

### **Barkly Work Camp open day**

The BWC at Tennant Creek held their annual open day on Saturday, 10 July 2015.

The open day commenced with a welcome to country by the local Warumungu Traditional Owner, Sandra Morrison and speeches by then Executive Director Custodial Operations Rob Steer and Chief Correctional Officer Danny Measures, Officer in Charge Barkly Work Camp.

Approximately 150 people attended the event with CAAMA Radio doing a live broadcast on the day. Entertainment was provided by the band Unbroken Expanse and there was plenty of food served up by the prisoners including kangaroo tails, steak and sausages cooked on the BBQ.

The Open Day provides an opportunity for staff and prisoners to invite the local community into their Work Camp and show their appreciation for the support shown by the local community. The BWC has been part of the Barkly Region community since 8 September 2011, and has undertaken a number of community reparation projects throughout the year.

### **Indigenous Language Resource Update**

Community Corrections, in collaboration with Creative Territory and the Aboriginal Interpreting Service, launched a new educational resource known as the Indigenous Language Resources (ILR) in July 2015. The ILR is a suite of educational resources that have been developed to provide explanation regarding the role of Community Corrections and the orders we supervise.

The suite encompasses three separate but related resources including:

- 16 Common Order conditions plus picture icons and a wallet card for offenders to take away
- Two eStories to display on an iPad relating to Court Orders and Parole Orders
- 12 factsheets that provide information on each Order that NTCC supervises and the role of key staff including Probation and Parole Officers.

The resources run using the application Keynote and are available in plain written English and nine Indigenous languages in audio.

The objective of the project and the main outcome we hope to achieve is to ensure that all offenders under the supervision of Community Corrections, in spite of present language barriers, have a clear understanding in of Court and Parole Orders, and the legal obligations and conditions imposed on them. Access to explanatory resources available in language provides support for vulnerable offenders and provides them with the best opportunity to complete their Court or Parole Order and return to their community.

An evaluation of the ILR use with staff and offenders is currently underway and the feedback already received indicates that the resources are working well and helping offenders and their families to have a clearer understanding.

Case studies have shown that offenders have a markedly improved understanding when comparisons are made from before and after using the resources.