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# Empowered Communities News

## in the NPY region

Empowered Communities is an alliance of Aboriginal organizations in the NPY region, working together in new ways with Governments, to ensure Anangu have more control and decision-making power and to build a stronger future for all Anangu. *Ngura tri-state-nyuru wangka kutjutu tjunani.*

### Empowering communities – one step at a time:

**Step 1: Talking & listening** – collecting the ideas and worries of all Anangu and Yarnangu.

**Step 2: Priorities** - what are the big issues that everyone agrees to work together on to change.

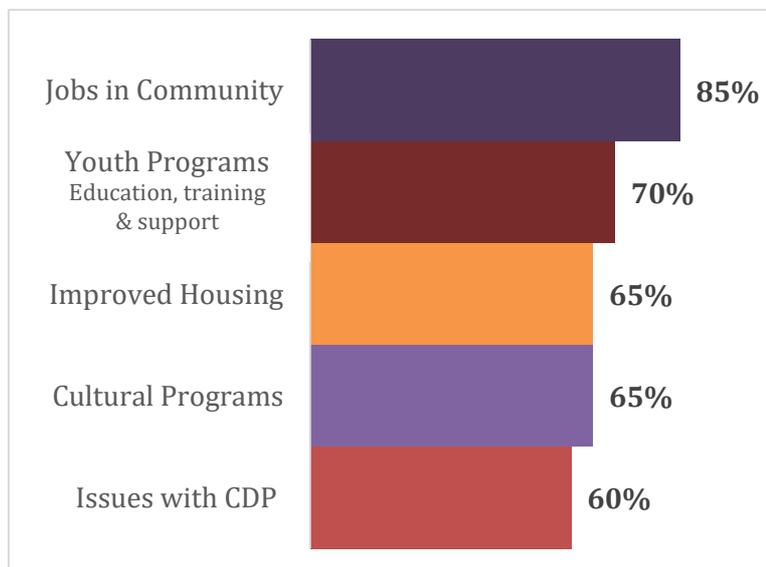
**Step 3: Researching** the evidence and data to support what Anangu and Yarnangu are saying, and from which we can measure our progress.

**Step 4: Making a plan together** – making sure that Government and service providers are delivering effective and efficient programs that meet Anangu and Yarnangu needs.

**Step 5: Strengthening** Anangu and Yarnangu leadership, communities & organisations to take responsibility for the future!

### What are the big issues in the NPY Region?

So far we have held 10 community meetings in the APY Lands and NT communities. The top priorities being raised so far are...



### What are people saying about Empowered Communities?



Sylvana Marks, Apatula

*“Empowered Communities – they go out to your community and they don’t tell you what to do, they come out and get ideas from you about how we can make our communities safer, how we can get our kids educated, how we can get ourselves educated as adults, and how to have a good life.”*

## Australia's finest young Indigenous leaders meet in Alice Springs

In June 2017, 8 young leaders from the tri-state region met with young Indigenous leaders from all over Australia who were visiting as part of the Jawun Emerging Leaders Program.

They came together to share ideas and a vision for their very own Emerging Leaders program in the NPY region.

Everyone agreed that learning from past leaders is really important. Learning to walk in 'two-world's' is also an essential skill for tomorrow's leaders.

We are now working to make this dream a reality. Empowered Communities is making a plan to run an Emerging Leaders Program in 2018.



Chris Reid, Craig Woods, Jessica Stubbs, Ina Scales, Kantjapai Baker, Miriam Kennedy, Winita Campbell, Denise Brady

*"It's important to know where we've come from in order to know where we are going... We also want to understand the system so we can know our rights",* they said. With these ambitions – the future is looking bright!

## Empowered Communities – the movie!



Maringka Burton, Maime Butler and Margaret Smith working with film makers from iTalk Studios

We have been working with senior women from NPY Women's Council's 'Uti Kulintjaku' (to get better thinking) Project to create an animation to describe Empowered Communities. We have talked a lot about the past, and how a future under Empowered Communities might be. This story is nearly ready!

## National Inquiry into CDP

You can read our submission to the Government's inquiry into CDP via our Facebook page. Thanks to everyone who shared their stories... here's some of the things people had to say...

*"A lot of people are very worried and upset. It's not working for us."*

*"We have seen people move to town... where they do less activity hours, and have better support to do those hours.*

*Compared to how it works in community - it's not fair!"*

You can still have your say...

**Public Hearings will be held in Kalgoorlie on 23 August, and Alice Springs on 28 August, 2017**