

Minutes of the 69 Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly meeting - Cobar 5 – 7 December 2018

Chair of the meeting	Des Jones
MPRA Members in attendance	<u>Tuesday 6 March 2018</u> Des Jones Callan Rogers Joan Evans Anthony Knight Jaharlyn Mitchell Grace Gordon Tannia Edwards Pam Handy Fay Johnstone Larry Flick Allan Cobb Sharon McEwen Toni McEwen Ted Fernando Lillian Lucas Donna Dennis Maureen O'Donnell <u>Wednesday 7 March 2018</u> Des Jones Callan Rogers Joan Evans Anthony Knight Grace Gordon Tannia Edwards Pam Handy Larry Flick Maureen O'Donnell Ted Fernando

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Apologies	<p>Bill Kennedy Monica Kerwin</p> <p>Moved: Allan Cobb Seconded: Pam Handy All Carried</p>
Guest	Danny Lester

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	Smiley Johnstone David Keyes Ashley Albury Alison Bentick Michael Ramalli Bruce McQualter Aleacia McIntyre Lisa Gissing James Christian
Minutes taken by	Haylee Rogers and Justin Files (Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation)

Tuesday 6 March 2018	Action
Meeting opened at	
Minute Silence was observed	
Welcome to Country – Joan Evans	
<p>Conflict of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fay Johnstone (Maari Ma Board member; Smiley Johnstone [son] and MPS Director; Local Land Services; Ivanhoe Gaol) • Maureen O’Donnell (Maari Ma Chairperson) • Des Jones (Maari Ma Board member; Chairperson of Murdi Paaki Housing and MPRA Chairperson) • Callan Rogers (MPS Director & Maari Ma Employee) • Ted Fernando (MPS Director) • Alan Cobb (MPS Director and AECG) • Jaharlyn Mitchell (CHAC board members) • Pan Handy (Coomiella LALC) • Tannia Edwards (Enngonia LALC) 	
Previous minutes from 5 – 7 Dec 2017	Moved: Pam Handy Seconded: Grace Gordon

<p>Wednesday attendance to include: Tannia Edwards; Sharon McEwen; Toni McEwen;</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p>
<p>Business Arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion re: Police treatment of Aboriginal peoples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Justice Re-Investment required in the MPRA Regional Plan • BBC financial report shows that \$82k of Weilmeringle (for pool) • Discussion re: FaCS program funding approach 	<p>MPRA Chairperson to send letter to Police Commissioner re: Policy solution wrt working with Aboriginal people and to include invitation from the Area Commanders in the MPR to participate in workshop with MPRA</p> <p>MPRA Chairperson to invite Sport and Recreation (Mark Horton) to June meeting</p> <p>MPRA Chairperson invite FaCS to June meeting</p>
<p>Agenda for 6 – 8 March 2018</p> <p>Agenda amendment: NSWALC to present on Wednesday afternoon (opposed to Thursday)</p>	<p>Moved: Fay Johnstone Seconded: Tannia Edwards Motion Carried</p>
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email for MPRA members from TSEP distributing website listing NSW Energy Accounts Payment Assistance 2. Walgett Youth Justice Forum 3. Aboriginal Affairs NSW Research Agenda 2018-2023 4. Letter from MPRA chairperson – MPRA Accord expired on 18 Feb 2018 (extension request) 5. Bourke Aboriginal Economic Prosperity Strategy Project Agenda forwarded to MPRA by Danny Lester 6. Support for Maari Ma Health re: PHN tender for SEWB 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. MPRA Regional Plan letter sent to departments/ agencies/ NGO's/ partners 8. Network message from NSWALC 9. Murdi Pakki Services information sent to CWP chairpersons 10. Aboriginal Corporation for Economic Development 11. Introducing information of new state Aboriginal housing provider peak body 12. CTG refresh – gathering agreed that existing priorities should be retained and reviewed 13. Principles for Child-Safe Organisations 14. NCARA – what are the diversionary successes and failures 	<p>MPRA chairperson to find out where the Waste management funding is earmarked in the MPR</p>
<p>Morning Tea</p>	
<p>Chairperson Report tabled: 13/12/17 - Met with Wentworth-Broken Hill pipeline project regarding procurement component consisting of 40 Aboriginal positions and \$7.5 million allocation employment contract strategy. Wentworth 19/12/17- Attended Bourke CWP meeting and introduces MPS interim employee Jamie Love. Bourke 19/12/17- Murdi Paaki Tourism Strategy teleconference Bourke 21/12/17- Commbiz electronic Banking setup MPS Broken Hill 12/1/18- Murdi Paaki Toursim Strategy teleconference Wentworth 16/1/18- Regional gathering NSW Alliance- Coffs Harbor teleconference Wentworth 16/1/18- MPYELP teleconference re MPS transfer and procedures Wentworth 17/1/18- Teleconference-Fleet management George Rikiti re- economic development opportunities with Supply Nation regarding stone quarry strategy for material supply to new NSW procurement arrangements with First nations peoples Wentworth 24/1/18- Admin duties Broken Hill 30/1/18- CWP meeting Dareton 30/1/18- Teleconference- Regional Gathering Coffs Harbour Wentworth 31/1/18- Interview for Marrickville legal centre regarding juvenile incarceration and diversionary programs for input into National Strategy to overcome enormous number of incarcerated Children. 1/2/18- CWP meeting Wilcannia Wilcannia 7/2/18- Aboriginal Affairs and Premier and Cabinet Accord discussions Dubbo</p>	

<p>8th-9th /2/18- Attend Closing the Gap refresh workshop and meet with NSW Premier and Secretary Canberra</p> <p>12/2/18-Teleconference- Murdi Paaki Tourism steering Committee Wentworth</p> <p>13/2/18- Teleconference- Regional Gathering Coffs Harbour Wentworth</p> <p>15/2/18- Met with Barrier Command Superintendent Paul Smith re- Police practices and behaviour Wentworth</p> <p>16/2/18- Admin duties Broken Hill</p> <p>20/2/18- Teleconference- NSW Ombudsman Danny Lester and NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure re- MP region. Wentworth</p> <p>22/2/18- Admin duties Broken Hill</p> <p>22/2/18- Teleconference Regional Gathering Coffs Harbour Wentworth</p> <p>28/2/18- Attend Aboriginal Research Agenda Parliament House hosted by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Sarah Mitchell. Sydney</p> <p>28th Feb – 2nd March- NCARA meeting Sydney</p> <p>28/2/18- Met with NDIS opportunities for community- Regan Jensen Sydney</p> <p>5/3/18- MPS Board meeting Cobar</p> <p>6th -8th March- MPRA meeting Cobar</p>	<p>Moved: Grace Gordon Seconded: Allan Cobb Motion carried</p>
<p>NSW Ombudsman – Danny Lester, Deputy Ombudsman (Aboriginal Programs) and Sarah Low</p> <p>Independent to government -</p> <p>Presentation on observations on system nature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance on what is on the ground • Economic development for Aboriginal people in NSW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who is your first point of call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Garry Barnes (regional coordination unit in DPC) ○ CCM (Dept of Education is reviewing effect on connected communities – handed down in June) ○ In August the Ombudsman report to government on OCHRE • LDM funding 	<p>Ombudsman report to Parliament on economic development – available www.ombo.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>Questions to Danny:</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local decision making is confusing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DPC wasn't responding to MPRA expectation ● Solutions for communities ● Strategic opportunities and support needed to progress the local agenda ● Our forthcoming special report on OCHRE – key themes we will highlight <p>Personal journey of first Aboriginal Programs Ombudsman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advocating nationally ● Not a transparent government <p>If you would like more information, contact:</p> <p>Danny Lester – 9286 0934 or toll free 1800 451 524</p> <p>Or</p> <p>dlester@ombo.nsw.gov.au</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What investments going into our communities? 2. How to manage services to improve implementation into our communities? 3. Failures in kids being taken 4. High incarceration rates 5. Students not attaining results in HSC qualification 6. Capacity building required at grass root 7. What is the value of local CWP's 8. What is the value of the LDM accord 9. OCHRE could work better employment opportunities <p>Danny to forward information 1.5% of \$73b earmarked for Aboriginal procurement</p> <p>Asset facility Gavin Precinct seeking to contract local contractors in MPRA</p> <p>MPRA Chairperson to find-out where the Roads to home planning (curve/ guttering/ lights/ tar on raods) is up to.</p>
Lunch	
Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Business Consortium and Murdi Paaki Services – Smiley Johnstone	

<p>Provided an update on the MPRH&BC and MPS.</p> <p><i>MPRH&BC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Leadership Assembly (MPRAHLA) Agreement to Collaborate and terms of reference was provided to members • Smiley noted a meeting was scheduled this afternoon for state government negotiation • The agreement outlined the role ad responsibilities of the MPRAHLA and Government • Smiley noted that this was a priority from the MPRA Regional Plan • MPRAHLA would include members from the Regional Assembly • MPRAHLA would make policy and program guidelines as well approve project funding • MPS will act as secretariat and program manager to the MPRAHLA • Smiley noted that MPRH&BC were seeking for Government to agreement with the recommendations outlined in the MPRHC&BC report • A meeting with DPC, should be confirmed before the end of the month. • Smiley noted that another MPRA meeting may need to be held in April or May to nominate members for the MPRAHLA, who would report to MPS and the assembly. <p><i>MPS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smiley noted that MPS office was fully operational • Recruitment would be advertised at the end of March to fill the Administration Officer and the Strategic Project Coordinator positions • Members asked Smiley to create a document that outlined the purpose for MPS • Smiley noted that MPS were created as the operational arm of the Regional Assembly as per the Regional plan. • Smiley stated the Maari Ma had return the CWP funds to AANSW who would had agreed to transfer the funds to MPS as the new auspice. • Smiley noted that in order to signed the funding agreement the Regional Assembly would need to agree that MPS will be the auspice for the CWP funds and agree that MPRA and MPS can establish an MoU to be tabled at the next MPRA Meeting. 	<p>Meeting with Carl Eaves from Aboriginal Affairs treasury</p> <p>If the recommendations from the MPRHBC project are negotiated by the June MPRA meeting. The MPRA will be asked to nominate members to form part of the MPRAHLA group.</p> <p>Smiley Johnstone to create a document outlining the MRPA, CWP and MPS roles.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smiley noted that there was 300K to be transferred from MPS from AANSW (this included CWP funds and money from BBC) with a further 79K from NSW Treasury for the 18-19 financial year. Members support the recommendations in the report but would move the resolutions in General Business. 	
Afternoon Tea	
Australian Bureau of Statistics – David Keys <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per presentation 	Next censuses in 2021 – 50 years since collecting Aboriginal data
Meeting Closed: 5:10pm	

Wednesday 7 March 2018	
Meeting open at 9:10am	
<p>Department of Premier and Cabinet Ashley Albury and Steven Gal</p> <p>LDM Accord:</p> <p>Overview of the Accord</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is a document negotiated over three years ago establishing the priorities of the regions (first of its kind) Others have since been negotiated Political imperatives pressured the signing of the accord <p>Accord Review 80% at minimum commenced and 20% planning or not commenced</p> <p>Priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable and Appropriate Housing Economic Development Education Early Childhood Governance Capacity & Support 	<p>Review included in member's papers</p> <p>NB. NGO's were let off 'scott free' re: accountability (mostly NGO's are providing the services)</p>

Priority	Total Commitments	Closed	Achieved	Commenced	Planning	Not Commenced
1.Affordable and Appropriate Housing	32	5	9	15	2	1
2.Economic Development	14	2		6	2	4
3.Education	15	1	5	5	1	3
4. Early childhood services	3		1	1	1	
5. Governance capacity and support	6	1	4	1		
Totals	70	9	19	28	6	8
	100%	13%	27%	40%	9%	11%

Logic Framework

The draft results Framework included six population outcomes for all Aboriginal peoples in the MP region

- Economically secure
- Culturally secure
- Safe and Stable
- Participating fully in society – ready for school
- Living Healthy Lifestyles
- World Leaders

End Result on the current priorities:

- Affordable and Appropriate Housing

There are other departments from state government that really needed to be involved eg. Industry and planning etc (have as a result of the MPRA Accord become involved in the negotiations of the other Alliances)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Affordable and Appropriate Housing deliverables have all been achieved/ closed or commenced except for three (3) which relate to the review of the Rent Buy Scheme (1.1.4), review the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) rent model (1.2.12) and finally, commit to the establishment of a regional waiting list (1.3.6) ● Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Development has been a priority that has required other work/actions outside of the Accord deliverables, however over 50% have been commenced or closed ● Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Under the Accord deliverables for the Education priority, over 73% have been either closed, achieved or commenced with only four (4) deliverables status being in the planning or not commenced. All of these deliverables relate to the Review the Working With Children Checks (WWCC) process and its application in the Murdi Paaki region (3.6) ● Early Childhood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Of the three (3) deliverables only the service mapping has been completed, the sustainable model for the Brewarrina and Lightning Ridge Family and Children Centre’s are in the planning stage and the development of a model for integrated and sustainable early childhood service delivery has stalled ● Governance Capacity & Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All Governance capacity and support deliverables have been fully implemented and the majority have been achieved and closed. The only deliverable that requires continual development/endorsement is the current process of gaining/ applying for enhanced funding with NSW Treasury for all alliances/ assemblies across NSW. Funding for the Assembly has been guaranteed until 30 June 2019 <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Funeral funds – bodies being held because people can’t pay. ● Orana Haven – families can come, affordable to visit is an issue. ● Detox centres – must that we have one in the MP Region – difficult right across the state. ● Community Protocol – if anyone wanted to come into the Region and conduct business, this is how they should do it and who they should contact. <p>Ashley Albury and Steven Gal noted that the purpose of today was to review the Accord.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What does MPRA want out of the next accord? ● Des to then speak with DPC and AANSW so they can get government to the table. 	<p>MPRA Chairperson will follow-up with Ashley Albury to set a date for the Committee to meet with Government</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No real deadline – currently agreement ceases this year • Committee has been selected to begin the discussions. • Quicker the discussion begins, keep the momentum going. • Justice could be part of the new accord. • Pre-work to be completed – MPRA to select their priorities. • Committee to meet with Government departments outside the assembly. • Funds are set aside of accord negotiations. 	<p>departments outside the Assembly.</p>
<p>Morning Tea</p>	
<p>MPRA member Discussion</p> <p>Papers handed to members re: MPS and RAHLA</p> <p>Accord from AA perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The biggest challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government show up at the table as individual departments as opposed to showing up as government ○ The decision maker needs to sit at the table (deciding on policies) ○ Ashley’s team are there to support government to come to the table ○ Julie’s team will get community to the table • MPRA required to decide on their priorities for the New Accord Agreement 	<p>MPRA discussion require a breakdown of the budget from the commonwealth for MPS</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet – Michael Ramalli; Alison Bentick and Hew Hutchison</p> <p>Indigenous Business Sector Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds on the Indigenous Procurement Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Streams government contracts to Aboriginal businesses ○ It has currently reach \$1b (to Indigenous Businesses) • MPR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could establish business hubs in the region to assist communities to establish businesses • 10-year strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Announced at CTG week – paper handed to MPRA members ○ The regional 	

- Capital for business
- Consultant funds
- Will come under the IBSS (Garry King from PM&C [first Australian capital do some of this work also])
- NFP can access to support establishment of business to put back into community

CTG Refresh

- 3 out of the 7 targets are on track for the first time since 2011
- 4 targets are set to expire this year
- Consultations on the refresh to the CTG the gap agenda are taking place throughout the country
- 4 key targets (harnessing Indigenous Culture):
 - Economic
 - Individual
 - Community
 - Environment

Far West Employment Outcomes (CDP)

- 236 in fare west case load
- Each region has employment targets
- Far West employment outcomes
 - 236 job seekers commenced
 - 162 Australian Indigenous Job Seekers
 - 167 in WfD

Upper Darling Employment outcomes

- 26-week employer incentive claims – 23

CDP trialled in two communities in the MP Region.

Remote School Attendance Strategy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSAS summits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walgett and Wilcannia in November • The summits focused on developing strategies to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase school attendance ○ Collaboration of services ○ Linking and connecting parents with the school ○ Strengthening relationships ○ Putting forward ideas and enhancing the overall programme at a local level • RSAS stats and data were included in the slide show <p>RMDF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMDF activities and locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Broken Hill (C) Youth Connections [PCYC]/ Community Hub [men’s activities] ○ Wentworth (A) ○ Balranald (A) ○ Central Darling (A) ○ Bourke (A) Cultural tour guides/ [business plan and marketing]/Bourke and district/ women’s healing group ○ Cobar (A) ○ Brewarrina (A) ○ Walgett (A) ○ Coonamble (A) <p>Ceasing contracts update</p>	<p>MPRA were provided a handout of ceasing contracts in their communities. PM&C noted all the information is available on the PM&C website.</p>
<p>Westpac Bank – Personal Finances Workshop</p>	
<p>Afternoon tea</p>	
<p>NSWALC – James Christian</p> <p>Issues – Exploration licence (government had a framework re: strategic gas release [9 step process])</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential gas release in Wilcannia area 	<p>MPRA issues: Exploration licence – no acknowledgement of letter of support</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a benefit sharing consultation process <p>3 Greatest Assets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PEOPLE 2. CULTURE & HERITAGE [current draft Bill has ministerial appointment and not local community endorsement – closes 20th April] 3. OUR LAND [under developed and doesn't have a land development plan] <p>Statutory fund = \$650m</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is • In-house investment officer [independent committee] • Council make investment decisions • <p>National Parks and Wildlife Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References NSWALC • Resources are going to other departments re: Culture and Heritage • <p>Water and sewage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSWALC had to provide \$100m • Suggested that government should fund it however they didn't include it • There is an underspend from government • AA wanted NSWALC to agree to fund apprenticeships • There is no assurance that employment will continue after the apprenticeship <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPR housing project has informed NSWALC on what has been happening in MPR • <p>5 year strategic plan 2018-2023 [make sure we assist LALC</p>	<p>(paradigm Resources [legal formal partnership that is a shared enterprise])</p> <p>Membership with LGSA was withdrawn</p> <p>Water and sewage and LGA</p> <p>Back in 1983 the NSWALC core business was the protection of significant sights</p> <p>Self Determination- head lease to be designed</p> <p>MPRA chairperson to invite NSWALC to the June meeting.</p>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culture and heritage 2. Land function and production 3. People access to affordable and standard housing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Government is getting out of housing management b. There is stringent control [national community housing ...] c. Estimate of 11000 more houses by 2020 required d. NSWALC will establish TI [national accreditation] top housing management status [Victorian housing is only Aboriginal body who has TI] e. Social and affordable housing fund [\$1b funds allocated for round one has just opened] + this is the only program that allows for new housing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. To be able to bid: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Require all your criteria in order to bid including funds and TI [will cost \$1m to get through the bidding process] <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Constitution including a wind-up clause to be provided to another T1 accredited provider <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2. Bids go in requires (debt fund ie over 25 yrs government will cover what is not recouped by rent) ii. Seeking an alliance with MPRA for property management to receive the AHO housing stock 	
Meeting closed: 6:30pm	

Thursday 8 March 2018	Action
Meeting opened at 9:00 am	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSW will go back and write the feedback from the MPRA • MPRA owns the report and decide if they share with the government • Interviews with community members/ organisations/ government <p>What is working?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accord priorities were decided by the community representatives 	Handout provided to MPRA members

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional representation of Aboriginal community concerns by the Assembly has seen senior government representatives ‘come to the table’ • Government services are more likely to be held to account because of Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, Local Decision Making and the Accord • Local community representatives ask the Regional Assembly to escalate local concerns <p>How can it be improved?</p> <p>Ilan provided summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed views on how MPRA have engaged in government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community felt this was not making a differences ○ All services are invited to CWP’s/ mostly Indigenous organisations attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sense that mainstream organisations are afraid of being made accountable ○ Increasingly the participants at the MPRA are decision makers • If CWP’s were strengthened the MPRA would be strengthened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ .. ○ Aboriginal workers that don’t come to the CWP’s from mainstream agencies ○ Agency decision makers come to the MPRA to aquire support – the CWP’s are more informed about if an agency is performing or not and a mechanism is required for local accountability safeguards ○ ToR are outdated because of the Accord agreement • Service Level Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CWP have open membership to all service providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Example: MoU between Aboriginal groups ○ The leaders of the CWP’s feel they are blamed for what is not landing on the ground ○ Non-Indigenous organisations are eating up Indigenous funding without any accountability to the communities they are providing services to • Final draft from this meeting 	<p>Question posed to MPRA – should there be local accords? Chairperson stipulated the demand for SLA’s</p> <p>Aboriginal Groups would strengthen Indigenous affairs for the community with local MoU’s</p> <p>Ensuring all services are involved in the local community action plans Any examples that MPRA members wish to include in the evaluation report can email Ilan Kutz directly.</p>
<p>Murdi Paaki Tourism – Janet Mackay (tourism planning consultant)</p>	<p>First Nations Tourism has much to offer and a lot of work needs to be</p>

<p>Inside Report - Scope the feasibility of a tourism strategy for the Murdi Paaki region of Western Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report finished mid - April • Been working on the project for the last 6 weeks <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What stopped Aboriginal People getting into Tourism? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CDEP lapse b. Other people stealing Aboriginal Peoples Idea c. Aboriginal People have been providing Tourism for eons 	<p>done around each community [including all MPRA communities]</p> <p>MPRA Tourism is required to network with Tourism NSW.</p>
<p>Morning Tea</p>	
<p>MPRA Governance Handbook</p> <p>The draft copy of the MPRA Governance Handbook that the MPRA members had developed at the December meeting. After the discussion, the members wanted to incorporate the following into the handbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum is 9 chairs to conduct the meeting (does not include young leaders or NSWALC members) • Co-Chairs – one can sit out table, other take an ‘observer role’ • A nominated delegate can attend MPRA meeting if the Chair from CWP has agreed and travel has been completed prior to the meeting • Chairs can nominate to sit on a subcommittee if they are unable to attend meeting • Young leaders have speaking rights, but only one voting right between 4 young leaders • NSWALC have speaking rights but one between 3 people (8 out of 12 people voted yes) • 16 chairs/delegates have speaking rights and a vote each • Observers have no speaking rights unless asked to speak • Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to let Chair know if you are unable to attend or need to leave early to ensure a quorum • Will be made to payback travel allowance if do not attend meeting 	<p>MPRA members had a discussion re: CWP representation and Young Leaders delegation – where is the equity.</p> <p>The final draft of the handbook to be presented at the June Meeting.</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>Mylissa Smith</p> <p>Case management attached to all prison units in the state to reduce reoffending</p>	<p>Application can be submitted for travel and accommodation support</p>

<p>1. LSIR assessment 2. PARRS assessment</p> <p>Services and programs officers at the gaol support the community members on release to access Centrelink</p> <p>Housing: Looking at ways to get people their own house on release from gaol</p> <p>Probation and Parole:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role is case management guidance and support v's punitive 	<p>for families to visit family members in gaol</p> <p>Rehab:</p> <p>Court order –</p> <p>Housing support on release: Looking at Mission Australia option rent it keep it (national recognised reference [certificate])</p> <p>MPRA Chairperson to invite Probation & Parole to MPRA to update members on the changes to their role.</p>
<p>General Business</p> <p>As noted in the MPS update - Maari Ma had return the CWP funds to AANSW who would had agreed to transfer the funds to MPS as the new auspice. For MPS to sign the funding agreement the Regional Assembly was required to move a motion that MPS will be the auspice for the CWP funds and agree that MPRA and MPS can establish an MoU. The MoU would be tabled at the June meeting.</p>	<p>That the MPRA endorse Murdi Paaki Services to auspice the funds from Aboriginal Affairs on behalf of the CWP's. Moved: Lillian Lucas Seconded: Allan Cobb</p> <p>That MPRA and MPS establish an MoU to auspice the funds from Aboriginal Affairs on behalf of the CWP's. Moved: Pam Handy</p>

<p>Des Jones had received a request from Alistair Ferguson seeking a support letter from the Regional Assembly to lease space at the Bill Reid Centre in Bourke. Des informed Alistair that he would be happy to write a letter but Alistair would need to contact Bob Davis at Maari Ma regarding leasing a space.</p> <p>Grace Gordon stated that the old water pipes in Gulargambone, Collarenebri and Enngonia were affecting the quality of water and needed to be replaced. Andrew Rose from AANSW had met with the shire – the shire said that getting water filters filled on the houses could be an option.</p> <p>Grace informed members about the nuclear waste that was being disposed of near Brewarrina and was seeking a letter of support from the Regional Assembly to stop the company from dumping the waste.</p> <p>Fay Johnstone noted that the Police in Ivanhoe had not been present for a while – Fay asked if the Regional Assembly could write a letter asking why the station is not always manned.</p>	<p>Seconded: Grace Gordon</p> <p>Des and Grace to follow up with Jason Ford regarding this item.</p> <p>Des Jones to write a letter to the Police Commissioner.</p>
<p>Meeting Closed: 2:48pm</p>	