

Joint Management (OJM) after an earlier review of joint management arrangements completed in 2001-2002.

Implementation of key recommendations of the JMP review significantly reinvigorated operational effectiveness and collaboration among the JMP partners, now extended to include the CLC JMO, Board Secretary, Mutitjulu Community Liaison Officer and Park Manager.

- specific park management support provided to UKTNP traditional owners, Board members and other members of the JMP by CLC for the period included:

- traditional owner consultations for numerous infrastructure and management projects including the new Sunrise Viewing Area project, Uluru base walk realignment, erosion control projects, weed/feral animal control projects and endangered species projects.

- traditional owner consultations regarding interpretive signs around Uluru

- traditional owner consultations over the Fire and Vegetation Management Strategy for the Park, a collaborative research project between PA and Desert Knowledge CRC

- representation to traditional owner interests on the Steering committee for the UKNTP Fire Management Plan;

- support to Aboriginal Board members and other traditional owners during the development process for the new Plan of Management (to be complete mid 2007);

- completion of the development of a consultation e-database to serve as a key documentation and communication tool in respect to traditional owner consultations over park development and management programs

- traditional owner and community consultations over the 20th anniversary celebrations.

Partnerships – Pastoral

- CLC consolidated support for traditional owners to undertake sustainable pastoral activities on their land in 2005/2006 through continued participation in the Indigenous Pastoral Program (IPP), a co-operative partnership between the CLC, NLC, the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and the NT Department of Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD).

An MOU to extend the program for a further five years was also negotiated in the period with increased agency participation inclusive of DEWR and the NT Cattleman's Association.

- the NHT-funded program "Soil Erosion and Environmental Awareness Program for Aboriginal landowners" continued to operate in collaboration with IPP and other staff up to late September 2005 when funding ceased for the CLC advisory position it supported.

Raising awareness of traditional owners on issues such as grazing capacity, fire, weed and feral animal management will resume after a successful submission was made to NHT in late 2005 for replacement funding to recruit a Pastoral Land Management Officer.

This position will commence in 2006 based within the IPP and provide NRM planning advice for sustainable pastoral enterprise development on Aboriginal land.

- other technical advice, training and capacity building support was provided to sustainable Aboriginal pastoral development through ongoing collaborative CLC linkages with government agencies such as DPIFM, Farmbis, NRETA and training providers.

Partnerships – Tourism

- CLC continued to provide sustainable indigenous tourism enterprise planning and development support to traditional owners

under an MOU entered into between the CLC and the NT Tourist Commission (now Tourism NT) in late 2005 for the secondment of an Aboriginal Tourism Development Officer.

The position made significant progress against KPIs in the MOU in supporting 10 identified priority projects and providing informative preliminary responses to an increasing level of interest from traditional owners and communities across the region. Positive discussion also commenced with Tourism NT about a renewal of these arrangements for a further 18 month period in late 2006.

- the capacity of the CLC-TNT partnership was significantly enhanced over the period by new linkages with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and close collaboration with other indigenous enterprise development and training providers in providing interested Aboriginal communities with access to information and assistance.

These included DBERD, DEH, Charles Darwin University, Bachelor College, Centre for Appropriate Technology, Alice Springs Desert Park, CATIA, DESART and local arts/craft galleries.

Collaboration – Mining

Three areas of collaboration occurred during the year in relation to environmental management issues associated with mining activities in the Tanami region. These were:

- provision of input into the design, facilitation and coordination of the Tanami Biodiversity Monitoring Project in association with Low Ecological Services and Newmont mining company to obtain base-line data for assessing cumulative environmental impacts of mining operations on Aboriginal lands in the Tanami region.

Two, five week surveys of 100 stratified sites were undertaken with the involvement of CLC staff