

BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL TRAFFIC LIGHT REPORT

(as at March 2022)

HIGHLIGHTS	STATUS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barkly Business Hub redevelopment underway. Youth Justice Facility offsite construction underway. We Al-li program coordinator is now based in Tennant Creek and workshops commenced in January. The Measuring Change working group has co-designed a theory of change for the Deal that will form the basis of the evaluation framework. 	23	On track
	0	Minor issues
	0	Major Issues
	3	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 and 18 January 2022. The working Group has prepared an Approach Paper outlining the work and direction of the Working Group for the next 6 months, which was endorsed by the Governance Table at its meeting on 22 February 2022. A series of workshops to develop a targeted Barkly Local Workforce Development Strategy are planned for future months.
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	Redevelopment underway by Harvey Developments since December 2021. Review of the completion timeframe underway as a result of national supply shortages (e.g. gyprock).
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. Sent ILUA to CLC in February 2022 to be considered by the CLC Board and Native Title group, which is understood to be taking place in May 2022. Scheduling final design workshop for the Barkly Region Youth Justice Accommodation Facility Stakeholder Group in April 2022. Commenced unobtrusive site servicing works. Service Delivery model incorporated within a Request for Proposal which will be put to market upon endorsement of the ILUA. Expected delivery in 2022.
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 ready to proceed but experiencing delays due to labour shortages in Tennant Creek, and the remaining eight are expected to be completed by early 2023. 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 ongoing. 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. Advice on next steps is being prepared for the Governance Table.
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 2021 for consideration. Remote Strategy Plus, a majority owned Indigenous organisation has been engaged to develop the Economic Growth Strategy in partnership with the Economic Growth and Support Working Group. Four workshops will be held to support development of the strategy with the first occurring on 17 March.
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 through the Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group. The Approach Paper developed by the Workforce Development Working Group focuses on the opportunities for maximising Aboriginal employment and the work of that Group over the next few months will support this initiative.
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. Conducted site visit to Origin gas well to understand the needs of companies and the opportunities for local business engagement. Planning is underway for more collaborative site visits and engagements with Barkly stakeholders in 2022.
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 has completed initial consultation with the landowners and traditional owners and has commenced negotiating an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) for the intended site. A formal cultural heritage survey via the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority license will also be completed ahead of applying for a Crown lease. The project is also progressing two other potential sites at the Three Ways intersection and on the Sturt Highway.

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			<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. Once the ILUA is established and when geotechnical investigations have proven the site to be appropriate, the Bureau will look to sign a 20 to 30 year lease for the radar.
12	Improvements to the delivery of the Community Development Program (CDP)	Ongoing	<p>Cwlth</p> <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	<p>Cwlth / NTG / BRC</p> <p>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). Ongoing Development Consent Authority process following lodgement of concurrent applications in September 2021 for rezoning of area from Light Industry to Community Purpose, and Lot 1238 subdivision. Outcome from DCA process anticipated shortly.</p> <p>Next steps will be detailed headworks planning, and Visitor Park design and construct tender release, anticipated in late March 2022 subject to rezoning approval. Scheduled to award Visitor Park design and construction contract in June 2022. Initial service delivery consultation elements have been incorporated into current design plan. Further consultation to commence in conjunction with design tender release and during construction period.</p>
14	Government investment services system reform	\$0.6M	<p>Cwlth / NTG</p> <p>Full data collection and initial analysis is underway, and the Table agreed to establish a 'System Change Design Team' to determine the scope of the work, and prepare a consultation model and process. The group had their first meetings on 22 November and 14 December 2021, and a workshop will be scheduled in the coming weeks depending on COVID-19 restrictions.</p>
15	Crisis youth support—safe places and accommodation	\$3M	<p>NTG</p> <p>Working Group meeting monthly. Working Group membership reflects the community and includes Youth sector representation. The group has been assessing available services to identify gaps and opportunities for this initiative. An options paper outlining several service models was provided to the group in December 2021, incorporating this review work. A survey has been conducted with the community to gain their input on potential service details and to inform the group's direction. In February 2022, the group began to review the survey findings and the service model proposal with support from NTG.</p> <p>Coordination of service delivery location currently being finalised by Backbone team. Design workshop to be scheduled prior to May 2022 to finalise service options for endorsement by the Working Group prior to June 2022 Governance Table meeting.</p>
16	Trauma informed care	\$3M	<p>NTG</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Signed funding agreement between We Al-li and NT Government in December 2021 for We Al-li to operationalise ongoing trauma informed approaches in the Barkly through training, workshops and support for a 2-year period, following endorsement at the October 2021 Governance Table meeting. Discussions are underway to prepare a proposal for the treatment side of this initiative to be done with local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations</p>
17	Multi-purpose accommodation facility	\$0.25M	<p>Cwlth</p> <p>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.</p>
18	Student boarding accommodation	\$12.7M	<p>Cwlth / NTG</p> <p>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 2022, noting this initiative is scheduled to commence build in the 2022-2023 financial year.</p>
19	Social and affordable housing private-public partnership	\$1.9M	<p>Cwlth / NTG</p> <p>Received advice that Venture Housing has completed the consultation process with Patta, following feedback from local stakeholders and the Governance Table. Developing a draft funding agreement between NT Government and Venture Housing to deliver the revised project proposal endorsed by the Table on 13 July 2021. The NT Government is working with Venture Housing to finalise funding agreement, anticipated execution of Agreement April 2022.</p>
20	Community sports	\$0.8M	<p>Cwlth / BRC</p> <p>The sports program is progressing against the Activity Plan endorsed by the Governance Table. 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.</p>
21	Aged care services in the Barkly region	Ongoing	<p>Cwlth</p> <p>In 19-20 the Barkly Regional Council was successful in its application for ongoing funding 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 2021-22 the Council will receive \$1.2 million under the Program to deliver aged care services across the Barkly Region.</p>

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			<p>The Barkly Regional Council has also been successful in receiving grant funding of \$17,000 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> <p>In 2021-22 the Australian Regional & Remote Community Services (ARRCS) will also receive \$4.6 million to deliver residential and home care services to the region in Tennant Creek.</p>
22	Childcare places	Ongoing	<p>Cwlth</p> <p>Connected Beginnings is continuing to work with Pricewaterhouse Coopers Indigenous Consulting (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 include: Jenny Scott and Deb Hartman had interviews 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. Discussions and support for model development and business planning have continued with PIC and two key stakeholders in January 2022.</p> <p>Tennant Creek Pre-school is continuing to combine a 3 year old and 4 year old preschool cohort in 2022, following the successful trial in 2021. Vulnerable Aboriginal children who had previously not accessed any early years service is the main target cohort for 2022. A new cohort of local Aboriginal early childhood workers will enrol in the Cert 3 in Early Childhood education and Care in February 2022, in a deliberate strategy to embed local training in early childhood to improve outcomes for Aboriginal 0-5 year olds. This group of students are likely to include early childhood workers in Transition and Year 1 classes in the Tennant Creek Primary School.</p>
CULTURE AND PLACE-MAKING—\$8.65M			
23	Barkly local community projects fund	\$6M	<p>BRC / Cwlth / NTG</p> <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. An application for Marlinja and Ampilatwatja was approved at the last GT meeting. Desktop review underway of the Fund's application and assessment processes with a view to reducing red tape and administrative burden where possible for applicants and the assessment panel.</p>
24	Local community governance	\$1M	<p>Cwlth / NTG / BRC</p> <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. Locally based Community Engagement Officers have 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. The Barkly Regional Deal updates are published via the Backbone website, newsletters and social media channels for the community.</p> <p>The Measuring Change Group held its eighth meeting on Dec 10. The working group has drafted a theory of change with four levels and identified 5 key outcome areas and potential indicators. The theory of change forms the basis of the evaluation framework which embodies community perspectives and values from across the Barkly.</p>
25	Community mediation	\$1.65M	<p>NTG / Cwlth</p> <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. Drafting of an options paper is underway by the NT Government outlining possible models of community mediation for the Table to consider that incorporate community input and other models operating in the NT.</p>
26	Arts Centre in Elliott – Feasibility Study	Ongoing	<p>NTG</p> <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	<p>BRC</p> <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	<p>BRC</p> <p>The BRC has employed a Media and Communications manager. BRD is being well marketed when news worthy items arise.</p>
TOTAL		\$78.4M	