



# **Barkly Regional Deal Progress Update**

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## Cover Artwork

Susie Peterson - Landscape of Epenarra

*The painting is a depiction of the unique landscape surrounding the community of Wetengerr or also named Epenarra. It is described by the Indigenous people as Hill Country. It is partly protected as the Davenport Ranges National Park, including the sites of Whistleduck Creek and Policeman Waterhole. It is referred to as semi-tropical with a unique variety of birds, insects and flora. In Alyawarr, it is called lytwelepeny.*

## Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples who live in the Barkly region. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands and pay our respects to the ancestors and Elders of this land, past and present. May we continue to work together to deliver sustainable outcomes through a process based on mutual respect and understanding.*

# Elected officials' foreword

2020 is proving to be a year of enormous challenges. We have all made sacrifices to deal with the current situation, and ensure the safety of our families and communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges for the Barkly region. Restrictions on movement, social distancing, and the closure of shops and businesses have been necessary precautions to help stop the spread of this virus.

However, Australia is a resilient nation and we will overcome the challenges facing us. In difficult times, communities are best served when we work together.

In April 2019, the Barkly Regional Deal was signed to establish the community's vision and to ensure all levels of government work together to deliver this over the next 10 years. In response to a crisis, the community pulled together to change direction and deliver a better vision for its future. Looking back on the first anniversary of the Deal's signing and the work undertaken since then, we can be proud of what we achieved.

The pandemic has made safe engagement with the community difficult. We are committed to providing accurate and timely information, and once the impacts of COVID-19 are better understood, we will deliver an update outlining milestones for each of the Deal's 28 projects. We will continue progressing projects where it is safe to do so, and will also seek to accelerate initiatives to support economic recovery following the pandemic.

Through the hard work of the interim Barkly Governance Table and community engagement in Working Groups, Barkly residents are taking control and leading the implementation of the Deal's projects. The Barkly Regional Deal, Australia's first Regional Deal pilot, provides testament to what can be achieved when all levels of government work collaboratively with communities.

There remains a great deal of work ahead. However, through working together, we have no doubt the Barkly region will overcome current challenges and move close to realising its vision.



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# This Barkly Regional Deal Progress Update provides information on the delivery of Regional Deal commitments

The Barkly Regional Deal (the Deal) is a 10 year, \$78.4 million investment in the Barkly region of the Northern Territory. Driven by community-identified priorities, the Deal is a commitment by the Australian and Northern Territory governments and the Barkly Regional Council to work collaboratively with Barkly communities to support the economic, social and cultural future of the region.

The overarching objective of the Deal is to foster a prosperous, inclusive and resilient Barkly region that maximises its comparative advantages, celebrates its strengths and proactively adapts to changing circumstances.

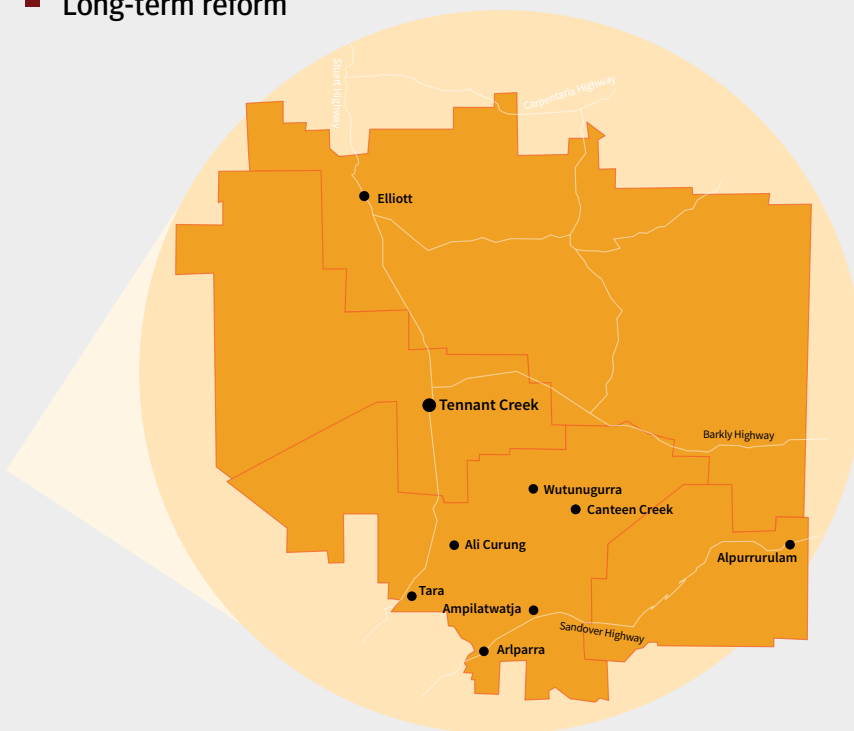
To support this objective, the Deal includes 28 initiatives that will facilitate important economic, social and cultural outcomes. It also pilots the establishment of a community-based governance model to build capacity and engagement.

This publication provides an update on the work undertaken towards implementing the Deal. It should be read in conjunction with the Deal publication, the Project Agreement between the Australian and Northern Territory governments, and any other funding agreements made under the Deal.

All three levels of government – the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government and the Barkly Regional Council – are continuing to work closely with the Barkly community, including Aboriginal peoples, local business leaders, young people and non-government organisations, to ensure the Deal supports the community's vision and aspirations.

## Key components of the Barkly Regional Deal

- \$78.4 million package
- 28 economic, social and cultural initiatives
- Community governance framework
- Long-term reform



# Governance

The Barkly Governance Table will oversee the implementation of the Deal over the next nine years. It is a unique feature of the Deal and highlights the importance of local community engagement and involvement for the Deal’s long-term success and to ensure local priorities are addressed.

An interim Governance Table is currently in place. It includes representation from Aboriginal leaders, local business leaders, Aboriginal organisations, non-government organisations, young people and all three levels of government.

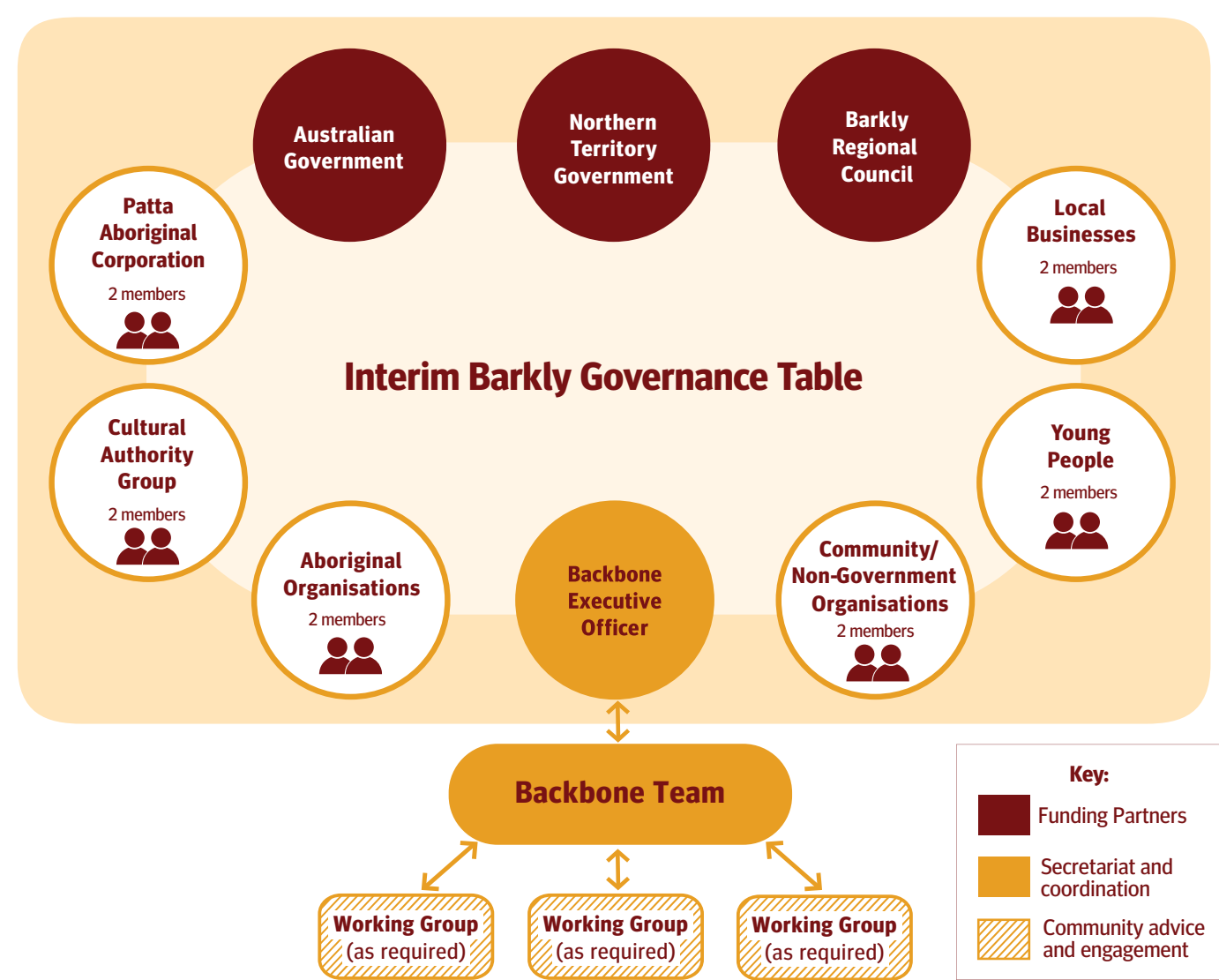
The interim Governance Table meets every second month to review progress and provide critical feedback, collaboration and coordination on the 28 initiatives between the three levels of government and the Barkly community. It is supported by the Working Groups and Backbone Team.

Working Groups are a key mechanism for inviting broader community engagement. Working Groups focus on priority projects and allow Barkly region stakeholders to provide advice back to the interim Governance Table. Participation is open to all interested community members. Working Groups are co-chaired by two representatives from the interim Governance Table.

The Backbone Team supports the interim Governance Table and Working Groups by providing secretariat, advisory and support services. Another key function of the Backbone Team is developing and delivering a tailored engagement strategy to ensure community members from across the Barkly region are able to support the implementation of the Deal.

In the near future, a regional governance model will be settled and a permanent Barkly Governance Table established accordingly. This Governance Table will work towards furthering social and economic priorities in the Barkly region.

## Governance arrangements



# Barkly Regional Deal

## Working Group participation



### Have your say

#### We want to hear from you!

Through the Barkly Regional Deal, a new way of working with the community has been established. The interim Governance Table has agreed to the formation of five Working Groups to provide advice and drive implementation of the initiatives. Working Groups provide a forum where community members and stakeholders can provide feedback and recommendations about aspects of key Deal initiatives.

Each Working Group is co-chaired by two representatives from the interim Governance Table.

This provides a strong information corridor between the Working Groups and Governance Table.

#### The current Working Group framework is as follows:

##### 1 Youth Infrastructure and Services Working Group

This Working Group will initially focus on the Crisis Youth Support initiative and Trauma Informed Care.

##### 2 Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group

This Working Group will initially prioritise the Regional Workforce Strategy and the Maximising Aboriginal Employment initiative.

##### 3 Economic Growth and Support Working Group

This Working Group is currently prioritising the Economic Growth Strategy, the Barkly Business Hub and the Barkly Mining and Energy Services Offer.

##### 4 Youth Justice Facility Working Group

This Working Group is considering the Youth Justice Facility initiative.

##### 5 Tennant Creek Visitor Park Working Group

This Working Group is considering the Tennant Creek Visitor Park initiative.


For more information on Working Groups, visit the Barkly Backbone Team's Facebook page:

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#### Mary James - Feathers and Leaves - Kulumindini

This represents the earth colours that people used for ceremonies: white, brown, ochre and yellow ochre when we grind those rocks. When you're flying, you can see the landscape, the contours of the land from the air; black represents burnt country, the ochre represents the hills and the mountain, and the white, clay pans. I am in contemporary art, doing what it represents in my traditional country; the native plants and animals.

# Implementation arrangements

Since the Deal's launch in April 2019, the focus has been on establishing implementation arrangements for the Deal's 28 initiatives. This includes robust governance processes for the joint community-government interim Barkly Governance Table and reporting that provides accountability for decision-making and expenditure.

## Achievements to get the Deal up and running include:

- establishing the Backbone Team;
- establishing three of the five initial Working Groups;
- establishing a joint working relationship between the Australian and Northern Territory governments and the Barkly Regional Council;
- signing a Project Agreement between the Australian and Northern Territory governments to provide funding and outline delivery processes for seven Deal projects
- signing Funding Agreements with Barkly Regional Council to deliver several projects, including Youth Infrastructure
- establishing a joint working relationship with Sport Australia and Barkly Regional Council to deliver the community sports initiative.

The interim Governance Table meets every two months to review progress against each initiative. The Barkly community has visibility of progress and decisions made by the interim Governance Table through communiques which are published after each meeting.

The Backbone Team has been out on the road speaking with regional communities about the work underway to ensure there is community leadership at the decision-making table and to develop community plans to guide investment. This has included attending a number of community meetings.

# Community priority areas

## \$78.4 million investment

Since conversations about the Deal commenced in July 2018, three priority areas were proposed and subsequently developed by Aboriginal community leaders, local business leaders and the wider community.

The 28 commitments under the Deal were designed to respond to these community priority areas.

### Economic development

The community suggested that economic development activities should address:

- local job creation;
- promotion of business growth; and
- attraction of industry investment.

### Social development

Social priorities raised by the community included:

- reducing housing overcrowding;
- strengthening family functioning and wellbeing; and
- improving community safety.

### Culture and place-making

To strengthen the Barkly region as a great place to live, work and visit, the community requested initiatives that:

- strengthen community governance and Aboriginal cultural leadership;
- revitalise towns and communities by investing in community infrastructure; and
- improve the promotion and marketing of local events.





# Community consultation

Co-design and collaboration with community stakeholders was central to the development of the Barkly Regional Deal. Community consultations were conducted across the Barkly region to identify priorities and ensure that the Deal's objectives reflected and addressed local needs. Over 200 community members were consulted about local economic, social and cultural priorities through a number of workshops with sectors and open public meetings.

Over the past year, there has been a continued focus on engaging with communities and homelands across the Barkly region to ensure all of the local residents have ample opportunity to participate in decision-making and benefit from the Deal.

Some of the many projects that will benefit people throughout the Barkly region include:

- the \$6 million Barkly Local Community Projects Fund, which has been created to invest in high-impact projects in remote communities throughout the region;
- Crisis Youth Support, a \$3 million project that will increase the level and type of youth support services provided in the region;
- a Regional Workforce Strategy, which will identify practical measures to increase local employment in the Barkly region, with a focus on Aboriginal employment; and
- a \$9.5 million Tennant Creek Visitor Park, which will benefit people from across the region who visit and access services in Tennant Creek, the service hub for the surrounding region.





# Key achievements

The Deal's 28 community-identified initiatives will be delivered over 10 years. The Deal's program funding became available from 1 July 2019, with the majority of this funding to be expended in the first three years (2019–20 to 2021–22).

## Key achievements to date include:

- Completing the \$1 million resealing and line-marking works at Alpururulam (Lake Nash) airstrip. The airstrip upgrade enables aircraft to operate safely and will support access for residents and the delivery of essential goods and services for many years to come.
- Commencing the design process for the \$7.62 million Youth Infrastructure project that will deliver new youth-focused infrastructure in key sites across the Barkly. This includes walking and cycling paths in Tennant Creek, and new sport and recreation centres for Tennant Creek and Ali Curung.
- Increasing the use of the Aboriginal Hostels Limited facility in Tennant Creek by subsidising the cost of staying at the facility for medical patients sleeping rough and people on low incomes. This is providing people access to safe and affordable accommodation and is the first step towards improving housing overcrowding challenges in the region.
- Installing new 'Welcome to the Barkly' road signs to highlight some of the unique experiences that the Barkly region has to offer.
- Completion of the Elliott Art Centre feasibility study.
- Partnering with the Australian Sports Commission to deliver an \$800,000 community sports initiative including the employment of two full-time sports coordinators for the region.
- Site selection for the new \$5.55 million Youth Justice Facility in Tennant Creek.





# Economic initiatives

A key focus of the Barkly Regional Deal is supporting the economic growth of the region, creating local jobs and maximising untapped opportunities in the resources, agriculture and tourism sectors. The Deal is targeting investment decisions to accelerate regional economic development and strengthen the resilience of the region to respond to future shifts in the economy. This includes diversifying the industry and employment composition of the region and building the knowledge, skills and capability of the local workforce.



Initiatives	Regional Workforce Strategy	Youth Infrastructure	Barkly Business Hub	Youth Justice Facility	New Housing Builds	Justice Infrastructure Investments
<b>Responsible government</b>	Northern Territory Government	C'wealth / Barkly Regional Council	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government	Northern Territory Government	Northern Territory Government	Northern Territory Government
<b>Total funding</b>	NTG - \$1m	C'wealth - \$7.6m	C'wealth / NTG - \$2.2m	NTG - \$5.6m	Private investment	NTG - \$3.4m
<b>Outcome</b>	The strategy will increase local employment participation in the Barkly workforce, with a focus on Aboriginal people	Sporting and liveability facilities will be constructed in communities across the Barkly region	The Hub will be a one-stop-shop to support regional business creation and growth and deliver a specific service offer for mining and gas	The new facility will accommodate young people, and provide new employment opportunities	Return houses to public supply by constructing new Government Employee Housing (GEH)	Funding will allow for the renovation of the Tennant Creek Watch House, and installation of videoconference technology in Alpururulam, and other locations as where possible
<b>Have your say...</b>	Through the Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Through the Economic Growth and Support Working Group	Through the Youth Justice Facility Working Group	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team
<b>Progress</b> (as at 30 June 2020)	To complement the jobs profile data already collected via surveys, the NTG will undertake consultation sessions with major stakeholders in early August to better understand survey findings	A funding agreement has been executed for the works. Community consultation and project design is well progressed. Tender awarded for the Alpururulam skate park	Community consultation via the Working Group for a preferred site location is underway. High-level costings for fit out are being refined	A site has been selected and land use agreements are being negotiated. The Working Group is considering service model options. Design plans have been circulated to the community for feedback	Request for proposal to provide 22 GEH dwellings closed on 25 November 2019. Agreement to Lease agreement negotiations are currently underway. The first 10 dwellings are under construction	A report on stakeholder feedback to inform upgrades has been completed. The report is being considered by the local NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services Superintendent





## Joanne Rankine - Ngapa Jukurrpa - Mungkarta

Rain dreaming or Ngapa Jukurrpa\* is one of the major stories for the Warlpiri community living in Mungkarta. The artists are often using traditional patterns, *kuruwarri*\*, to refer to the rituals that the Elders used to practise for making the rain fall. Some of the Elders are specialised in these rituals and are known as rainmakers.

In the traditional Warlpiri iconography, the U-shape often depicts man or woman sitting, the straight line is the digging stick or the spear and the concentric circles refer to waterholes.

*\*in Warlpiri language*

Upgrade Alpururulam Airstrip	Economic Growth Strategy	Maximising Aboriginal Employment	Barkly Mining and Energy Services Offer	Weather Radar	Improvements to the Delivery of the Community Development Program (CDP)
C'wealth / Northern Territory Government	Commonwealth	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government / Barkly Regional Council	Northern Territory Government	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government	Barkly Regional Council
Complete	C'wealth - \$0.3m	Ongoing	NTG - ongoing This initiative works in conjunction with the Barkly Business Hub	C'wealth / NTG - \$17.9m	Ongoing
Upgrades to the Alpururulam airstrip will support safe medical evacuations and passenger flights	The strategy will encourage private sector growth and diversify existing businesses	Governments will set local Aboriginal employment targets, and set local procurement targets for goods and services	In consultation with community, develop a service offer to support opportunities that mining and energy development may present to the Barkly	A new weather radar will support agribusiness and resource exploration decision-making	Improvements to the CDP will be achieved through aligning work programs with community priorities
Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Through the Economic Growth and Support Working Group	Through the Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group	Through the Economic Growth and Support Working Group	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team
The upgrade of the airstrip has been completed ahead of schedule	Community consultation through the Working Group has commenced to refine the project scope and commence delivery planning	Planning for this initiative is underway	An update on the development of 24 mining operations in the region will be completed in early July. This information will be shared with local businesses to provide them with insights into mining and energy opportunities in the region, which businesses may use to plan for future strategic opportunities	Community consultations will commence in 2020-21	New CDP activities are being provided in the region. Providers have worked in partnership with the community to deliver new training & education programs, with one provider placing 217 locals into employment between July 2019 to April 2020

# Social initiatives

Improving social outcomes, including reducing housing overcrowding and improving child safety, is a critical aspect of the Barkly Regional Deal. Substantial investment and activity have been directed towards increasing accommodation options and housing supply in the Deal – from transitional and crisis youth accommodation through to affordable housing – in recognition that overcrowding is one of the most pressing challenges in the region. A strong relationship exists between housing overcrowding and other social outcomes including child vulnerability, adverse educational outcomes, community conflict, domestic and family violence, youth crime and unemployment. A ‘housing first’ approach has been adopted for the Barkly Regional Deal because without attempting to reduce chronic overcrowding, other long-standing social and economic challenges in the Barkly region are unlikely to improve.



Initiatives	Tennant Creek Visitor Park	Government Investment Services System Reform	Crisis Youth Support - Safe Places and Accommodation	Trauma Informed Care	Multi-purpose Accommodation Facility
<b>Responsible government</b>	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government / Barkly Regional Council	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government	Northern Territory Government	Northern Territory Government	Commonwealth
<b>Total funding</b>	All - \$9.5m	NTG \$0.6m C'wealth - ongoing	NTG - \$3m	NTG - \$3m	C'wealth - \$0.25m
<b>Outcome</b>	A visitor park will be built for transitional and seasonal visitors from outlying remote communities	The efficiency of government services in the Barkly will be improved	The level and type of youth support services provided in the region will be increased	Establish a service offer to provide comprehensive treatment for children and young people with complex healthcare needs due to trauma	Existing accommodation will be repurposed into a multi-purpose accommodation facility
<b>Have your say...</b>	Tennant Creek Visitor Park Working Group	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Through the Youth Infrastructure and Services Working Group	Through the Youth Infrastructure and Services Working Group	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team
<b>Progress</b> (as at 30 June 2020)	An initial public information session has been held. The Working Group is meeting monthly. Community survey on design and service model preferences is underway. Shortlist of possible site options is in development	Government partners are working to develop an initial project plan that incorporates a strong commitment to collaborate with service sector representatives and the community. Close engagement with community will be needed to finalise the project plan	Potential site has been identified and discussions with stakeholders are underway	Work is not yet scheduled to commence	The trial commenced in May 2019 and has demonstrated the benefits of underwriting the nightly tariff for beds to reduce the number of local residents and medical patients sleeping rough. These outcomes will inform future program delivery





## Heather Anderson - Women Dancing Ceremonies - Tennant Creek

This painting is about ceremonial dancing practices; it depicts the older women teaching younger women to dance with their sticks. In each corner, a senior artist paints the body of younger dancers with ochre. In Warumungu, we called the women dances, *warlanjanta*, and the practice of body painting, *mangurr*.

Student Boarding Accommodation	Social and Affordable Housing	Community Sports	Aged Care Services in the Barkly Region	Child Care Places
C'wealth / Northern Territory Government	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government	Commonwealth	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government / Barkly Regional Council
C'wealth / NTG - \$12.7m	C'wealth / NTG - \$1.9m	C'wealth - \$0.8m	C'wealth / NTG - ongoing	Ongoing
A student boarding accommodation facility will be constructed and operated	Affordable houses for Aboriginal families with low to moderate incomes will be constructed under a public/private partnership	Two sports coordinators will be engaged. Supplementary programs will be implemented to maximise use of community sporting facilities and to support good governance for community sporting groups	Funding will be provided to deliver culturally safe aged care home care services in the Barkly region, under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care (NATSI Flex) Program	Additional support to child care providers across the region will be provided
Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team
Scoping work is underway and the interim Governance Table has agreed to a revised project timeframe	The scope of this project has been defined, and discussions with the provider are underway	Sport Australia has partnered with Barkly Regional Council to deliver this initiative. Two full-time sports coordinators have been engaged and a planning workshop has been convened by Sport Australia to consider sporting opportunities for the region. Program activities are being finalised	A three year funding agreement has been executed with Barkly Regional Council to deliver culturally safe home-based aged care services through an expansion of the NATSI Flex Program	Through Connected Beginnings, a report has been agreed to identify appropriate models of child care in the Barkly region and government support that could be accessed to improve service delivery and/or infrastructure support

# Culture and place-making initiatives

Celebrating and strengthening the Barkly region's culturally diverse communities and its distinctive heritage are important features of the Barkly Regional Deal. Investments and initiatives under the Deal are designed to enhance community governance, support local Aboriginal cultural leadership, and strengthen community safety and relationships. The Deal is helping revitalise towns and communities by investing in community infrastructure, and promoting local events and cultural attractions to support business growth and tourism. These initiatives will strengthen the Barkly region as a great place to live, work and visit.



Initiatives	Barkly Local Community Projects Fund	Local Community Governance	Community Mediation
<b>Responsible government</b>	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government / Barkly Regional Council	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government / Barkly Regional Council	C'wealth / Northern Territory Government
<b>Total funding</b>	All - \$6m	All - \$1m	NTG / C'wealth - \$1.7m
<b>Outcome</b>	Discretionary funding will deliver high-impact community-led initiatives in bush communities and homelands	Funding will support the operations of a community governance group to implement the Barkly Regional Deal	Funding will make available mediation support for Aboriginal people across the region
<b>Have your say...</b>	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team
<b>Progress</b> (as at as at 30 June 2020)	Protocols for the management of this initiative have been agreed to by the interim Barkly Governance Table. Government partners are considering opportunities to progress in light of COVID-19 travel restrictions	The Backbone Team has been engaged and is playing an active role in supporting the delivery of the Deal	A community session was held in December 2019 and a report prepared by a mediation advisory service. The Backbone Team is co-designing a cultural and training model with the community





## Ruth Dawson - Out of the Pebbles - Tennant Creek

The painting depicts a site at the west of Tennant Creek Station, Kunjarra\*. Ruth used a bright orange to evoke the evening light. This place is a ceremonial area where women and men go for practising traditional dance. This place is culturally related to Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles). Landscape paintings have been a favourite subject for Aboriginal artists to discuss their relationship with the land to a non-Aboriginal audience since Albert Namatjira produced his world-famous watercolours of the Arrernte country.

*\*in Warrumungu language*

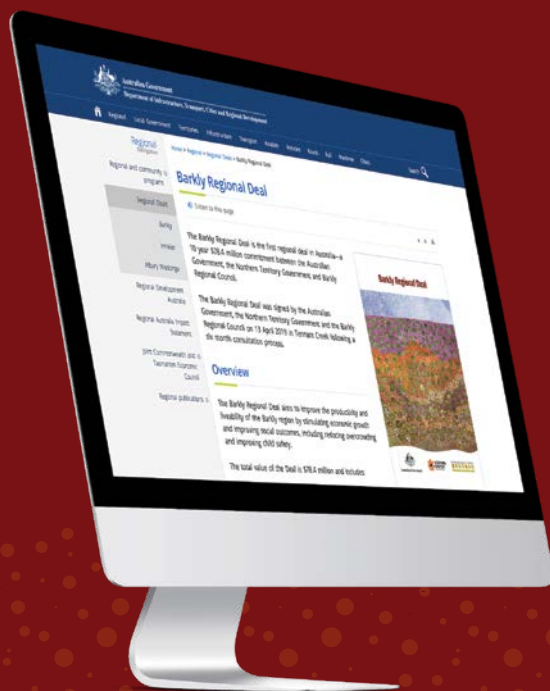
Art Centre in Elliott - Feasibility Study	Update Council Website about Aboriginal history	Marketing and Promotion
Northern Territory Government	Barkly Regional Council	Barkly Regional Council
Ongoing	In-kind	In-kind
The Deal will deliver a feasibility study with recommendations about the viability of an Aboriginal art centre in Elliott	Additional information about Aboriginal and mining history of the Barkly region will be included on the Council website	The highlights of the Barkly region will be promoted, with a focus on using digital channels
Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team	Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team
Funding for the feasibility study has been expended and an initial report provided	Content for the website update is under consideration	A media and communication manager has been employed





### Jessie Beasley - Bush Tomatoes - Epenarra

Bush tucker is a major subject of painting for Aboriginal artists, which is strongly related to ancient knowledge from the past experiences of hunter-gatherers. In Epenarra, people are still collecting bush tucker to feed their family, to provide a healthy alternative to Western food and to gather the whole family for teaching about the bush (bush school).



## Contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team

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# Measuring success

The success of the Barkly Regional Deal will be measured by assessing the 28 initiatives against the performance milestones to be released once the impacts of COVID-19 are better understood. This important process will allow the collective, community-level benefits of the Deal to be understood and to assess the ability of place-based collective impact initiatives to respond to, and effectively deliver, community priorities.

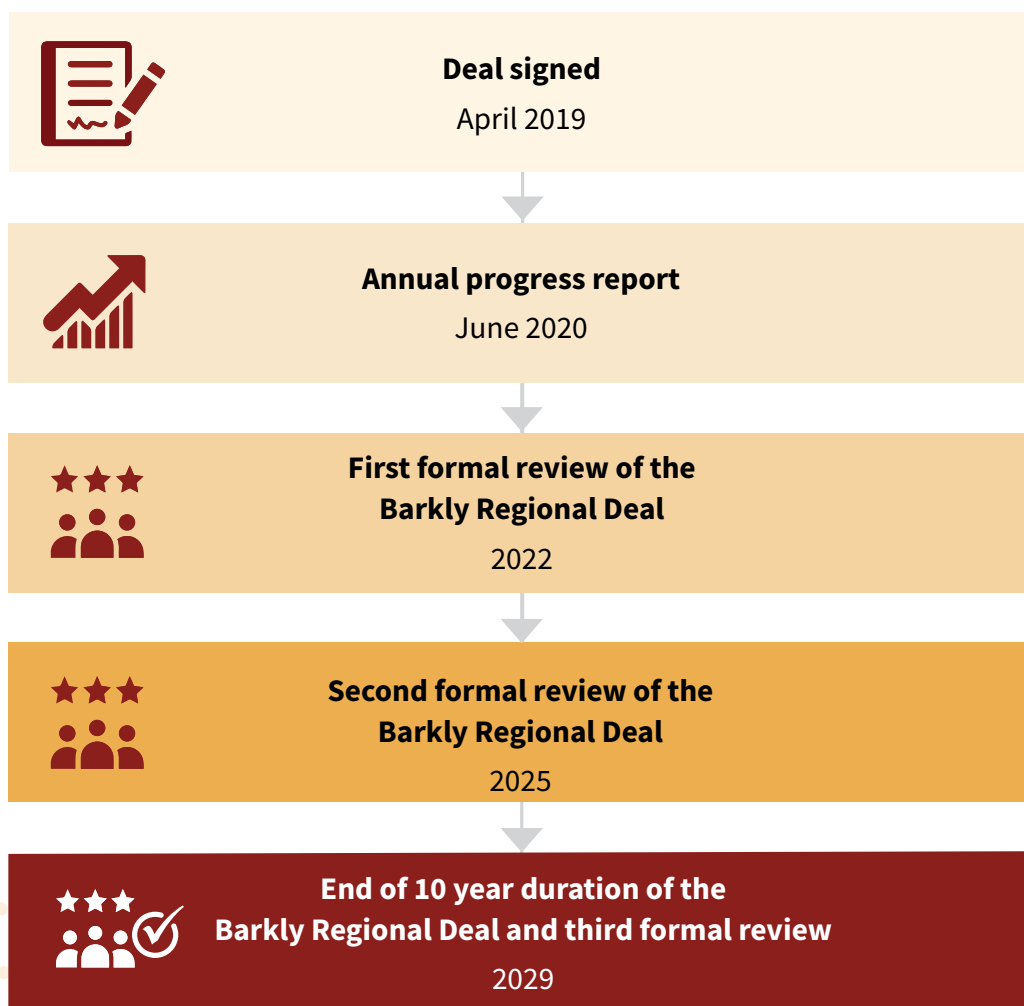
This approach to measuring success is flexible and does not reflect ‘monitoring and evaluation’ in a traditional sense.

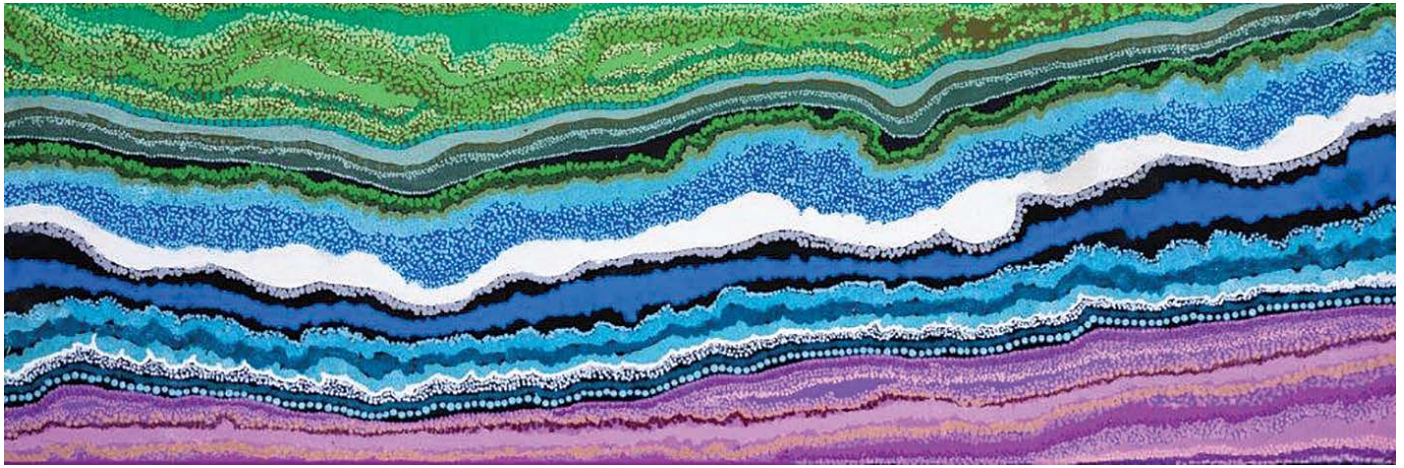
Here, it is about ‘continuing the conversation’, or ‘two-way checking in’, rather than making people feel they are being tested or monitored. Focus is on how the project is going, not targets or data. This Progress Update outlines achievements to date in establishing the Deal. Annual progress reports will be published from 2020 onwards to provide a succinct summary of the progress of each initiative and highlight key achievements of the Deal in the community.

In addition to annual progress reports, a formal review of the Barkly Regional Deal will be undertaken in 2022, 2025 and at the conclusion of the Deal in 2029.

The reviews will assess the effectiveness of the Deal in achieving economic, social and cultural change within the Barkly region.

The Deal’s multiple review points will ensure that lessons learnt during implementation can be considered and incorporated as the Deal continues to be delivered. Each of the formal review points will provide the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the Regional Deal model; how effectively governments and elected officials engaged with each other and with the Barkly community; and the extent of community engagement with the Regional Deal.





## Shirley Beasley - Kwaty - Epenarra

This series of creeks, rockholes and waterholes is a painting from Epenarra artist, Shirley Beasley, directly linked to Kwaty dreaming (water). People used to drink this water there before they had a bore.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Government partners acknowledge with gratitude the significant contribution and dedication of the Barkly Governance Table, past and present, without which the Barkly Regional Deal could not have been realised.

Since the announcement of the Barkly Regional Deal, members of the interim Governance Table have included:

Jared Baldwin, Kevin Banbury, Bridgette Bellenger, Kym Brahim, Tony Civitarese, Chris Faris, Darryl Fitz, Karan Hayward, Tyler Horwood, Craig Kelly, Dylan Kerrin, Sharen Lake, Greg Marlow, Byron Matthews, Steve Moore, Mark Parsons, Doug Peacock, Ronald Plummer, Allen Punch, Kylie Sambo, Barb Shaw, Tshanka Storey and Linda Turner.

Our sincere thanks also go to the community of the Barkly region who have provided insight and advice, personally or through a contribution to a Working Group, thereby driving the development of the Deal and its implementation.

We look forward to continued productive collaboration in the shared goal of boosting economic development, improving social conditions, and reinforcing the Barkly region's strong Aboriginal culture and history.

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### Susie Peterson - Epenarra Landscape - Epenarra

The painting is a depiction of the old soakage on the way to Murray Down from Wetenngerr, also named Epenarra.



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