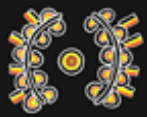




# Learning from an Evaluation of the CLC's Community Development Program





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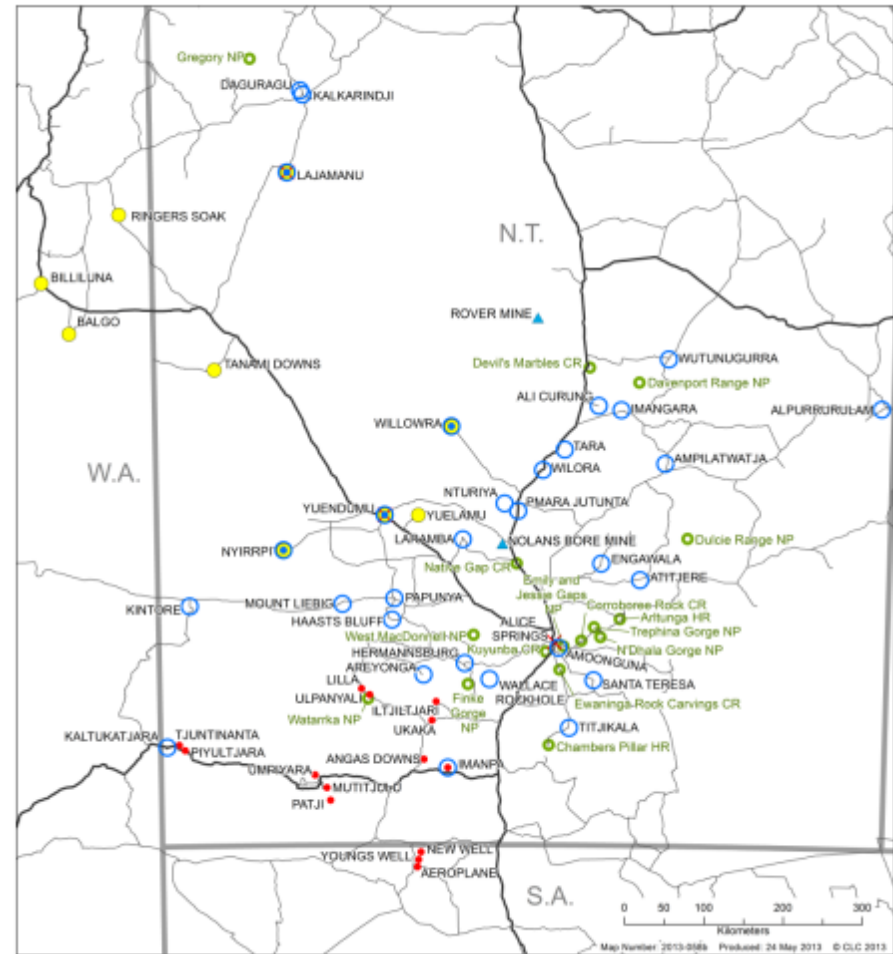






## CLC CD Program

- 35+ communities involved and more than 50 governance groups.
- 6 major regional CD projects with over 300 initiatives planned and funded by Aboriginal groups.
- Since 2005 CLC constituents have spent **over \$25 million** of their payments from land use agreements on community benefit.
- CLC's constituents increasingly deciding to use **their own significant money** for community benefit.



Locations of 2013 CLC Community Development Projects

- Uluru Rent Money Community Development Project
- Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT)
- × Tanami Dialysis Support Service Project
- Granites Mine Affected Area Community Development Project
- NT Parks Rent Money Community Development Project
- Community Lease Money Project
- ▲ Future Community Development Project



# PLANNING FOR ACTION

1. Getting Started

2. Agree on Process

3. Choose Project

4. Plan Project

5. Decide on Project

6. Enter Agreement

PROJECT HAPPENS!

7. How did it go?





## 4 CD Projects in the Tanami



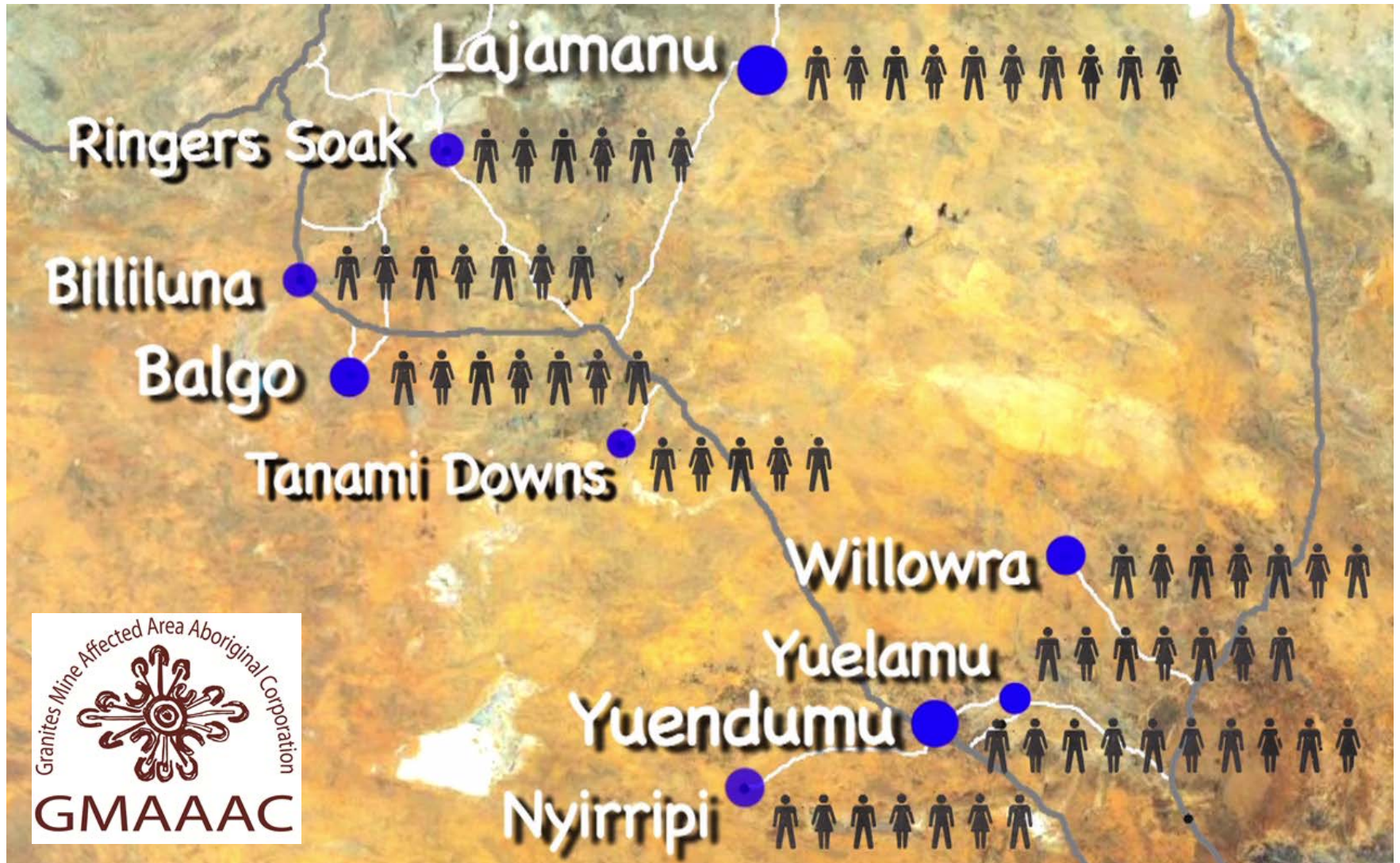
1. Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT)
2. Tanami Dialysis Project
3. Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) Project



PLUS

4. Community Lease Money Project









Community Election Meeting

- Talk about previous projects
- Committee elected every 3 years

Projects usually funded by (

Committee <sup>Young People.</sup>

4 Men	4 Women
Ben Gallagher	Judith Martin
Lance Turner	Kathleen Gibson
JJ	Christine Curtis
Colin Gibson	Madeleine Gibson

\$ 6,000.00

blankets ? ?

club

maintenance







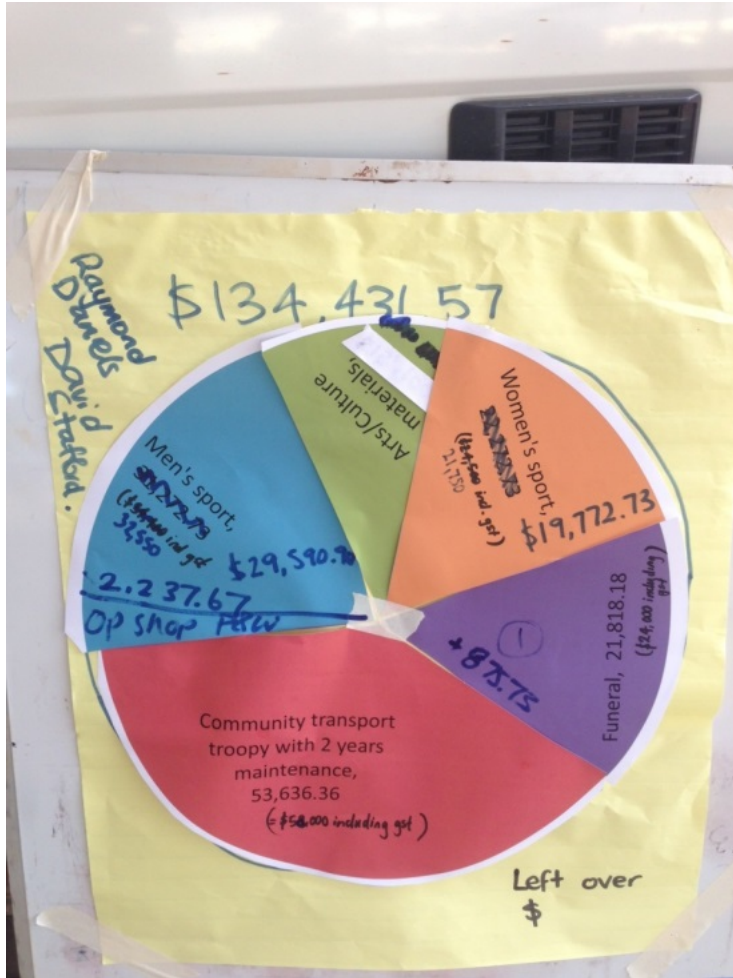
# PLANNING – COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVED







# COMMITTEE DECIDES WHAT TO FUND











# COMMUNITY REPORT AND FEEDBACK







# Yuendumu Outstation Resource Centre

- Warlpiri want jobs for people in their own homelands.
- Have been planning it as part of the Community Lease Money Project with help from the CLC and consultant Ian Munro.
- So far \$500,000 in lease money has been put in by the working group.



# La Trobe Uni Evaluation Findings

- Delivering on social, cultural and economic outcomes e.g. training and education, skills development, youth engagement, cultural strengthening and maintenance.

*“Almost universally interviewees were of the view that a huge range of services initially instigated and funded through CD projects and now benefitting Aboriginal people would simply not have happened without the impetus of CLC CD funding.”*  
(Roche and Ensor, 2014, pp.iii)

- Longer term collective benefits than individual royalty payments (plus some less powerful people benefitting who would otherwise have missed out).





# La Trobe Uni Evaluation Findings

- Community empowerment

*“It is clear to the Review Team that the CDU Program has also played a critical role in empowering TOs and community residents across Central Australia within a context of broader disempowerment.”* (Roche and Ensor, 2014, pp.iii)

- Cost effective – operational costs estimated at 15% of CD Program expenditure.
- Potential for greater outcomes constrained by broader factors outside CLC’s control.



# Key messages from the evaluation

1. **Aboriginal agency and control** underpin CLC CD Program compared to:

broader sense of loss of Indigenous control, demise of many local Indigenous governance structures and lack of info from external actors in communities.

2. **Supporting effective Aboriginal governance** generates more broad based, sustainable and inclusive development processes, and established Aboriginal orgs are well placed to take on this role.

3. **Highly tailored and context specific approaches** are key to the effective work of CLC in each community > not 'best practice' but 'good fit'.





## What next?

- Review and strengthen governance of 2 oldest CD projects.
- Develop group and CLC capacity to hold partner organisations to account.
- Work with groups to try different ways of planning that generate broader and sustainable development outcomes > more employment/enterprise, kids and women's priorities.
- Secure additional operational resources so we can meet current demand and do more comprehensive on-ground work outside of meetings.
- Keep advocating to government and others on the importance of an Aboriginal-led development approach.