

former Jay Creek settlement on the Iwupataka ALT.

The project will form the basis for conservation and management actions to establish a future cultural tourism precinct at the site.

CLC staff also provided representation to traditional owner and indigenous tourism enterprise interests in a number of strategic tourism development forums throughout the year including:

- the Northern Territory Indigenous Tourism Reference Group
- the 4WD Self-Drive Tourism Committee coordinated by Charles Darwin University (CDU) through a Desert Knowledge CRC project
- the Central Australian Parks, Infrastructure, Resourcing and Tourism (CAPIRT) Strategic Planning Workshop held in Alice Springs in October 2005
- the West MacDonnell Range Tourist Loop Roads Community Reference Group.

ABORIGINAL PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT

The CLC's capacity to provide pastoral development services to Aboriginal land owners in the region gained significant new impetus in 2005-2006 on three fronts:

1. A further annual extension of the Indigenous Pastoral Program (IPP), a co-operative agreement between the CLC, Northern Land Council (NLC), the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and the NT Department of Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD) to reinvigorate and increase Indigenous participation in the pastoral industry through improved co-ordination and resource support for pastoral development on Aboriginal land.

The ILC also committed to assess the merits of the IPP in this period with a view to a longer term arrangement which would

put the CLC Indigenous Pastoral Development Officer position on a more secure footing and consolidate the significant gains and momentum established under the program

2. A realignment of core-funded CLC staff resources to increase staff in the Rural Enterprise Unit dedicated to providing pastoral development and implementation support, both to larger IPP projects and many smaller groups keen to participate in the industry

3. Establishment and maintenance of a pastoral equipment pool with \$160,000 secured from the Aboriginal Benefit Account (ABA) to purchase major capital items required for mustering and transportation of stock.

This provides the means to adequately respond in a timely and cost-efficient manner to increasing landowner requests for project implementation and stock handling assistance.

The equipment will particularly benefit smaller Aboriginal cattle enterprises where it is uneconomical to engage commercial operators but will be made available to larger projects on a cost recovery basis.

Pastoral development support

Activity undertaken by CLC for the year included:

- 24 meetings with landowner groups in relation to pastoral enterprise development including external proposals for grazing licences on Aboriginal land.
- co-ordination of field visits by a pastoral consultant to evaluate 3 Aboriginal land holdings for potential commercial enterprise development under the IPP, these being the Wirlijarayi ALT (Willowra), the Pawu ALT (Mt Barkly) and Ngalurrjtju ALT (Central Mount Wedge).
- assistance to landowners in the development of a stockfeed cultivation enterprise on the

Wirlijarayi ALT (Willowra) with the potential for local employment outcomes.

- continued support to established Aboriginal-owned commercial cattle stations on request depending on individual requirements eg. attendance at directors meetings, governance support, facilitation of technical support and advice from relevant agencies (including water enhancement funding, drought relief applications), assistance with business planning and funding applications and coordination of support from other CLC sections as required.

This includes successful applications to the ILC under the IPP on behalf of Atula Station (\$248,180) and Loves Creek Station (\$80,000) for infrastructure and herd development.

- consultations with the Aboriginal shareholders and directors of Peake Pty Ltd operating on the Mangkururra ALT (Tanami Downs) for the purpose of restructuring the Board of Directors to enhance commercial viability and long term sustainability of the enterprise. Traditional owners agreed to invest their own funds in station infrastructure development
- provision of on-ground support and development assistance to 11 small community-based cattle enterprises and 1 camel/cattle enterprise
- assistance to traditional owners to carry out cattle musters on the Haast Bluff, Karlantijpa North and Anatye ALTs and a feral horse muster on the Angarapa ALT
- overseeing the upgrade of several bores and associated infrastructure for the Wirlijarayi Cattle AC (Willowra)
- assessment of Aboriginal-owned pastoral development options on the Daguragu ALT and related support for Yuritj (Berta Wurta) AC in securing \$225,000 from the ABA for the establishment and maintenance of the