

SUBOUTPUT 3.4

3.4 Provide research and assistance and identify infrastructure requirements as appropriate to enable Aboriginal landowners and other Aboriginal people to undertake commercial activities.

INDIGENOUS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

The CLC consolidated its capacity in 2005/2006 to provide planning and implementation support to traditional owners and Aboriginal communities of the region in the development of sustainable indigenous tourism enterprises.

The continuing partnership between the CLC and Tourism NT (formerly the NT Tourist Commission) established under an MOU between the two organisations in late 2004 provided the impetus and resources for a significant increase in collaborative activity in this area by the CLC's Aboriginal Tourism Development Officer (ATDO), including:

- 56 meetings held with traditional owner groups regarding tourism enterprise development
- 5 'What is Tourism?' Workshops completed to introduce emerging expressions of interest to concepts fundamental to successful tourism enterprise development
- 1 governance workshop completed
- 3 'Stepping Stones' planning workshops were completed at Rainbow Valley, Black Tank and Areyonga
- 45 expressions of interests were registered regarding individual indigenous tourism ideas. 31 communities/individuals were

provided with some level of support and advice

- Met with 9 Tour Operators and Tourism Industry Representatives regarding opportunities to work with Indigenous communities
- Organised and conducted a Sub-Regional Indigenous Tourism Workshop in April 2006 at Glen Helen in conjunction with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and Tourism NT.

The workshop hosted 46 Indigenous representatives from 10 Aboriginal communities with tourism development interests in the high-profile West MacDonnell Ranges precinct over a 3 day period.

Workshop outcomes were recorded and promoted by DVD.

- completed one feasibility study for a joint-venture arrangement between two Indigenous outstations in Watarrka National Park and a nearby resort
- facilitated the preparation of applications by two communities for funds from Indigenous Business Australia to engage a consultant to assist in writing their business plans
- assisted with introductions and planning toward a partnership arrangement between a senior traditional owner of Palm Valley and a local tour operator, with the involvement of Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife, and Magellan Petroleum Company
- coordinated a trial tour for traditional landowner Conrad Ratara with CLC, Tourism NT and Industry Representatives
- coordinated a trial Cultural Tour for Black Tank Outstation (Bond Springs locality), with 14 senior and other Government delegates from Tourism NT, Dept Chief Minister, CLC, Desert Park, NRM, Ingkerreke, IBA and DK-CRC
- in collaboration with Nguratjuta Aboriginal Corporation, coordinated implementation of

an \$80,000 ABA-funded project to develop a campground at the Akanta community to take advantage of 4-WD tourism traffic between in Palm Valley and Kings Canyon

- assisted in production and design of indigenous tourism brochures for two communities
- provided ongoing support to eight 'priority' indigenous tourism interests identified under the CLC MOU with Tourism NT and met all KPIs under that agreement.

The efforts of the ATDO were complemented by other responses from regionally-focussed CLC staff to growing demand from Aboriginal landowners for tourism-related assistance, including:

- concept development, traditional owner consultations and sacred site clearances for a proposed walking trail on the Iwupataka ALT
- concept development for a cultural tour proposal on Aboriginal land (Mpweringe-Anarpipe ALT) and related areas of native title interest in and around Alice Springs
- visitor infrastructure development at Kunjarra (Devils Pebbles) on the Partta Aboriginal land holdings north of Tennant Creek constructed by the Muru-warinyi Ankkul Aboriginal Rangers with approximately \$42,000 secured from the NT Tourist Commission's Tourism Development Fund Program
- assistance to members of the Aputula community (Finke) with visitor management, infrastructure development and interpretive signage of indigenous and non-indigenous heritage values of the former Charlotte Waters Overland Telegraph Station, now situated on a portion of the Aputula ALT
- assistance to the Iwupataka Steering Committee, in conjunction with Ingkerreke Outstation Resource Centre, with implementation of a NT Heritage Grant to assess the heritage values of the