



Launched at the October 2024 council meeting at Ross River: Sabrina Kelly and Annie Morrison with the new native title booklets.

NATIVE TITLE BOOKLETS LAUNCH

The native title team launched two new plain English booklets to help Aboriginal people make the most of their native title rights and opportunities.

How to Claim Native Title and *Native Title and Mining* are two easy-to-understand booklets for native title holders and other traditional owners.

The information in the

booklets will be recorded in local Aboriginal languages and uploaded to the PBCmob app to explain native title mining and native title claim processes.

“Knowledge is power, and these new booklets aim to return power where it belongs – with the native title holders,” CLC chief executive Les Turner said.



Francine McCarthy, Warren Williams and delegates with cup cakes in the the native title booklet colours.

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL?

CLC general manager Mischa Cartwright updated members about the \$107 million Barkly regional deal that started in 2019.

Since then, local, territory and federal governments have signed off on 28 initiatives with limited oversight or input from Aboriginal organisations.

Ms Cartwright now attends regional deal meetings to speak

up for CLC members' priorities.

These are learning in both worlds, safe kids and youth, self-determination, meaningful jobs, strong culture and wellbeing and better community services.

Region six members also called for renal facilities in Tennant Creek and out bush.



Dalton McDonald from Papunya spoke up for his region.

GETTING READY FOR THE CLC ELECTIONS

Next April the current council's term ends and fresh CLC elections will take place in communities across the southern half of the Territory.

To prepare for this, members met in their nine regional groups to talk about council positions and to see if any changes were needed.

Some regions requested changes to the names of areas, changing from English to Aboriginal language names.

Members also reviewed how members are nominated and the council's code of conduct.

Early next year, a media campaign will inform CLC constituents about how they can vote in the council elections or stand for election themselves.

The chair and other members recorded video messages in English and Aboriginal languages, encouraging young people and women to join the next council.



Delegates from the Alice Springs region (region 1) discuss council positions.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS!

The meeting at Ross River was the last one for the three-year term of the current council.

Chair Warren Williams presented each member with a certificate acknowledging their service.

Michael Jones was elected to represent Tennant Creek on the land council in 1976, but began to work with the CLC even earlier on

the research for the Warumungu land claim.

“I was about 26 years old then. It has been a privilege for me as I’ve seen this council build up ... a few staff, a few cooks, that [was] all. Today it’s strong. The old people put this foundation for us. We are the brick layer. We are building up on the foundation of old people.”



David Silverton, from Uruuna, received his certificate of appreciation at the council meeting.



Michael Jones talked about his many years on the council.



Ingrid Williams and Francis Hayes represent Alice Springs native title holders.

SEEKING ABORIGINAL POLICE OFFICERS AND CALL TAKERS

Northern Territory deputy police commissioner Peter Kennon talked about how the police plan to fight racism in their ranks, want to strengthen community policing and work towards a police force where one third of officers is Aboriginal.

He said it is now easier for Aboriginal liaison officers and community police officers to

become police constables.

Members asked for better support from the police and faster response times.

Mr Kennon said the police want more Aboriginal language speakers to staff the emergency call centre in Darwin and to work more closely with the CLC chair and members on domestic violence and alcohol abuse issues.

MARCH AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Michael Liddle, from the Ingkintye men’s health clinic, invited members to join a planned march to raise awareness about domestic and family violence in

Alice Springs on 10th December.

Members said men need to take responsibility, support each other and speak openly about the issue.



Patrick Oliver, from the Alice Springs region (region 1), had questions for the stores panel.

STORES MANAGEMENT PANEL

Members quizzed store corporations and public servants about how to bring down high prices in remote stores.

Representatives from Outback Stores, Mai Wiru, the Arnhem Land Progress Association, the NT Government and the National Indigenous Australians Agency listened to members talk about their struggle to afford food,

especially healthy food, and other groceries.

They fielded members’ questions about freight subsidies and healthy food policies. The CLC has made a detailed submission to the *National Strategy for Remote Food Security* and has called for a boost to people’s income through a big increase in the remote area allowance.

ABORIGINAL LEADERSHIP’S CENTRAL AUSTRALIA PLAN

The Aboriginal Leadership Group (ALG) advises the Australian Government on the implementation of the \$250 million plan for A Better, Safer Future for Central Australia.

The plan covers the Central Desert and MacDonnell regional council areas.

CLC chief executive Les Turner chairs the group and updated council members on the allocation of the money so far.

Remote training hubs, regional infrastructure, youth, health,

digital connectivity, strengthening families and communities, justice reinvestment, on-country learning, and community safety are all getting funding.

The group has nine members: four from remote communities, three from service providers (Congress, CLC and Alice Springs Town Council), two represent young people and elders.

There are also representatives from the National Indigenous Australians Agency and the NT Government.



Sharon Anderson, from Lajamanu, talked about region 3.

CLC MEETINGS

Executive: 3–4 December 2024, Alice Springs

Council: 8–10 April 2025, Yulara



The Council makes decisions in the best interests of Aboriginal people in our region and to keep the CLC strong. Its meeting rules support strong governance.

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