

Central Land Council

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Council NEWS



November 2017

The delegates broke into nine regional groups to discuss the ABA homelands project at the CLC's last council meeting of 2017 at Tennant Creek.

ABA HOMELANDS PROJECT

The Aboriginals Benefit Account will invest \$15.75 million in homelands across Central Australia.

A one-off grant is for people already living on their homelands and those who want to live there.

There is not enough money to help every homeland.

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has an application process and will decide which homeland will get help.

It has made rules on how the money can be used.

WHAT WILL IT FUND?

- ✓ Activities on country, such as setting up or working for a business and taking part in education and training
- ✓ Infrastructure to support these activities, for example, ablution block, minor road resurfacing, workshop, equipment shed.
- ✓ Infrastructure, services and assets such as power, water, sewerage and fencing, including training to maintain infrastructure.

WHAT WILL IT NOT FUND?

- ✗ New homelands or houses.
- ✗ New roads, resurfacing major roads, airstrips.
- ✗ Ongoing operational costs, including repairs and maintenance.
- ✗ Vehicles or machines that are not used to run a business enterprise.

PM&C has asked the CLC to help with consultations.

Each regional group talked about the project before the council passed the following resolution:

The council supports the CLC playing a role in the ABA Homelands Project.

It wants to ensure that the process would be simple and fair, that the project would focus on local employment and involve local resource centres, and that delegates would be involved in decision making about which homelands can make an application.

From early 2018 the CLC will consult with council delegates, constituents and organisations about which homelands are best suited to make an application.

The project will finish in 2021.



Peta Breadon explains the ABA project to region 7 members.

ABA REFORM

Members agreed on a plan for working with the three other NT land councils on increasing Aboriginal control over the Aboriginal Benefit Account.

They endorsed 10 principles for ensuring the ABA is controlled by NT Aboriginal people and not by Canberra.

The council sees reform of the ABA as critical to progressing self-determination.

At Kalkaringi, in August 2016, the joint meeting of the CLC and NLC passed a resolution calling for greater Aboriginal control of the ABA.



Sabella Turner speaks up.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS
ALICE SPRINGS
 6-7 December 2017
 21-22 February 2018

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
BARUNGA
 5-7 June 2018

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

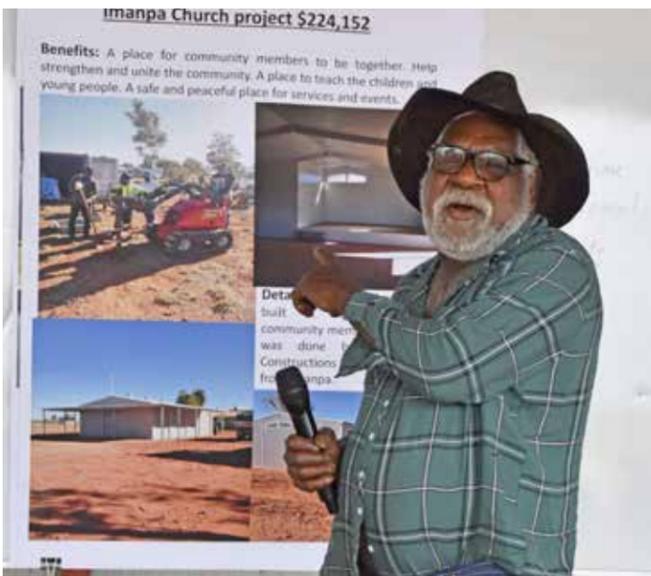


Katie Allen and Mark Inkamala show Shane Lidner how Ntaria uses its Community lease money.

Katie Allen from the community development team introduced decision makers from the south-west region who talked about their projects:

- Sammy Wilson - Mutitjulu men's cultural trip to Ngatunitja, funded through Uluru rent money.
- Mark Inkamala - Ntaria restores three cemeteries, funded through the community lease money.
- Sid Anderson - Papunya sporting complex upgrade (seating, shade shelters and a commentary box). Funded through Papunya's community lease money.
- Neil Peterson and Roderick Kantamarra - Mt Liebig church upgrade (seating pews, new floor, and repairs), funded through community lease money.
- David Wongway and Maria Coulthard - Imanpa's new church, funded through community lease money.

All these projects employed and paid local Aboriginal people.



David Wongway is proud of Imanpa's new church.



Roderick Kantamarra and Neil Peterson present about Mt Liebig's projects.

TANGENTYERE MEN'S 4 CORNERS



Tangentyere Men's 4 Corners found strong support.

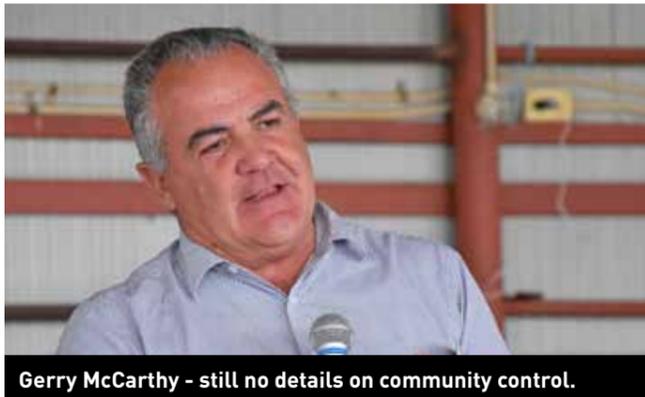
Representatives from Tangentyere Men's 4 Corners talked about how they would like bush visitors to behave when they visit town camps in Alice Springs.

The men distributed a brochure with rules by town camp elders, including who they do not want to come to town and when they would like visitors to go home.

Members expressed strong support for their work. Several delegates wanted to see men take responsibility and "get strong again".

For more information call 8951 4222.

TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HOUSING PLAN



Gerry McCarthy - still no details on community control.

NT Housing Minister Gerry McCarthy talked about the Labor government's \$1.1 billion, 10-year plan for remote housing.

This money is for new houses, the Room to Breathe program (extra rooms and living spaces for existing houses), repairs and maintenance and government employee housing.

Mr McCarthy said the NT Government is asking the Australian Government for money to help it deliver this plan.

Delegates said new houses would create jobs and help fix health problems. They wanted to know why it was taking so long to build more houses and give communities control over housing.

Labor had promised to return community control but the minister could give no details of how it is going to do this.

EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES

Peter Riley, Mark Jackman and Robert Stevens gave an update on the Empowered Communities project in the south-west of the Territory.

Robert Stevens is a Director of Mai Wiru - an organisation set up to manage stores in the region, and a supporting organisation of Empowered Communities.

In addition to talking about Empowered Communities the council was interested in the way Mai Wiru has changed how stores are managed and helped remote community residents get better food at cheaper prices. The council agreed to monitor and support Empowered Communities.

DELEGATES CALL FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH NT POLICE



Valerie Martin quizzes NT Police Southern Commander White.

Commander Michael White asked the delegates what to do about youth issues and crime in Alice Springs.

He said the NT Police would like to work with Aboriginal families and communities to come up with community driven solutions to making Alice Springs safe for everyone.

Delegates criticised slow police response times, empty police stations in communities, police harassment of children and the lack of communication between police and community.

They decided to invite the police commissioner and his deputy to the next council meeting.

CEREMONY

Call regional officers Jesy James Carr (8951 6253) to help with ceremony money.



CLC OFFICE SHUT DOWN

The CLC wishes you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Alice Springs

Closed Friday 22nd December 2017 - 12pm
(Reopen Tuesday 2nd January 2018)

Tennant Creek

Closed Friday 22nd December 2017 - 12pm
(Reopen Monday 8th January 2018)

Regional offices

Closed Friday 22nd December 2017
(Reopen Tuesday 2nd January 2018)

Ranger groups

Finish Friday 15th December 2017
(Return Monday 5th February 2018)