

BARKLY ABORIGINAL ALLIANCE COMMUNIQUE



New Aboriginal Alliance Coordinator Appointed

In June, the Aboriginal Alliance welcomed Cyril Franey as the new Aboriginal Alliance Coordinator. Cyril has hit the ground running, forging working relationships with local Aboriginal councils, Corporations, Government Departments, NGOs, and stakeholders. He continues to extend his outreach and build rapport with the Northern Territory Government, homelands, and communities across the Barkly.



Training and Workshops

Alliance members have been actively enhancing their skills and broadening their understanding through a series of training sessions and workshops. This included a visit to Logan and Bourke to engage with other Backbone Teams, Aboriginal Corporations, Government Departments, and community members. The purpose was to gain insights into effective operational models that could be adapted for the Barkly Alliance.



The Barkly Aboriginal Alliance represents 11 Aboriginal language groups across the Barkly, and as a member of the Governance Table, has a core role in representing Aboriginal communities as the Deal is implemented.

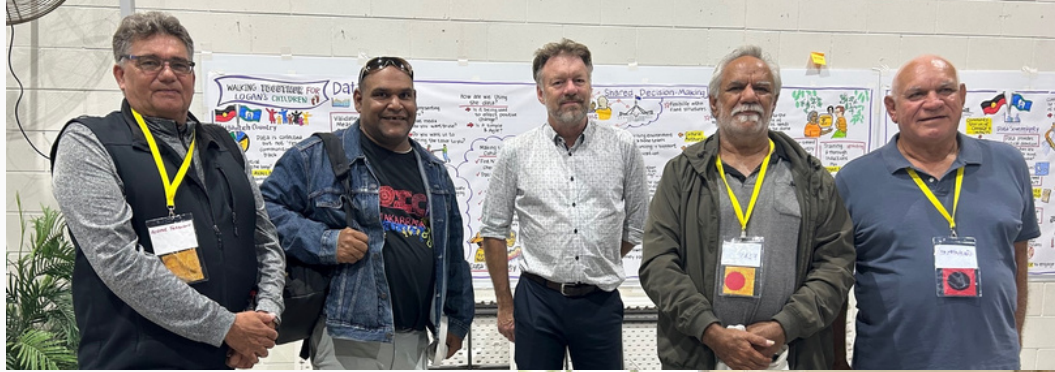
Induction and Governance Participation

The Coordinator and Alliance members have completed an induction process to better understand the structure and objectives of the Working Groups and the Governance Table. They have been actively participating in various Barkly Regional Deal Working Groups that focus on the Deal's 28 initiatives. The Alliance utilised its four seats at the Governance Table during the recent meeting in August at Tennant Creek, contributing significantly to group discussions and raising several issues for consideration.



First Community Visit to Ampilatwatja

Our Alliance Coordinator, along with Backbone staff member Warren H Williams, made an inaugural community visit to Ampilatwatja. They met with the school Principal, local Education staff, community members, and Elders. The visit included a meeting and BBQ, aiming to recruit new members for the Aboriginal Alliance. The team also provided updates on the Tennant Creek Student Boarding Facility and its progress to date. Feedback was gathered through focus groups and surveys during the visit.



Deep Collaboration

Adding to their proactive engagement, Alliance members participated in a two-day Deep Collaboration workshop in Tennant Creek. The event brought together representatives from Government Departments, NGOs, Aboriginal Land Councils, Corporations, and other stakeholders. The aim was to learn effective ways to collaborate across all tiers for collective impact.



Upcoming Community Visits

The Alliance Coordinator has plans for additional community visits in the near future. During these trips, a selected Alliance member will join the Coordinator to conduct meetings and drive Alliance membership. These visits will continue to foster relationships and gather valuable input from community members.



Leadership Development Program

The Alliance has nominated the Coordinator and one Alliance member to participate in the upcoming Systems Leadership Development Program. They will be joining the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team's Executive Officer, Deb Hartman, in this two-part program. The first part will be held in Melbourne in September, with the second part scheduled for November in Canberra.

