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Aboriginal people driving
their own development
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BUSH MEDICINE TRIP TEACHES AKARRE-AKITYARRE

Three senior women from Atitjere took a group of girls and young women out on country to share their knowledge of bush medicine and the Akarre-Akityarre language.

Maria Ross, Jacinta Bush and Andrina Williams took seven young women, aged 12 to 23, from Atitjere and Mt Eaglebeak out on a day trip to collect bush medicine for the Atitjere Country Visits Project, working together with Children's Ground.

They brought the plant material back to Atitjere where together they prepared, crushed and boiled them.

2 The women and girls then wrote down and drew pictures about how to make bush medicine using paints, pens and iPads.

Maria Ross, an Atitjere Land Aboriginal Corporation director, said it is important that young people learn about culture.

"THESE DAYS ALL OUR KIDS KNOW IS FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TIK TOK; WE WANT TO TEACH THEM ABOUT BUSH MEDICINE AND BEING ON COUNTRY. KIDS ARE GOING TO JAIL AND GETTING IN TROUBLE; WE WANT THEM COMING HOME AND LEARNING CULTURE," MS ROSS SAID.

After the day trip Carol Turner, a senior Akarre-Akityarre language teacher, lead a language class and children's books workshop in Atitjere.

The trips and the workshops were very popular, with other community members planning to join in next time.

Ms Ross said the young people in the community need to learn language in different ways.

"It is important to teach our young people and kids in the community our language, that writing in language is taught as well," she said.

"When us old people are gone, we need the young generation to keep the culture strong and pass it on to the next generation."

Three longer camps on country are planned for this year as part of this project, and Children's Ground will offer more language workshops.

Last year, the Atitjere Land Aboriginal Corporation allocated more than \$28,000 of their matched funds income to the country visits project.

Maria Ross collected bush medicine



MATCHED FUNDS

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: Women and girls from Atitjere and surrounding communities visited country and collected bush medicine.





URREMERNE PLANTS SEEDS FOR LANDSCAPING PLAN

Urremerne outstation landscaping masterplan - planning in action!

New landscaping plan for the Urremerne outstation aims to create a better space for family staying on country.

The traditional owners and residents of Urremerne made the landscaping plan, and allocated \$5,900 to the project.

It looks at changes to help with erosion and stop damage from heavy rains. It aims to replace weeds with native plants.

“We want families to come and enjoy the shade and our garden,” said traditional owner and Urremerne working group member Marina Alice.



Traditional owners Clem and Marina Alice with Mia Kelly-Johnson from Arid Edge Environmental Services

“THEY CAN BRING THEIR GRANDCHILDREN TOO. I ALWAYS WANTED GARDENING. I LOVE TO SEE SOMETHING AROUND MY HOMELAND. IT KEEPS ME BUSY TOO,” MS ALICE SAID.

The traditional owners and residents met at the outstation to share knowledge and ideas with the project partner, Arid Edge Environmental Services, and drafted the plan.

At a second meeting they checked the plan and gave feedback to make sure everything was written down properly.



Urremerne traditional owners and residents worked with Arid Edge Environmental Services on the landscaping plans for their outstation

MATCHED FUNDS TRIAL FACTS

The Central Land Council and the National Indigenous Australians Agency started this three-year trial in 2020 to provide funds for groups that use new income from land use agreements for community-driven projects. The trial matches the investments of Aboriginal people dollar-for-dollar. All communities with new

lease income and traditional owner groups with new income from land use agreements between \$50,000 and \$150,000 can take part. A significant amount of the matched funds will go to groups whose incomes from land use agreements would otherwise be too small for the projects they want. Fifteen traditional owner groups and 27 communities have so far agreed to participate in the trial.

MATCHED FUNDS

Tenika Shirley Spencer, Cashema Woods, Leonorah Williams and others at the Worawa College Debutante Ball



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YAPA BOARDERS HAVE A BALL

Lockdowns and cancelled trips made 2021 a hard year for Yapa boarding school students to be away from home. The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust ensured they still had a good time.

Some students went to Darwin to be part of a national conference, and others won awards and celebrated at a presentation day and debutante ball.

The Worawa students took part in the Pathways to Womanhood Program, which aims to build confidence, self-esteem and pride.

The girls celebrated with a debutante dreaming ball. Funds from the trust paid for hair, makeup, shoes and accessories. At the presentation day, Cashema Woods won the Pathways to Womanhood Award, Tenika Shirley Spencer won the Mathematics and Caring for Country awards and Leonorah Williams won the Science Award.

Ms Spencer said the WETT funding paid for really great activities.

“We studied new things such as visual arts, using new iMac computers for editing and creating designs. We also had girls joining the choir and learning piano. We also had a short film festival where we would make little videos.”



Cashema Woods received her Pathways to Womanhood Award from Worawa College



“THE DEBUTANTE BALL WAS THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME AT WORAWA ABORIGINAL COLLEGE. IT TAUGHT ME HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE, ELEGANT YOUNG LADY AND HELPED ME GAIN CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF AND MY IDENTITY,” MS WOODS SAID.



(Centre) Tenika Shirley Spencer accepted a mathematics award from Worawa College (Right) Troydon Ross and Shelton Gallagher presented at the 2021 National Indigenous Education Summit in Darwin

Since 2007, the WETT has helped Yapa boarders to pay for activities, excursions, equipment, emergency trips home and visits from family to help them stay happy and focused.

Nineteen Yapa students from three schools received up to \$2,750 each in WETT support in 2021. The students were at Worawa Aboriginal College in Darwin, Marrara Christian College in Darwin and Djarragun College in Cairns.

The WETT also paid for Shelton Gallagher White and Troydan Ross, from Djarragun College, to go to Darwin to present in a panel at the National Indigenous Education Summit about their experiences of boarding school.

WARLPIRI EDUCATION AND TRAINING TRUST FACTS

The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust has supported education and training in Nyirripi, Lajamanu, Willowra and Yuendumu since 2005.

The trust receives more than \$3 million every year from Newmont’s Granites gold mine for its children and families, language and culture in schools, youth development, learning community centres and secondary school support programs.

The Kurra Aboriginal Corporation meets twice a year to decide how to spend this income, and its WETT advisory committee meets three times a year to plan and monitor the five major WETT programs. The trust delivers the programs in partnership with community schools, the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation, Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education and World Vision Australia. It has invested almost \$53 million so far.



TANAMI KIDS ON TOUR

Tanami students had fun on their Northern Territory excursions when COVID cancelled their interstate plans.

Every year since 2007, the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) has funded a school excursion for senior students from Willowra, Nyirripi, Lajamanu and Yuendumu.

Usually the students travel to other states, but this year, due to COVID restrictions, it was safer to visit places in the NT instead.

Lajamanu students drove to Katherine, flew to Alice Springs and travelled to Ntaria, Kings Canyon and Uluru during the 10-day trip. The Wanta Sports Academy, funded by the Granites Mine Affected Areas Corporation, also supported the trip.

“The trip was amazing, I loved every part of it,” said Russellisha Burns. “My first time to Alice Springs and Uluru. Camel rides was my favourite because we got to see the sun rising.”

Yuendumu students went to Alice Springs, where they enjoyed rock climbing and went to the town pool, the reptile centre, the cinema and the Tjoritja (West MacDonnell Ranges) National Park.

The Yuendumu students were involved in the whole process of planning their trip including learning about budgeting and researching activities and accommodation options.

This helped improve their numeracy, literacy and research skills, so they can plan and book their own trips in the future.

Willowra’s school took a group of young women to Darwin and visited the Charles Darwin University to learn about future pathways after school. The students also went to the Michael Long Learning and Leadership Centre, the museum and the wave pool.



(Top left) Willowra girls in Darwin. (Bottom left) Yuendumu students enjoyed rock climbing in Alice Springs. (Right) Lajamanu students rode camels at sunrise

“I LIKED OUR CAMP TO DARWIN. I HELD A BLUE TONGUE LIZARD AT CROCOSAURUS COVE. I LIKED THE MOVIE AND WHEN WE WENT TO TEN PIN BOWLING. IT WAS FUN,” SAID SHONTELLE PAYTON.

Unfortunately the Willowra boys’ trip and Nyirripi’s school excursion to Darwin were both cancelled due to a COVID outbreak in Darwin.

WETT funding gives students the chance to see what life is like in other parts of the country, represent their community, build confidence, learn and have fun. The trust’s secondary student support program allocates \$220,000 per year across the four schools.

Students and Wanta staff at Uluru



IMANPA STUDENTS' NEW BOOK

School students from Imanpa have made a beautiful bilingual book about what they learn on bush trips.

Imanpaku puṭitikutu anḱunytja, nintirinanyi tjina nyankuntjaku, punu munu tjulpu kulu (Imanpa bush trips, learning about tracks, plants and birds), is written in Pitjantjatjara and English.

6 Students, senior community members and teachers made the book together after they learned from the Anangu Rangers about local plants, animals, bush foods and tracking skills. The bush trips are part of a cultural activities and bilingual resources project.

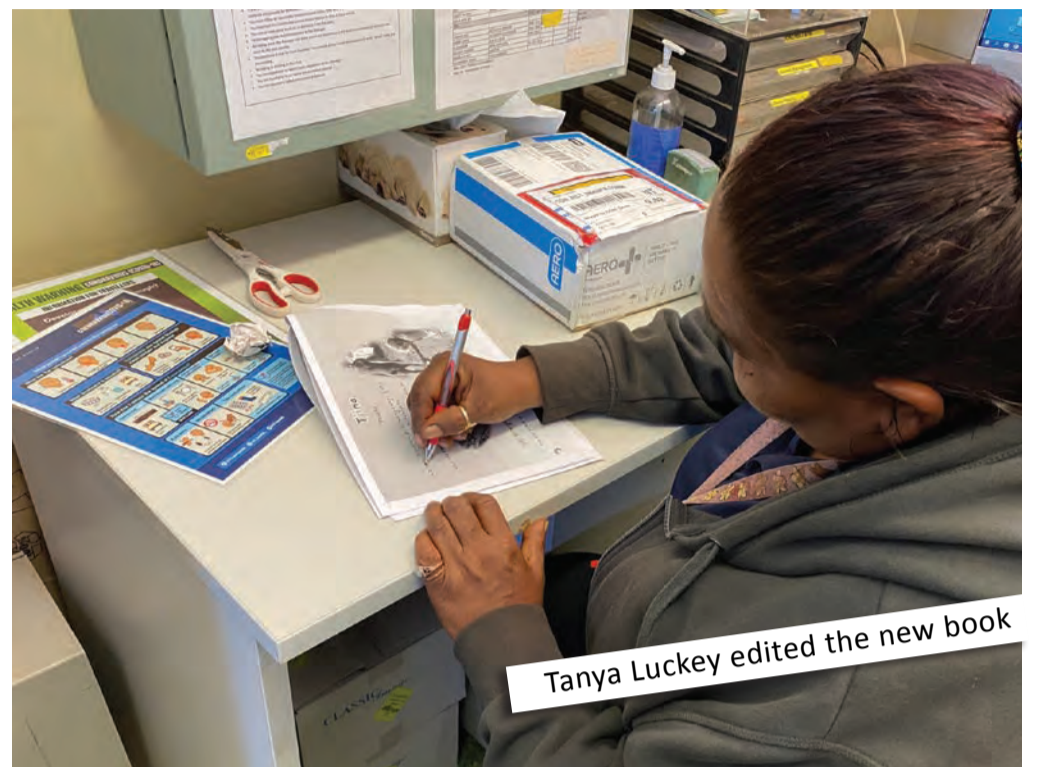
The traditional owners of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park funded the project to support cultural and language education in schools.

Assistant teachers from Imanpa planned and carried out bush activities such as making Irmangka Irmangka bush medicine and how to talk and write about it in Pitjantjatjara.

Imanpa night patrol worker Katie Kitson liked working with the elders and the young people.

“WE WERE LEARNING FROM THE OLDER PEOPLE AND ALSO TEACHING THE KIDS TOGETHER. WE WERE MAKING BUSH MEDICINE. WE SHOULD DO MORE (OF THIS),” SHE SAID.

Katie Kitson and Sarah Palmer taught kids to grind and prepare irmangka-irmangka medicine



Tanya Luckey edited the new book

Out bush, the rangers showed the students important water and sacred sites and explained how cattle, camels, dams and bores have changed the land.

They collected bush medicine to make balms and learned about using mangata (quandong) for skin and hair care and how to protect the trees from camels and fire.

Back in the classroom they studied maps of the area and followed the life cycle of ngapari (lerp insects) by looking at them under microscopes.

Imanpa school principal Kandi Thorpe said the students really loved the lessons.

“IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE THE RANGERS AND FAMILIES COMING INTO SCHOOL TO TEACH THE KIDS AND TEACHING THEM IN THE BUSH. THE STUDENTS WERE REALLY ENGAGED AND INTERESTED AND HAPPY,” SHE SAID.

The school has hard copies of the book and there is a digital version.

The project by the Tangentyere Land and Learning Program, has already happened in Utju (Areyonga), Watarrka (Kings Canyon) homelands, and Muṭitjulu. This year Amata, Yunyarinyi (Kenmore Park) and Kaṭukatjara (Docker River) will also take part in it.

ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK RENT MONEY PROJECT FACTS

Every year since 2005 the traditional owners of the national park have spent a big part of their share of the rent and gate money they get from the Commonwealth on projects in their communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

They meet three times a year to decide how to spend that income, and plan and monitor projects. Among the local and regional projects are upgrades and repairs of sports grounds and outstations, and support for renal dialysis, local and boarding school education. They have set up

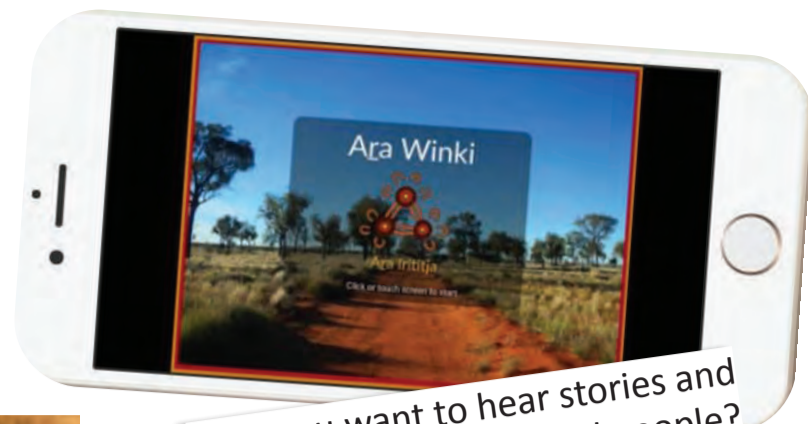
funeral funds and strengthen local culture through inter-generational knowledge transfer activities.

The Muṭitjulu community receives its own share of income from the park. It has funded the construction and operation of its swimming pool and upgrades of its recreation hall and other sporting facilities. The community has also funded men's ceremonies and cultural trips, an upgrade of the community's inma (ceremony) ground and bilingual resource projects across the region.

So far, the traditional owners have allocated almost \$18 million to 139 projects.

ULURU RENT MONEY

NEW APP BRINGS ANANGU STORIES TO YOUR PHONE



Do you want to hear stories and see photos of the old people? Download the app on your phone. Type **Ara Winki** in Apple Store or Google Play and you can download it for free. You can also contact **Ara Irititja** or the **CLC** to find some copies of the books.



Linda Rive recorded an interview with Graham Kulyuru

Everyone can now listen to important Anangu stories on their phones and iPads on the exciting new Ara Winki app.

The stories senior Anangu recorded about their history were first stored on computers, then on the app and now they are also in a book, thanks to the Ara Irititja (stories from long ago) project.

Now the young people in communities and anyone across the world can hear Anangu voices telling their own history.

Tjulapi Alison Carroll, an Uluru rent money working group member, traditional owner and community member from Pukatja (Ernabella), said Anangu history should be shared with the world.

“WE OFTEN FIND IN BOOKS, THAT THEY ARE WRITTEN BY WHITE PEOPLE, FOR WHITE PEOPLE, BUT WE ANANGU SHOULD BE ENSURING OUR OWN HISTORIES ARE WRITTEN UP IN BOOKS, FOR EVERYONE, ALL AROUND THE WORLD, TO READ AND LEARN, ‘WOW, THIS IS SUCH A RICH HISTORY!’”

TJULAPI ALISON CARROLL SAID.

This project started eight years ago when the Uluru rent money project paid for computers in eight Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yangkuntjatjara communities, and Ara Irititja staff would travel around to record stories and information and put it all onto the computer database.

Now people can use the app on their phones and iPads to see the old photos, documents and films and to read or listen to stories in English and Pitjantjatjara.

The stories and photos have also been made into books which were printed and given out in communities.

Senior community members have been paid to work on this project. So far they have been collecting stories on bush foods, art and craft, land rights, land care, learning, birds, small creatures, weather and children’s songs ceremonies.

The project has consulted with many Anangu to research properly and make sure it gets everything right.

“[It is] Australian history. Anangu histories. Told clearly and concisely,” said Graham Kulyuru, from Pukatja. “Too many people today either don’t know or are forgetting what happened.”

The Uluru-Kata Tjuta traditional owners have so far given \$420,490 of Uluru rent money project to do this culturally significant work with Anangu. They want the project to keep collecting important stories.



Traditional owner Malya Teamay looks at old photos on the iPad

ULURU RENT MONEY

NEW HOME FOR YUENDUMU WOMEN'S BUSINESS

Yuendumu has a new women's keeping place for the safe storage of cultural items.

Senior women have long wanted a keeping place to store their important cultural items and other items of significance. Now the items are safe in one place at a local ceremony ground.

"We've been waiting for this building," said Lorraine Nungarrayi Granites, GMAAAC committee member. "Thank you for GMAAAC because they put money. This is the main one place for here, for old people, keeping place this one."

Yuendumu's Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation committee spent more than \$316,000 on the building and two shade shelters. Senior women and project partner, the Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation, planned the build.

"I'VE BEEN ASKING FOR THESE TWO. I BEEN WAIT A LONG TIME AGO, FIVE YEAR. I'M HAPPY NOW. ALL THE ELDERS GOTTA DANCE HERE," SAID ELDER PEGGY NAMPIJINPA BROWN.

The keeping place at the west camp has a shady veranda with a water tank for washing hands and feet. Another shade shelter is at the south camp ceremony ground. The shelters give shade for ceremonies and other occasions.

The elders received the keys from the committee's chosen project partner, Rhebo Construction, in time for last year's ceremony season.

Ms Brown and Ms Granites are looking after the keys.

The committee also plans to build a women's museum at the east ceremony ground.



Tess Napaljarri Ross, Peggy Nampijinpa Brown, and Lorraine Nungarrayi Granites at the new women's keeping place



GRANITES MINE AFFECTED AREA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION PROJECT FACTS

The corporation benefits nine communities affected by Newmont's Granites gold mine in the Tanami Desert – Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Willowra, Nyirrpi, Yuelamu, Tanami Downs, Balgo, Ringer Soak and Billiluna.

Every year, community committees plan and allocate GMAAAC funds to projects that aim to improve housing, health, education, essential services, employment and training.

Communities elect committee members every three years and the committees

choose the directors of the corporation.

The CLC's community development unit helps the community committees to plan the projects and select partner organisations to implement them.

Since 2008 the GMAAAC allocated \$69.3m to over 1,100 community benefit projects. The projects create jobs for Yapa, contracts for local businesses and support community priorities such as arts, culture and infrastructure.

The work of the CLC's community development unit in the Tanami is supported by the GMAAAC, WETT and Newmont Tanami Operations.



NEW LOOK FOR NYIRRPPI CHURCH

Once a simple tin shed, the Nyirрпи Desert Rose United Pentecostal Church has been done up with shaded outdoor spaces.

The renovated building has big wooden doors, a larger veranda, fresh paving, new windows and floors.

Pastor Micah Hudson said the busy church was the heart of the community.

“Every day we come here and pray with the people, for the people,” he said. “It’s really different. Before, it was a rubbish tin shed. Now it’s a place that people come every night, young and old people, all people of Nyirрпи. This church brings joy and it’s well-made.”

Church member Magda Curtis was thrilled to see the new church.

“I FEEL HAPPY IN MY HEART. IT REALLY TOUCHED MY HEART WHEN I SAW THIS NEW BUILDING. THIS CHURCH BELONGS TO THE COMMUNITY. I REALLY WANT TO LOOK AFTER IT,” MS CURTIS SAID.

She said because the church is used for important ceremonies it needed more space to fit everyone in.

“We have big mob of people here for bible studies and Sunday school. This is a big space that lots of people can use at funeral time.”

Nyirрпи’s Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation committee planned the project with the Central Land Council’s community development team. It paid Rhebo Construction almost \$258,000 for the renovation.



Church members sang on the new veranda



Pastor Micah Hudson at the renovated Nyirрпи Desert Rose Church



TANAMI DOWNS HOUSES ALL FIXED UP

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The Tanami Downs committee and families are happy with the housing upgrades

Tanami Downs is looking better than ever after five years of planning and work to upgrade the outstation.



Traditional owners of the outstation can now spend more time there since the buildings and plumbing have been fixed up.

Resident Carole Green said it was much better now.

“THEY DID A GOOD JOB. WE CAN ENJOY IT MUCH BETTER SINCE PEOPLE ARE HELPING OUT, ESPECIALLY CLC.

WE ENJOY SEEING THEM DOING A GOOD JOB FOR TANAMI DOWNS,” MS GREEN SAID.



The works also include a news solar hot water system, public toilets, a meeting space, septic systems, playground fencing and a water tank.

There are also new verandas, doors, locks, floors, screens, kitchens, toilets, and the buildings are looking fresh thanks to a new coat of paint.

“That’s really good, the fencing is really good. I’ll go out with my little family.”

Tangentyere Constructions and Neil Poulton Plumbing completed the works last year.

The outstation’s Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation committee allocated more than \$600,000 to the plumbing and housing upgrades and have planned more projects. One of them is a landscape design project with Arid Edge Environmental Services.

Tanami Downs wants to hold events, produce art and do more cultural work at the outstation in the future.





CAMP KEEPS CULTURE AND HISTORY ALIVE

Young people from Yuelamu (Mount Allan) have learned about their country and ranger work at a school camp with the Anmatyerr Rangers.



David McCormack showed the students the Yurrkuru memorial.

The rangers showed the kids how they track animals and use tablet computers to survey animals and plants.

They camped together for two days at Yurrkuru (Brooks Soak) on Mount Denison Station, one of the sites of the 1928 Coniston Massacre during which the police killed dozens of Aboriginal people.

Elder David McCormack, a director of the Yuelamu's Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation and delegate of the Central Land Council, said it was important for young and old to visit historical sites together.

“WHY IT'S IMPORTANT IT'S BECAUSE THE HISTORY WHAT HAPPENED ON THE CONISTON MASSACRE. THAT'S WHERE THE PEOPLE GOT KILLED. INNOCENT PEOPLE. IT'S OUR PEOPLE. MY PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO US,” HE SAID.

“I think the GMAAAC, they are really helpful. They do everything. For myself [it matters] because we need to involve all Warlpiri kids from the west and all Anmatyerr kids joining together for the future. Warlpiri and Anmatyerr together. That's why.”

The GMAAAC committee planned the camp with the CLC's community development and ranger teams and Yuelamu's school.

They used GMAAAC income to buy camping equipment and supplies and to pay elders to teach the students.

The committee gave \$21,800 to the school for the camp. Pintupi Anmatyerr Warlpiri Media filmed parts of the camp for a GMAAAC video.



(Above) Yuelamu students camped at Yurrkuru (Below) David McCormack told them about the Coniston Massacre

The success of the trip prompted the committee to allocate almost \$211,000 to the CLC to trial a ranger group with local men and women.



ALYARPERE RUNS ON SOLAR

The Ryder family can afford to spend more time on its outstation, thanks to a new solar system.

The new system replaced a diesel generator at one of the houses at the Alyarpere (Shannon Bore) outstation.

Family members will save money and time as they won't need to go on a two hour round trip to town to buy expensive diesel fuel for power.

"[It's] really good, they showed us how to set it up and use it to keep it good," Mr Ryder said.

Damien Ryder, a traditional owner of Alyarpere, said the new system makes his family's income go further.

"IT HAS BEEN GREAT USING SOLAR INSTEAD OF THE DIESEL, MUCH BETTER. LESS EXPENSIVE AND RUNS SMOOTHLY. REALLY STANDS OUT," HE SAID.

He wants other families to think about solar power. "I would recommend other outstations doing this if they can."

The generator now rarely needs to run, making it much quieter. The new system is also more reliable.

Traditional owners invested more than \$74,000 of their NT Parks rent money in this upgrade.

Project partner Eco Energy installed the solar power system and showed the family how to use and maintain it. They will visit again after a year to check on everything.

Anton McMillan (left) and Damien Ryder (right) checked out the Alyarpere solar setup



NORTHERN TERRITORY PARKS RENT MONEY PROJECT FACTS

In 2010 the traditional owners of 16 national parks and reserves across the CLC region leased their land to the NT government.

They use all the rent they get for these jointly managed parks for community benefit projects and the CLC is helping them to prioritise and plan community benefit projects, mostly on their outstations. The working groups they set up have so far allocated more than \$13 million to 306 projects.

ALEKARENGE IS READY FOR BIG GET-TOGETHERS

The Alekarenge oval, proud home of the Kangaroos football team, has a new fence and sign, and the community's church has a new shade shelter - perfect for special events.

The shade shelter at the church will be used for funerals and other big events.

Peter Corbett, from the community's lease money working group, said the upgrades were good for everyone.



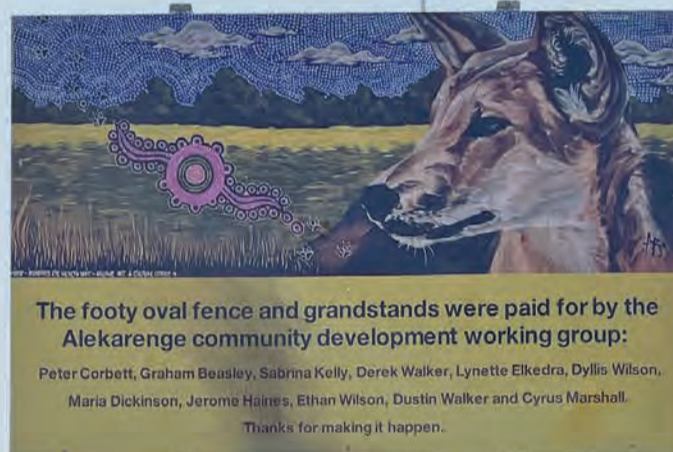
(Left) the new church
(Below) The new football oval fence

“SUMMER CAN GET REALLY HOT AND THE SHADE IS GOOD, LESS CROWDED. GOOD FOR THE YOUTH AS WELL. WE GOT TO KEEP PEOPLE ACTIVE IN SPORTS,” HE SAID.

To help with this goal, a stronger and more secure fence has replaced the old one.

The church has a new large shelter so more people can come together in shade for big church services, such as funerals.

The working group paid Tangentyere Constructions \$97,500 for the upgrades from their community lease money.



The footy oval fence and grandstands were paid for by the Alekarenge community development working group:
Peter Corbett, Graham Beasley, Sabrina Kelly, Derek Walker, Lynette Elkedra, Dyllis Wilson, Maria Dickinson, Jerome Haines, Ethan Wilson, Dustin Walker and Cyrus Marshall.
Thanks for making it happen.

Working group members Lynette Elkedra, Maria Dickenson, Sabrina Kelly, Graham Beasley, Derek Walker and Peter Corbett



COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY PROJECT FACTS

The project started in 2012, after two new income streams started to flow.

The first was the commonwealth's one off compensation payment for the compulsory leases it took out over 31 communities during the five years of the Intervention which

is now spent. The second is lease money governments and other organisations and service providers now pay every year for the blocks they lease in communities – the other lease money.

Most communities have working groups to plan

and monitor projects - a total of 383 so far. Since 2012, they have invested almost \$20 million in their projects - almost \$14 million of the five year lease money and more than \$5.6 million of the other lease money.

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NTARIA WOMEN'S GYM GETS HEARTS RACING

Women in Ntaria have a great new space to connect, get healthy and have a break from their busy lives: the Lukura (women's) Gym.

The long-awaited women's gym in the heart of the community will get the blood pumping.

Regina Ebatarinja, from Ntaria's lease money working group, is a supporter of the project.

"The ladies talked about wanting a gym for their health – for our health," she said. "We need a gym so we can go and have our exercise. It's a little space for just the women to have a talk and a yarn, to get away. It's better than staying at home, there's too many things to do! It's a space to have a little break."

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The working group gave almost \$121,000 to the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress for Congress and Western Aranda Health Aboriginal Corporation (WAHAC) to build and manage the gym. The Ntaria Stronger Communities for Children Leaders Group supported the project too.

Taren Williams, SCfC coordinator and WAHAC board member, and Marion Swift, from the SCfC leaders group and WAHAC board, championed the project. Taren said the women were all very excited to finally have this space.

"IT WAS A LONG TIME COMING, WE ALWAYS WANTED ONE. NOW, EVERY TIME I LOOK AT IT, IT'S SOMETHING TO FEEL PROUD OF," MS WILLIAMS SAID.



The gym was part of a larger redevelopment of the women's area near the dialysis unit and the Centrelink office.

The larger development includes a big shaded veranda, landscaping and produce garden, kitchen and lounge at the women's centre.



Marion Swift, Taren Williams and Regina Ebatarinja at the Lukura Gym

COMMUNITY LEASE MONEY

\$27.6 Million

APPROVED FOR

80+ PROJECTS

**ABORIGINAL
GOVERNANCE
GROUPS**

95

PROJECTS
SUCCESSFULLY
COMPLETED

436

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS
SUPPORTING LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

177

NEW COMMUNITY BENEFIT
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SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC RESULTS

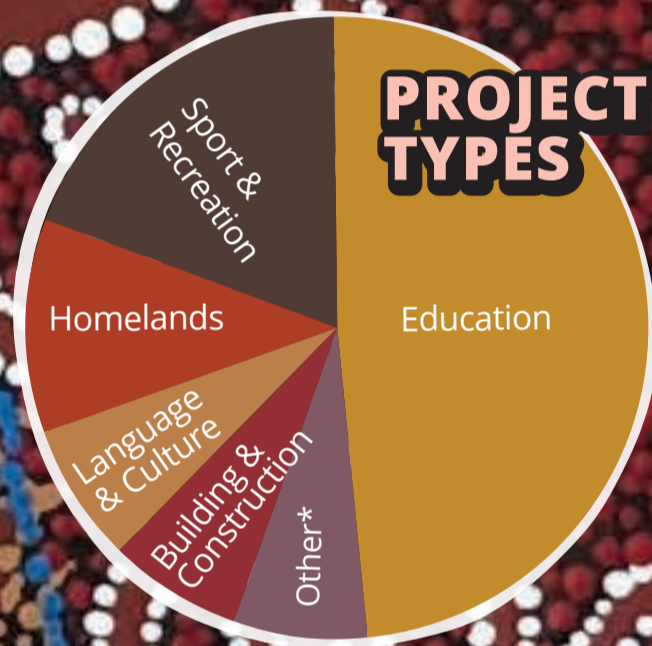
624 Aboriginal people employed on CD projects (25% more than last year).

2,658 hours of non-accredited and 1,827 hours of accredited training delivered to Aboriginal program participants.

48% of projects funded were designed to achieve Aboriginal educational outcomes.

18 projects improved homeland and outstation infrastructure, including upgrades to bathrooms and kitchens.

10 projects focused on cultural maintenance and passing on cultural knowledge to younger generations completed.



CD PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Maximise opportunities for Aboriginal engagement, ownership and control, particularly in relation to the management of resources that belong to them.

750,000 square kms in Central Australia

24,000 Aboriginal people

35+ Aboriginal communities

Generate service outcomes which benefit Aboriginal people and are valued by them, including social, cultural and economic outcomes.

Central Land Council Community Development (CD) Program report 2020/21



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*Essential Services, Church & Cemetery, Health, Funeral Support and Business / Employment Support
This artwork is from a painting by Samantha Watson from the Yuendumu GMAAC committee and represents the nine GMAAC communities

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.



Papunya's lease money working group with CLC staff



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park traditional owners with CLC staff



Urremerne's community development working group



Advisory committee members of the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust



Directors of the Kurra Aboriginal Corporation with Peter Marin (Mark Lewis Consulting) and Craig Turley (Newmont Australia)



The Arltunga historical reserve community development working group



The Kuyunba Conservation Reserve community development working group



The Yeperenye (Emily and Jessie Gap Nature Park) working group



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