



**NORTHERN
LAND COUNCIL**

Our Land, Our Sea, Our Life

Community Projects

Community Planning and Development

Get good things happening in your community

Information Sheet 2022



Project planning in Maningrida with Dhukurdji Traditional Owners

The Northern Land Council (NLC) works with Aboriginal groups to plan and make projects happen.

The NLC has a free service for Aboriginal groups who want to work together to do good things for their communities.

Before planning a community project you need to think about what is important and what you want to change for the future.

This will help you to set clear goals for your projects, such as: supporting young people; better health; jobs; education; stronger culture and connection to Country.

The NLC Community Projects team will help you to make a strong plan and budget for each project. The NLC can also help you work with other organisations and bring in extra support.

Using money for community projects benefits more people and lasts longer than individual payments. This is why NLC helps groups to do community projects.

Doing community projects also gives groups a chance to learn new skills like budgeting and project management.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS GOAL

Healthy, resilient and engaged Aboriginal people, groups and communities that are strong in language, culture, connection to Country, health, education and employment.

WE HAVE 8 STEPS WHEN WE DO A COMMUNITY PROJECT

THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED

- Did our project help our community in the right way?
- What have we learned for future projects?

WE DO THE PROJECT NOW

7.

MAKE A PROJECT AGREEMENT

NLC organises legal agreements with project partners / suppliers. The agreements make sure everyone is clear about their job

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5.

WILL WE GO AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT?

4.

MAKE A PLAN FOR THE PROJECT

Do we have a good plan for the project and know how much it costs?

3.

WHAT IS GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

- What kinds of projects will help our future?
- Buying vehicles or paying bills is not a Community Project

WORK TOGETHER

Do we need to make a little committee?

2.

STARTING

Do we want to work together with the NLC to do Community Projects?

1.

8.

PROJECT EXAMPLES



OVAL PROJECT
NGUKURR



CULTURE CAMPS
SEAL IPA



SIGNS
MALAK MALAK



YOUTH WORKER POSITION
GALIWIN'KU



LANGUAGE APP
MALAK MALAK



PAINTING CREW
GAPUWIYAK



SCHOOL PLAYGROUND
GALIWIN'KU



OUTSTATION UPGRADE
MARRALUM



MILINTJI CORPORATION
GAPUWIYAK

HOW IT WORKS

Aboriginal groups:

- Decide on ideas
- Do project planning
- Make decisions about projects
- Make sure the work happens
- Think about how the projects went

WHAT MAKES COMMUNITY PROJECTS WORK

- Self-determination
- Building on strengths
- Equity
- Flexibility
- Long-term engagement

The NLC works step-by-step with Aboriginal groups.



Diminh Traditional Owners update cemetery in Wadeye

OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen Aboriginal capacity, control and group cohesion
2. Social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes that Aboriginal people want, value and benefit from
3. Document, monitor and evaluate work to make sure it is on track and delivering outcomes Aboriginal people value
4. Share with Governments and other organisations learnings and ways to support Aboriginal-led planning and development



Traditional Owners on a 'raypirri' camp project on Maroonga Island

WHERE IS THE NLC SUPPORTING COMMUNITY PROJECTS?



DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

DO YOU WANT NLC ASSISTANCE WITH COMMUNITY PROJECTS?

Email cpd@nlc.org.au or free call 1800 645 299 and ask for Community Projects