

## Work camps

The aim of the Datjala (DWC) and Barkly (BWC) work camps is to break away from the usual model of incarceration by engaging with community to develop a mutually beneficial partnership with East Arnhem Land and Barkly regional communities.

The work camps give prisoners the opportunity to be released back into community with vocational skills, employment experience, developed work ethics and self-confidence. These are all attributes that reduce recidivism rates.

BWC and DWC are low/open-security work camps for male prisoners and can accommodate 74 and 50 prisoners respectively.

On 30 June 2020, there were 43 prisoners accommodated at the BWC and 39 prisoners at the DWC.

Skills development includes chainsaw, small motor maintenance, welding and metal fabrication, White Card and drivers' licenses. DWC has introduced training for prisoners in traffic control (stop/slow bat) and weed eradication qualifications which are in high demand in remote areas. After finishing the training programs the work camps facilitate engagement with local businesses to

provide employment opportunities for these prisoners.

Barkly and Datjala work camps partner with local organisations to assist with annual events, including local shows, festivals and community events. The number of activities undertaken this year was reduced because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The DWC also partners with several Aboriginal organisations to provide support for projects such as Marine Debris Research with Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation, the Homelands assistance program with Laynhapuy Aboriginal Corporation, and the annual Garma Festival with the Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation and Yothu Yindi Foundation.

## Community Support Work Program

The Community Support Work Program (CSWP) does valuable community work in the Darwin, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs areas. All programs provide reparation back to the community and undertake work that:

- is project based
- improves community infrastructure and assets
- adds value and complements other

projects and initiatives already being undertaken by community volunteers

- is highly visible and used by the local community and tourists alike
- falls under the six main categories of heritage, environmental, recreation and tourism, community service, not-for-profit organisations and disaster relief.

The ASCC work programs supplied wood to the camping facilities for the police enforced border check points, where police are stationed to secure the Territory border. They also worked on clearing undergrowth and obstructions on the correctional centre footprint.

The Barkly and Datjala work camps also provide mobile work camps for a number of events that require bump-in and bump-out assistance, including camp drafts and rodeos, plus council beautification tasks such as the clean-up of public areas and verge maintenance.

The CSWP operations were ceased at the end of March 2020 as part of the COVID-19 restrictions, and recommenced at the beginning of June 2020. During this time, the community didn't receive any support services, which resulted in reduced outcomes for the CSWP.

### Number of eligible pensioners receiving yard maintenance services from the Community Support Work Program 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

	ALICE SPRINGS CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	DARWIN CORRECTIONAL CENTRE	DATJALA WORK CAMP	BARKLY WORK CAMP
No. of pensioners	248	405	-	30

DWC does not have a designated community support work program and all tasks undertaken by work parties are counted as activities.