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# Empowered Communities News

in the NPY region

**Wai! Welcome to the first 'Empowered Communities' newsletter!**

## What is Empowered Communities?

Empowered Communities is working to make long-term changes to the way Government works with Aboriginal people.

**We want to help Aboriginal communities have more control and decision-making power.**

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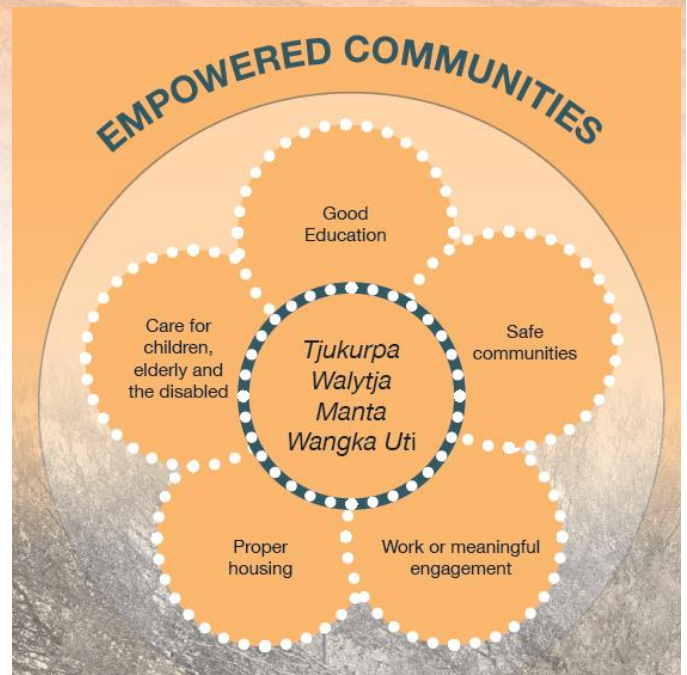
Empowered Communities is advocating for local solutions to local problems. We are working across the NPY region to build one voice, one plan, for the benefit of all Anangu-tjuta.

*Ngura tri-state-nyuru  
wangka kutjuṯu tjunani*

We are working together with communities and these Aboriginal organisations to build a stronger future for all Anangu.



Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara  
Women's Council (Aboriginal Corporation)



## Who are we?



Margo Northey



Sally Ward



Peter Riley



Sasha Kiessling



Jeff Tan

**Come and say G'day if you see us in community,  
or give us a call on 08) 8958 2311.**

## What is Empowered Communities? What are your ideas for the future? What are your worries?

Already we have held community meetings in Iwantja, Fregon, Mimili, Pukatja, Amata, Kanpi, Pipalyatjara, Docker River, Aputula and Imanpa to talk about Empowered Communities. At these meetings we are also listening to the ideas and worries of Anangu – so we can help make a plan for the future.

### *Yarnangu-ku watjaranyangka-ya kulira palyaratja-ku*

We will be holding more meetings in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands and throughout the region – come along and learn more about Empowered Communities, share your ideas and worries, and help make a plan for the future.

#### Community meetings across the NPY Lands...



Docker River community meeting, March 2017



Irrunytju meeting of Anangu Directors, March, 2017



Aputula wati's at community meeting, May 2017

#### Government inquiry into CDP story

When we met with Iwantja *minyma* in September, 2016, they spoke up strong about CDP. They said -

*"We should urgently talk to politicians to have an inquiry into CDP and Centrelink. We should take a representative from each community to talk face to face to politicians and tell the real story about what is happening."*

Well good news... The Government are now looking into whether CDP is working for remote communities.

We have provided a collection of stories from Anangu who are on CDP, and the challenges some people are facing. We are working to make sure Anangu voices are being heard in this enquiry.



Anangu-tjuta from across the APY Lands spoke up to the South Australian Government during the Community Cabinet, 1 May, 2017