

ment Officer:

- Participated as a Member of UKTNP Training Committee
- assisted with Mutitjulu Community Employment Expo and evaluated both Park and non-Park job applications submitted by individual Aboriginal people
- participated in UKTNP employment selection panels including panels for three Aboriginal identified positions
- supported traditional owners and UKTNP Board members involved in Park employment selection panels
- assisted in facilitating day-labour inputs of traditional owners and Mutitjulu community members into park management activities and decision-making processes.

NT National Parks

For national parks managed by the NT Parks and Wildlife Service (NTPWS) the CLC collaborated in the implementation of Flexible Employment Programs (FEP) which provided short term park-related work opportunities for traditional owners.

During the 2005-2006 financial year, 156 people were placed into 70 on-ground projects across 14 of the 20 national parks subject to new joint management arrangements in the southern region of the Northern Territory.

Projects on average are two to five days long with some participants from Amoonguna, Ntaria and Watarrka returning to work on different projects up to 10 days at a time.

The work includes fencing, control burns, fauna surveys, infrastructure placement, walking track repairs, training in fire control, training in weed control and weed surveys.

Participants are paid a 'top up' wage with their CDEP. 13 accredited training courses were also delivered FEP participants

The CLC facilitated recruitment of four NTPWS Aboriginal trainee rangers with a guarantee of a full time position with NTPWS at the end of their traineeship

This involved participation with NTPWS joint management and ranger staff in June 2006 in preparation of regionally-based programs to develop the Parks Employment and Training Strategy.

Cultural and Natural Resource Management – Community Ranger Programs

The CLC continued to identify and co-ordinate employment, education and training opportunities in cultural and natural resource management for four existing Aboriginal community ranger programs in the region - Yuendumu, Ntaria (Hermannsberg) and Tenant Creek.

The following outcomes were achieved from activities undertaken by these groups:

Wulain Ranger program (Lajamanu)

- mining environmental (casual) employment for eight Aboriginal people in association with the Tanami Biodiversity Monitoring Program
- 8 trainee rangers participated in a skills assessment conducted by Charles Darwin University (CDU) and subsequent Conservation and Land Management (CALM) Certificate courses
- 10 rangers participated in accredited training in Chemical Handling and Weed Control, provided by CDU in addition to undertaking an 'Introduction to Tourism' unit
- 8 rangers completed Level 1 Bushfire Training provided by Bushfires Council NT
- participation in accredited training provided by Katherine Rural Collage, in conjunction with Lajamanu Community Council

and Lajamanu Education Centre, including Chainsaw Operation, Machinery Operation and Animal Husbandry

- contract work through Victoria River District Conservation Association to remove stands of Parkinsonia from the Hooker Creek Area
- contract work through Newmont Australia's Tanami Operations to remove Ruby Dock and Cappock from within the mining lease
- support provided to traditional owners with outstation maintenance and cultural site preservation
- employment in construction of a hanger, office and accommodation for Janami Air Services in Lajamanu.
- continuing weed management and other environmental work in the Wilson Creek flood-out on the Central Desert ALT under a successful Envirofund Grant secured in late 2005
- early dry season controlled burning program under instruction from traditional owners and supported by ABA
- contract work to undertake protection burning at Newmont's Tanami Mine
- continuing assistance to the Lajamanu Community Education Centre with the establishment of a Junior Ranger Program

Warlpiri Ranger program (Yuendumu)

- accredited training and mining environmental (casual) employment for six Aboriginal people in association with the Tanami Biodiversity Monitoring Program to assess the cumulative biodiversity impacts of mining in the area.

The rangers acquired essential fauna survey skills (eg. scientific trapping and tracking methods) valuable for future participation in other biodiversity programs in