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Willowra community has a new centre for education and training, built with \$625,000 of mine royalties, \$2.6 million of ABA funding, an Aboriginal building company and 1,400 hours of hard work by Willowra men.

Willowra elder and educator Maisie Kitson says the recently finished Willowra Learning Centre makes her "happy and proud."

She says: "We were talking about this for seven years. I nearly gave up."

But all the careful planning and preparation has paid off.

Kurra Aboriginal Corporation gave the royalties through the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT). WETT is managed by the Central Land Council's Community Development Unit. The rest of the money came from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA). Alice Springs firm Sue Dugdale and Associates designed the buildings with lots of input from the community, then watched over the building work.

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Cover image; Claudia Walker modelling a dress made of printed fabric designed by Donisha Granites at the Worawa Aboriginal College school 'Stylin' up' fashion parade' in August 2012. Claudia and Donisha are from Yuendumu and have received support from WETT. WETT

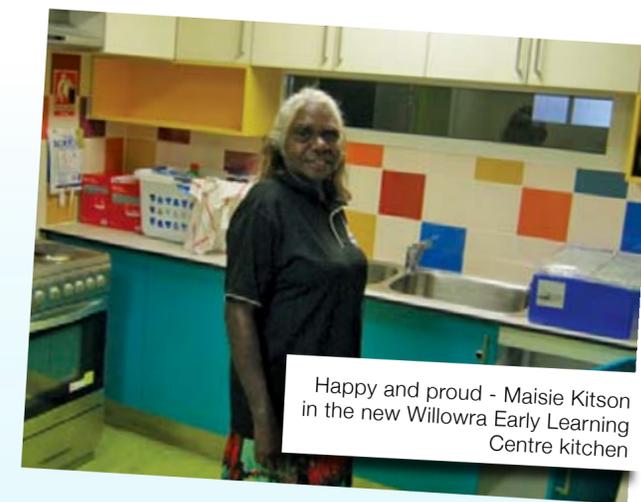
also funded Claudia's mum Madeleine White and aunty Devina Payton to fly to Melbourne from Yuendumu for the event. Claudia and Donisha have returned to Worawa in 2013 and plan to take part in this year's fashion parade. Thanks to Worawa College for the pic.



Against strong competition, Tangentyere Constructions won the job of actually building the centre and employed Willowra men Gary White, Malcolm Fry, Nathaniel Brown and Rowan Long on award wages. They worked so well, Tangentyere Constructions has now offered them more building work.

Gary hopes the four men were role models to other young people, "to get the idea of hard work and follow us."

The men learnt new skills, like bricklaying. "I never done that before," says Gary. Nathaniel's favourite job was plaster-boarding.



Happy and proud - Maisie Kitson in the new Willowra Early Learning Centre kitchen

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"I'M THE ONLY YOUNG MAN OUT OF THEM FOUR"

NATHANIEL BROWN, 21



Community tour of the new Learning Centre

WETT quick facts

The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) was set up in 2004. Kurra Aboriginal Corporation, the Trustee, puts over \$1 million of mining royalties into WETT each year for education and training in 4 Warlpiri communities in the Tanami.

WETT is supporting four major regional programs: Early Childhood,

School Support, Youth and Media and Learning Community Centres.

WETT and the CLC Community Development Unit have developed strong partnerships with the four community schools, World Vision Australia, the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation and Batchelor Institute to deliver these programs.



1,400 hours continued...



(L-R) Gary White at Willowra Learning Centre, Gary White Willowra learning centre construction, Malcolm Fry

Gary says Tangentyere Constructions "were a good mob to work with. The white builders made us feel happy and welcome."

He adds that having a number of locals on the job is important.

"When you're working by yourself, it's a bit harder," he says. "We could talk our own language when we got tired."

Maisie says this sort of local employment is so important

"BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO RELY ON KARDIYA. WE WANT OUR OWN PEOPLE WORKING."

The centre has men's and women's training and meeting rooms with computers, a library and storage for cultural objects and records. It includes a brand new playgroup place for little kids.

"All those years they had playgroup next door in the Shire," says Maisie, "now they have their own space, there's more room, it's cooler and there's little toilets!"

There is a new house for the centre coordinator, and one for visiting trainers or an early childhood worker. Batchelor Institute runs the centre and playgroup with support from World Vision Australia.

Back when all the building work started, Maisie says "I nearly cried with the good news." Now she's all smiles.

So why is education such a big deal in Willowra?

"It's important for young people to have education so they can get better jobs," says Gary White.

The Willowra Learning Centre officially opens on 23rd April.

Rowan Long and Nathaniel Brown Willowra learning centre construction



INVITATION
You are invited to celebrate the opening of the
WIRLIYATJARRAYI ADULT LEARNING AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE
at Willowra at 11 am, 23 April, 2013
All enquiries contact Koy @ the Central Land Council 0889516367

Batchelor Institute
Central Land Council
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Top-bottom; Georgine Martin, Lucy Martin, Lily Long, Leah Martin and Kay Williams, Jeanie Presley, Marissa Brown and Elaine Brown

STORIES OF FAMILY, LAND AND CULTURE PUT FINISHING TOUCH ON WILLOWRA'S NEW CENTRE

Willowra artists have created 16 magnificent Jukurrpa panels to decorate the outside of the community's new Learning Centre and playgroup space.

The project was funded through WETT and supported by Warlukurlangu Artists. The Warlukurlangu team moved from house to house for a week, giving artists paints, brushes and big canvases. The artists also got plenty of good tucker to keep up their energy late into the night.

Warlukurlangu also worked with little kids in the school to paint 64 smaller boards representing life around Willowra.



WETT SUPPORTS WARLPIRI SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Last year over 61 Warlpiri students from the Lajamanu, Nyirрпи, Willowra and Yuendumu schools got a taste of life outside the Territory.

Some of the highlights included visiting Parliament House in Canberra, surfing on the Gold Coast, canoeing down Margaret River and a guided tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The excursions were all part of the WETT-funded secondary school support program.

Over the last five years the program has given over 150 Warlpiri students and Yapa (Warlpiri) teachers the chance to practice their life skills and their English.

Warlpiri students off at boarding schools did not miss out.

Last year, 22 students at Kormilda College, St Johns Catholic College, Worawa College and St Phillips College took part in excursions, bought their school uniforms, sports and music equipment or enjoyed family visits at special occasions – all thanks to WETT.

Nyirрпи School Excursion
Canoeing down Margaret River



Yuendumu School Excursion
2012 Surfing on the Gold Coast



Lajamanu School Excursion
2012 in front of the High Court



Willowra School Excursion Darling
Harbour in front of the New Endeavour

LAJAMANU LEARNING CENTRE IS NOW OPEN



New co-ordinator
Cheryl Cartwright now
has a real computer.

Activity has picked up at the Lajamanu Learning Centre with the arrival of its new co-ordinator Cheryl Cartwright.

Cheryl is employed by Batchelor which has formed a partnership with WETT to run the learning centre.

Training in money management, literacy and numeracy have started and construction training will start soon.

Computers have been installed and computer courses are next.

Thanks to WETT funding and the work of local people the centre also has new furniture and equipment. FaHCSIA has also given funds to run the centre for the next two years.

Cheryl's next task is to work with the group to hire a local Yapa Coordinator. The local reference group has had a great first meeting with Cheryl.

Lajamanu fellas after
assembling the Learning
Centre furniture



FINDING NEMO

Kintore students celebrated the end of the 2012 school year with an excursion to Cairns, thanks to the community lease money.

NONE OF THEM HAD BEEN TO AN OCEAN BEFORE

The week-long trip took 12 students aged between 9 and 11 to the Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest and many places in between.

Kintore traditional owners contributed \$5,000 of their lease money to the excursion and parents chucked in spending money. The idea for the excursion, which took two years to plan, was sparked by studying oceans and watching the movie Finding Nemo. The kids prepared for their underwater adventures by swimming in the Kintore

pool. Finding a clown fish was high on their wish list.

Only two students got to see a clown fish, but the trip achieved everything the community and the school had hoped for. The kids practised their English, snorkelled and dived on the reef, learned about rainforest and reef ecosystems, and went hunting with local Aboriginal people. They also had their first experience of boat, railway and plane travel.

When they got back home they wrote about their adventures. Here's a taste:

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From the travel diaries of the Kintore students

We got into a cable car. I looked down and I was very excited. I felt excited and happy. We walked to the rainforest and I looked at the giant trees. It was very beautiful. Tilara

The bus took us to the Daintree. We got to the beach. We had spears in our hands. We were practicing throwing spears. And then we walked into the water. We went hunting in the water for crabs. Daisy Abbott

We were going in the Skyrail. We didn't see the forest floor because the canopy was too thick. We saw the Baron Falls sparkling in the sun. They looked lovely. I felt very scared on the cable car. Now I felt very excited. Daisy Abbott

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We drove to the Daintree River and we got on a boat and saw a little crocodile and a big crocodile. Then we went to the Tropical Fruit Farm and we ate fruits. Ernest Maxwell



Meeting the traditional owners of Mossman Gorge

We went for a swim in the water front pool. Some tourists were talking to us. They joined with us at the pool for a swim. Naomi Rowe

When we got to the marina we saw the Quicksilver catamaran. it was huge. The ocean was far away and it was sparkling. It was the first time for me to go a long way on the ocean. Antonio Nolan

I went to spear the mud crabs and saw the fish jumping in the sea. I walked through the mangroves and saw the crocodiles' home. I found crabs and a crab got my leg. I ate lots of little shells. Mavis Gallagher



Waterfall at Kuranda



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We went with Nick far out into the ocean. We were snorkelling in the ocean and saw fish, turtles and sea snake going fast and saw a swordfish. Then I scared him away. Later I saw a seahorse in the coral. Christopher Youngut

We went to the Great Barrier Reef. I went to the pontoon and I swam with flippers. I saw black fish and coral. We went back to the glass bottom boat and Patrick and I saw Nemo. Mavis Gallagher



Outer Reef snorkelling, Kintore excursion

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NEW COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY PROJECT KICKED OFF

A new community development project is creating benefits for communities in the CLC region. Kintore is the first cab off the rank, with a school excursion project already completed.

Another 10 are busy planning their own projects to strengthen their communities and there is no shortage of project ideas being put forward in other places.

Before too long, the Community Lease Money Project will work with 20 communities on Aboriginal Land and 10 on Community Living Areas on lasting community benefit projects.

The Community Development Unit is looking forward to supporting all of them to plan, implement and evaluate their projects.

The new Community Lease Money Project became possible when the Gillard government agreed to pay fair compensation for the leases the Howard government took over communities in 2007.

Traditional owners and residents will use the majority of this one-off compensation payment for the 5 years of the Intervention for projects across the 30 communities.

Most communities have also put aside for community benefit lease payments that governments and other organisations will make every year for the land and buildings they lease. This "other lease money" could keep some of the community benefit projects from the "5 year lease money" going year after year.

The CLC's full Council meeting in Aputula in November 2012 backed those traditional owners who had already decided to use much of their lease money for community projects.

Delegates voted as one to ensure a balance between individual distributions of lease money and the use of the money to create lasting benefits for Aboriginal people throughout the CLC region.

"Everybody seemed very happy about it and they were looking forward to building some much needed infrastructure and getting other good community projects up with this money", said CLC Director, David Ross.

"This decision allows both the traditional owners and the residents to benefit from the compensation, so I think they have chosen a very wise course and I congratulate them on a great decision which will minimise conflict in their communities."

Most of the 30 communities have chosen small working groups made up of traditional owners and residents. These groups plan the projects and do the ongoing work with support from the Community Development Unit.

Among the projects already on the drawing board are church buildings and renovations, sports, art and recreation projects, computer training, tree planting and landscaping projects.

If you have any questions about the new Community Lease Money Project please call 8951 6373

COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY

YOUNGFELLAS FINISH FIRST COMMUNITY PROJECTS AT IYLTWELEPENTYE

Craig and Shane Wickham from Hatches Creek helped complete the on-country meeting place at the Hatches Creek outstation in the Iyaltwelepentye (Davenport Ranges) National Park.

The Centre for Appropriate Technology got \$138,500 Iyaltwelepentye rent money to train and employ the young fellas to put up the shelter. The construction site operational health and safety training means they are now able to seek work on construction sites across Australia.

The meeting place, which includes a shelter and two shower blocks, can be used for Joint Management and other meetings with the Iyaltwelepentye traditional owners. They plan to host a meeting about feral animal control there in April.

They also used their rent money to get the young men to build a \$59,000 equipment shed at the outstation. It will house the fire trailer they want to buy next, for about \$25,000. Traditional owners hope the outstation can become a base for land management work in their region.

In 2011 Karlu Karlu (Devil's Marbles) traditional owners led the way by spending \$62,000 of their rent money on an on-country meeting place for land management.

Watarrka traditional owners are working closely with the NT Parks and Wildlife Service to do the same in Watarrka National Park.

Craig Wickham, Shaun Cummings (CAT), Shane Wickham building the Hatches Ck ablution block



Morning tea break during building at Hatches Creek



Hatches Creek Shelter

Sixteen National Parks and Reserves across the CLC region have been or soon will be handed back to traditional owners.

They have agreed to lease the parks back to the government so they can be jointly managed by traditional owners and the NT Parks and Wildlife

Service and continue to stay open for tourists.

As part of the hand back deal, the NT government has paid traditional owners just over \$1.1 million in rent and other income last financial year.

The CLC Council decided that all of this money would be used for community development.

MICRO BUSINESS PLANNING AT ULPANYALI

The Clyne family at Ulpanyali and the Williams family at Lilla have started planning for very small (also called "micro") businesses at their outstations near the Kings Canyon Resort.

The Clynes have built and equipped an art studio and a workshop/garage at Ulpanyali with their Uluru rent money, while the Williams want to share important and beautiful sites at Lilla with suitable tourist groups.

The Community Development Unit introduced the families to an organisation that works with Aboriginal people in the bush who want to start their own businesses.

The organisation is now helping the families to work out what they need for their business ideas to succeed, to find people or organisations who can work with them, to plan and budget for their businesses and to find money, in kind support and other resources.

Many Watarrka National Park visitors and guests of the Kings Canyon Resort want just the kinds of products and experiences that Ulpanyali and Lilla have to offer.

When Laura visited the families they were busy making soap, screen printing and doing a stocktake of their products.

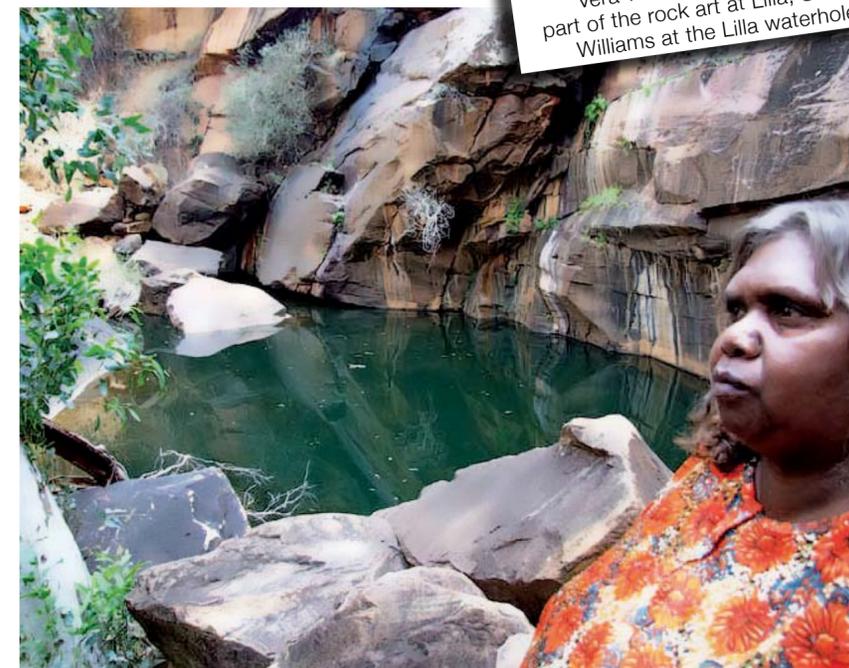
Product samples such as soap, linocut gift cards, and screen printed aprons were given to the resort management.

"THE RESORT WANTS TO BUY THESE PRODUCTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY TO BE MARKETED, ALONG WITH NEW PRODUCTS AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED. WITH THIS GUARANTEED CUSTOMER AND HUGE MARKET POTENTIAL, THIS IS A GREAT START TO THE PROJECT."

The Clynes already have a name for their business - Ngalta Arts.



Top-Bottom; Julie Clyne pulls the first print on the new art studio press donated by Castle Hill Rotarians on their visit to Ulpanyali. Vera Williams shows a visitor part of the rock art at Lilla, Sadie Williams at the Lilla waterhole



A NOD TO THE OLD PEOPLE...

Armed with steel, brass sheet and a metal engraver, the Munguru-Munguru CLC Rangers have begun to install headstones on unmarked graves in the Kalkarindji Cemetery. The money comes from the traditional owners of Juddburra (Gregory) National Park. In 2011 they decided to put \$17,000 of their rent money to pay proper respect to people whose graves had been marked with just a 'star picket and dog tags'.

MUTITJULU TJURPINYTJAKU CENTRE

The Mutitjulu Working Group decided to hold the official opening of the Tjurpinytjaku Centre, as the new pool will be called, when the swimming season starts again. Stay tuned for a big wet party in September!

The \$2.1 million building project was project managed by the Centre for Appropriate Technology's CAT Projects and constructed by the company that built the pools in the APY Lands.

It will be operated by the business that also runs the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre. Under its agreement with the CLC the company will operate the Muti pool for more than four years.

It will work with a local Pool Committee to run the pool and train locals as pool attendants. One of the first jobs of the local committee will be to come up with rules that will keep the pool safe and fun for everyone to use.

**THE POOL HAS BEEN
A DREAM OF THE
MUTI COMMUNITY FOR
TOO LONG. IN 2006 IT
DECIDED TO USE ITS
ULURU RENT MONEY TO
MAKE IT COME TRUE.**

Mutitjulu residents hope to get in their first few swims in the long awaited pool in April, before the weather turns too cold.

Of the six projects the Mutitjulu Working Group took on back then, the pool has taken the longest to complete.

That's not just because pools in remote communities are expensive to build and run. It's also because this one is in the middle of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, which meant there were quite a few extra planning steps that had to be done.

After the CLC and the Mutitjulu Working Group got through these steps they had to find more money because building costs kept going up. The Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) came to the rescue.

The Mutitjulu Working Group saved \$1.5million of their rent money to pay the pool operating company.



Mutitjulu Working Group talks pool



Toddler pool in foreground



Mutitjulu primary school children make a site visit - and learn about safety at the pool construction site, (below) pool construction March 2013



ULURU RENT MONEY

MUTITJULU RECREATION HALL SOON TO RE-OPEN

The bad news was that Muti kids had to do without a fun and safe place to play for nearly a year because a fire damaged their newly repaired Recreation Hall.

The good news is that the hall will re-open its doors again in April, thanks to the foresight of the Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation (MCAC).

A year ago an air conditioning unit fire damaged the roof supports. The hall was forced to close for safety reasons. Luckily MCAC had insured the hall properly and made a successful insurance claim. The roof is now fixed.

The hall had only been upgraded two years ago, as part of the Mutitjulu Youth Recreation Precinct project. Mutitjulu Community had chucked in \$400,000 of its rent money. The rest had come from the ABA and the Mutitjulu Foundation.

NPY Women's Council uses the hall for youth programs and kids use the gym equipment there.

Ara Irititja will be able to move its computer into the hall now. Traditional owners also support this great cultural history project at Mutitjulu through their Uluru rent money.



Uluru Rent Money Project Quick Facts

The URM Project started in 2005 when the gate fee to enter the Park went up. Now a good part of the rent paid to Traditional Owners goes to regional, community and outstation projects in both the Northern Territory and South Australia.

Uluru traditional owner, Julie Clyne, said that working with the CLC Community Development Unit to put rent money to community projects is: "A lifetime opportunity, you know? Because it's going to benefit not only us old people but generations to come. It's going to help them along the way. It's a good opportunity I reckon."

ULURU RENT MONEY



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GMAAAC ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the 74 new GMAAAC committee members elected in eight Tanami communities last year.

The committee members decide which projects to fund with GMAAAC money in their communities.

They have also elected 18 GMAAAC directors who meet at least once a year to review how GMAAAC is going. Last year they put in place a Code of Conduct for GMAAAC members and discussed how to keep GMAAAC projects going when the Granites Mine eventually closes down.

GMAAAC committee elections are every two years. The next election will be in 2014. If you live in a GMAAAC community, are Aboriginal and over 18 then you can vote for your local GMAAAC committee and stand for election yourself.



Election boxes in Yuelamu



Voting at Lajamanu



Billiluna GMAAAC Committee 2012 left-right Sharon Palmer, Frank Sambo, Isabel Palmer, Denise Long, Justin Yoomarie, Brian Darkie



Ringers Soak GMAAAC committee finishing their planning for 2012 | to r Tomato Gordon, David Tchooga, Linda Yandigalli, Christine Tchooga

YUELAMU GMAAAC COMMITTEE LOOKS AFTER COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Yuelamu GMAAAC committee is helping the clinic to better look after the health of Yuelamu people.

The clinic has used GMAAAC money to buy two otoscopes, instruments which are used for looking into people's ears and showing them the inside of their ear on a computer screen.

"Otoscopy helps people to take an interest in their ear health" said Mario Dolfen the Acting Health Care Manager of Mt Allan Health Clinic.



Thanks to GMAAAC, the clinic previously bought two monitors that check blood pressure and heart rate and better beds.

GMAAAC also gave the clinic money to plant fruit trees and other plants to keep the dust out of the clinic. Patients now have a comfortable place to sit down outside the clinic, as well as enjoy oranges and lemons.



Citrus fruit trees from GMAAAC, (insert) Noel Heenan and Otoscope in action at Yuelamu Clinic

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GMAAAC SUPPORTS KURDIJI MEETING SPACE

Lajamanu elders are enjoying their own meeting space and office in the renovated old laundry behind the shop.

The kurdiji group are senior people in Lajamanu who are working to make Lajamanu stronger and safer and find better ways for yapa and kardiya cultures to work together.

Kurdiji planned how to fix up the building with the CLC Governance Project and the Lajamanu Progress Association. The

Lajamanu GMAAAC committee then gave \$170,000 to a construction company, who finished the building renovations before Christmas.

Kurdiji have started to use the building for meetings and office work. "We are all happy that we used yapa money to make a yapa place that is owned by yapa. With Jupurrula [from the CLC governance project] we can learn how to look after the place properly and with our money we can add a tea room and a shady area outside", said kurdiji member Jerry Jangala.



Joe James inside kurdiji building

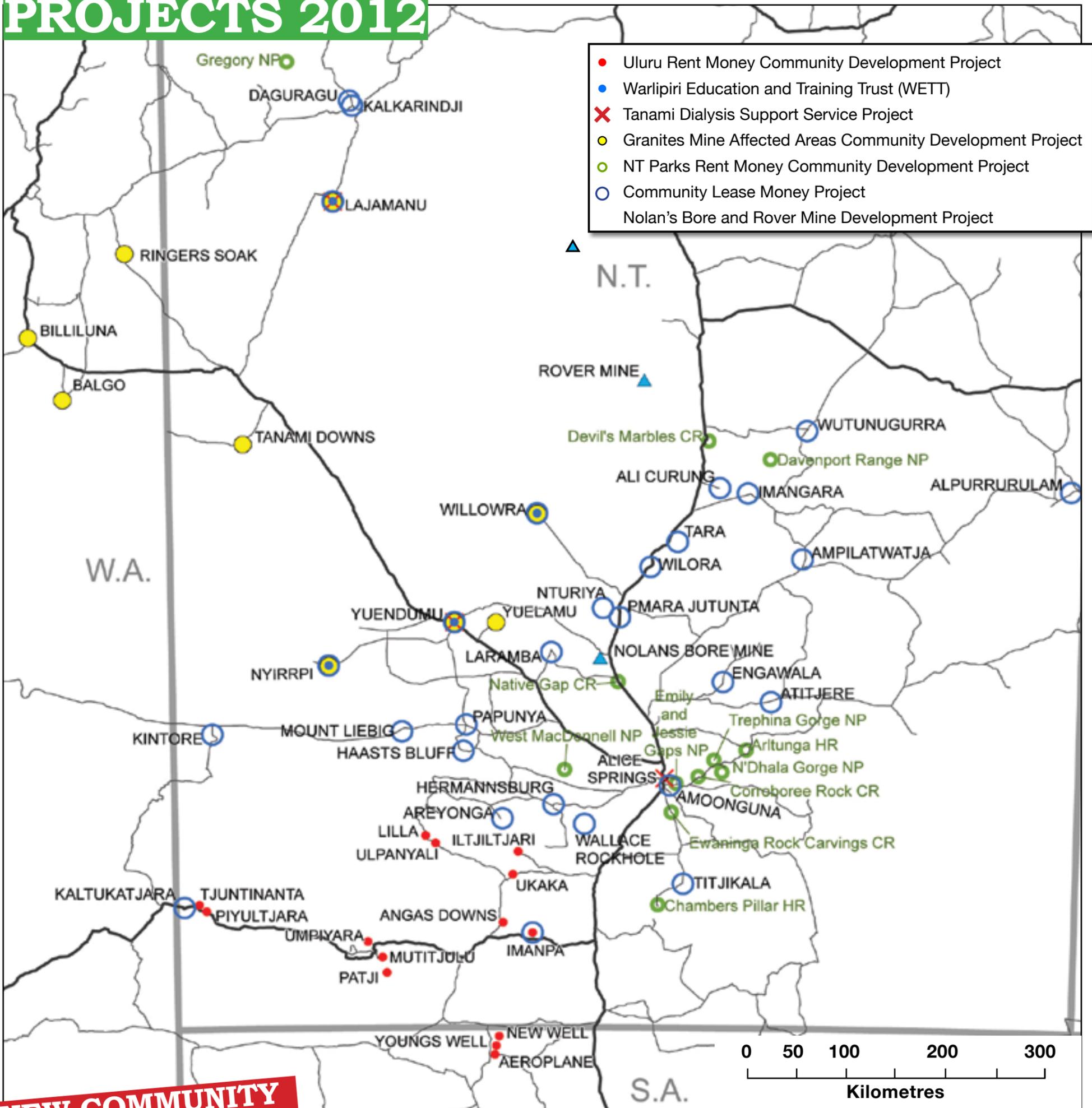
The Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) was set up to benefit nine Tanami communities affected by the Granites gold mine. GMAAAC projects improve housing, health, education, employment and training, and essential services. They promote Aboriginal self-management.

The CLC's Community Development Unit works with elected committees in Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Willowra, Nyirripi, Yuelamu, Tanami Downs, Balgo, Billiluna and Ringers Soak to plan these projects, and funds organisations to implement them.



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NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

ROYALTIES TO FUND PROJECTS NEAR TI TREE AND TENNANT CREEK

Two more traditional owner groups have put their mining exploration money into new community benefit projects.

In February, the traditional owners for an area near Tennant Creek have put some of their exploration compensation money aside for projects that benefit their communities. Metals X Ltd have been exploring for gold for a possible Rover Mine.

Last September the traditional owners for Nolan's Bore near Ti Tree decided to use a portion of their mining exploration money for community benefit projects. Arafura Resources have been doing a lot of diamond drilling on this country.

Both groups have some great ideas for projects that will create long term benefits for their communities.



Fiona Kitson from Yuelamu reading Community Development NEWS