



# Barkly Regional Deal

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### The Barkly Regional Deal's Local Community Projects

#### Fund lights up Canteen Creek

Canteen Creek's streets will soon be lit up at night, thanks to a new street lighting project led by Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation and funded by the Barkly Regional Deal Local Community Projects Fund.

"Street lighting is a safety issue," says Estelle Mick, a director of Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation and resident of Canteen Creek.

At the moment, most of the streetlights in the community are broken, which means that at night time, the local Community Safety Patrol team faces the extra challenge of working in the dark.

The Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation was successful in its application for a Barkly Regional Deal grant to address this important issue. The corporation will now work with a contractor to install 50 new LED lights.

David Lightowler, the Community Safety Regional Manager at Barkly Regional Council, strongly supports the project.

The street lighting project will "assist in enhancing our Community Safety patrol service, with operational staff being able to better observe issues in the community and identify where children and youth are congregating in the Canteen Creek community during hours of darkness," he explains.

"It's great to see that the Barkly Regional Deal is able to support communities outside of Tennant Creek access money for their priority projects" says Ben Campion, the Executive Office of the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone team.

The Barkly Local Community Projects Fund is jointly funded by the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government and the Barkly Regional Council. It is one of the 28 initiatives under the Barkly Regional Deal. The Fund has to date supported five community-led projects in Ampilatwatja, Canteen Creek, Elliott, Epenarra and Alpururulam.

Barkly Regional Deal Grant guidelines and application forms are available online at [www.barklyregionaldeal.com.au/resources](http://www.barklyregionaldeal.com.au/resources) or in hard copy through the Barkly Backbone [info@barklybackbone.com.au](mailto:info@barklybackbone.com.au)