forum in March.

## Shipping container homes

Council heard how Tangentyere Constructions are turning shipping containers into affordable houses for different needs.

The next Land Rights News will have a story about 22 CLC communities that invest their community development money in these houses.



Delegate Mildred Malbunka from Ntaria weighs into the the discussion about bi-lingual and bi-cultural education.

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## Tangentyere fights family violence

Delegates strongly endorsed Tangentyere's family violence program and 4 Corners program following a great presentations from Tangentyere workers.

## Membership review

Members broke into regional groups to talk about where in the CLC region the 90 CLC delegates come from.

They pointed out some gaps in the current Council membership and asked the executive to do more work on this.

The Council determines who can be a member but the Minister for Indigenous Affairs has the final say.

Any requests for membership changes need to go to the minister soon because Council elections are due early next year.

## Wilurrara Tjutaku Football League

Council also supported Sid Anderson's presentation about a new community footy competition for "everyone in the West".

Look out for the next Land Rights News for stories about all these initiatives.

## Council meeting survey results

Council found out the results from 29 interviews with CLC delegates and 8 interviews with staff who regularly attend Council meetings.

There were suggestions about giving more women and young people a say, improving presentations to Council and changing Council rules.

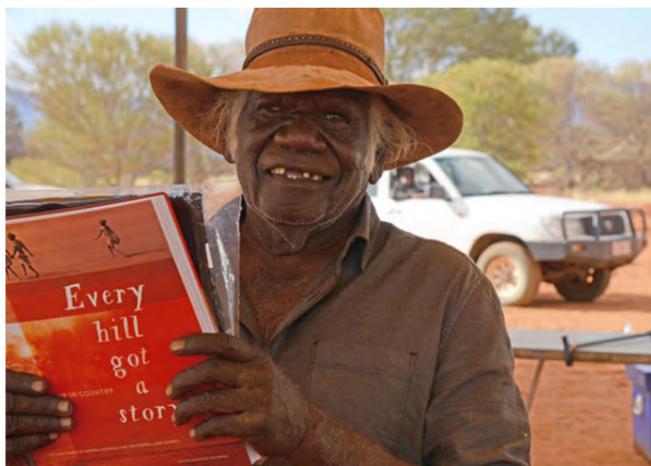
## AAPA board nominations

The Council nominated the following people to be considered for AAPA Board. The NT Minister responsible for sacred sites, Bess Price, will choose two men and one woman from the following:

- Veronica Lynch
- Rosalie Kunoth-Monks
- Harry Nelson
- Phillip Wilyuka
- Tommy Thompson
- Casey Holmes



Town camp women spoke up for their right to safe homes and communities.

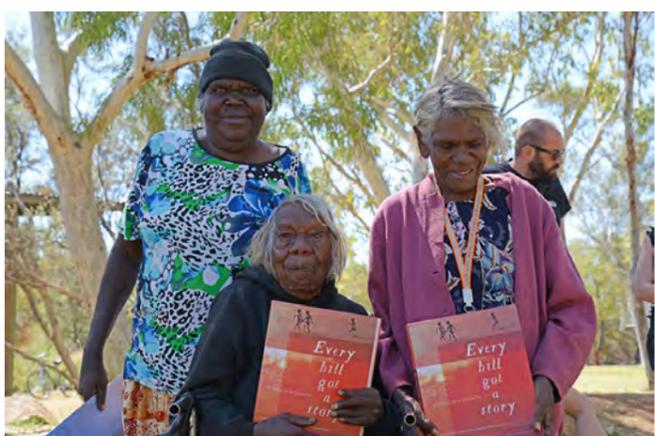


# Every hill got a story

THE CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL



Deputy chair Sammy Butcher presented 12 of the storytellers from the CLC's new oral history collection with copies of the book and their original interviews. He invited everyone to the book launch at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station on 2 September.



**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
CANTEEN CREEK  
10-12 November 2015**