

cultural values were surveyed in collaboration with biological surveys undertaken by NT Parks and Wildlife Service in response to a land clearing application submitted for an area of 10 square kilometers identified for commercial horticultural development by Centrefarm Aboriginal

## **SUBOUTPUT 4.4**

### **4.4 Facilitate targeted Aboriginal community development initiatives as appropriate with the Traditional Owners and other clients of the Land Councils.**

#### **Community development**

The majority of the work was devoted to CLC's two largest community development projects, the Uluru Rent Money Community Development Project and the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust Project.

Other work included support for the Yuendumu Pool Project and development of an organisational community development framework.

#### **Uluru Rent Money Community Development Project**

The Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is on Aboriginal land and is leased to Parks Australia.

Rent is paid to traditional owners and is partly based on a proportion of the park entry fees.

In 2004 the entry fee for the park increased and this led to an increase in the rent payable to traditional owners.

The CLC have subsequently passed a resolution to consult with Uluru-Kata Tjuta traditional owners and communities where they live about using the rent increase for community development projects and applying this money to meet their priority needs.

In accordance with this resolution, the CLC is working separately with the Mutitjulu community as it receives a separate stream of the rent flowing to traditional owners.

Mutitjulu's stream now includes part of the rent increase.

Following the above CLC resolution, the streams of the rent to traditional owners are as follows:

- 2.27 per cent is spent on administration fees.
- 20 per cent is provided to Mutitjulu community, to date via Mutitjulu Community Incorporated, for use on community projects for the benefit of traditional owners and others living there.
- 45.47 per cent is paid to Yangkuntjatjarra Kutu Aboriginal Corporation (YK) for distribution to the family heads of identified traditional owners of the park.
- 32.26 per cent is being used to fund projects at Imanpa, Docker River, Areyonga and several smaller communities, and to support programs run by Aboriginal organisations active across southwestern parts of the NT and therefore of benefit to park traditional owners living throughout the region.

More than half of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park rent is now targeted on community development projects.

A key part of the Uluru Rent Money Community Development Project is the community meetings and smaller consultations run by CLC in Imanpa, Docker River, Areyonga and other communities.

At these meetings the park traditional owners and other community members discussed and identified their priority needs and plans for the use of this funding.

This builds community ownership, capacity and good governance into the initiative.

This is as important as fulfilling a need via the actual projects

funded and demonstrating the principle of mutual obligation and responsibility - care by Aboriginal people for their communities to augment government responsibility.

Governments have also contributed financial support to some of the projects.

Projects in the first funding round of this initiative have now been approved by CLC Council in accordance with set criteria and most are supported in formal funding agreements.

- construction of radio tower to improve community communications in the very remote Docker River region is built and operational
- architect plans, drawn in consultation with community members, for basketball court roofing and other court improvements at Docker River are being costed, with the project expected completion by December 2006
- a BMX bike track built with local labour is planned for completion at Docker River before December 2006
- support for a workshop at Areyonga where community members are engaged in woodwork on a daily basis and where all of the community's vehicle maintenance work is carried out
- the Areyonga art and craft centre initialised renovations with the help of an Indigenous Community Volunteer, and is now being completed with local labour
- local labour will be used to make significant improvements to the basketball court at Areyonga once the art and craft centre is complete. Materials have been purchased.
- materials have been delivered to build a shed at Wanmara.
- via the relevant Aboriginal health agency, 15 people on dialysis support in Alice Springs have had a total of 65 trips back