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PAW MEDIA'S NEW GEAR TAKES STORYTELLING TO THE WORLD



'One Pound Jimmy' shoot - 'Johnny Jack' Jampijinpa recalls Jimmy's burial.

Pintubi Anmatyerr Warlpiri (PAW) Media is taking its work to a worldwide audience and to new heights with state-of-the-art equipment purchased with Yuendumu's affected area income.

The organisation bought new cameras, a drone, lighting and virtual reality equipment, thanks to a \$55,000 contribution from the community's Granites Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) committee.

"I make music videos for PAW and the new cameras give really good results. We can do more professional work now," PAW Media's Micah Williams said.

The new gear has lifted the production values of PAW's coverage of the rallies in support of justice for Kumanjayi Walker, sports matches, local history, educational programs and music videos.

It also allows the media organisation to bring Yapa sites to the world through virtual reality technology.



InDigiVR captures the region's landforms as virtual environments, enabling visitors to explore its cultural heritage through virtual reality headsets and without the need to travel.

"IT WILL ALLOW US TO SHOWCASE WARLPIRI COUNTRY IN WAYS NEVER SEEN BEFORE," PAW MEDIA CHAIR VALERIE NAPALJARRI MARTIN SAID.

"It's letting us share our culture with virtual visitors from around the world."

Ms Martin said young people are learning cutting-edge digital skills that will open up new job opportunities.

"This is very important because meaningful work can sometimes be hard to find. The project allows us to combine culture and technology in an exciting new way," she said.

PAW is also promoting its productions overseas, with the French national broadcaster asking to buy the documentaries *Gwoja Jungarrayi* – *One Pound Jimmy* and *Olive Pink*.

The Community Development News gives Aboriginal people a chance to find out about the many outcomes they are achieving as part of the CLC's community development program.

This newsletter keeps CLC constituents up to date on some of the social, cultural and economic projects Aboriginal groups are planning and funding with their own money

across Central Australia. If you would like more information on this work please contact the CLC on 8951 6367 or visit www.clc.org.au

Cover image: Dion Lechleitner experiences InDigiVR at PAW.



Gwoja Jungarrayi – One Pound Jimmy

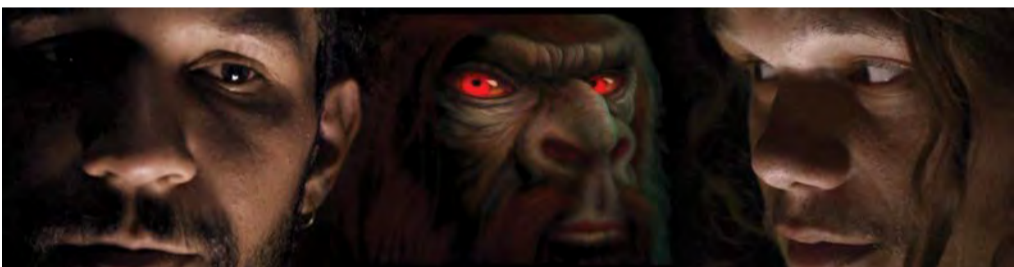
The documentary about the rediscovery of Gwoja Jungarrayi's lost bush grave, 120 kilometres southeast of Yuendumu, is taking Gwoja's story to the world. He survived the Conniston Massacre and his portrait features on the \$2 coin and millions of postage stamps in the 1950s and 60s.



The Warlpiri Book of Monsters

In 2019, PAW was invited to submit a video to Centralised, a joint mentoring initiative between Screen NT and the South Australian Film Corporation. The video, a dramatisation of stories about evil spirits told to scare and entertain Yapa children, was also produced with the help of the new equipment.

The video secured PAW Media's Liam Alberts and Adam Young an invitation to a professional development workshop with Wayne Blair, multi-award winning director of *The Sapphires*, *Top End Wedding* and *Cleverman*, in Alice Springs.



InDigiVR

PAW used GMAAAC-funded equipment to successfully pitch its InDigiVR virtual reality project to the NT Department of Trade, Business and Innovation in 2019, the only Central Australian company to receive a grant.



Olive Pink

PAW embarked on a filming expedition to Pirdi-Pirdi (Thompson's Rockhole), where anthropologist Olive Pink camped with Yapa for many years. The documentary includes interviews with two senior Warlpiri leaders, Jerry Jangala Patrick and Molly Napurrurla Tasman, who lived with Ms Pink in her camp as children.



Fallen Power Line Safety

This community service announcement commissioned by the Power and Water Corporation uses animation to highlight the dangers of fallen power lines. Also shot using GMAAAC-funded equipment, it is receiving wide airplay on Indigenous Community Television and will tour with the 2021 NT Travelling Film Festival.



Spirit Birds

Spirit Birds uses animation to tell the story of planes flying into the Tanami Desert. The documentary includes footage of finding the lost remains of a 1936 Royal Australian Air Force plane that crashed north of Lajamanu. The same plane once made a forced landing near Lake Mackay.



GMAAAC project facts

The Granites Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) was set up to benefit nine Tanami communities affected by the Granites gold mine.

The projects support programs that promote Aboriginal self-management. They aim to improve housing, health, education, essential services, employment and training.

Community committees plan and allocate GMAAAC funds to projects annually. These committees are elected every three years

and choose directors who meet at least annually to oversee the corporation.

The CLC's community development unit works with the community committees in Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Willowra, Nyirrpri, Yuelamu, Tanami Downs, Balgo, Ringer Soak and Billiluna to plan projects and select partner organisations to implement them. Since 2008, GMAAAC has allocated more than \$51.5 million to 989 projects. The projects create local jobs and opportunities for local

businesses and support community priorities such as arts, culture and infrastructure.

The work of CLC's community development unit in the Tanami is supported by GMAAAC, WETT and Newmont Tanami Operations.



OUR FANTASTIC MELBOURNE TRIP

Visiting the Melbourne zoo during the Yuelamu school excursion.

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Yuelamu primary school students have been lucky to experience Melbourne when that was still possible - before COVID-19 lockdowns brought Australia's second-largest city to a standstill.

The community's GMAAAC committee contributed \$30,000 for a nine-day excursion which took 18 students and three school staff to what used to be one of the world's most livable cities.

One of the students' favourite trips led them to the zoo and the aquarium.

"I LOVED FEEDING THE GIRAFFE AT THE ZOO. YOU HAVE TO BE REALLY STILL AND IF YOU SCREAM THE GIRAFFE WILL FREAK OUT AND BUMP YOU WITH ITS BIG HEAD. I GAVE HIM VEGETABLES LIKE CELERY," SHANIA MURPHY SAID.

"At the aquarium we saw stingrays – they were giant! And we saw baby penguins. Penguins keep the baby penguins warm with the feathers," she said.

"We also went up the sky tower and saw the whole city. It was really high. We had to get an elevator. I hadn't jumped on an elevator before."

"In December 2019 we went to Alice Springs airport and jumped on a big Qantas plane and flew to Melbourne. We could see the water from the clouds on our windows.

When we landed in Melbourne airport, we caught two taxis to Quest Hotel where we stayed in four nice rooms with good bathrooms and kitchens. The rooms also had lounge rooms with big televisions, and there was a pool at the hotel.

We did lots of fun things in Melbourne. We went to the wave pool, the Skydeck, the zoo,

the museum, the aquarium, the art gallery, Parliament House, the planetarium, ice skating and we did a bit of shopping.

We saw a 3D movie with extra effects at the aquarium. One of the penguins had a baby. It was very cute.

The wave pool was really good fun. So was ice skating.

Thanks to GMAAAC for giving us the money to go on such a fantastic trip."



Back in Yuelamu, the students celebrated their adventures in the essay *Our Fantastic Melbourne Trip*:



Watching a busker in Melbourne during the Yuelamu school excursion.

SOLAR POWER LIGHTS UP YUELAMU CHURCH

It's a case of 'lights, fans, action!' for Yuelamu's Burning Torch United Pentecostal Church.

Churchgoers can now enjoy solar-powered comfort, thanks to Yuelamu's affected area income.

Located on the edge of the community, the church used to rely on a generator, but all that changed in June with the installation of a 4.8 kilowatt off-grid solar system with battery storage.

The system powers lights and ceiling fans, as well as musical instruments, speakers and kettles.

"When we have bible study we can just put the power on, don't have to go and buy fuel for the generator," congregation member Shonelle Stafford said.

"It's good, we can worship at night. We got spotlights now, we can worship outside. We have fans inside, we really like them," she said.

Ms Stafford belongs to Yuelamu's GMAAAC committee that funded the \$68,600 project.

The sum includes three years' worth of repair and maintenance of the solar system, fans, indoor and outdoor lights, and a white roof membrane that helps to lower the temperature inside the church further by reflecting the sunlight.

The GMAAAC committee selected Photon Solar to install the system.

With power available at the flick of a switch, residents are using the church regularly for services and gatherings with visitors.

"WE HAD YUENDUMU BROTHERS AND SISTERS COME. WE HAD A LITTLE RALLY ALL TOGETHER, SOME FELLOWSHIP," MS STAFFORD SAID.

"It's easy now to use the church. We can put kettles on and cook a feed for Sunday school for the kids."

The project took 20 months to complete due to COVID-19 and because land tenure issues had to be resolved.

The committee had already allocated funds in 2019 to insure the building and the solar system for three years.



Shonelle Stafford, Nathan Stafford, David McCormack and Rosina Stafford assessing the new solar panels at the Yuelamu United Pentecostal Church.

LAJAMANU SMOOTHS THE ROAD FOR COUNTRY VISITS

Going bush has become a lot smoother and safer for Lajamanu residents, thanks to a road grading project funded with affected area income.

The project, overseen by the community's GMAAAC committee, has made outstations south of the community accessible again.

Eight locals working with the Wulain Homelands Council Aboriginal Corporation graded more than 200 kilometres of overgrown roads this year.

The GMAAAC committee paid Wulain \$370,000 to open up new areas for the North Tanami ranger group to manage and visit with students and elders.

"It gets community, families to go out bush, go out and visit their homelands. It's for everyone to drive out and see country," GMAAAC committee member Cyril Lamun Tasman said.

"THE SCHOOL WANTS TO CONNECT WITH RANGERS AND IF THERE ARE GOOD ROADS THEN THEY'RE GOING TO GET A CHANCE TO TAKE KIDS OUT FOR A WEEK," HE SAID.

"Giving money to grade the road went good. We're just loving the bush," ranger Silas James added.



The newly graded road.





Tanami Downs GMAAAC committee members Robyn Lawson, Vivianne Lawson and Peggy Granites with the CLC's Julian Redmond.

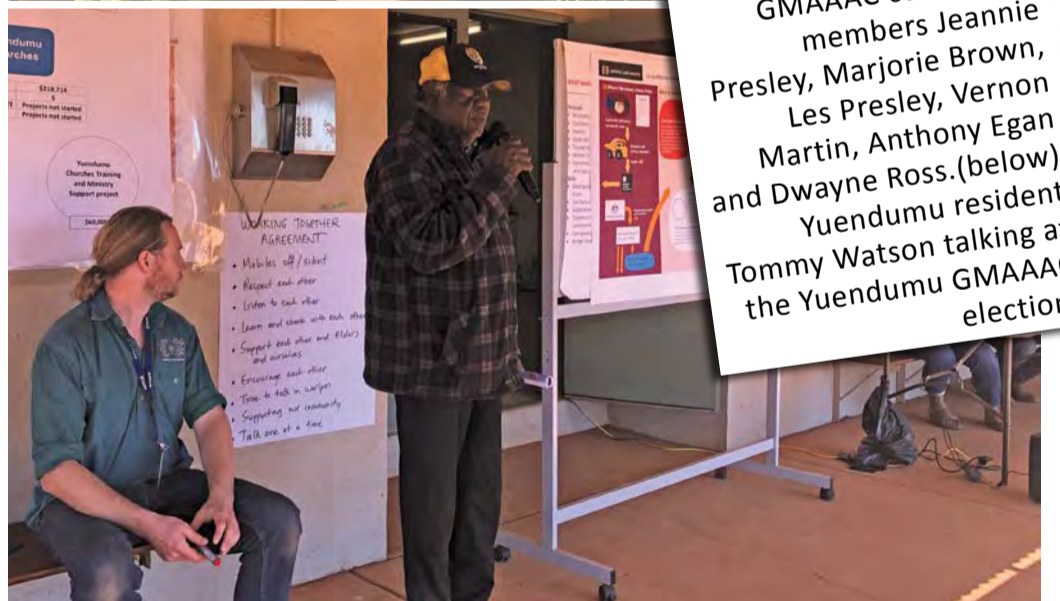
NEW GMAAAC COMMITTEES PRIORITISE TRAINING AND JOBS



(above) Lajamanu GMAAAC Election Cyril Tasman. (below) Discussing roles and responsibilities at the Nyirрпи GMAAAC committee induction.



(above) Willowra GMAAAC committee members Jeannie Presley, Marjorie Brown, Les Presley, Vernon Martin, Anthony Egan and Dwayne Ross. (below) Yuendumu resident Tommy Watson talking at the Yuendumu GMAAAC election.



Communities across the Tanami region have elected new committees to make decisions about projects funded with compensation income from the Granites mine.

Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Yuelamu, Willowra, Nyirрпи, and Tanami Downs elected a total of 64 new members for their GMAAAC committees.

The new GMAAAC committee members immediately got to work, taking part in a day of governance training and planning.

One of them is Robyn Lawson.

Ms Lawson said she joined the Tanami Downs GMAAAC committee because she wants to "support and build the community and see more employment for our people through GMAAAC projects".

Job creation and training, with an emphasis on two-way learning, have emerged as top priorities in all six communities.

A strong Yapa voice in organising and directing services, and supporting elders to preserve and exchange cultural knowledge are also high on their agenda.

Having a good mix of men and women, and people of all ages on the committees has always been important in GMAAAC elections, and this round of elections was no different.

Elder Fiona Gibson was happy to join younger residents on the Nyirрпи committee because "it's a good opportunity for young people to learn from being on the GMAAAC committee".

The new committees nominated 15 GMAAAC directors who govern the corporation.

The committees will keep working with the CLC's community development team to turn their project ideas into reality.

Balgo, Billiluna and Ringer Soak will hold their elections once the West Australian border opens.

URREMERNE GETS WELCOME SHADE

The Urremerne outstation got a new lease on life, with a shaded meeting area funded by its community development working group from NT Parks rent income.

The meeting area on the south side of the outstation occupies the site of an older bush-post, grass and wire structure also known as a bough shed.

“It’s important to have a shadey for family get-togethers, to have BBQs with family on the weekends, and meetings,” traditional owner Matthew Alice said.

Tangentyere Constructions built the new structure to last, pouring a solid concrete floor and shading it with a robust steel roof.

As part of the \$23,000 project the company also removed old cars from the outstation, making the place a lot more welcoming.

“THE OUTSTATION IS BEING UTILISED MORE AND MORE NOW, WITH FAMILY COMING AND CAMPING OVER” WORKING GROUP MEMBER STEVEN LAKE SAID.

Ewaninga NT Park Urremerne working group members Theo Alice, Joe Alice, Marina Alice, Eugene Alice, Steven Lake, Lloyd Wilyuka, Mark Alice, Matthew Alice and Andrew Alice at their new shelter.



Northern Territory Parks Rent Money project facts

Sixteen national parks and reserves across the CLC region have been handed back to traditional owners and are jointly managed with the NT government. The groups use the rent they get for the parks for community

benefit projects. The CLC is working with the groups to support planning and decision making about projects they prioritise. Since 2010, NT Parks groups have planned and allocated more than \$10.84 million to 243 projects.

NT PARKS

WETT LEARNING CENTRES STAY OPEN DESPITE COVID-19

Learning centres in Nyirрпи and Willowra have kept their communities safe without shutting their doors when remote communities across the Northern Territory were declared 'biosecurity areas'.

Despite fears about the coronavirus, staff of the Willowra learning centre knew it was vital to keep the centre open during and after the 'lockdown' between March and June.

"I felt scared about the virus because everyone was talking about it, but it's important to keep the centre open so people can use internet banking and the phone," Bradley Forrest said.

"I am feeling better about it now because we are getting used to what it means."

"We needed to keep the learning centre open to keep people busy and help them to stay in the community," his colleague Ekias Wayne added.

When news about the virus spread, local advisory groups who oversee the centres quickly made COVID-19 safety plans.

The plans included rostering on additional Yapa staff to help residents with the new rules about physical distancing and hygiene.

"We had meetings, we worried [about hygiene] for the computers. We now have two staff every morning and afternoon," Maisie Kitson, from Willowra, said.

A founding member of the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) which funds the centres, Ms Kitson is on the WETT advisory committee and the local advisory group in Willowra.

The trust approved \$60,000 for the extra employees for both centres, lifting numbers to six Yapa staff in Willowra and eight in Nyirрпи.

The staff took part in online COVID hygiene training with the Batchelor Institute.

"AT FIRST I WAS SCARED BUT THE COVID TRAINING WE DID AT BATCHELOR HELPED ME NOT TO BE WORRIED," RICARDO GALLAGHER, FROM THE NYIRRPPI CENTRE, SAID.

His colleague Zenaida Gallagher, found the new skills she learned also useful at home.

"It helped me to tell my family how to stay safe from the virus," she said.

Janelle Ross worked hard to ensure everything is clean in Willowra's centre.

"When we first come in to the learning centre we have to wipe our hands with the hand sanitiser. After people use the computers we clean and wipe the screen, keyboards and the tables".

The need for physical distancing also meant adapting programs.

"We only let a few people in at a time. We opened night time for people who couldn't get in during the day," Susan Ryder said.

WETT advisory committee and Nyirрпи advisory group member Jacob Spencer said the learning centre is helping the community "in a good way" during scary and uncertain times.

"We are lucky to have a learning centre that stayed operating," he said.

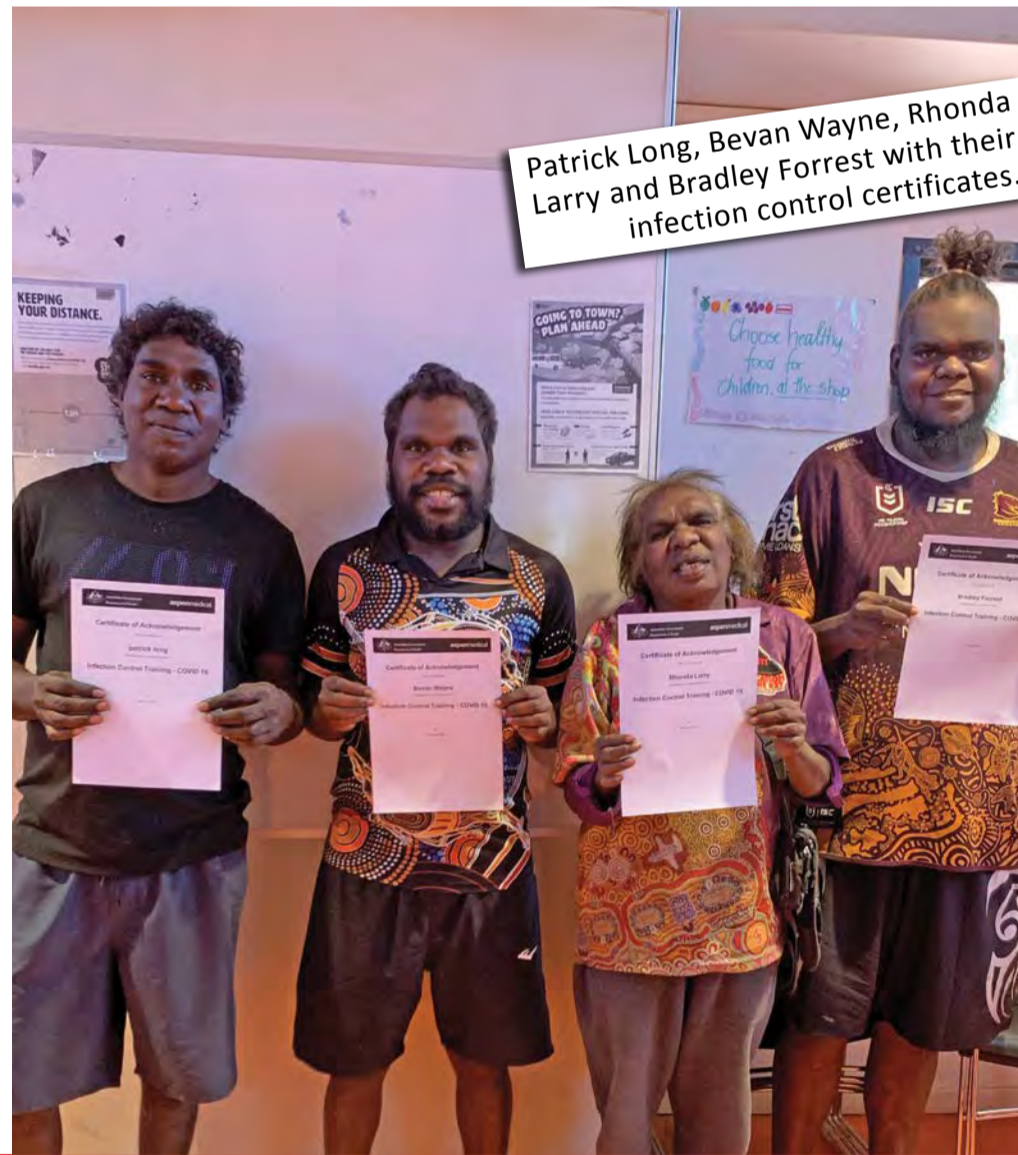
"Here community can have a say in things."

WETT runs the learning centres in partnership with Batchelor so that Yapa can take part in training, access computers, and get support with literacy and other important life skills.

It has invested more than \$1 million to run the program this year alone.



Nyirрпи learning centre staff Zenaída Gallagher, Susan Ryder, Alana Gibson and Ricardo Gallagher.



Patrick Long, Bevan Wayne, Rhonda Larry and Bradley Forrest with their infection control certificates.

Warlpiri Education and Training Trust facts

The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) was set up in 2005 to support education and training in Nyirрпи, Lajamanu, Willowra and Yuendumu. The trust receives more than \$3 million every year from the Granites gold mine. The Kurra Aboriginal Corporation meets twice a year to make all funding decisions and the WETT Advisory Committee meets three times a year to plan and monitor its five major programs: children

and families, language and culture in schools, youth development, learning community centres and secondary school support. WETT and the CLC have built strong partnerships with community schools, the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation, Batchelor Institute and World Vision to deliver these programs. Since 2005, WETT have invested more than \$35.89 million across these programs.

WILLOWRA KIDS PLAY IT SAFE DESPITE LOCKDOWN

Willowra pre-schoolers have been keeping busy, healthy and safe in their playgroup despite the coronavirus 'lockdown' of remote communities between March and June.

Yapa playgroup facilitators quickly made new cleaning and hygiene rules to ensure that young kids did not miss out on playing and learning in a safe environment.

"We had to regularly clean the toys to keep everyone safe," facilitator Barbara Williams said.

"We reduced the number of toys that were provided each day. We put up posters in playgroup to let parents know. We let families know if they were sick to stay at home."

Families also received updates about the virus and how to avoid infection.

"The local clinic gave a small information session on how to clean hands and faces well, and some more information around COVID-19," said play group worker Janie Williams.

The staff are also making sure that children are learning important health messages as they play.

"The clinic provided an activity booklet for the families and children to take home. The activity booklets were incorporated into the day-to-day playgroup planning, like for the children to colour in," Ms Williams said.

For Selina Williams, closing the playgroup would be a last resort.

"EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN IN WILLOWRA, KEEPING PLAYGROUP OPEN WAS THE BEST OPTION," SELINA WILLIAMS SAID.

Willowra's early childhood reference group met regularly to plan for the playgroup.

"We continued to have regular meetings to keep everyone updated on the news," Ms Williams said.

Members agreed to separate the areas of play to apply social distancing, and to limit the numbers of children and carers because the playgroup takes place in a small space.

21 out of 22 of Willowra's pre-schoolers came to playgroup in the first half of this year, with nine children taking part regularly.

Janie Williams said that parents will be glad to know that despite what is happening in the rest of the country the playgroup will be there for their kids.

"WE ARE STILL CONCERNED AS THE VIRUS IS STILL IN AUSTRALIA, BUT WE DO FEEL MUCH BETTER BEING OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLAYGROUP IS A SAFE PLACE," SHE SAID.

The Willowra playgroup, funded by WETT, offers fun and engaging two-way learning activities for children under five years of age, their parents and caregivers.

The trust paid World Vision Australia more than \$370,000 to deliver the program this year.

Georgina Martin and Sophia Martin collecting bush medicine on a playgroup bush trip to the Lander River.

ANANGU KIDS STUDY COUNTRY AND CULTURE AT SCHOOL

Students in Mutitjulu, Watarrka and Utju are soaking up traditional knowledge at school, thanks to a partnership between Tangentyere Council Land and Learning and the traditional owners of the Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park.

10 Each school worked with local elders to plan bush excursions and what they wanted to teach on the trips.

Utju studied bush medicine plants, with students learning to prepare rubbing medicine from the *witjinti* plants they had collected out bush, and drinking and rubbing medicines from *ilintji*.



The elders' knowledge, along with the students' drawings and photos of the excursions, were then used to create teaching resources in Pitjantjatjara and English.

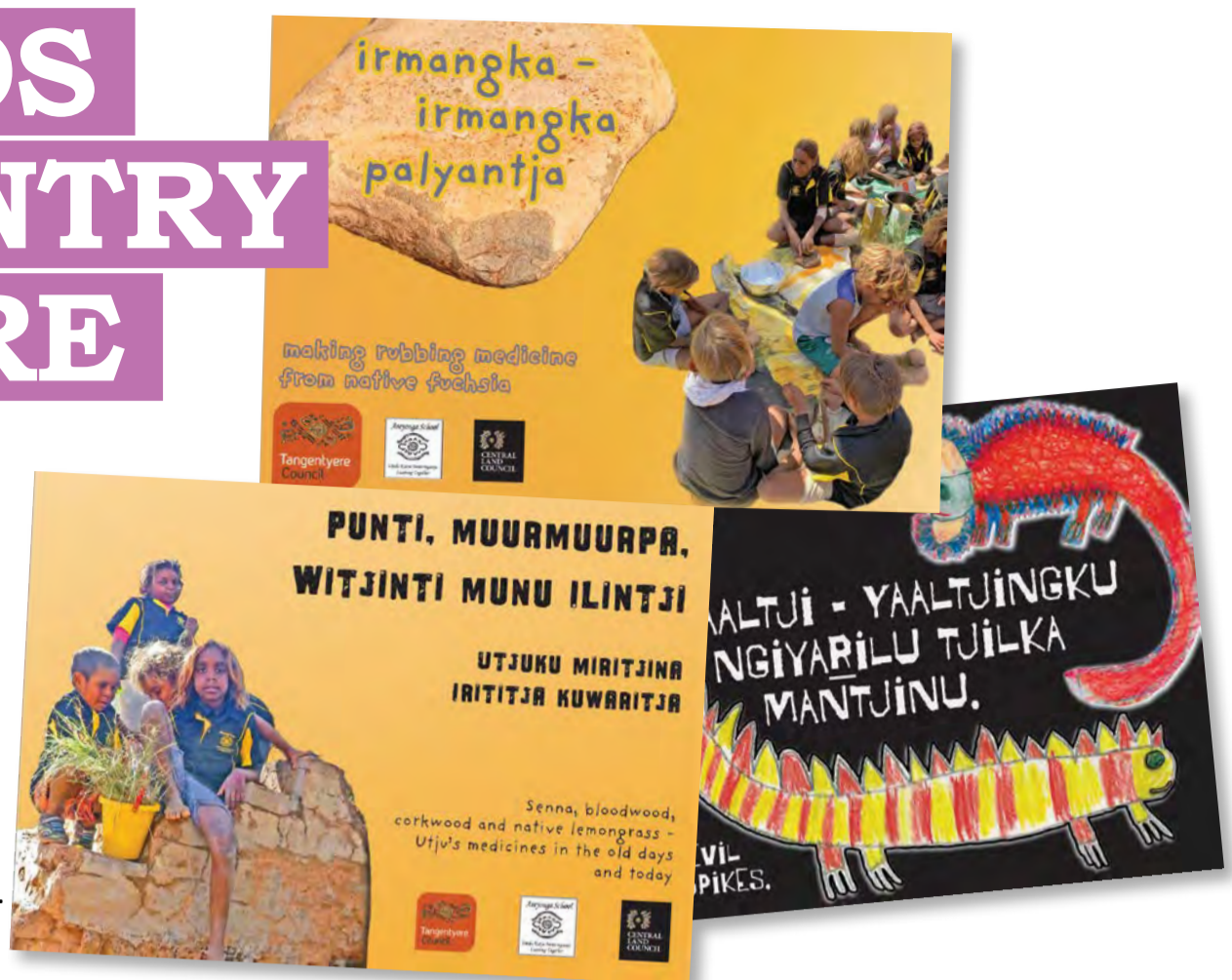
At Utju, they made two language books, *Irmangka - Irmangka Palyantja*, about making rubbing medicine from eremophilas, and *Punti, Muurmuurpa, Witjinti munu Ilintji, Utjuku miritjina irititja kuwaritja*, about how to use senna, bloodwood, corkwood and native lemongrass.

"It was a good story and the pictures too. Palya, it's colourful and a good story," assistant teacher Rachel Tjukintja said.

Teacher-linguist Leanne Goldsworthy agreed.

"The book is beautiful and informative. It's a great resource to have and a record of knowledge so it won't be lost," she said.

Anangu elders, the CLC's Tjakuṛa Rangers and the national park rangers



took Mutitjulu students to Kata Tjuta to harvest *urtjanpa* (spearwood). They cut mulga wood for *wana* (digging sticks) and clap sticks from the surrounding woodlands and collected *kiti* (resin) from the mulga leaves. They also made *kuḷaṭa* (spears) and dug for *maku* (witchetty grubs). Back at the school, the elders showed the students how to finish their *punu* (wooden tools) and prepare *kiti*.

They helped the students to record on worksheets what they had learnt. "We make *kuḷaṭa*, wana and music sticks. It was fun, I liked it," student Sarah Lee Swan said.

"The ladies teach us how to make them from the tree with different tools. I want to go camping next time."

Student Nazeeria Roesch agreed.

"Yeah, fun. I make stick. I look for *maku*. Yes, let's go again," she said.

Maṛuku Arts provided the tools for this *pununguru palyantja* (making tools from trees) trip.

With some planned trips cancelled due to COVID-19, Watarrka students illustrated *Yaaltji ngiyarilu tjilka mantjinu* (How the thorny devil got his spikes), a story told by Brian Clyne and translated by Julie Clyne.



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.

They meet three times a year to plan and monitor projects, and make decisions. They have completed many local and regional projects, including upgrading sports grounds, repairing and maintaining outstations, constructing and operating the Mutitjulu pool, supporting renal dialysis, supporting education in local communities and at boarding schools, funeral support, and cultural support through cultural maintenance and

inter-generational transfer of knowledge.

As well as the regional URM projects the Mutitjulu community also receives income from the park rent and gate money. The Mutitjulu community have funded the ongoing operations of their swimming pool, upgrades to their recreation hall and sporting facilities, supporting men's ceremony, and cultural support; including cultural trips, upgrades to their inma/ceremony ground to support cultural activities, and the renovation of an old building as a community cultural centre. Since 2005, traditional owners have planned and allocated \$15.91 million to 118 projects.



Utju students learning to make irmangka bush medicine.



Stephani Limbiari reading resource to her granddaughter.

The Tangentyere Council received \$200,000 from the traditional owners of the Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park to plan and implement the project, and produce seven bilingual resources.

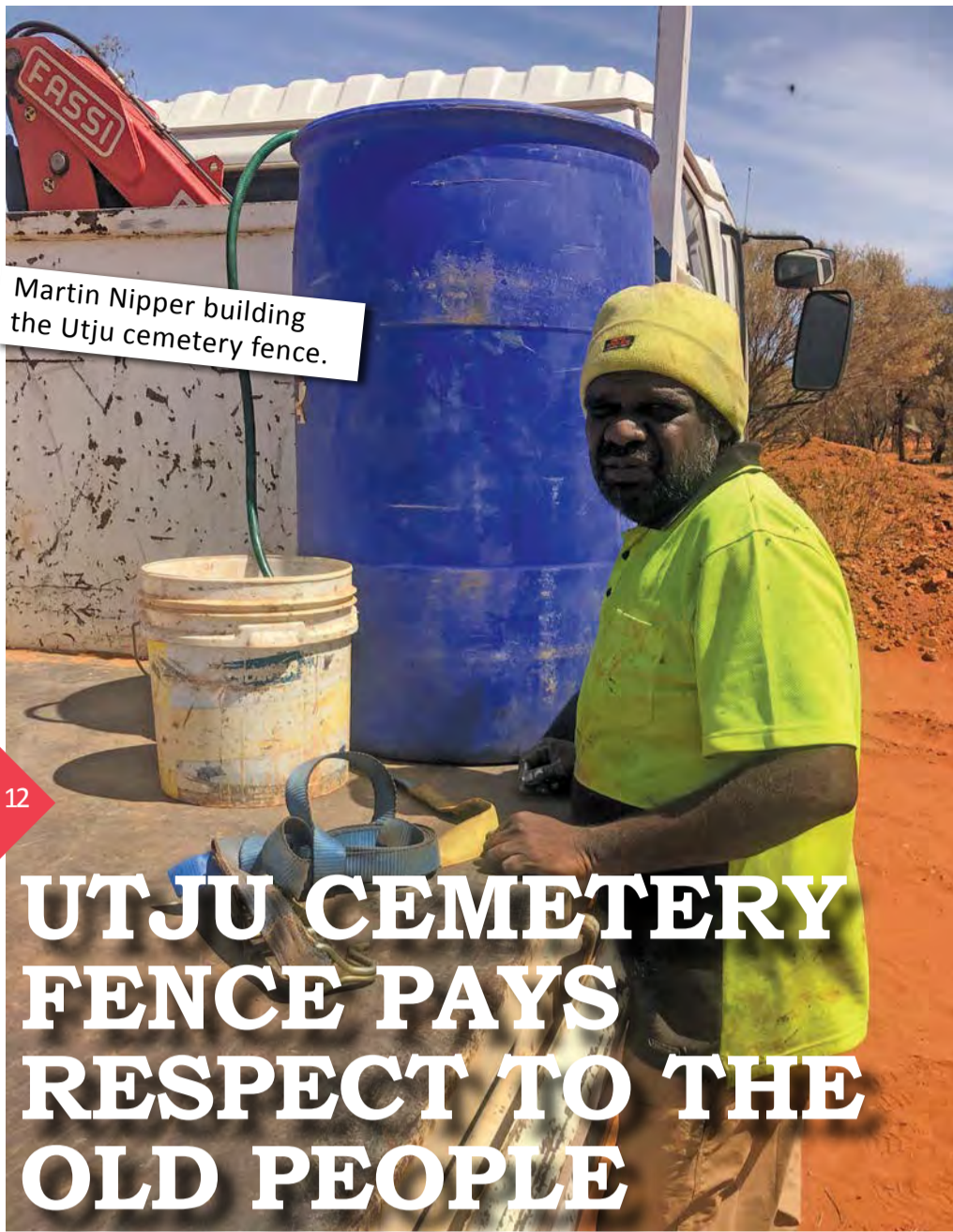
“THIS BOOK IS GOOD TO TEACH OUR KIDS OUR LANGUAGE. THEY CAN SEE THAT IT’S WRITTEN IN OUR LANGUAGE. IT’S TAUGHT IN OUR LANGUAGE SO THE KIDS CAN UNDERSTAND IN OUR LANGUAGE. AND IT’S ALSO TELLING A STORY. IT’S BETTER THESE KIDS KNOW OUR STORIES, OUR TJUKURPA STORIES, THAT’S WHY WE WANT TO DO THESE BOOKS,” MS CLYNE SAID.



Mutitjulu primary students harvesting urtjanpa with CLC Mutitjulu ranger Ashley Paddy.



Mutitjulu primary students learning how to make wana with Elsie Taylor and Wanatjura Patterson.



Martin Nipper building the Utju cemetery fence.

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UTJU CEMETERY FENCE PAYS RESPECT TO THE OLD PEOPLE

Utju residents have built a strong, high fence to protect the graves of their loved ones from being trampled by feral horses and donkeys.

Martin Nipper, Roger Ebatarinja and Rodney Kunoth worked with Tangentyere Constructions to build almost 400 metres of fence.

The fence surrounds the old and new parts of the cemetery, protecting more than 150 graves in the new area and around 100 in the old area.

ULURU RENT MONEY



Roger Ebatarinja laying the wires for the Utju cemetery fence.

Arnold Nipper, one of the traditional owners of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park who lives in Utju, is happy with their work and already has his eyes on the next project.

"We need new crosses, but the fence is good," Mr Nipper said.

Utju now plans to record the grave sites and restore and mark the older graves.

The traditional owners decided to fund the fence with almost \$56,000 of rent they get for the park because they feel sad when cemeteries become run-down and damaged by animals.

RAINWATER TANKS BRING NEW LIFE TO YUWALKI AND DESERT BORE

Kintore's Yuwalki and Desert Bore outstations won't go thirsty in a hurry, following the installation of two big rainwater tanks.

Set up in the 1980s, the outstations ran dry when the bore pumps and tanks broke down over the next decade.

The outstations, 35 and 20 kilometres from Kintore, were uninhabited since the 1990s and received only occasional visits.

The new 9,000 litre tanks have changed that. They allow families to stay at the outstations for longer and care for their country.

"The Bushman rainwater tanks are good," said Yuwalki resident Clara Rowe.

"WE NEEDED WATER. WE PUT LEASE MONEY TO GETTING THE TANKS. THE SHIRE HELPED TO FILL UP THE TANKS WITH WATER. WE ARE ALL STAYING OUT HERE NOW THAT WE HAVE WATER." SAID CLARA.

"We go to Kintore for shopping, meetings and painting, but we are staying at Yuwalki now; me, Bundi, Nabula, and kids are all staying here," she said.

Ms Rowe is a member of the working group that decided to spend \$56,000 on the project. The residents are not the only ones who will benefit from the tanks.



Desert Bore rainwater tank

The new Kintore ranger team has used the water when they cleaned a waterhole in the area, and cars breaking down near Desert Bore on the Kintore Road will also be grateful for the outstation's tank water.

Tangentyere Constructions installed the tanks and will visit every six months for three years to keep the tanks in good order.

COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY

UPGRADED FACILITIES PUT LTYENTYE APURTE ON THE SPORTING MAP

Thanks to the traditional owners and residents of Ltyentye Apurte, the community is now enjoying a proper basketball court and can look forward to night-time footy matches.

Tessa Palmer, Chelsea Oliver and Jessie Ronson tried out the new undercover basketball court.



“The basketball court wasn’t levelled, some parts had cracks and dips - pretty dangerous for kids, as well as no shade,” Nick Hayes said.

“The basketball court project idea came because women played basketball during the sports carnival and ladies got blisters on their feet from the hot concrete,” explained Annalisa Young.

Nick Hayes and Annalisa Young are part of the working group that determines how the community lease money should be invested in Ltyentye Apurte community projects.

The \$270,000 basketball court upgrade bought the community a steel shade structure, a reinforced concrete slab with proper line markings, bench seating and landscaping.

Now the school kids have a shaded court to play on during the hottest part of the day.

“It’s about giving back to the community what’s needed,” said Nick Hayes.

The lease money also spent more than \$317,000 for floodlights around the footy oval.

The sum covered a feasibility study, construction and the ongoing maintenance.

“Members of the community had the idea, not just recently, it’s been talked about for years”, said Annalisa Young.

Once the oval is grassed, courtesy of the Melbourne Demons Football Club, the community will be able to host games after dark.

“I RECKON IT’S REALLY PULLED THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER. EVERYONE IS VERY PROUD OF THE LIGHTS. WE DID THIS, WE DECIDED TO DONATE THIS TO THE COMMUNITY,” NORA HAYES SAID.

Working group and CLC executive member Raymond Palmer was also excited.

“I turned the lights on, had a little BBQ, and woah! You should of seen it – the MCG of the desert,” he said.

“I feel really proud about those projects, that we got new things for the community. When those lights went on everyone noticed, kids were running around, all really happy,” said Malcom Hayes.

The oval lights and basketball court project were managed by Clarklec Electrical and Tangentyere Constructions respectively and employed two local men. Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation manage the ongoing maintenance of the oval lights.



Ltyentye Apurte’s new footy oval lights.

Community Lease Money project facts

The 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) and other lease money (governments, organisations and service providers now pay annual rent for the blocks they lease in communities).

Thirty-one communities take part in the project and most have set up working groups to plan community benefit projects. So far, the working groups have allocated funds to a total of 343 projects. The 343 projects delivering social, cultural and economic outcomes have so far invested \$14.29 million of the five year lease money and \$4.3 million of the other lease money. Since 2012, communities have allocated a total of \$18.6 million to community benefit projects.

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SOLAR SOLUTIONS FOR AMPILATWATJA'S CHURCH

Worshipping in a corrugated iron church in the heat of a Central Australian summer is no small act of faith, but the community of Ampilatwatja has used its lease money to make church services much more comfortable.

Construction of the new church is a community development project that was completed three years ago.

It replaced "a little tin house we had here", said church volunteer Lulu Teece.

14 **"WE BUILT THIS CHURCH TO MAKE IT BIGGER FOR US. THERE WASN'T ROOM FOR PEOPLE WHEN WE HAVE FUNERALS, FOR OUR FAMILIES TO COME. THAT'S WHY WE WANTED A NEW CHURCH AND SOLAR LIGHT."**
LULU TEECE SAID.



Ada Beasley, Elizabeth Bonney and Lulu Teece at their church.

While the new church was built with lights, fans and power points, the budget didn't stretch to connecting to electricity, so the congregation ran an extension cord to a generator at Elizabeth Bonney's house, paying her with a power card.

The \$90,000 project paid for Tangentyere Constructions to install solar panels on the church roof with battery storage and now church goers can keep cool as well as power their electric instruments and a sound system.

Ampilatwatja's lease money also paid for another solar project.

Tangentyere put a solar pump and a water tank at an existing bore that now pipes water to several dwellings.

Before tapping the bore, Honeymoon Bore outstation residents were forced to get their water themselves from town, five kilometres away.

"We used to get water from Ampilatwatja, carrying that water from Ampilatwatja. We got a tap here now," Ms Teece said.

The residents have committed more lease money for future projects and are discussing ideas.

"We need a little tank [at Honeymoon Bore] now for our garden, so we can grow fruits like mulberries and oranges and mandarins," Ms Teece said.

Ada Beasley would like to extend the church further.

"We want to make this church bigger and have a little room for the Sunday school for the kids.

"And we want to get little tables and chairs for the little ones, and a table to make sandwiches and tea."

KALKARINGI'S RECREATION COURT IS A WINNER

Kalkaringi's covered multipurpose sport and recreation court is a big win for the community that started with seed funding of \$180,000 from its leasing income.

The court gets major workouts from Kalkaringi's and Daguragu's male and female basketball teams.

It is used for netball, volleyball and tennis matches and the community also holds graduation ceremonies and funerals at the court as well as many youth activities that help keep young people safe. The annual Freedom

Day Festival is also held there. It is also used for discos, which are keeping young people safe.

"IT WAS JUST A VACANT LOT FULL OF PRICKLES. WE WANTED TO SET IT UP AS A FAMILY FUN PARK," GURINDJI TRADITIONAL OWNER AND GAC COORDINATOR RR SAID.

The community's lease money committee had a vision of transforming a vacant lot into a busy community hub when it chose the Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) in 2017 to manage the build.

The lease money helped the GAC to demonstrate strong community support for the project which helped secure grants from both the NT Government and the ABA.

The government grants were enough for the GAC to build the court and return the seed funding to the community lease money committee for other projects.

A year later, the committee allocated the corporation another \$45,000 for two grandstands, a BBQ area with seating, tables, solar lights, a shade structure and a stage.

Combining community lease money with the government grants has allowed it to build a deadly community facility.

The community officially opened the multipurpose court during the 2018 Freedom Day Festival, and visiting teams played basketball games over the long weekend of the celebrations.

RR said the grants allowed "local men through Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation to get the project done". Twelve local people were employed on this project.



Kalkaringi multipurpose court at night (photo by Nicole Zicchino).

COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY

CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CD) PROGRAM REPORT 2018/19

Independent monitoring of the Central Land Council's CD Program by La Trobe University's Institute for Human Security and Social Change

ABORIGINAL MONEY GOVERNED BY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE FOR COLLECTIVE BENEFIT



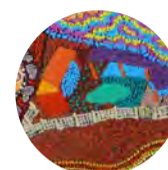
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Alekarenga Community Development Working Group and WETT representatives receiving their Indigenous governance awards in Melbourne, Nov 2018. Photo: Reconciliation Australia, Julian Mundy

SUCCESS FACTORS

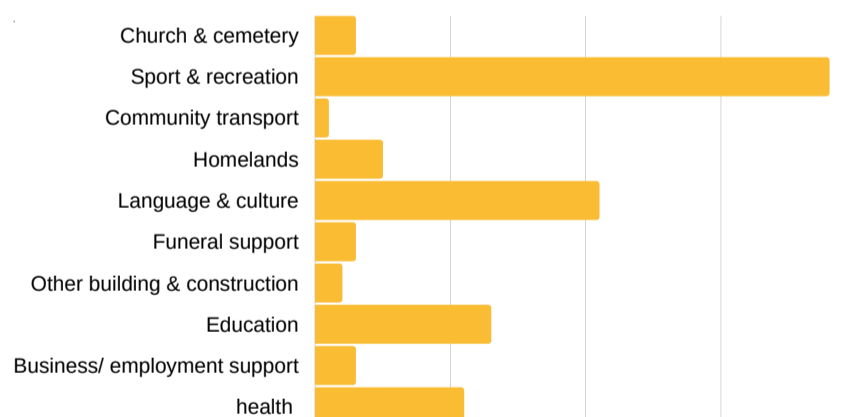
- Strong Aboriginal leaders
- Positive relationships between Aboriginal participants and CD staff
- Experienced CLC CD officers
- Sharing ideas through CLC CD News

PROGRAM RESULTS

- Two CD governance groups recognised by Reconciliation Australia's Indigenous governance awards (pictured)
- 475 Aboriginal people employed across the program
- 6,424 hours of non-accredited and 1,640 hours of accredited training delivered
- 11,935 visits to the four Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) learning centres
- 49 secondary students went on interstate school excursions and 32 boarding school students supported
- All Aboriginal key informants said the CD Program is making remote communities and homelands better places to live

This artwork is from a 2013 painting by Barbara Napanangka Martin, Nancy Napurrurla Oldfield and Maisie Napaljarri Kitson. It depicts the journey of how WETT started and how it grew over the years.

PROJECT TYPES:



BACKGROUND PROGRAM INFORMATION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- Maintain Aboriginal identity and culture
- Strengthen capacity to participate in mainstream Australia

OBJECTIVES

- Aboriginal engagement, ownership and control
- Outcomes valued by Aboriginal people
- Building CD approach evidence base
- Sharing lessons learned



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.



Finke Gorge NT Park Lilla working group: Sadie Williams, Sonya Davis, Roger Ebatarinja, Vera Williams, Phillip Walker, Elfrieda Ungwanaka, Andrew Ebatarinja, Kevin Ungwanaka and Rene Pepperill.



Kaltukatjara community lease money working group: Kennedy Edimintja, Bernard Bell, Lyall Kenny, Selina Kulitja, Marlene Abbott, Pantjiti Mценzie and Barbara De Rose.



Kintore community lease money working group: Riley Major, Joe Young, Katie Allen (CLC), Lindsay Corby (seated), Giselle Barku, Monica Robinson and Rebecca Humphries (CLC).



Yuelamu GMAAAC committee: Noel Hagen, Cliffy Tommy, Gerard Morton, David McCormack, Melissa Morton, Shonelle Stafford, Rosina Stafford and Rowena Larry.



Native Gap NT Park working group: Jeanie Ferber, Magdelene Lynch, Michael Gorey, Alison Ferber, Nikita Ferber, Colleen Hayes, Sharon Hayes and Rebecca Humphries (CLC).



Tanami Downs GMAAAC committee: Robyn Lawson, Vivienne Lawson and Peggy Granites.



Urlampe working group: Alan Rankine, Shirley Dempsey and Josh Rankine.



Davenport Range NT Park Antarrangeny working group: Casey Holmes, Donald Thompson and Frankie Holmes.



Ltyentye Apurte community lease money working group: Malcolm Hayes, Raymond Palmer, Annalisa Young, Nick Hayes, Nora Hayes, Phillip Alice and Brandon Hayes.



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