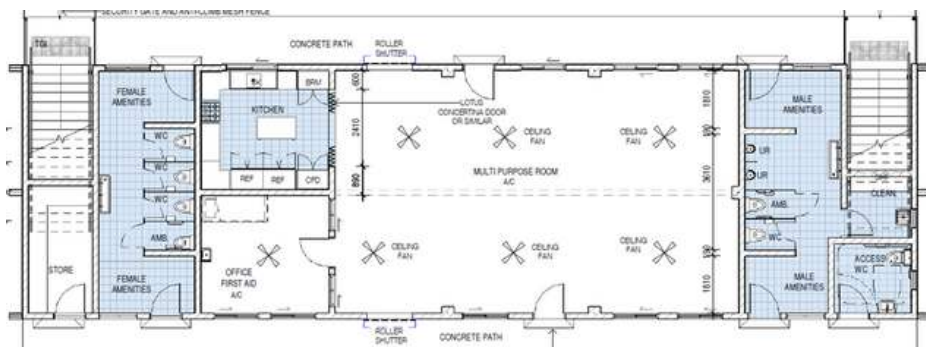




Progress on Ali Curung Youth Centre

GT Members reviewed and endorsed the plans for the new Ali Curung Grandstand and Youth Facilities, part of BRD Initiative 2. Youth Infrastructure. This project has experienced a range of delays and Members were pleased to hear from Barkly Regional Council representatives that the tender for construction of the facility will go out in August. The \$2.9 million design, endorsed by the Ali Curung Local Authority includes a covered grandstand and ground floor facilities intended to be used for youth programs.



Farewell to Backbone EO

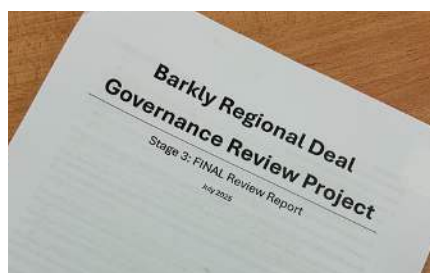
After two years in the role, outgoing Backbone EO Deb Hartman reflected on positive changes in the Barkly Regional Deal.

"It's a crazy, ambitious project with so much complexity and some flaws". Despite this, "the community's power in the work is consolidating and Government partners are starting to shift and starting to listen."

Deb has brought stability and growth to the Backbone Team and she will be dearly missed. 'GT members thanked Deb for her commitment and presented a certificate of appreciation.



BRD Governance Review Completed



The Final Report of the Governance Review of the BRD was received by GT Members. Fionn Griffin from Remote Strategy Plus, presented the summary findings. Members agreed on next steps, including two workshops for community and govt partners to unpack the recommendations, before bringing them back to the GT in September.

The Review process was initiated by community members and endorsed by the GT in March 2024.

Youth share decision making in the BRD Crisis Youth Initiative

The Backbone reported on the second Tennant Creek Youth Roundtable (see adjacent photos) in April attended by 25 young people and community and govt stakeholders. A key outcome was a majority vote to spend \$3 million from this BRD initiative on an overnight 'Hub' facility to help young people feel safe at night. This work has been led by the Backbone Community Researchers and includes a detailed Youth Case Study.

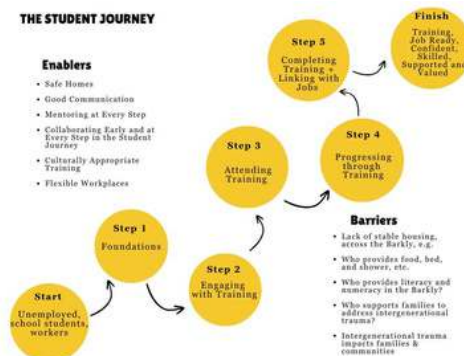
Welcome to new GT Members and new Backbone EO



The GT welcomed new members Angela Sammon (Business Sector) Bek Hendriks (C'wth Govt) and Susan Steele and David Glover for Barkly Regional Council. Members also met the incoming Backbone EO Danielle Tucker, (pictured above), who will start the role in early September.



Changing the training system to support student outcomes



Members heard about collaborative progress on the Action Plan to address barriers to training in the Barkly including:

- A 12 month training calendar
- Barkly Training needs survey
- Opportunities/Career Expo
- Student journey and system mapping

Amongst other systems changes, community partners called for better reporting and accountability to meaningful outcomes for students.

This work is being led by the Barkly Training and Education Network and BRD Economic Growth and Workforce Development Working Group

The next Governance Table meeting

is scheduled for September 11th, 2025. It will be held at the BRD Backbone office from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm