

# BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL TRAFFIC LIGHT REPORT

(as at June 2022)

HIGHLIGHTS	STATUS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Chair Sean Gordon joined the Governance Table.</li> <li>Strategic Planning is underway for the Governance Table and its broader agenda.</li> <li>Additional \$6.3M announced in the initial 2022-23 Australian Government Budget for the Student Boarding Accommodation construction.</li> <li>Approval received for the Visitor Park subdivision and rezoning application with tender anticipated for release and functional design signed off.</li> </ul>	23	On track
	0	Minor issues
	0	Major Issues
	3	Delivered
	2	Long Term Project

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—\$37.97M				
1	Regional Workforce Strategy	\$1M	NTG	The Working Group has held two workshops on 15 March and 10 May supported by guest facilitator Emma Bradbury from BRC as they commence development of the Barkly Regional Workforce Development Strategy. Consistent with the Approach Paper 2 further workshops are planned. Foundation Cohort Issues and Work Readiness opportunities have been explored to date. The Working Group Members are also engaging with the Economic Working Group’s workshops to integrate strategies where appropriate.
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. The construction of the Tennant Creek Youth Centre is 90% completed with works expected to be finished end of June 2022. Ali Curung Youth Centre construction has commenced with a completion date by end of 2022. The tender for the construction of the Tennant Creek Bike path has been completed.
3	Barkly Business Hub	\$2.2M	Cwlth / NTG	Redevelopment underway by Harvey Developments. Expected completion of works is July 2022 as a result of national supply shortages (e.g. gyprock). Commenced discussions with major mining and energy project proponents in the Barkly with a view to developing an agreement for a mining/energy service offer from the Hub.
4	Youth Justice Facility	\$5.55M	NTG	Awarded design and construct tender on 17 June 2021. Contract is for off-site construction of modular buildings, with on-site installation and commissioning. Commenced off-site fabrication in early October 2021. Received in-principle agreement to the ILUA from the CLC Board and Native Title group in May 2022, with formal advice pending. Commenced unobtrusive site servicing works on-site. Service Delivery model incorporated within a Request for Proposal which will be put to market upon formal advice on 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	<b>Project completed ahead of schedule.</b>
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. Three of the four workshops to support development of the strategy have been held, with the final workshop to occur on 16 June.
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. The works shops held under the Regional Workforce Development Strategy are focusing strongly on the opportunities to maximise Indigenous employment in their deliberations.
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. Commenced discussions with major mining and energy project proponents in the Barkly with a view to developing an agreement for a mining/energy service offer from the Hub. 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). On 16 May 2022, the Bureau of Meteorology project team travelled to Tennant Creek to meet with Patta Aboriginal Corporation and Central Land Council. The group walked the site with the community

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			elders and formally presented the project proposal to the Patta Aboriginal Corporation Board as part of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) process. During this trip, the Bureau also met with the Barkly Regional Council and the Barkly Regional Backbone team and were invited to make a presentation to the local primary school. The Bureau worked with surveyors to conduct an above ground survey to support the ILUA and commence site design. The Bureau has met with former Senator Sam McMahon, Northern Territory MP Steve Edgington, and Mayor of Barkly, Jeff McLaughlin 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.	
12	Improvements to the delivery of the Community Development Program (CDP)	Ongoing	Cwlth	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.  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. The Consultants Cross Cultural Consultants have run two workshops with the members of the Co-design Working Group to establish the group and set the operational agenda. Community engagement has been identified as a key requirement.
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT—\$31.75M				
13	Tennant Creek Visitor Park	\$9.5M	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	Approval received in April 2022 for the subdivision and rezoning of the preferred site, Lot 1238, Town of Tennant Creek. Release of the subdivision (headworks) detailed design tender planned for June 2022.  Approval received for the functional design brief, based on the Working Group’s endorsed consolidated design principles. Initial service delivery consultation elements have been incorporated into the current design brief. Release of the Visitor Park design and construct tender anticipated for July 2022.  Held Working Group meeting on 12 May 2022. An update was received and the Working Group agreed next steps, particularly to hold service delivery consultations in conjunction with the design phase of the tender (25%). Finalisation of the service delivery model and consultation on design phases to occur with the Working Group, for approval by the Governance Table.
14	Government investment services system reform	\$0.6M	Cwlth / NTG	The Table agreed to establish a ‘System Change Design Team’ to determine the scope of the work, and prepare a consultation model and process and prepare a consultation model and process at the community level. The group had their first meetings on 22 November and 14 December 21. A ‘test-run’ of a model for engagement and opportunity to interact with the finished Dashboard was scheduled in March but has been postponed. The group is expecting to reconvene in mid-2022.  In order to support the informed decision making of the Working Group, the online and interactive Data Dashboard has been built on PowerBI using information from Australian and NT Government agencies about funded services and programs currently available in the Barkly. While the Australian Government will continue to improve the data in the dashboard to support key decision making, the NT Government, with support from partners, will lead the next stage of this project to facilitate the community directed planning and design which services systems to be the focus of reform in the region.
15	Crisis youth support—safe places and accommodation	\$3M	NTG	The Working Group held a design workshop in May 2022, where they finalised a draft service proposal and scope of works, with the final scope of works to be presented to the Governance Table in June 2022. The proposal reflects an integrated outreach and supported accommodation service that is connected to existing youth services in Tennant Creek, drawing upon the earlier analysis around youth service opportunities and gaps, and the community survey.  The proposed site for the accommodation service is to be confirmed through meeting between parties.
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.  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. The We Al-li program coordinator JudyKaye Knox is now based in Tennant Creek with workshops commencing in January with good attendance and feedback.  Discussions are underway to prepare a proposal for the treatment side of this initiative to be done with local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation. Anyinginyi is preparing a proposal with support from AMSANT that will be tabled with the project team for feedback and next steps.
17	Multi-purpose accommodation facility	\$0.25M	Cwlth	<b>Project Completed.</b> 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	\$19M	Cwlth / NTG	Announcement of an additional \$6.3M capital funding to build the Student Boarding Accommodation in the Australian Government Budget 2022-23, increasing the construction budget to \$16M (from \$9.7M). Further community consultation to take place as the design works progress, drawing upon the two phases of community consultation already undertaken. Completed design brief and site services assessment. Construction anticipated to commence in 2022, noting this initiative is scheduled to commence build in the 2022-2023 financial year.
19	Social and affordable housing private-public partnership	\$1.9M	Cwlth / NTG	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

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				Table on 13 July 2021. Negotiations remain underway due to an escalation in construction costs in Tennant Creek.
20	Community sports	\$0.8M	Cwlth/ BRC	The community sport program is concluding as per the agreements with Sport Australia and the Barkly Regional Council. Discussion is continuing regarding opportunities for the future provision of sport in the Barkly and the ongoing role of key stakeholders
21	Aged care services in the Barkly region	Ongoing	Cwlth	<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> <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 &amp; 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	Cwlth	<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: Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation (JCAC) has obtained permission from its Board to progress its submission to the specific invitation to apply for CCCFR funding to establish an Aboriginal controlled long-day-care centre. PIC consultants are working closely with JCAC to provide modelling to support a business case for this submission. JCAC are involved in discussions and negotiations with possible ACCO, NGO and private business partners in the establishment and running of this significant service that will fill an enormous gap in childcare provision for the most vulnerable families in Tennant Creek. The establishment of this service will also free up places in the existing TC CCC run by Kentish.</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. Five additional 3 year-olds have been identified for a mid-year intake to the preschool. These families will be supported by the Ready 4 Preschool Campaign led by Marlungkukari CFC, JCAC.</p> <p>Seventeen local Aboriginal students, including a school based trainee and current workers in early childhood services, have enrolled 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 have already completed 3 units in the program, supported by the wrap around support of their employers and Connected Beginnings.</p>
CULTURE AND PLACE-MAKING—\$8.65M				
23	Barkly local community projects fund	\$6M	BRC / Cwlth / NTG	The Fund opened on Friday the 27 October, and Guidelines and Application Forms 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 to collaborate around community plans and stakeholder meetings and it is anticipated that this will lead to more applications. Applications for Canteen Creek and Marlinja have been approved outside of the Local Authority areas. 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.
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 joined the team as Governance (Alliance) Coordinator and has relocated to Tennant Creek. A Senior Project Officer has joined the Backbone team on a 3 month contract while the position is readvertised. Recruitment is still underway for a locally based Community Engagement Lead. The Barkly Regional Deal updates are published via the Backbone website and social media channels for the community</p> <p>Three Governance Table members joined the Backbone Team at the Annual Event for Stronger Places Stronger People in Adelaide, sharing reflections on the collective impact work in the Barkly with other national sites. <b>A Learning Circle held with Governance Table and Alliance members reflected on the relationship between partners so far and looked towards future collaboration.</b></p> <p>The Measuring Change 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	NTG / Cwlth	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. Desktop research to inform the drafting of an options paper is underway. The paper will outline possible models of community mediation for the Table to consider that incorporate community input and other models operating in the NT.
26	Arts Centre in Elliott – Feasibility Study	Ongoing	NTG	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.
27	Update Council website about Aboriginal history	Ongoing	BRC	Media and Communications officer position is now vacant. BRC is still in negotiations with CLC and Language centre for content. Once the position is filled BRC will make this as a top priority.
28	Marketing and promotion	Ongoing	BRC	Media and Communications officer position is now vacant. BRD is being well marketed when news worthy items arise.

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TOTAL	\$84.7M		