

for their application across the various operations of the CLC. An experienced community development practitioner presented lessons from international community development and discussed their relevance in the Aboriginal Australian setting.

Links have been created with a number of organisations working in Aboriginal community development including Oxfam Australia, the Fred Hollows Foundation, World Vision, Save the Children and UNICEF.

The CLC was represented at two meetings of the Australian Council for International Development's Indigenous Working Group during the year.

Regional governance issues

The CLC provides support and advice regarding emerging regional governance discussions across Central Australia. This financial year, there have been two ongoing projects:

Regional governance in the Alywarra region

Communities to the north-east of Alice Springs are pursuing regional governance issues.

The CLC has participated in project management steering group meetings, and attended community steering committee meetings at Ampiliwatja.

Other Governance training and support

The CLC has facilitated the provision of culturally appropriate governance training to traditional owners and Aboriginal communities across the region in relation to land-based commercial enterprise development on Aboriginal land. These efforts included:

- training provided under the Indigenous Pastoral Program (IPP) to support two existing cattle enterprises established on the Karlantijpa North ALT in the Tennant Creek area by the:

1. Witjiwampa Cattle Aboriginal Corporation near Mangalawurru, west of Warrego

2. Munjurtinyi Cattle Aboriginal Corporation near Karlumpurlpa, west of Banka Banka station

- training provided to the Mungkarta community (formerly McLaren Creek) under the IPP in relation to a proposed cattle enterprise on the Mungkarta ALT
- training facilitated for the Manager and Directors of Bluegloss Pty. Ltd. who operate a commercially-successful enterprise on the Malngin ALTs (former Mistake Creek station)

- training facilitated for the traditional owners of the Hooker Creek ALT to identify their training requirements to support participation in aspects of a Grazing Licence agreement negotiated over areas of the ALT

- a governance workshop provided for members of the Black Tank community as part of a tourism business development process for their cultural tourism enterprise operating on a portion of the Mweringe-Anarpipe ALT in the Bond Springs locality.

- provided support to the Iwupataka Steering Committee in addressing community development, land management and enterprise development initiatives on the Iwupataka ALT in the Alice Springs vicinity

- continued consultations with affected groups to identify and implement projects eligible for funding from the Railway Community Development Fund.

The Fund was established to ameliorate impacts of the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway development on approximately 30 existing and developing communities in the rail corridor vicinity.

Projects progressed to date address infrastructure needs to provide or improve water and power supplies.

Mutitjulu Working Together project

The CLC is active in attempts to move to a whole-of-government approach to service delivery at Mutitjulu Community.

This project brings together all key stakeholders including the CLC, Mutitjulu community, Parks Australia, FACS, the ICC and the NT Government's Office of Indigenous Policy.

A Mutitjulu project evaluation workshop was held in Darwin on 18-19 July 2005 and provided input to the evaluation and scoping exercise.

Further working group meetings were held in August, October 2005 and June 2006

Despite strong representation for assessment of the process and the provision of detailed evaluation frameworks by the CLC no evaluation process has yet been agreed and the project does not appear to be delivering positive outcomes for the community.

CRC Governance Projects

The CLC is represented on the Board of the Desert Knowledge-Cooperative Research Centre (DK-CRC) and is engaged in a process designed to set the research priorities of the CRC.

The CLC has attended various sessions of the Dk-CRC including the Desert Knowledge - Conference in February 2006.

Early in 2006 discussions were held with the new DK-CRC CEO over the means for engaging with the CRC.

The CLC is also a partner to another DK-CRC project which is being run by the Centre for Remote Health and a Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research project taking place in the Anmatyerre region.