

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



\$20.3
MILLION
APPROVED FOR
PROJECTS



70+
ABORIGINAL
GOVERNANCE
GROUPS



360
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENTS







214
NEW COMMUNITY
BENEFIT PROJECTS
FUNDED



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

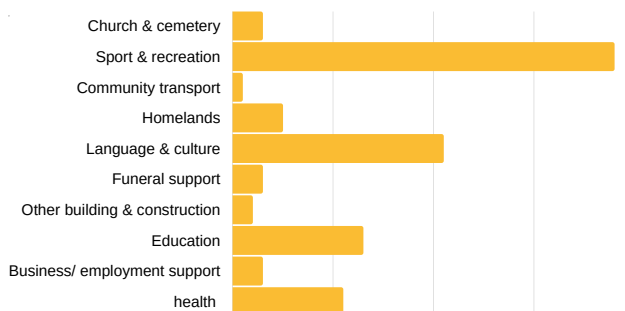
SUCCESS FACTORS

-  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

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



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.

Feedback from Aboriginal program participants

"In the 1950s in the old films you can see how the whitefellas are talking, taking kids away and trying to make us whitefellas. We have our own culture and we are getting back what was taken. It's good like that. The Community development program is part of that process of giving back control."

Aboriginal participant – South West



Marcus Briscoe, Anthony Briscoe, Cliff Tommy, Mack Murphey and Billy Stafford at one of the Yuelamu street lights they installed

"This football club was built through the Community Development Project using Ntaria community lease money in partnership with Tangentyere Constructions. This is a really big achievement, the best achievement. Other good projects are the Cemetery project, putting headstones and upgrading the cemetery. Ntaria school also does school excursions funded through the project and school holiday project."

Aboriginal participant - South West

"We have a close bond with CD staff and each other on WETT. We have a talking relationship and they give us encouragement."

Aboriginal participant – Tanami

"I'm on both WETT and GMAAAC Committees, WETT since 2007. It's been a good experience for me. At first, I was shy when I first started with WETT. I was just sitting and listening. Now I feel confident to speak up."

Aboriginal participant – Tanami

"CD needs to be more innovative, more forward thinking, have more guidelines – can't keep building playgrounds."

Aboriginal participant - South West



Janie Williams and Jasmine Spencer at their graduation with a Cert II in Family Wellbeing

"It's helped me develop leadership- talking, fighting for rights, using money proper way. For example, if we give money to a project the partner has to work properly and be accountable. I've learnt to talk at conferences... I learnt a lot-how to work in Yapa and Kardiya way."

Aboriginal participant – Tanami

"I want the Shire to learn the way our people want to do things... It's happening already with the CD program, helping people live well; it's given people control and making them stronger."

Aboriginal participant – South West



Shaquille Presley is enjoying his work as a lifeguard at the Yuendumu Pool

"I tell you straight, if we didn't have CLC CD program community would be still struggling. We'd still be under Government rules, and things would be happening slowly, out of our control, or sometimes never."

Aboriginal participant – Tanami



Nancy Oldfield with one of the Bilingual Resource Development Unit's publications

"As a WETT Group sub-committee member I've learnt a lot. We give each other power and we talk strong and we teach each other by sharing good ideas. We can explain things to each other: 'Oh this is what it means, we have to go this way, not how we were thinking before' and talk about it... We teach young people. They listen to us carefully when we talk to them and that's important because young people are going to step in."

Aboriginal participant – Tanami



Tarna Andrews explaining how to make the spinifex resin during Tangentyere Bilingual Resources Project at Utju

"When we got our photo on the CD newsletter it made me feel really proud. I felt really proud seeing me and my family on the cover."

Aboriginal participant – East



Ntaria year 4 and 5 Students with Wanta staff at an excursion to Kings Canyon