

BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL TRAFFIC LIGHT REPORT

(as at November 2021)

HIGHLIGHTS	STATUS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Barkly Aboriginal Alliance held their first meeting and were welcomed to the Governance Table in September. We Al-li Trauma Informed Care community meetings were well attended and supported by the community. An Alliance member from a Barkly community has joined the Backbone team as Governance (Alliance) Coordinator A locally based part-time Community Engagement Officer has joined the Backbone team to support community planning. 	20	On track
	2	Minor issues
	0	Major Issues
	4	Delivered
	2	Long Term Project

Initiatives		Funding	Lead	Project status
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—\$37.97M				
1	Regional Workforce Strategy	\$1M	NTG	Working Group met on 18 October 2021. The draft Barkly Region Workforce Plan was discussed at the last meeting and given support by the group. The Strategy provides an overview of the Barkly context, population and employment characteristics; priority projects and in-demand jobs; and the key skills jobseekers need to capitalise on opportunities. The Action Plan incorporates feedback and advice from the Working Group with the actions designed to equip job seekers with the sought after skills.
2	Youth infrastructure	\$7.62M	BRC / Cwlth	A funding agreement through the Building Better Regions Fund was signed in June 2019 by BRC. The Alpururulam skate park job is completed. Tennant Creek and Ali Curung Youth Centre construction has commenced. Final Bike Path designs with DIPL and further delayed as a new AAPA clearance is required and expected this month. BRC have requested an extension from Building Better Regions Fund until December 2022 due to the ongoing access issues.
3	Barkly Business Hub	\$2.2M	Cwlth / NTG	Office fit-out tender closed 17 July 2021. Tender assessment completed and awarded to Harvey Developments in November 2021. Anticipated completion in Q2 2022.
4	Youth Justice Facility	\$5.55M	NTG	Awarded design and construct tender on 17 June 2021. Contract is for off-site construction, with on-site installation subject to ILUA finalisation. Commenced offsite fabrication in early October 2021. Met with SFNT and Central Land Council to progress finalisation of ILUA. Barkly Region Youth Justice Accommodation Facility Stakeholder Group has met for the first of two design workshops. Provided site access for unobtrusive geotechnical and survey works.
5	New housing builds	Ongoing	NTG	Completed first 10 of 22 dwellings and the head lease commenced on 18 August 2021. Of the remaining 12 dwellings, all have received development approval, with the first four expected to commence construction in late-2021 with completion early 2022, and the remaining eight expected to commence construction in late-2021 and completion mid to late-2022. Returning 13 Government Employee Housing dwellings to existing public housing stock in Tennant Creek in staged approach as new builds handed over. Returned one dwelling at end July 2021.
6	Justice infrastructure investments	\$3.4M	NTG	Reviewing the Watch House project scope. The Department of the Attorney-General and Justice attended the October 2021 Governance Table meeting to discuss progressing the Videoconferencing upgrades and Elders at Court sub-projects.
7	Upgrade Alpururulam airstrip	Ongoing	Cwlth / NTG	Project completed ahead of schedule.
8	Economic growth strategy	\$0.3M	Cwlth	In March 2021 the Economic Growth and Support Working Group engaged Coffey Consulting to facilitate a discussion on developing an economic growth strategy. Coffey consulting delivered a final report to the group on 2 April for consideration. The current Working Group members and Governance Table have endorsed an Approach Paper and revised draft Terms of Reference (requested by the Governance Table at the 13 July meeting) to better reflect the WG purpose, functions, priorities, initial and forward work plan, deliverables and membership.
9	Maximising Aboriginal employment	Ongoing	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	This work will be progressed by the government partners with the Governance Table and will leverage work undertaken by the NT Government through the Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group. The working group has met five times. The August meeting included participating in the NIAA led co-design workshop on the New Indigenous Skills and Employment Program. The Workforce Strategy Working Group meeting held on 18 October considered opportunities for the group to engage in addressing maximising Aboriginal employment in the context of the Working Group’s future work plan.
10	Barkly Mining and Energy Services Offer	Ongoing	NTG	This initiative is aligned with the Barkly Business Hub. The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade continues developing the preliminary report on mining activities in the Barkly across the three stages of development. The report identified projects in development in the Barkly. The objective is to get an understanding of industry needs in order to support local business to take advantage of the opportunities. Investigating industry needs in the Beetaloo Basin and associated opportunities for local businesses with onshore oil and gas industry.
11	Weather radar	\$17.9M	Cwlth / NTG	A preferred site for the radar has been selected at Bill Allen Lookout (One Tank Hill). The Bureau is undertaking consultation with the landowners and traditional owners ahead of completing a formal cultural heritage survey via the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority license process. The project is also progressing two other potential sites at the Three Ways intersection and on the Sturt Highway. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Bureau has reached out to Northern Territory MP Steve Edgington, Mayor of Barkly, Jeff McLaughlin and Patta Aboriginal Corporation to arrange a meeting to provide an update on the Tennant Creek radar project, as part of an engagement plan to respond to concerns about the project’s progress.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Once conversations with the traditional owners have reached agreement and when geotechnical investigations have proven the site to be appropriate, the Bureau will look to sign a 10-year lease for the radar.	
12	Improvements to the delivery of the Community Development Program (CDP)	Ongoing	Cwlth	<p>The CDP provider, Rise Ngurratjuta, has implemented mutual obligation changes to the current CDP program that have reduced participation engagement. Consultations on the development a new remote jobs program to replace CDP from 2023 have commenced with a Discussion paper designed to elicit input widely across the country on key design issues. Consultation meeting have been held in 4 Barkly Communities as part of the NIAA engagement processes.</p> <p>On 22 October 2021, the Barkly was announced as one of the five trial sites across the country where communities will work with Government to help co-design the new Remote Engagement Program for jobseekers.</p>
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT—\$31.75M				
13	Tennant Creek Visitor Park	\$9.5M	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	Working Group endorsed consolidated design principles on 15 June 2021. Developed design brief for endorsement by Infrastructure Program Steering Committee (jointly managed by DIPL and TFHC). Lodged concurrent applications with Development Consent Authority in September 2021 for rezoning of area from Light Industry to Community Purpose, and Lot 1238 subdivision. Next steps will be detailed headworks planning, and Visitor Park design and construct tender release, anticipated in late February 2022 subject to rezoning approval. Scheduled to award Visitor Park design and construction contract in March 2022.
14	Government investment services system reform	\$0.6M	Cwlth / NTG	Full data collection and initial analysis is underway and Wangkijiki Group through Connected Beginnings has agreed to be the core of the Early Childhood Working Group. PwC Indigenous Consultants delivered a workshop for the Governance Table at the 26 October meeting. The Table agreed to the establishment of a ‘design team’ to determine the scope of the work, and prepare a consultation model and process. This had their first meeting on 22 November with another scheduled for mid-December.
15	Crisis youth support—safe places and accommodation	\$3M	NTG	Working Group met on 28 September and 13 October 2021 and is meeting monthly. Working Group membership reflects the community and includes Youth sector representation. The group has been assessing available services and highlighting gaps and opportunities in conjunction with work being completed by NTG. An options paper outlining several service models will be provided to the group in December 2021 based on the work already undertaken.
16	Trauma informed care	\$3M	NTG	Held workshop on 30 March 2021 to design project brief. Held We-Al-li workshops from 16-23 September 2021. Workshops showed community support for We-Al-li training program. We-Al-li developed a submission for a two-year service delivery program in Tennant Creek, which was endorsed at the October 2021 Governance Table meeting. Consultations ongoing with health services to determine treatment side of initiative.
17	Multi-purpose accommodation facility	\$0.25M	Cwlth	Project Completed. From May 2019, Aboriginal Hostels Limited delivered a \$250,000 affordability trial. The trial demonstrated the benefits of underwriting the nightly tariff for beds to reduce the number of local residents and medical patients sleeping rough and returning to homelessness due to unpaid debts. A report on the trial was tabled at the meeting on 27 April 2021.
18	Student boarding accommodation	\$12.7M	Cwlth / NTG	Received design re-scope. Phase 2 of the community consultation has taken place and focused on design and testing what were essential elements from a community perspective. There is strong support for the facility and desire for children to attend. Completed design brief and site services assessment. Cost estimate reviewed in October 2021 to support detailed design tender. Require detailed design prior to progressing with additional consultation. Construction anticipated to commence in Q2 2022 subject to scope and funding confirmation.
19	Social and affordable housing private-public partnership	\$1.9M	Cwlth / NTG	Venture Housing provided a supplementary project proposal to the Governance Table which includes the construction of social and affordable units in Tennant Creek. The Governance Table has provided its in-principle support to the proposal on the condition any funding agreement with Venture Housing is acceptable to all parties in terms of benefit to local Aboriginal people. Assistant Minister Marino and Minister Uibo have provided support, subject to the project supporting at-risk Aboriginal cohorts such as women experiencing violence and those experiencing housing stress. The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities is working with Venture to brief Patta.
20	Community sports	\$0.8M	Cwlth/ BRC	<p>The sports program is progressing against the Activity Plan endorsed by the Governance Table. Highlights of the program in October include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">support by the sports co-ordinators of Anyinginyi and Cricket NT to deliver the Rossy Williams cricket carnival in mid-Octoberin late October, the co-ordinators will take 25 people to compete in a social round robin soccer competition in Katherine <p>With the Sports Program scheduled to end in March 2022, Sport Australia is focused on working with Barkly Council and other stakeholders to enhance sustainability of sport in the region. BRC is looking for funding to extend the program</p>
21	Aged care services in the Barkly region	Ongoing	Cwlth	<p>Project Completed pending Governance Table endorsement. The Barkly Regional Council was successful in receiving annual funding of \$919,000 through the expansion of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program. The Program funds organisations to provide flexible, culturally safe aged care services to older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people close to their home and community. In March 2020, the Barkly Regional Council also received a one-off grant of \$15,000 to replace equipment at the Ampilatwatja Aged Care Centre. This grant activity was successfully completed and finalised in December 2020.</p> <p>The Barkly Regional Council has also been successful in receiving grant funding of \$17,063.67 for equipment purchases in Barkly Aged Care Centres through a recent one-off grant round for services under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program.</p>

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22 Childcare places	Ongoing	Cwlth	<p>The report prepared by Bonnie Moss (Anglicare) and Deb Hartman (Connected Beginnings), and subsequent proposal from Pricewaterhouse Coopers Indigenous Consulting (PIC), have been considered by the Table. Connected Beginnings has commenced work with PIC on the development of a regional childcare service model. This project is being progressed as a priority and engagement with community and service providers is ongoing.</p> <p>Recent developments following on from the Anglicare report include: Jenny Scott and Deb Hartman have interviews arranged with key partners, including Territory Families, Julalikari Council, Kentish Early Years services and the Department of Education, Early Childhood Education and Care section, in October, with a view to developing models of funding and care for new and existing services, that will address ongoing un-met childcare needs of families.</p> <p>Tennant Creek Pre-school commenced a trial of two full years of pre-school in Term 4, 2021, with a mixed cohort, including a number of vulnerable Aboriginal children who had previously not accessed any early years service. Seven local Aboriginal early childhood workers will complete the Cert 3 in Early Childhood education and Care by December 2021.</p>
CULTURE AND PLACE-MAKING—\$8.65M			
23 Barkly local community projects fund	\$6M	BRC / Cwlth / NTG	<p>The Fund opened on Friday the 27 October, and Guidelines and Application Forms now available on the Deal website. The Backbone and Barkly Regional Council are working together to share application information with communities, including through Local Authority meetings. five applications have been approved, based on Local Authorities identified priorities, and a further application was endorsed and approved at the July 2021 IGT. The Backbone team and DCM are continuing work on several community plans and it is anticipated that this will lead to more applications over the coming months. A new application for Ampilatwatja has been approved</p>
24 Local community governance	\$1M	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	<p>The Barkly Aboriginal Alliance held their first meeting and were welcomed to the Governance Table in September. An Alliance member from Marlinja community has joined the team as Governance (Alliance) Coordinator and has relocated to Tennant Creek. A locally based Community Engagement Officer joined the team part time to support community planning and engaging Barkly communities. Recruitment is still underway for a Senior Project Officer and Community Engagement Lead. Barkly Regional Deal updates are published via the Backbone website, monthly newsletter and social media channels for the community.</p> <p>The Measuring Change Group will hold its eighth meeting on Dec 10. The group has completed the first two steps of developing a place-based evaluation framework and is on track to complete it in Feb 2022. The group drafted a vision statement and principles for the Deal which were workshopped at the last GT meeting. The group has completed a theory of change for the Deal which will be presented at the Feb GT meeting.</p>
25 Community mediation	\$1.65M	NTG / Cwlth	<p>The initial proposal was to contract mediation experts to run workshops guiding the direction of the project. The initiative has progressed slowly but now there is an opportunity for the Barkly Aboriginal Alliance and wider community to contribute. The Backbone has requested NTG to provide an options paper outlining possible models of community mediation for the Table to consider, that can incorporate community input and recent research in the NT.</p>
26 Arts Centre in Elliott – Feasibility Study	Ongoing	NTG	<p>Completed feasibility study. A private company will develop an Art Centre as part of a new Roadhouse construction in Elliott, expected completion is the end of 2022.</p>
27 Update Council website about Aboriginal history	Ongoing	BRC	<p>Content for the website update is under consideration however Patta has expressed reservation about the nature of the input. Some information on council's website though there is still much to do. Council staff working with the Language Centre and land councils on content.</p>
28 Marketing and promotion	Ongoing	BRC	<p>The BRC has employed a Media and Communications manager. BRD is being well marketed when news worthy items arise.</p>
TOTAL	\$78.4M		