



The Ministers Visit

Senator The Hon Anthony Chisholm, Australian Government Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Hon Selina Uibo, Northern Territory Minister for Treaty and Local Decision Making and Barkly Regional Councillor Sharen Lake attended the opening of the Barkly Business Hub. The Ministers and Councillor were representing the three tiers of government supporting the Barkly Regional Deal to formally recognise the opening of the Hub and the release of the Barkly Regional Workforce Strategy 2030 and the Barkly Economic Growth Strategy 2030 – two other significant Barkly Regional Deal Initiatives.

During the event they also had the pleasure of presenting certificates and letters of offer to community members representing Arlpwe Aboriginal Corporation (Ali Curung), Owairtilla Aboriginal Corporation (Canteen Creek), and North Barkly Aboriginal Corporation. These organisations were successful in their applications to the Local Community Project Fund of the Barkly Regional Deal. Grant monies will go towards community-led initiatives, including purchase of a community bus with training of a local driver, purchase of earth-moving equipment with training of local staff and contractors, and the development of community strategic plans. The grants support self-determination and local workforce and economic development.

While in Tennant Creek, Minister Chisholm shot a video about the benefits of the Barkly Regional Deal. Take a look at it on our website <https://barklyregionaldeal.com.au/news/>

Our Second Communique

So much has been happening with the Barkly Regional Deal Initiatives that we have decided to produce an October edition of the communique.

The purpose of this communique is to inform and engage you in the work of the Governance Table including progress on Barkly Regional Deal projects as well as decisions and plans in our collaborative efforts to drive positive changes in the Barkly. This communique will help you understand and communicate to others what is being achieved, the challenges we are addressing, who is doing the work and how you can be more involved.

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey!

Agreement on siting of Youth Justice Facility Buildings on Patta Land

A major agreement about the siting of the buildings for the Youth Justice Accommodation Facility was reached on 27 October, between representatives of Patta, CLC, Julalikari and Anyinginyi and the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities. This agreement was reached following the recent ILUA signing and provides an excellent example of Aboriginal leadership, community, and Government working together to deliver projects for the benefit of the region.



The agreement paves the way for the pre-fabricated buildings to be moved from Darwin as soon as possible, before the wet season sets in. There will be about a 15-week period of site preparation before construction begins. The tender for the operation of the facility is also being considered by the committee at the same time. There is a strong expectation, to be written into any contractual agreements for construction and on-going operations, that there will be training and job opportunities for local Aboriginal people. The community is looking forward to the completion of the facility and its operation, so that vulnerable young people can be supported here in Tennant Creek rather than being sent to Juvenile Justice facilities outside of the Barkly.

The Business Hub Opening

Despite the Barkly facing terrible bushfires in September and October, Barkly communities and businesses took time out to come together for a one-day event on 4 October, marking a significant milestone for a Barkly Regional Deal Initiative, the Opening of the Barkly Business Hub. The Business Hub, located on Peko Road Tennant Creek and operated by Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, is creating opportunities for local businesses, connecting businesses to grow employment, and building business capability in the Barkly. It is a wonderful resource for the whole Barkly.

As part of opening the Business Hub, a draft Barkly Business Hub Service Plan and Mining & Energy Service Offer (MESO) were released for feedback. The plans details the proposed services offered through the Hub. Feedback is open until 30 November.

Make sure you drop in to use their excellent facilities for your next meeting, hot desk while you are away from your office, talk with the Regional Manager, Natalie McCabe about the Hub Service Plan and MESO, chat with Small Business Champion, Lisa Johnstone, about your business ideas and see Jaymie Coleman for business advocacy and support available through Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network.

Deep Collaboration Workshop 2

The Barkly Regional Deal Governance Table hosted a second Deep Collaboration Workshop for members and partner organisations, with facilitators Mark Yettica Poulsen and Reggie Hill from Collaboration for Impact.

The workshop series is designed to support the Governance Table and its partners to strengthen trust, understanding and skills to practice collective impact and deep collaboration. The workshops fostered more effective relationships and new, innovative ways of working that embed the values and steps needed to create shared local decision making and enhance local leadership.



The second workshop focused on the kinds of relationships and structures needed if the opportunities within the 10-year deal were built upon to create lasting positive change for Barkly Communities. We investigated ways that we could help build towards our vision of "Strong Barkly communities and families, together determining our future and thriving in both worlds." There was strong representation at the workshop from Government-non-government, Aboriginal organisations, and Barkly Aboriginal Alliance members, who all agreed that collaboration was creating more effective ways of working and better outcomes for the community.

The next meeting

The next Governance Table meeting has been scheduled for November 9, 2023.