



NORTHERN
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Community Planning and Development

Building stronger communities and better lives.

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Kids about to go fishing for dinner at the end of their raypirri camp, Galiwin'ku.

About the Program

The NLC Community Planning and Development (CP&D) Program started in 2016. It works with Aboriginal land-owning groups and supports them to use their money from land use agreements, such as royalties or lease money, to drive their own development and secure benefits from their land, waters and seas.

The CP&D Program is based on good governance and local Aboriginal decision-making at every step of the way.

Each group of traditional owners decide if they want to work through the CP&D Program and how much of their money will be used.

Traditional owners decide on their development objectives based on their own priorities, knowledge and experience. Then they work with the NLC and partner organisations to design projects that will create broad and lasting community benefit.

What's happening?

Eight traditional owner groups have now signed up and are working with NLC's CP&D program. Together they have set aside over \$5.7 million in Aboriginal land use payments to invest in the program.

The program is working in the Daly River, Ngukurr, Galiwin'ku, Gapuwiyak, South East Arnhem Land Indigenous Protected Area, Legune, Palumpa and Wadeye areas.

- Three projects have been completed: a culture camp, an outstation upgrade and an outstation welcome sign.
- Five projects are in the planning stage: raypirri and culture camps, a painting crew employment project, outstation development and cemetery improvements.
- Ten projects are underway, including:
 - Youth engagement through sport and recreation, youth diversion and raypirri camps
 - Law and justice support
 - Setting up a Traditional Owner trust that can get involved in community enterprises

- Building community infrastructure like church toilets and a school oval
- Strengthening culture and knowledge transfer
- Sharing information about culture and country with visitors.



Maurice Simon Junior makes upgrades at Marralum Outstation.

What are Aboriginal people saying about CP&D?

Aboriginal people can see the positive outcomes they are driving for their community through the CP&D Program.



Jane Garritju from Galiwin'ku is proud of the work Traditional Owners are doing together to support youth programs in her community. "One voice, one mind, benefitting young people, they are very grateful."



Marcus Simon, native title holder for Legune Station, talks about the benefits of local decision-making. "There was good planning done... we chose the work to be done and picked who to do it with us, and it turned out good. It happened the way we wanted it to."



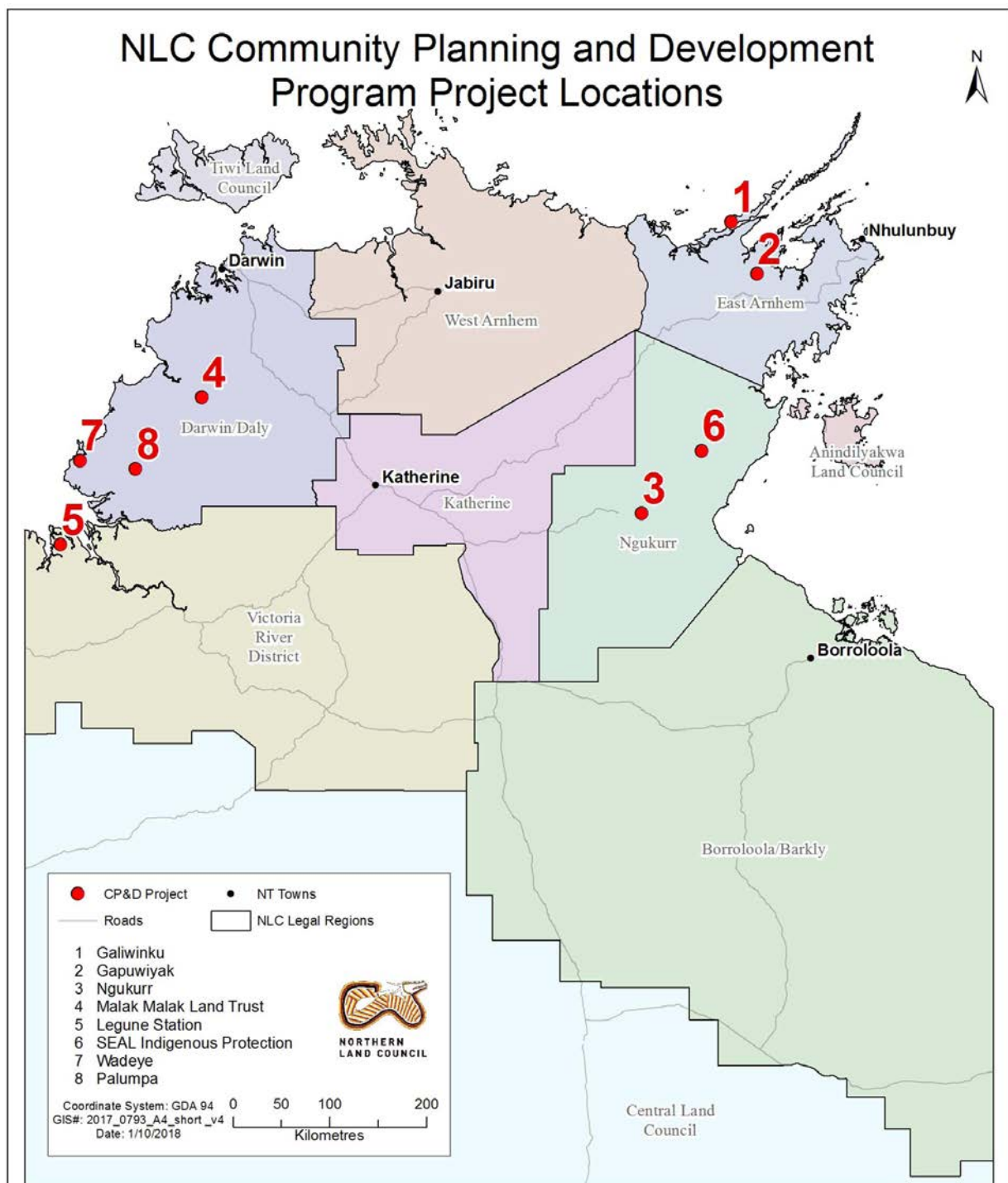
Boniface Perdjert from Wadeye can see that Traditional Owners are building a strong future for young people in Wadeye. "It's all about working together, working as one... it's about our young people, bringing them up with culture and ceremony and everything, and then education."



Traditional owners vote 'yes' for the painting crew project, Gapuwiyak.



Wally Minjin talks about a new outpost, Palumpa.





8 Steps in the CP&D process

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1. Getting started

Will the NLC Community Planning and Development Program be good for our group / community?
How much money will we set aside?

2. Working together

Who will be involved?
Do we need a working group?
How will plans and decisions be made?

3. What is best for community

What do we want to achieve?
What projects will bring lasting benefit?

4. Make a project plan

How will the project work?
Which organisation will deliver the project?
How much will it cost?

5. Decide on a project

Is the project plan and budget strong and clear?
Do we want to fund the project?

6. Enter a funding agreement

NLC checks:
Right people and proper process?
Is there lasting benefit?
Money won't be used to buy vehicles or pay off debts.
NLC signs legal agreement with partner organisation.

7. The project happens

The project starts and the NLC helps make sure it stays on track.

8. Looking back

Did the project benefit the group / community as planned?
Was the money used in the right way?

What's next?

There is a lot of interest in the CP&D Program across the NLC region. More Aboriginal groups are thinking about working with NLC's CP&D program to deliver benefits in their communities. The NLC wants to grow the program carefully and make sure it can properly support groups to plan and deliver good strong projects. The CP&D team looks forward to working with new groups that want to put at least \$250,000 towards community benefit.



Kids learn about native bees on their culture camp with Yulgul Mangi Rangers, SEAL IPA.

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