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MUTITJULU LIFE

GUARDS MAKE A SPLASH

Mutitjulu has its very first homegrown life guards to patrol the community's popular swimming pool.

Five young men undertook lifeguard training in January, and two have qualified as lifeguards.

Clem Taylor and David Cooley completed the course, and Daniel Breaden, Terrence Rice and Christopher Dixon are expected to qualify later in the year.

Mr Taylor and Mr Cooley are now working at the pool as fully qualified lifeguards, alongside the trainees.

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"I LIKE HELPING LOOK AFTER THE KIDS AND LEARNING ABOUT THE POOL," MR DIXON SAID.

While locals have worked as casual pool attendants and helped to run events, the lifeguards are a first.

The lifeguards know how to help someone after a heart attack, provide emergency care and rescue people from the water.

They had to show they could swim at least 200 metres, tow people, and get them out of the water safely.

They learnt how to make the whole pool area safe, how to prevent problems and accidents and how to report them.

They also worked on their communication skills through role plays and practised how to prevent and deal with problems and conflict.

The training course, like the pool, is funded by the community's rent income from the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park.

Using their new qualifications and work experience, the young men can also apply for work at the Yulara pool.

The new lifeguards have brought the community one step closer to its goal of managing the pool by itself.



Trainer Mark Walker teaching rescue techniques to Christopher Dixon and Clem Taylor.



David Cooley, Clem Taylor and Christopher Dixon practising CPR.



Christopher Dixon, Clem Taylor and Daniel Colley practise a rescue with trainer Mark Walker.

ULURU RENT MONEY

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: Christopher Dixon is proud to help look after kids at the pool.





Evelyn Marshall and Nadia Lewis at their Djarragun College graduation.



Evelyn Marshall and Nadia Lewis learning how to do nails during their beauty course.

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APY GRADUATES SHINING BRIGHT

Congratulations to three young people who graduated Year 12 at the end of 2020 and made Uluru-Kata Tjuta traditional owners proud.

Nadia Lewis and Evelyn Mona Marshall attended Djarragun College in Cairns and Keith Turner graduated from Clontarf Academy in Perth with the support of Uluru-Kata Tjuta rent money.

All three overcame the extra challenge of graduating during the COVID-19 pandemic, and were sent home to study independently until it was safe to return to school in Term four.

The women returned to Amata and Keith to Pukatja in South Australia, in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands.

To help support the students at home, the rent money also provided them with laptops.

The program funds the NPY Women's Council boarding school program and assists the students and their families with applications, transport, emotional support and special events, such as graduations.

Ms Lewis' grandmother, Wanatjura Lewis, is grateful for the support offered by the project.

"THAT NPY PROJECT, IT HELPED. THE STAFF WERE GOOD. I WAS ALWAYS TALKING TO THEM FOR HELP, AND THEY WERE TALKING TO NADIA".

Evelyn and Nadia both enjoyed studying beauty. Nadia was the boarding school head girl and received the Principal's Distinguished Endeavour Achievement Award for winning the Australian Heart Foundations T-shirt Design Competition for NAIDOC week.

Now that she has finished school she wants to keep studying.

Evelyn is eager to start work in Amata.

"The hardest thing was being away from family and getting homesick. I really liked going to school every day," she said.

Assistant teacher at the Amata school and traditional owner of the national park, Gina Williamson, watched both girls grow up.

"They were always good learners," she said.

"Nadia was so quiet when she was little. It was good for them to go to boarding school and make new friends and do their learning there."



Keith Turner's graduation from Clontarf Aboriginal College.

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 its swimming pool, upgrades to its recreation hall and sporting facilities, supporting men's ceremony, and cultural support; including cultural trips, upgrades to its 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 \$16.56 million to 122 projects.

ULURU RENT MONEY



Doris Jurrah teaching students about floating and sinking using a BRDU book.

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YAPA RAMP UP PRODUCTION OF WARLPIRI CLASSROOM MATERIALS

Yapa teachers created a record number of Warlpiri teaching resources in 2020, sending new materials to more classrooms than ever before.

New workbooks helped Yapa students to keep learning from home on country during the COVID school shutdown.

The Bilingual Resources Development Unit (BRDU) developed seven new Warlpiri language books, two new phonics work books and a series of word-making cards to support student's learning while the schools were closed.

They also created new interactive teaching materials such as videos, songs and bingo games for Yapa students.

The resources were given to school libraries in Yuendumu, Nyirrpri, Willowra and Lajamanu, as well as other interested schools, childcare and learning centres.

This meant students could take books home to continue learning with their families.

“WE HAVE A WARLPIRI BOOK SHELF AND WE HAVE READING EVERY DAY. MUMS CHOOSE BOOKS TO READ WITH THEIR LITTLE ONES,”

MADELEINE YOUNG, YUENDUMU'S FAMILIES AS FIRST TEACHERS PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR, SAID.

Warlpiri Education and Training Trust Facts

The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) was set up in 2005 to support education and training in Nyirrpri, 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 WETT's programs.

The new workbooks feature themes relevant to Yapa culture and country, such as *ngapa* (water) and seasons, *watiya manu jurnarrpa* (trees and artefacts), *kuya* (animals), and *palka* (the body) and *pirlirrpa* (spirit).

The palka theme has been useful for encouraging students to discuss *pirlirrpa* and their feelings, emotions and behaviour in Warlpiri. Encouraging students to talk about their feelings ties into the wellbeing programs run by the schools.

“They love starting on a new theme for the term with new books and resources,” Yamurna Oldfield, the assistant principal at the Yuendumu School, said.

“It is important to keep getting new Warlpiri books and charts. It makes teaching more interesting for the Warlpiri teachers and the students,” Ms Oldfield said.

BRDU has operated from Yuendumu School since 1974 and the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) has funded the development of bilingual resources for the Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Willowra and Nyirrpri schools since 2008.

Two years ago, the WETT directors of the Kurra Aboriginal Corporation (Kurra) allocated almost \$40,000 to support the project for next three years.

Preschool teacher Samantha Watson, knows that it's not just the students who benefit from a bilingual education. Yapa teachers value it too.

“I feel proud because we have our own Warlpiri books, and work sheets and songs and we have them on the internet,” she said.

“Kids love the books when I read to them. They relate to the pictures and talk about what they know from home and in the bush.

“I'm happy we have a bilingual program and I can teach in our first language.”

WETT supports five 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 and Batchelor Institute to deliver these programs.

Since 2005 WETT have invested more than \$33 million across these programs.

DIRECTORS LEARN THE MONEY STORY THE RIGHT WAY

A unique training program helping two Tanami Aboriginal corporations to understand good governance and make better decisions about their money has earned high praise from the participants.

“I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE MONEY STORY. IT WAS HARD FOR ME AT FIRST. BUT NOW WHEN I CONTINUE TO KEEP COMING BACK AND HAVING THIS TRAINING IT’S REALLY OPENING UP MY EYES TO USING MONEY WISELY,”

JEAN BROWN, A GRANITES MINE AFFECTED AREA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (GMAAAC) DIRECTOR, SAID.

Throughout the three years of the program, the directors of GMAAAC and Kurra told an independent evaluator how they prefer to learn.

The trainers and Central Land Council staff used this feedback to change how the training was delivered.

The directors translated the training materials into Warlpiri, plain English and symbols that made cultural sense to Yapa.

GMAAAC directors investing money in the share market.



They told the trainers they wanted to work more in small groups, use activities such as role play to practice what they were learning and have enough time to discuss new ideas in Warlpiri.

The directors also asked for practical help with their official business, for example with holding a practice annual general meeting the day before the official Annual General Meeting.

Visuals were used to explain unfamiliar ideas, such as trading shares.

Kurra directors Valerie Martin and Jenny Timms working together.



“THE SHARE MARKET GRAPH IS GOOD TO KNOW FOR FUTURE PLANNING. WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IF IT’S GOING UP OR DOWN. IT’S LEARNING HARD ENGLISH, PUTTING MONEY IN INVESTMENT AND OTHER BUCKETS. FOR ME, I JUST WANT TO KEEP ON LEARNING.”

KURRA DIRECTOR JENNY TIMMS SAID.

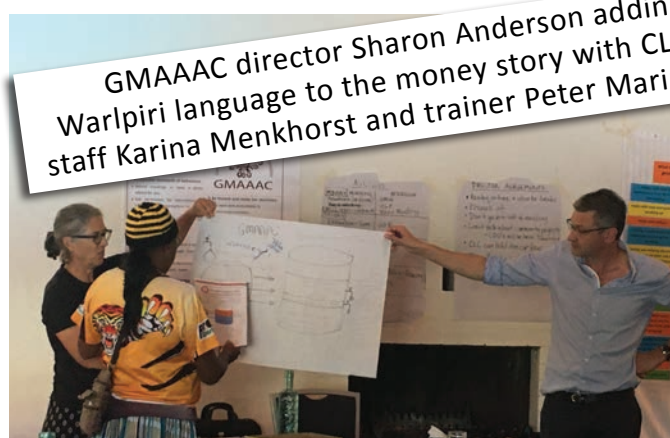
The directors called their bilingual and bicultural approach to training *purda-nyanyi, wangkami, pina-nyanyi manu milya-pinyi* (listening carefully, talking, looking back and around to understand and gain knowledge). It made them hungry for more.

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 Aboriginal self-management and 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, Ringers Soak and Billiluna to plan projects and select partner organisations to implement them. Since 2008, GMAAAC has allocated more than \$57.98 million to 1024 projects.

GMAAAC director Sharon Anderson adding Warlpiri language to the money story with CLC staff Karina Menkhorst and trainer Peter Marin.



“IT’S OPENING MY MIND [ABOUT] WHERE THE MONEY GOES, HOW IT’S INVESTED. IT’S SO GOOD. WE SHOULD BE HAVING CONSTANT TRAINING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOW CORPORATIONS RUN AND HOW THE MONEY IS DIVIDED UP, TO KNOW IT’S SECURED FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS,”
KURRA DIRECTOR VALERIE MARTIN SAID.

Participants were pleased about getting a handle on the difficult subject matters, and learning at their own pace.

“YOU CAN’T LEARN EVERYTHING IN ONE DAY. WE WENT STEP BY STEP, BIT BY BIT. THE MONEY STORY WAS REALLY HARD FOR ME, BUT BY THE END OF THE WEEK I GOT IT”
KURRA DIRECTOR JUNGARRI COLLINS SAID.

Kurra directors discussing financial statements with trainer Peter Marin.



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.



MT ALLAN HIP HOP CREW GETS THOUSANDS OF HITS ONLINE

Yuelamu students on the set of their hip hop music video *Work Hard*.

A hip hop music video produced by Yuelamu students has been viewed nearly ten thousand times online.

More than thirty students wrote and laid down the track *Work Hard* with the support of musicians from Melbourne's Indigenous Hip Hop Program.

"I liked dancing for the video and talking about healthy food," student Mackia Jones said.

The students learned how to write and record the lyrics, and film and edit the deadly music video over five days in the community three hours northwest of Alice Springs, on the old Mt Allen pastoral lease.

Work Hard is about the kids' homelands and about not letting anything get in the way of achieving their dreams and goals.

All 34 students rap the chorus: "All we got is right now, if we work hard it'll work out, always try my best, no shame no doubt."

Student Isaac Pepperill performed a section of verse one.

"Throw your spears up, we about to go *lyweny* [Anmatyerr for hunting]. Get the kangaroo!" raps student Isaac.

Jesse Stafford picked up the next verse:

"HUNTING FOR WITCHETY GRUBS, WE'RE ALL ABOUT THAT FAMILY LOVE. WE WORK HARD IN ANY WEATHER. MT ALLAN GIRLS, WE DO IT BETTER!"

Yuelamu teacher Karina Biddle said the students brainstormed the song theme.

"Work hard, share, and always try your best. That's what we try to instil in them," she said.

The hip hop team performed a finale for the community at the recreation hall.

Ms Liddle said the students handled the performance like professionals.

"Honestly, that performance that they gave us, I would pay \$100 for that. They were stunning."

The \$25,000 project was developed by the students, their teachers and a local youth worker, and funded by Yuelamu's GMAAAC committee.

The committee have committed to more projects involving younger kids in the future.



Lingz Watson and Clancy Jangala Watson editing a documentary for the PAW archive.



IMPORTANT ARCHIVE JUST KEEPS GROWING

Pintupi Anmatyerr Warlpiri (PAW) Media is keeping Yapa culture alive in Yuendumu by making another 200 videos, photos and audio recordings available to the community through digitisation and cataloguing.

The project also employs Yapa cultural advisors who make sure that photos, videos and sound recordings are tagged with the right information about who can access them.

The language and culture room has become an important centre for knowledge exchange and is recognised as a nationally significant collection of Warlpiri cultural recordings.

There are over 1,000 tapes in the archive. The video collection includes recorded ceremonies, Yuendumu School Country Visits, 15 years of Yuendumu Sports Weekends, and 13 episodes of the "Warlpiri Sesame Street", *Manyu Wana* [Just for fun]. It also contains photos and audio recordings.

"THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR SENIOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO EDUCATE OUR YOUNGER ONES. WE'RE FINALLY GETTING THE PRIVACY WE NEED FOR THOSE VIEWINGS," PAW CHAIR VALERIE NAPALJARRI MARTIN SAID.



Peter Japaljarri Tex and Simon Japangardi Fisher present Archival men's ceremony at the new PAW screening space.

With funding from GMAAAC, PAW's language and culture room will also get a bigger restricted area with extra soundproofing for culturally sensitive sound and video recordings.

The community invested nearly \$100,000 of their mining compensation money in the project, with \$80,000 of that money going towards Yapa wages.

The additional material is the result of the work of Yapa archivists, who last year were trained to use archive software and manage and catalogue records.



Allan Dickson and Jean Brown on their computer viewing the Warlpiri Archive through Keeping Culture.



LAJAMANU'S MINING INCOME STREAM GETS WATER RUNNING



Nita Patrick, Lyndie Farrell, Joyce Herbert and Lynette Tasman in the church yard.

Functioning toilets and drinking water at the Lajamanu Baptist Church means residents can hold funerals and church services in comfort again.

"We had no water for a couple of years. It's been a struggle," resident Lynette Tasman said. "It's good to have water back on at the church because our toilets were blocked."

"Now we can clean the church."

First the congregation had to pay almost \$10,000 for an outstanding Power and Water bill to get the water reconnected.

Mobile Mission Maintenance, an organisation that links skilled volunteers with remote communities, organised a maintenance team do the work free of charge.

"THE CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY ARE VERY HAPPY, AND NOT ONLY THEM," ANDREW JOHNSON, FROM THE COMMUNITY'S GMAAAC COMMITTEE, SAID.

A further \$6,000 of Lajamanu's mining compensation income will pay for future power and water expenses to make sure the church doesn't run out of water again.



A service at the Lajamanu Baptist church.



Lynette Tasman and Joyce Herbert checking a tap.

LAJAMANU AFL TRAINEES LACE UP THEIR BOOTS

A much loved footy project in Lajamanu is set to kick on for another three years, thanks to a big investment by the community.

The \$558,000 plan will see the employment of two local trainees, one female and one male, to support all aspects of the program.

The trainees will be expected to organise training and show they have what it takes to become remote development managers with the Australian Football League of the Northern Territory.

"It would be really good to have one of our local boys a part of AFLNT," sports mentor Steven Morton said.

The GMAAAC committee member and employee at Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC) has seen the difference the project has made.



A footy game during an Auskick session at the Lajamanu school.

"WHEN WE STARTED THE LOCAL FOOTY, CRIME WENT DOWN. THERE WEREN'T MANY PEOPLE BRINGING GROG INTO LAJAMANU. MOST PEOPLE WERE JUST FOCUSING ON FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL," MR MORTON SAID.

The project supports seven teams of more than 200 players from Kalkaringi, Yarralin, Daguragu and Lajamanu, as part of the Kiwinyi Football League.

Twice a year, the projects rewards 12 male and 12 female students for good school attendance with trips to the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre in Darwin.

It offers work experience sessions, fitness sessions, football skill development and umpiring.

It also give students a taste of boarding school.

"HOPEFULLY WE GET AN ABORIGINAL PERSON WORKING HERE BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS EARLY MAY," LAMUN TASMAN, GMAAAC COMMITTEE MEMBER AND NORTHERN WARLPIRI SWANS ASSISTANT COACH, SAID.

"We're trying to also have some of the girls come out and play.

"The local competition, Kiwinyi, is great for the community because young people can't play if they haven't been going to school."

The project's benefits go beyond school attendance.

Talented male and female players also have the chance to join the Melbourne Demons' Next Generation Academy, the AFL's Football Means Business program, the Northern Territory U16, U18 and Senior Thunder programs, all paths to playing in the AFL.

The partnership between GMAAAC and the AFLNT began in Lajamanu in 2016, when the community invested \$424,000 of its mining compensation income.

It has become a valued part of community life, according to Northern Warlpiri Swans coach and GMAAAC committee member, Gerald Watson.



"On the weekends it's good seeing family coming out of their homes to watch footy. Some of the players from here get picked to go and play in Darwin," he said.



Lajamanu Students and AFLNT staff after an Auskick session at the Lajamanu school.

URREMERNE OUTSTATION GETS PERMANENT WATER SUPPLY

Urremerne outstation residents started the new year with clean drinking water on tap at last.

10 Most families had to rely on rainfall or water deliveries from Alice Springs, 70 kilometres from the outstation, making it hard for them to stay for long.

“We want to live there because it’s our grandfather’s country,” working group member Matthew Alice said.

“WE WANT TO SIT DOWN FOR A LONG TIME AND LOOK AFTER THE LAND. IT’S WHERE FAMILY CAN GET TOGETHER.”

Ingkerreke Outstation Resource Services installed taps at six houses, as well as a 22,500 litre tank, by the end of last year.

The project used \$220,000 of the group’s income from an exploration licence, and Napwerte/ Ewangina Rock Carvings Conservation Reserve rent money.

A nearby bore now pipes fresh water to the new tank.

Urremerne residents wanted to make sure that there was enough water for their outstation and the plants and animals, now and into the future.

A water scientist reassured them that the project is sustainable.

The residents now feel much more self-sufficient and comfortable on their country.

“The water tastes good, I love it,” working group member Andrew Alice said.

“I TURNED THE TAP ON AND DAD WAS HAPPY. IT’S GOOD TO HAVE WATER, TO DO SOME GARDENING AND GROW SOME TREES FOR SHADE,” ANDREW ALICE SAID.



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 \$12.4 million to 260 projects.

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OUTSTATION HOME MAKEOVER A SUCCESS

The Oliver family is enjoying hot showers in the privacy of their newly renovated bathrooms at Williams Well outstation, 70 kilometres southeast of Alice Springs.

Ingkerreke Outstation Resource Services used \$185,000 of the family's East MacDonnell Ranges rent money to install internal bathrooms with toilets, showers, hot water, laundry connections and tiled floors in their three houses at the outstation.

Each house received an individual septic tank, putting an end to shared facilities.

"We've been sharing the outdoor bathroom for a long time, the new toilets and showers with hot water are a good change," Henry Oliver said.

"Ingkerreke did a really good job."

The outstation service provider also upgraded a kitchen in one of the homes.

The rent money covered enclosing the veranda, installing a power point and lights, a sliding door, windows and a paint job.

"It's too cold to walk outside at night during winter, and too hot to walk out during summer, and there's snakes! So that's three good reasons for the project," said Mr Oliver.



Henry Oliver enjoying his new kitchen at Williams Well.

RANGERS AND ATITJERE COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER

The cattle are out and the verdict is in – Atitjere residents are pleased to have a new high chain mesh fence to protect the graves of their loved ones in the community's cemetery.

"We had to build a new fence to keep the cattle and dogs out," said David Rankin, one of three local workers who erected the fence.

"When we had the old fence, the cattle and dogs would get in and knock around the flowers and desecrate the graves."

Atitjere residents committed \$51,500 of the community's lease money to pay for the materials and employ three of their own on the project.

David Rankin, Adrian Webb and Albert Kunoth, each put in four weeks work pulling down the old stock fence, and installing a sturdy mesh fence and new entry gates to the cemetery.

"It was a good project and gave us something to do," Mr Rankin said.

Craig LeRossignol from Ranger Works, the Central Land Council's new fee-for-service initiative, co-ordinated the project.

"THE FEELING FROM THE WORKERS WAS ACHIEVEMENT AND PRIDE, AND THEY CAN'T WAIT TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY UPCOMING PROJECTS," HE SAID.

The success of the project has inspired the workers to think of other improvements to the cemetery.

"There are other ideas, to put a water tank there and a bough shed and toilet, for funeral time", Mr Rankin said.



David Rankin, Albert Kunoth and Adrian Webb checking the corner post.

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 366 projects.

The 366 projects delivering social, cultural and economic outcomes have so far invested \$13.86 million of the five year lease money and \$4.62 million of the other lease money.

Since 2012, communities have allocated a total of \$18.5 million to community benefit projects.

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Gerry Price and Seamus Price at the new fence.

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RANGER WORKS STEP UP FOR WILORA

Worshippers at Wilora's Lutheran Church are enjoying donkey-free church services, thanks to the sturdy new fence the CLC Ranger Works built around the church.

"The new fence is a really big change for the church, it made it really tidy," Anmatyerr Senior Ranger Dan Pepperill said.

The old fence was rundown and dangerous.

"It was rusty steel sticking out which was dangerous, especially for kids. We didn't want them to trip over it," said Mr Pepperill.

Resident Gerry Price worked with Rangers Works.

Wilora invested \$22,000 of their lease income to remove the old fence and install the new fence with separate gates for vehicles and people.

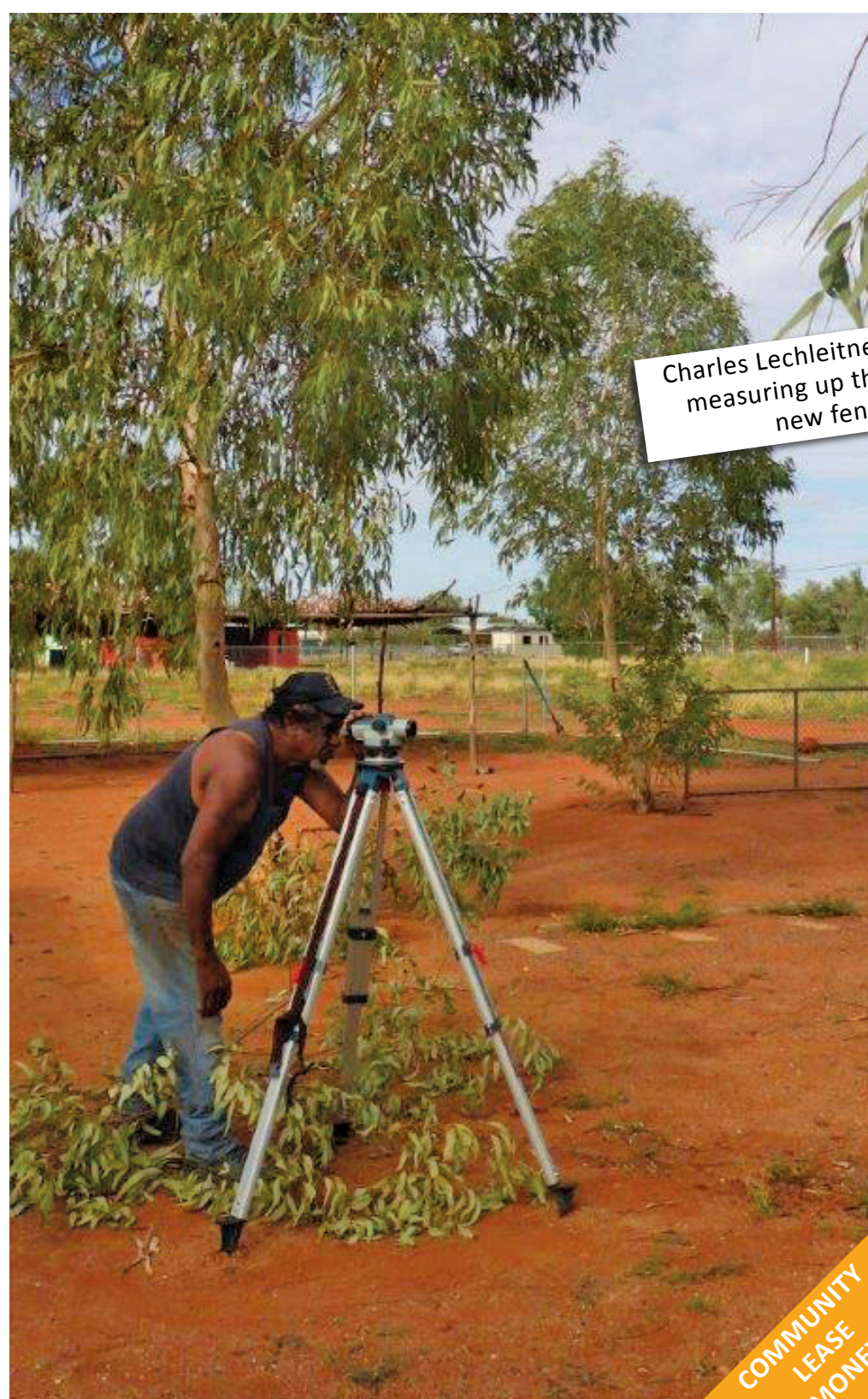
"We used a bobcat to clear the fence line and then we started off with the corner posts."

"The fence is a proper cyclone mesh fence," Mr Pepperill said.

"It's good for kids to stay inside the fence. There's a lot of donkeys that run around in Wilora."

The working group chose Ranger Works for the job because of their commitment to employing locals and the community's relationship with the Anmatyerr rangers from nearby Ti Tree.

"WE'VE GOT FENCES AROUND ALL THE OTHER AREAS IN OUR COMMUNITY, SO IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PUT ONE AROUND THE CHURCH AND MAKE IT TIDY. THE TI TREE RANGERS DID A GOOD AND FAST JOB," WORKING GROUP MEMBER REBECCA NUMINA SAID.



Charles Lechleitner measuring up the new fence

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A PLACE OF OUR OWN: TITJIKALA

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A humble, rundown old tin shed in Titjikala has been transformed into a community meeting place, leading to job offers for the renovators.

Douglas Wells, Janette Ungwanaka, Angeline Schilling, Barry Campbell, Filicity Campbell, Scott Williams and Molly Wallace at the Titjikala shed.



Working group member Angeline Schilling at the BBQ for the shed opening.

“BEFORE, THE SHED WAS LIKE A BROKEN DOWN TIN HOUSE. THIS SHED’S BEEN HERE A LONG TIME, BEFORE ME. THE SHEETS OF IRON WERE STARTING TO COME OFF,” TITJIKALA LEASE MONEY WORKING GROUP MEMBER BARRY CAMPBELL SAID.

Residents were desperate to have a place of their own to conduct business and meetings, and to house visitors.

“We want to have our meetings in our own place and have our own community space,” resident Desmond Jack said.

“We want to have a place for accommodation when visitors come and get caught here with the flooding.”

The community centre will serve as a rehearsal space for the local choir group.

Barry Campbell has more ideas about what the shed could be used for.

“THE SHED HAS GOT PLENTY OF SPACE. I WAS THINKING WE COULD USE IT FOR A LIBRARY, TOO,” HE SAID.

Residents invested \$25,000 of their lease money to spruce up the shed and redecorate it with tables and chairs, a TV, fridge, microwave and couch.

Two local workers, Scott Williams and Cameron Bloomfield, worked with Catholic Care to fix up the shed.



Chamari Alaharuwan from Catholic Care giving the shed key to Barry Campbell.

The work led to further employment for both.

Mr Williams is now employed with Catholic Care as an activity engagement officer.

Mr Bloomfield took a position with the civil works team at MacDonnell Regional Council.

For now, the new community centre gets the thumbs up from local Douglas Wells.

“This shed is really good, they did it right. Proper number one!”

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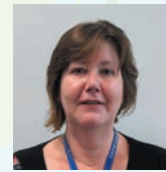
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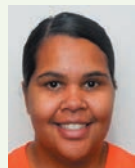
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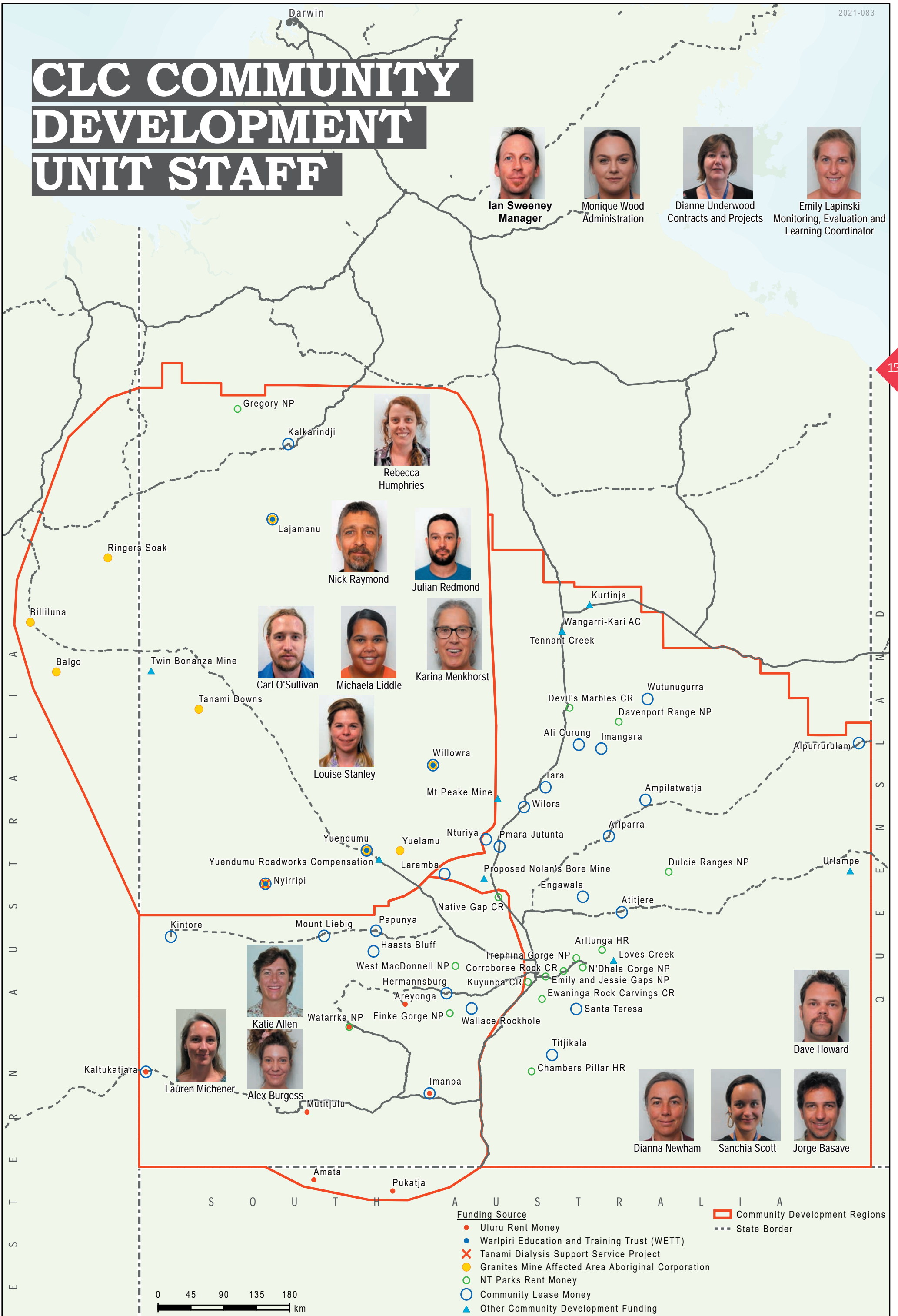
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MEET THE DECISION MAKERS

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.



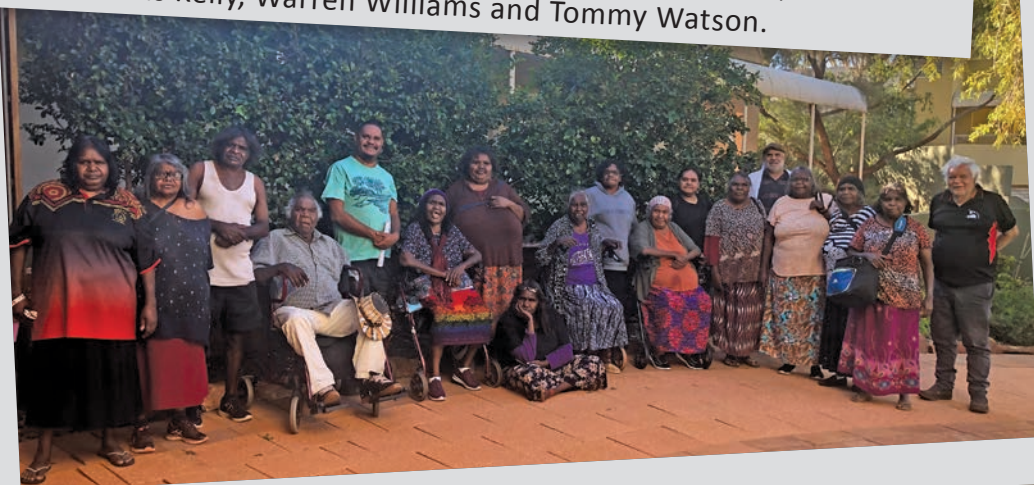
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