

Empowered Communities News

in the NPY region

December 2017

Talking up Empowered Communities in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands

Over the last few months we have been spending lots of time with Yarnangu on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. We have been attending community and Council meetings, talking to community leaders, with families and service providers, young people, old people, men and women about building a strong future for the NPY region. We are working together with Ngaanyatjarra Council to understand the priorities and issues for Yarnangu in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. Its been great hearing stories from communities about their ideas for the future. Thanks to everyone in Kiwirrkurra, Warburton, Tjirrkarli, Warakurna, Jameson, Blackstone and Irrunytju who have welcomed us recently!



Chris Reid, Simon Butler and Roma Butler, Irrunytju, November 2017



Warakurna community meeting, November 2017

Leadership Workshop



Strong young leaders attended a Tafe SA 2-day workshop

In November, 9 young leaders from across the Lands came to a 2-day workshop run by TAFE SA at Pukatja. The group of young leaders thought about different leadership skills, their vision for their community in the future, and heard more about the work of Empowered Communities in supporting Anangu priorities. These young leaders are really *ninti* role models. We look forward to more leadership training in 2018!



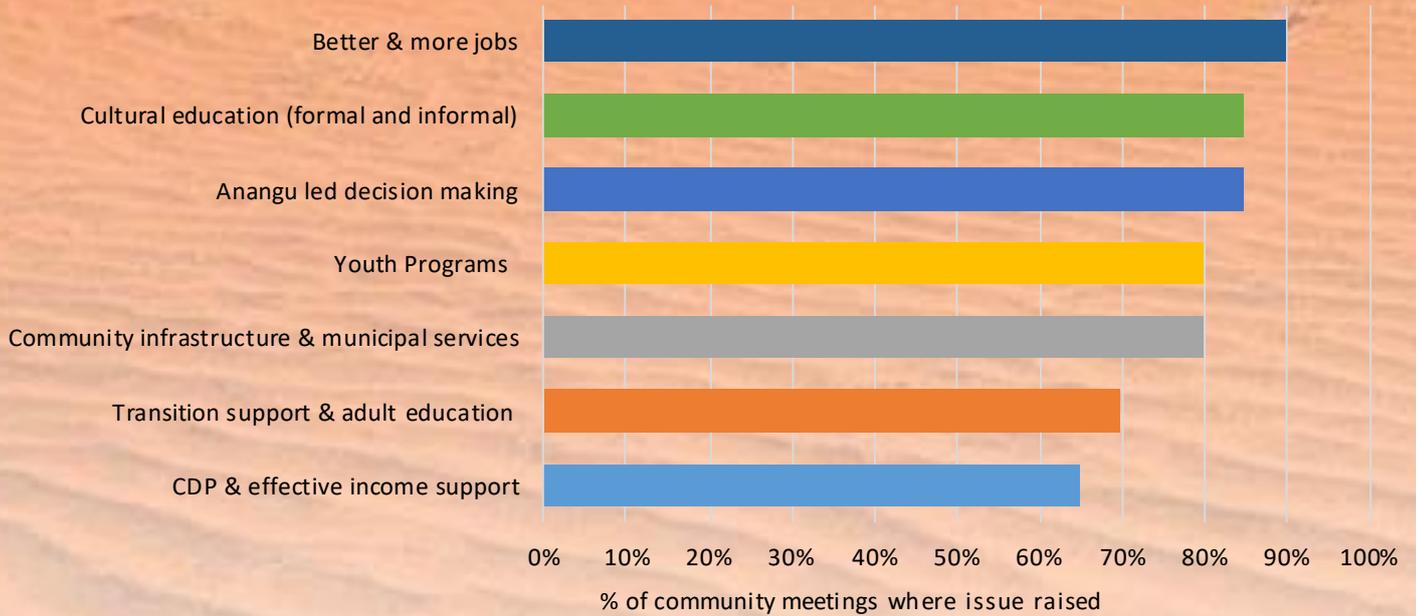
Craig Woods, Wanatjura Patterson, Kantjapai Baker and Tanisha Fox



The numbers tell a story...

In 2017, we held consultations in 21 communities across the NPY region, asking people – What are the big issues?

Anangu priorities



There is widespread agreement from Anangu across the Lands that jobs and education are big priorities. We are also doing research and have found data that confirms this story. Below is some of what we have found.

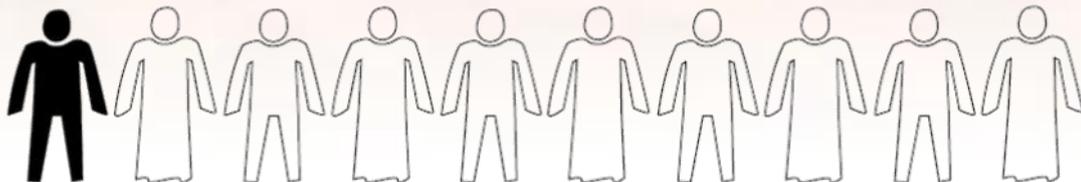
We are using this information to develop a 5-year **‘Regional Development Agenda’**.

This is an Anangu-led plan for how communities, Governments and Service Providers can work together to address these big issues in the future.

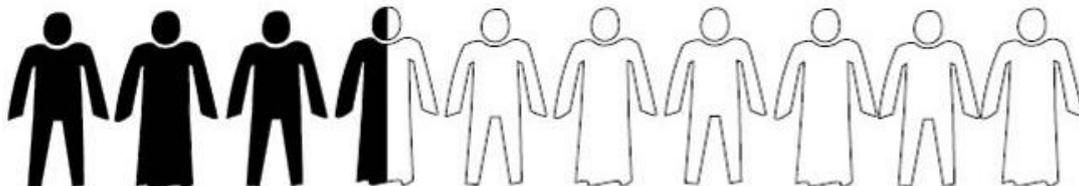


In 2016, on average 55% of Anangu children in the NPY Lands went to school each day.

This means that around just under half the class did not turn up each day.



9% - or less than 1 in 10 - young Anangu aged between 17–24 years in the NPY Lands are employed



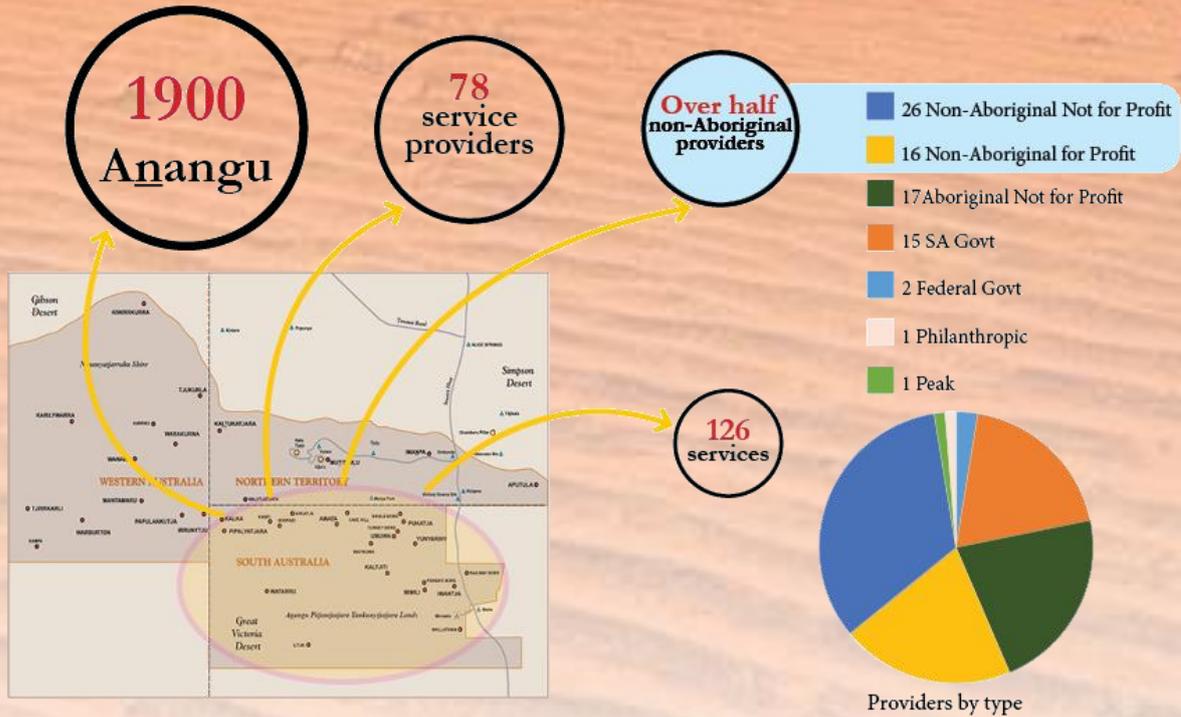
33% of people are on CDP in the NPY region.

This does not include people receiving other Centrelink payments like Disability and Carer payments.

Service mapping in the APY Lands; What do we know so far?

How many organisations are working in the NPY region? How many are local Anangu organisations?
Where does the funding come from? What services are delivered? What are the gaps and double ups?

These are just some of the questions the Empowered Communities team have been asking in 2017. This information is being used to inform everyone, including Anangu, about what services are being delivered, the gaps, overlaps and the opportunities for improvement. Here’s a little of what we’ve found so far for the APY Lands.



Did you know...

This information is based only on data for the APY region sourced from 2 Federal Departments (PM&C & DSS). Further work is being done to complete this picture for the entire NPY region.

Empowered Communities is National initiative happening in different locations right across Australia. In the NPY region, Empowered Communities operates as a collaboration of Aboriginal organisations working together. Representatives from NPY Women’s Council, Central Land Council, Western Desert Dialysis—Purple House, Ngaanyatjarra Health, Ngaanyatjarra Shire, RASAC and Mai Wiru currently form a ‘Regional Steering Committee’ - which makes decisions and guides our work. Anangu Directors from these partner organisations also meet and provide governance - making sure that our work is happening proper way. Other Aboriginal organisations working in the NPY region may also be interested to join in the future. The Empowered Communities team meet regularly with Government to talk about priorities for the NPY region. Our work is to ensure the Government is listening and supporting a better future for all Anangu.



Members of the Steering Committee meet with Government, September, 2017



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Anangu Concerns on Mintabie being heard.



When the Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull visited the APY Lands back in October 2016, Empowered Communities spoke up on behalf of Anangu, about the negative impacts that activities at Mintabie are having on Anangu people.

At the same time, the Government was also looking into illegal 'book up' activities at Mintabie—cancelling the store operator's license, and returning bank cards to Anangu.

Recently, the SA Government has also been consulting Anangu about reviewing the Mintabie lease which is on Aboriginal Lands. Empowered Communities will continue work closely with Government to make sure Anangu concerns about problems with Mintabie are being heard.

Contact us if you have a story to share.

Enquiry into CDP continues

Earlier this year we collected stories from across the Lands about the many challenges that Anangu are facing with CDP. This was presented to the Government Inquiry in June, 2017. In August, Tanya Luckey from Imanpa and Jaime Nyangu from Pukatja had the chance to share some of those stories in person—as part of the Empowered Communities team presenting at the Alice Springs Public Hearing.

Well done and thankyou to Tanya and Jamie for speaking up strong! *Wiru mulapa!*



The Government is now calling for ideas on what a new model for CDP should look like.

Submissions are due by February 9th. Contact us with your ideas, or look up: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/employment/community-development-programme-cdp/remote-employment-and-participation-submission>

