



Delegates enjoyed the last Council meeting for 2018 at Arlparra held on the community basketball court.

CLC ELECTIONS 2019



The current council's three-year term ends in April 2019. In preparation for the CLC elections in February and March, the delegates reviewed the number and distribution of representatives for each of the nine CLC regions.

Aboriginal residents over the age of 18 will be able to vote and nominate for election at community meetings. These meetings will be advertised through the media and community notices.

Women and young people are under represented on the Council and are strongly encouraged to nominate. Contact your regional CLC officer or the policy team if you want to nominate before the day of the election meeting in your community.

The new delegates will elect the Chair, the Deputy Chair and the members of the Executive and the ABA advisory committee at the first Council meeting of the year in early April.

CEO RECRUITMENT

Delegates received an update about the recruitment of the new CEO replacing CLC Director David Ross when he retires in the middle of next year.

The members of the Executive's recruitment panel (Francis Kelly, Michael Liddle and Sid Anderson) said they would ask the Executive to decide whether to offer the position to their preferred applicant.

After unanimously deciding to offer the position to Territory-born senior federal public servant Joe Martin-Jard the Executive was pleased that he accepted the position and will start in early February 2019. Mr Kelly has since announced the CEO appointment to the media.



Joe Martin-Jard is CLC's incoming CEO.

NATIONAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP



Members expressed frustration about remote housing and broken promises from government.

Policy Manager, Josie Douglas updated Council about a five year funding promise from the Australian Government for remote housing in the Territory. This funding will come to the Territory through a National Partnership Agreement. Details of the agreement is still being negotiated. The Australian Government wants land councils to be involved in the agreement and this is still being worked out with the NT. The agreement includes three pieces of work, reviews to look at housing leases, who will be responsible for what ("accountability framework), as well as options for a new remote housing model. Council discussed and endorsed 14 principles for developing an effective housing model. They also agreed that the CLC should join a steering committee for the national partnership that includes representatives from both levels of government and other land councils.

NEXT MEETINGS

Council Meeting
9 - 11 April 2019
YULARA PULKA

Executive Meetings
13 - 14 February 2019
13 - 14 March 2019
ALICE SPRINGS



CLC delegate Sabella Turner spoke at the Council meeting.



# ABA REFORM



ABA Committee Member Harry Nelson.

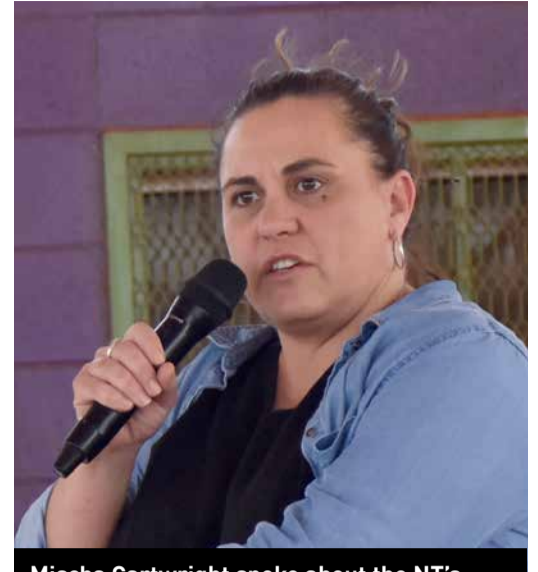
Council rejected the federal government's bill to change the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) because it does not address the guiding principles the NT land councils had agreed. It resolved that senior land council staff should be allowed to support and advise ABA advisory committee members at ABA meetings, for example about grant applications.

Council agreed to continue to work with the government on the joint ABA working group, as long as the Director is satisfied that the group is making progress in line with the land council principles.

# NT GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Mischa Cartwright, Executive Director from the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, spoke about the NT Government's Aboriginal Affairs Strategy. The strategy is a 10 year commitment and is a 'Whole of Government' responsibility. NTG heard that the previous Aboriginal Affairs Strategy was top heavy, the new strategy aims to have community at front and centre moving forward. NTG has heard loud and strong that they need to do business differently. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Ken Vowles has responsibility for this government policy.

Delegates also heard from Bo Carne about the NTG's Local Decision Making policy.



Mischa Cartwright spoke about the NT's Aboriginal Affairs Strategy.

# WORK FOR THE DOLE WIN

CLC is a member of the Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APONT) and through this alliance has been working hard to bring change to CDP. The Federal government's work for the dole scheme discriminates against remote Aboriginal people. As Council were meeting, news broke that the Senate had supported a motion to abandon a CDP Bill that would bring in an even harsher penalty regime in the New Year. The vote followed strong lobbying in Canberra from APONT and other peak organisations from around Australia. CLC Policy Manager Josie Douglas gave evidence about the damage CDP is doing during a Senate inquiry in September.



Josie Douglas updated delegates about CDP.



# ABA OUTSTATIONS PROJECT DECISIONS

Roughly a third of the outstations in the CLC region will get help to apply for ABA funds to make improvements to their places.

Delegates met in nine regional groups to choose 105 outstations which will get some of the \$15.75 million for the federal government's one-off ABA outstations project.

Each region considered a set of recommendations before naming the 'priority' outstations in their region.

The delegates sat down in regional groups to choose the outstations with the best chance of meeting the government's criteria, such as benefit and capacity.

"Benefit is about whether the outstation contributes to jobs, local business, education, health and safety," said consultant project manager David Jagger.

"By capacity they mean outstation

people can work on the things they want and are able to look after them."

In October, the CLC's Executive had decided how many outstations in each region would get a chance to apply for up to \$150,000 each.

The unanimous resolution allowed the Alice Springs region, the largest with a total of 96 outstations, to choose 22 priority outstations, while the smallest central region around Ti Tree was able to pick eight of its total of 14 outstations.

Since the council meeting, Jagger's project team has started to visit the priority outstations to plan projects with the families. This work will continue in the New Year.

Once the applications have been sent to the ABA, the federal government will take over the project.

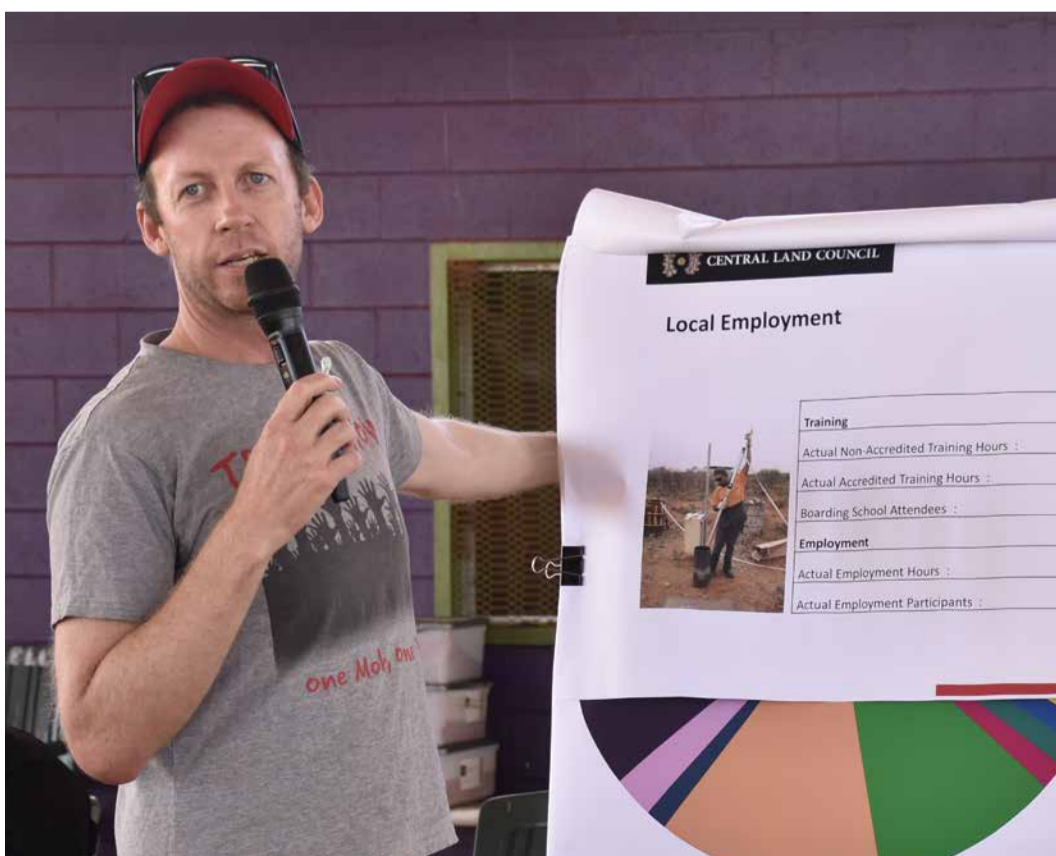
# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The CLC's new community development manager, Ian Sweeney, shared the program's highlights. Last financial year his team worked on a total of 160 projects, costing \$17 million and employing 207 Aboriginal people for 23,700 hours. The program also supported 68 kids from remote communities at boarding school.

impressive considering that the community development unit was short-staffed for most of the year.

Oh, and two of the groups it supports were finalists in the governance awards – the WETT advisory committee won the non-incorporated category and the Alekarenge working group were highly commended.

This achievement is all the more



The CLC's new Community Development Manager, Ian Sweeney.

## Next steps

After priority outstations are chosen to apply for funding, the CLC will:

Work with people of the priority outstations to plan the things they want the project to fund.

Help write funding applications to the Canberra Government for these things.

The CLC's work on the project then finishes and the Canberra Government takes over:

The Government will check the applications against the eligibility rules and funding criteria.

It will give the applications it agrees to fund to organisations like outstation resource centres to do the work.

The Government will tell the people whose application is not successful.