

Those blocks will then be licensed to commercial growers on conditions that include employment and training for Aboriginal people.

The purpose of this business model is to stimulate local economic development through investment, employment and training whilst minimising the risks of business failure.

The CLC has been consulting traditional owners and other Aboriginal people in relation to Centrefarm proposals on War-rabri, Ahakeye, Wirliyajarrayi and Karlantijpa South, Aboriginal Land Trusts.

It is anticipated that several leases will be created and some development activity will commence on those land trusts in the next year.

In addition the CLC will be consulting traditional owners of other Aboriginal Land Trusts in relation to similar properties.

SUBOUTPUT 3.2

Assist as appropriate in the economic advancement of Aboriginal people through employment, education and training, particularly in relation to land use proposals, within the Land Council region.

THE CLC'S EMPLOYMENT UNIT

The CLC's Employment Unit was established in 1997 under a Structured Training and Employment Project (STEP) contract with the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) to place Aboriginal people into employment under exploration and mining agreements entered into over Aboriginal land.

The focus of the unit has expanded since into other areas of land

use and management in more recent years.

Interruption to the established momentum and success of the unit was experienced due to administrative delays and uncertainty in obtaining Ministerial approval for a further 18-month renewal of the STEP contract.

Approval came in December 2005 to extend the contract up to January 2007 allowing the CLC to restore previously uncertain staffing arrangements of the unit.

The CLC pursued employment, education and training opportunities for Aboriginal people in the following areas of land use activity throughout the year.

Mining and Construction

Employment and training placements, related programs and associated support were facilitated by CLC with the following seven companies: Newmont Mining, Henry Walker Eltin, Bulkhaul, Central Desert Enterprises, ESS Compass Group, Arafura Resources, and JSB International. These comprised:

- 41 placement into fulltime employment
- 22 pre-employment checks
- 3 career information days
- 21 people provided with training support & accommodation
- 38 enrolments into two pre-employment mining courses
- 50 people provided with workplace mentoring assistance
- 9 people were placed for 13 continuous weeks or 455 hours full-time employment with an entity that is not a corporate leader
- 22 people were placed for 13 continuous weeks or 455 hours full-time employment with a corporate leader
- 11 people were placed for 26 continuous weeks or 910 hours full-time employment with an entity that is not a corporate leader
- 13 people were placed for 26

continuous weeks or 910 hours full-time employment with a corporate leader

The CLC also participated in a number of forums aimed at increasing Aboriginal employment and training in the region.

These included:

- IMETF: Indigenous Mining and Enterprise Task force
- NT CROC Fest 2005 and 2006 to promote career paths to Aboriginal primary and secondary school students
- Australian Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining and Exploration conference
- Corporate Leaders round-table conference with Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
- Administration of the Freightlink scholarship for the CLC region

The CLC is on a working group for the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commonwealth Government and the Minerals Council of Australia focussed on increasing employment and business enterprise opportunities for Indigenous communities in mining regions.

Outcomes progressed by the group included assessment of business opportunities in mine site rehabilitation and possible employment of a project officer within the CLC to engage more closely with communities in the Tanami region

National Park Joint Management

CLC has a representative and practical role in employment and training forums and related on-ground initiatives under two regimes for national park joint management in the region.

Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park

In the case of the Commonwealth-managed Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park (UKTNP) the locally-based CLC Joint Manage-