



Barkly Regional Deal

Governance Table Communique – 26 October 2021

- The second meeting of the Barkly Governance Table (the Table) was held on Tuesday 26 October 2021 in Tennant Creek, with some members attending via teleconference. This meeting followed thirteen previous meetings of the Interim Governance Table.

Working Group Updates

- The **Economic Growth and Support Working Group** has endorsed a revised Terms of Reference and Approach Paper guiding the Group's membership and forward work plan. This revised Work Plan prioritises the development of the Barkly Economic Growth Strategy.
- The **Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group** met on 19 October 2021 to receive a Sun Cable briefing and to progress the Barkly Workforce Action Plan. A draft forward work plan, clarifying the Working Group's ongoing purpose, is being reviewed. The Working Group is considering opportunities stemming from the new Commonwealth remote jobs program trial.
- The **Crisis Youth Support Working Group** met on 13 October 2021. The next step is to confirm the infrastructure and site, which will inform the development of the crisis accommodation service model. The Working Group agreed for the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities to develop an Options Paper outlining potential service models.

Key Discussions

- The Measuring Change Working Group conducted a session workshopping the Deal's Vision Statement, Shared Purpose and Principles of Working Together.
- Anyinginyi Health delivered a proposal to transfer the Sport and Recreation Facility to Barkly Regional Council.
- A representative of the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice provided an overview of the Elders in Court program, a sub-project under the Justice Infrastructure Investments Deal initiative. The Department of the Attorney-General and Justice will work with Patta Aboriginal Corporation and other stakeholders to progress a new consultation round on the sub-project.
- The Table endorsed a proposal from We-AI-Li for the provision of culturally-informed trauma integrated healing practices to services and community within the Barkly. The model includes numerous workshops and training for local Trauma Champions to deliver trauma-informed healing.
- The Table noted the need for there to be strong communications around the Deal's collective impact and the 28 Deal projects.
- Two example models of service system reform were presented:

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- *Connected Beginnings* outlined the service system reform work that is being progressed for the early childhood sector in Tennant Creek.
 - *Empowered Communities* outlined a community-centred, joint decision-making process guiding service delivery in the NPY Lands.
- The Governance Table mapped out an overarching plan and governance structure guiding GISSR implementation.
- The Table considered the role and responsibilities for a 'design team' to support the development of the GISSR initiative. The team will determine the scope, prepare model options, develop a consultation process, and review data for the GISSR initiative.

The following papers were submitted for noting or further consideration:

- Table Decision-Making Process; outlining the proposed decision-making process set out in the draft new Governance Table Handbook.
- Table Board Chair Job Description; outlining a proposed job description for an external Governance Table Board Chair.
- The Draft Annual Progress Report will be circulated seeking feedback from Table members prior to publication.

Other Project Highlights

- The Backbone has accepted an offer from NT Government to provide an options paper outlining potential community mediation models for the Community Mediation initiative.
- The Table reviewed two grant applications to the Local Community Projects Fund.

Agreed Decisions

- Table members agreed to the following:
 - Agreed to develop a Charter explaining the roles and responsibilities of the Deal Governance Table and stakeholders.
 - Agreed to progress a new consultation round relating to the structure and development of the Elders at Court sub-project under the Justice Infrastructure Investments initiative.
 - Agreed to develop an Options Paper outlining potential Crisis Youth Support service models and associated infrastructure needs.
 - Agreed to conduct new consultation on the Elders in Court program.
 - Agreed for the Table to move to quarterly meetings going forward, with an Administration Group supporting the Backbone between Table meetings.
 - Agreed to the revised Terms of Reference and proposed approach to the ongoing function and membership of the Economic Growth and Support Working Group.

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- Endorsed a proposal for the provision of trauma-informed care services in the Barkly.
- Agreed to develop a set of communication tools for the Barkly Regional Deal.
- Agreed to fund two applications to the Local Community Projects Fund.
- Agreed on an overarching plan and governance structure guiding GISSR implementation.
- Agreed to advertise an Expression of Interest for membership of the GISSR design team.

Next Meeting: TBC