

SUBOUTPUT 4.1

Promote public awareness on issues affecting Aboriginal people, their land and other rights.

The CLC is often the first point of contact for the public and media who wish to know more about Aboriginal issues in Central Australia and the CLC's media unit handles a large number of calls and general inquiries throughout the year.

In addition the unit produces publications to enable the CLC's constituents to understand more about the sometimes complex issues which affect them.

In particular the CLC has produced newsletters and posters about community development issues and projects, and the proposed Land Rights Act amendments.

The CLC also produces a newspaper – *Land Rights News* - three times a year.

The media unit continues to build its digital photographic archive and has benefited from the contribution of 4000 photographs by anthropologist Professor Fred Myers from New York University. During the 2005-2006 financial year it also held a photographic exhibition celebrating 30 years of the CLC at the National Museum Australia in Canberra.

It also continued to tour the exhibition to bush communities.

Considerable work has been done on the popular CLC web site and the CLC receives a large number of request for information through that site.

It also enables the public to easily access information about permits and application forms.

In addition, considerable work was done in the land manage-

ment area with wide distribution of *The Way Forward* information package arising from the inaugural National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference hosted by CLC in April 2005 to stakeholders, relevant Commonwealth and State Ministers and government and non-government agencies.

Presentations

Presentations were also given on conference outcomes to a number of government committees, forums including:

- the National Facilitators Conference in Melbourne in October 2005
- the Commonwealth Indigenous Natural Resource Management Engagement Scoping Group
- a presentation to the October 2005 AGM of the Local Government Association of the NT (LGANT) on the merits and operation of indigenous community ranger programmes based on the successful activities of the Tennant Creek-based Muru-warinyi ankkul Ranger Group.
- presentations at the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park (UKTNP) Tour Operator workshops on the operation of joint management and related matters such as off-park permit requirements and assisted in development of UKTNP on-line tour operator training
- presentation on weed issues affecting Aboriginal lands at the "Weeds in the Centre, Priorities and Project Opportunities for the NT Southern Region" conference at CSIRO in August 2005
- presentation to visiting Natural Resource Management students from Massey University (New Zealand) on the land management functions and initiatives of the CLC
- presentation on CLC pastoral and tourism development

processes and initiatives to visiting academics from the University of South Australia providing support to Aboriginal groups in northern SA on rural enterprise planning and development

- posters, DVDs and photo-based reports on cultural and natural resource management issues and related initiatives in the CLC region for traditional owners, community councils, government agencies and ministers, conferences and promotional use as required.

- participated in a joint CLC/NLC presentation on the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of community land management initiatives to senior representatives of Commonwealth and NT Government departments in Darwin, March 2006.

These included OIPC, DEWR, ADF, Customs & Coastwatch, DEH, DAFF, ILC, NRETA, DBERD and the Office of Indigenous Policy in the Department of the Chief Minister.

The presentation provided background to agencies considering participation in a proposed Indigenous Environment, Land and Sea Management Schedule under the Overarching Agreement on Indigenous Affairs between the Prime Minister and NT Chief Minister.

Photo-based booklets

- a DVD and promotional poster were also produced by members of the Tjuwanpa Ranger group
- through collaboration with knowledgeable Arrernte woman Veronica Dobson documenting Arrernte plant knowledge and history for the national parks of the East MacDonnell Ranges entitled *Apmere Apwerte Urrthe-arenye Kenhe - The Country of*