

**Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Meeting No. 72 Minutes
Held 11 – 13 December in Dubbo**

<p>Chair of the meeting</p> <p>MPRA Members in attendance</p>	<p>Des Jones</p> <p><u>Tuesday 11 December 2018</u> Des Jones Maureen O'Donnell Amanda King Sharon McEwen Larry Flick Fay Johnstone Elaine Ohlsen Pam Handy Donna Dennis Anthony Knight Stephen Forrester Callan Rogers Toni McEwen Grace Gordon Garry Trindall Lillian Lucas Monica Kerwin</p> <p><u>Wednesday 12 December 2018</u> Des Jones Amanda King Sharon McEwen Larry Flick Pam Handy Donna Dennis Anthony Knight Stephen Forrester Callan Rogers Grace Gordon Garry Trindall Ted Fernando Lillian Lucas Monica Kerwin</p> <p><u>Thursday 13 December 2018</u> Des Jones Amanda King Sharon McEwen Larry Flick Pam Handy Anthony Knight Stephen Forrester Callan Rogers Toni McEwen Grace Gordon Garry Trindall Ted Fernando Lillian Lucas Monica Kerwin</p>
<p>Apologies</p>	<p>The following apologies were received: Ted Fernando (Tuesday only)</p> <p>Motion: That the apologies be accepted. Moved: Fay Johnstone Seconded: Garry Trindall Motion carried.</p>
<p>Guest</p>	<p>Smiley Johnstone (MPRH&BC) Daniel Rose (Murdi Paaki Services) Brenda Riley (observer) Leasa Kelly (observer) Jason Ford (observer) Cliff and Judith (Burns Aldis) Warlpa Thompson (AA Languages)</p>

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	<p>Janet Schorer (The Children’s Guardian) Jo Lawrence (FACS) Mark Horton (Office of Sport and Recreation) Bruce McQualter (Westpac) Rebecca Lannen, Jody South, and David Lindenbaur (PM&C) Ashley Albury and Jayne Humphries (DPC) Julie Blackhall (AANSW) Jessica Blain (USYD) Andrew Smith (TSEPS) Kate Baxter (ACCORD)</p>
Minutes taken by	Haylee Rogers (Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation) and Kayla Cohen (MPRA Secretariat)
Tuesday 11 December	
Action	
Meeting opened at 9:15 am	
<p>Welcome Des Jones opened the meeting. A minute silence was observed. Des acknowledged that there were some new members to the MPRA Meeting. Des asked members to introduce themselves.</p>	
<p>Conflict of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen O’Donnell (Maari Ma Chairperson) • Des Jones (Maari Ma Director; Chairperson of Murdi Paaki Housing and MPRA Chairperson) • Fay Johnstone (Maari Ma Director and MPS Director) • Alan Cobb (MPS Director and AECG) • Callan Rogers (Maari Ma Employee) • Pam Handy (Dareton LALC) • Grace Gordon (NSW DPI - Crown Lands and Water Division) 	
<p>Agenda for 11 – 13 December 2018 Des explained the agenda and that Western PHN may not be in attendance. Fay Johnstone requested that General Business be moved to Wednesday the 12th December afternoon. The other members agreed.</p>	
<p>Motion: That the agenda be adopted. Moved: Sharon McEwen Seconded: Fay Johnstone Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Previous minutes from 4 – 6 September 2018 and teleconference held 19 November 2018 MPRA Members asked for additional time to read the minutes. Des noted that any questions with the minutes could be raised in General Business.</p>	
<p>Motion: That the members accept the minutes from September meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Moved: Grace Gordon Seconded: Stephen Forrester Motion carried.</p> <p>That the members accept the minutes from the November teleconference meeting Moved: Grace Gordon Seconded: Pam Handy Motion Carried.</p>
<p>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPRA members requested that minutes be distributed in draft form after the end of each meeting. • Nuclear Waste in Brewarrina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently nothing is happening, Grace will keep an eye on it and keep MPRA up to date with changes. • Election coming up. • Water is an issue across the Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members would like to see the Department of Industry (water group) return and update the Assembly - Wilcannia: water being trucked in Monica is going to find out the details and price of water and let Des and the Assembly know. - Can a letter be written to the MP and opposition about shortage of water along the river and who is prioritised to access it – letter to be tabled at next MPRA meeting before sending. - Can water be included in the new Accord? - Can Des assist in getting a Media Release written up if locals have to pay for water. • What is the Aboriginal Medical Service doing in the Region? • Why can't people over 75 be covered under MPRA insurance? • MPRA members to provide Dan/MPS with their next of kin details. 	<p>Motion: That the members request an urgent letter and Media Release be distributed to ensure the support of Governments and guarantee good quality of Health, environment and culture Moved: Garry Trindall. Seconded: Monica Kerwin. Carried.</p> <p>Action: Produce Media Release for distribution and write a letter which will be tabled at the next MPRA meeting, to the Minister of Land and Environment, CC Mark from Aboriginal Affairs and supply CWP contact details.</p>

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Correspondence

- Roads and Maritime Services Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program 2019
- Close the Gap Refresh – Proposed Justice Target
- The University of Sydney letter from the Vice-chancellor
- Local Decision Making Communique – Negotiations are continuing on the Murdi Paaki Social Housing proposal
- Aboriginal Affairs letter – Murdi Paaki Accord II Negotiations
- Government Agency response to the Murdi Paaki Regional Plan
- Aboriginal Legal Service CEO position advertisement
- Letter to Shane Johnson regarding Murdi Paaki Lessons Learned Project
- Letter to Mark Conlon regarding Murdi Paaki Local Decision Making Accord mark II negotiations
- Letter from Mark Conlon regarding Local Decision Making Funding
- The University of Sydney letter to Grace inviting her to the Healing our Spirit Worldwide conference
- The University of Sydney letter to Anthony inviting her to the Healing our Spirit Worldwide conference
- Indigenous Advancement Strategy – Advance notice of forthcoming Community Development Programme Grant Opportunity
- Work Ready flyer
- FWAS Rugby League and League Tag trials advertisement
- Letter from Wilcannia LALC
- Kevin Humphries media release Aboriginal Fishing Trust Fund Grants now open
- Letter to Wilcannia LALC
- Sarah Mitchell Media Release – Unfinished business report: NSW Government makes progress
- Letter from Jason Ardler regarding Murdi Paaki Local Decision Making Agreement
- Phil Naden advertisements
- Letter from Brewarrina Shire Council regarding World Heritage Listing Status Baiame’s Ngunnhu
- PHN Western NSW invitation to apply advertisement
- Partnership, Prevention and Rural Action Conference IV advertisement
- Transport Dreamins Call for Conference Abstracts advertisement
- Menindee CWP Refresh meeting advertisement
- Letter from Jason Ardler regarding Local Decision Making funds for 2018/2019
- Legal Aid advertisement
- Invitation for the Murdi Paaki Social Housing Agreement Signing
- Invitation for the Three Rivers Local Decision Making Accord signing

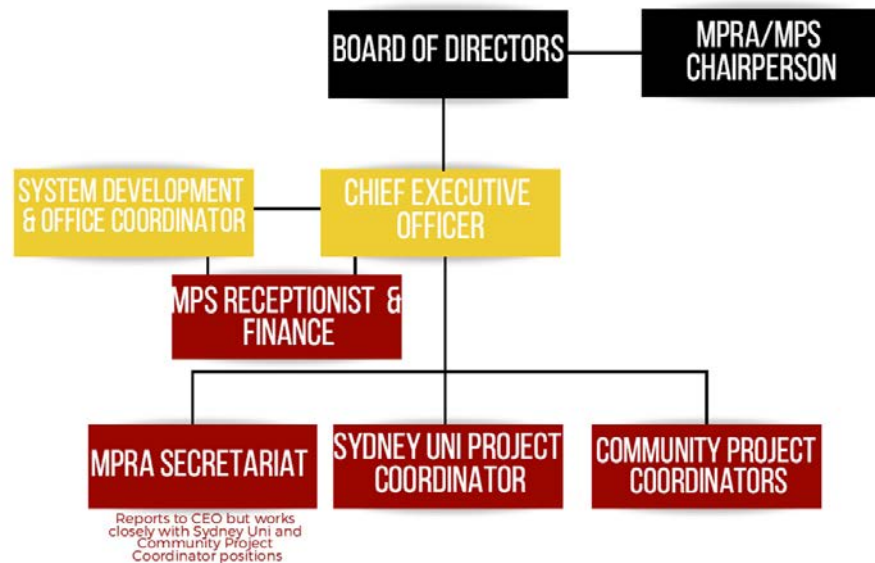
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Rachel Bobir regarding Co-design, Implement and Evaluate a model of Adult Through-care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people • PHN Western NSW invitation for achieve your goals through collaborative pairs • Agreement to improve Aboriginal Social Housing outcomes in the Murdi Paaki Region 				
Morning Tea				
Chairperson Report - Des Jones				
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28 – 29 Nov	Attend the Sydney University Healing Our Spirit Conference	Sydney	
30 Nov	Attend Sydney University Service Learning Symposium	Sydney	
6 Dec	Attend meeting with Wilcannia LALC and AHO regarding head leases across the Murdi Paaki Region	Broken Hill	
6 Dec	Attend Wilcannia Community BBQ	Wilcannia	
10 Dec	Attend the Signing of the MPRA Social Housing Accord	Dubbo	
11 – 13 Dec	Attend MPRA meeting	Dubbo	
Murdi Paaki Services & MPRBC – Daniel Rose			
Murdi Paaki Services Progress Update December 2018			
Recruitment:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Rose has been appointed CEO of MPS as of 19 November 2018 • Haylee Rogers has been engaged by MPS to assist in office coordination, training Kayla in her new role and develop systems • Kayla Cohen has taken on the role of MPRA Secretariat; • Jasey Bruce, a Cobar local was the successful applicant for the Receptionist position and starts in the office in January; • Jason Ford will commence work on the 14th of January as the USYD Project Officer; • Three Community Project Coordinator positions have been advertised throughout the Murdi Paaki Region. These positions will provide service support to the Community Working Parties 			
MPS Organisational Chart			

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CWP:

Walgett- Following the election of Garry Trindall as the Chairperson for the Walgett Gamilaraay CWP, they appear to have settled into normal process under LDM activity.

Menindee – Des Jones and Dan Rose conducted a refresh meeting in Menindee which saw Amanda King be elected as the new Menindee CWP Chairperson.

Bourke – A refresh meeting will need to occur following the departure of Barbara Flick from the Bourke CWP. Lillian Lucas will act as interim chair until a refresh is held.

Enngonia – Requires a refresh meeting due to Tannia Edwards stepping down as Chairperson.

All other Community Working Parties appear to be functioning.

RAHLA:

The signing of RAHLA was signed on the 10th of December by the Honourable Sarah Mitchell, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and MPRA Chairperson, Des Jones.

Travel Policy:

As part of the MPRA Governance Handbook, the Regional Assembly was required to develop a Travel Allowance Policy. The policy has been created and supplied.

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Lunch	
<p>Lessons Learnt PMC Evaluation – Burns Aldis</p> <p>Representative governance in the Murdi Paaki Region for 28 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Model has evolved through several iterations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wangkumara and Far West Regional Councils ▪ Murdi Paaki Regional Council ▪ CWP, then Planning Forum ▪ Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly – Various interactions with Governments during that period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIPP/NAHS/AEHIP Housing and Infrastructure Regional Agreement ▪ River Towns ▪ COAG Trial ▪ SRA, Two Ways Together, LDM ... – Highs and lows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature, enduring arrangements for representation and governance <p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Assembly has developed considerable experience, capacity, political skill in role of representing communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Reflected in strategic planning processes and analysis and decision-making around policy, programme and project planning and design, and service delivery • Australian Government interest in documenting ‘history, context, development, lessons learned and successful qualities of the Murdi Paaki regional governance model’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Collaborative initiative between Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Assembly – Timeframe: now until end of June 2019 – Purpose is to document history and lessons, not to evaluate – Perspective is wholly that of the Assembly, CWPs and those close to the evolution of the model <p>Deliverables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a history of community-led regional governance in the Murdi Paaki Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – document lessons learned from recent decades of establishment and evolution of the Murdi Paaki model – explore strengths, challenges and unexpected outcomes 	

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- Prepare resources to inform other communities, policy makers and other potential interest groups involved in regional governance frameworks
 - highlight successful qualities and key lessons of the Murdi Paaki model
- Prepare a high-level summary report for the Australian Government

Project Governance

- Project funded by Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Project Advisory Group: PMC and Assembly representation
 - Includes Assembly Independent Chairperson and former Chairperson
- Project involves close collaboration with the Assembly and with CWPs

Methodology

- Inception meetings
 - Draft Initial Deliverables prepared
- Literature review
 - Existing reports, papers and documents
 - Context around Indigenous governance
- **Refine approach to field work**
 - Interview guides, information sheets, consent form, stakeholders
- **Engage participants**
 - Assembly, CWPs, other stakeholders
 - Co-ordinate approach to CWPs through Assembly delegates
- Analyse interviews
- Document findings

Stakeholders to Include?

- Assembly delegates – March meeting
- MPAYELP representatives – March meeting
- CWPs – mid-March to late April
 - Sufficient scope to allow for a representative sample of 8 CWP visits
 - First thoughts: Bourke, Coonamble, Lightning Ridge, Weilmoringle; Broken Hill, Dareton/Wentworth, Wilcannia, Ivanhoe
 - MPRA position?
 - Co-ordinate approach via Assembly delegates
 - Telephone interviews with others who would like to participate

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- Opportunistic interviews if others happen to be available as we pass through
- Other stakeholders who played a part:
 - Former MPRC and MPRA Chairs
 - Former ATSIC RMs – Johnny Nolan, Stuart Gordon
 - Former DAA personnel – Geoff Scott, Hugh Burke

Questions to ask (1)

- Different questions for different participant cohorts
- Ordered by theme
- Evolution of the Murdi Paaki governance model
 - Early arrangements
 - Evolution over time
 - What makes it work in the Murdi Paaki context?
 - Challenges
 - What makes it durable?
- Collaboration and partnership
 - Working relationships
 - Policy interactions, positive and negative
 - CWP roles
 - Support for succession

Questions to ask (2)

- Relevance and appropriateness
 - Influence of MPRA agenda on government investment and services
 - Community contribution to governance decisions of MPRA and CWPs
- Application of learnings
 - Relevance of MPRA lessons in other settings
- Other questions
 - Strengths of and opportunities for the model
 - Enabling factors for good governance
 - Arrangements for inclusivity
 - Historical influences and legacy for the future
 - Relationship with traditional governance models
 - Relationships with Aboriginal Nations and Language Groups

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Broader Community Engagement

- Build awareness and ownership of the project at community level
 - Social media – Facebook page
 - Community newsletter once findings are in
 - Support Assembly Independent Chair to publicise the project
 - Media release(s)
 - Material for website
 - Part of second deliverable
 - Page on MPRA website or a separate Wordpress site?
 - Include video-recorded interview with Assembly Independent Chair summarising findings and discussing the importance of the project

Other Thoughts

- Any issues with audio recordings subject to consent?
 - Should we ask whether recorded material can be lodged with AIATSIS?
- Should we include earlier forms of representation and document the preparatory work of early leaders?
 - APA, NACC, NAC
 - William Ferguson, Pearl Gibbs ...
- Can we include photographs?
 - Any issues reproducing images of people who have passed?
 - Which photos and where to find them?

Questions:

Would the MPRA be happy with having other stakeholders from prior to the assembly having a say, such as, ATSIC, DAA.

Yes, the Assembly agreed with that

There is enough funding for 8 community visits. Do the members agree with them being Bourke, Coonamble, Lightning Ridge, Weilmoringle, Broken Hill, Dareton/Wentworth, Wilcannia and Ivanhoe.

Amanda King believes that Menindee should be visited because they have one of the first missions in the Region. Garry Trindall stated that Coonamble and Lightning Ridge does not have a mission at all and that Goodooga locals have to travel 80km just to buy a loaf of bread

Burns Aldis presented the members with some draft research questions and requested that members email Judith with answers, comments and contact details for further research.

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Aboriginal Affairs Languages – Warlpa Thompson

Who are we?

As a government agency, we work alongside Aboriginal people and communities to make sure their voices are heard and their interests represented.

By leading and influencing change in government, we support the social, cultural and economic aspirations of Aboriginal people in NSW.

Ultimately, we build capacity and confidence:

changing and evolving the way our stakeholders think and work together to achieve positive outcomes.

OCHRE...

- OCHRE is the community-focused plan for Aboriginal Affairs in NSW.
- In 2012 and 2013 some 2,700 Aboriginal people in NSW stated that Aboriginal language and cultures, education and employment and accountability are important priorities for Aboriginal communities.
- The NSW Government responded with OCHRE (Opportunity, Choice, Healing, Responsibility, Empowerment).

A little bit of background

NSW government agreed to develop a NSW Aboriginal Languages Bill in November 2016, following the approval for a Bill consultation in March 2017

Extensive conversations with Aboriginal communities and stakeholders were held throughout NSW

The Bill was considered by Parliament in October 2017 and became law on 24 October 2017

What is *The Act*?

The *Aboriginal Languages Act 2017* aims to **GROW, NURTURE** and **REVITALISE** First Peoples Language in NSW and has three parts:

PRE-AMBLE

Acknowledges the importance of re-awaking, nurturing and growing Aboriginal Languages and Aboriginal Ownership

ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES TRUST 'The Trust'

The establishment of the trust will be to resource local language activity. The Trust is governed by an Aboriginal board with relevant skills and experience

STRATEGIC PLAN

A 5 year strategic plan to guide investment and activities in language revival in NSW, within 2 years

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From March this year the Aboriginal Languages Team has set up 3 governance groups. The 3 groups have been formed to provide advice to AANSW and the Minister during the establishment phase. Provide overview of whom is represented in each group.

ALEAG was formed and selected via a completely independent Aboriginal panel:

from top left – HoAA Jason Ardler, Rhonda Ashby (Lightening Ridge), Diane McNaboe (Dubbo), Donna McClaren (Central Coast), Clarke Webb (Coffs Harbour), Chris Ingrey (La Perouse),

bottom left – Irene Harrington (Ballina), Gary Williams (Nambucca), Maureen Sulter (Coonabarabran) and Ray Kelly (Newcastle)



Community Engagement

Community input, add value and inform the development of the draft strategic plan. This map outlines who our engagement team will be communicating with throughout NSW. Refer to map explaining our intentions to ensure communication across NSW.

Aboriginal Languages Trust Establishment Functions of the Trust:

1. To bring together persons with relevant professional qualifications in languages and persons with knowledge of Aboriginal languages to provide advice and direction on Aboriginal language activities;

2. To promote effective Aboriginal language activities;
3. To identify priorities for Aboriginal language activities;

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4. To manage the funding for coordination of and investment in Aboriginal language activities at local, regional and state levels;
5. To promote education and employment opportunities in Aboriginal language activities;
6. To develop resources to support Aboriginal language activities;
7. To provide guidance to the government and its agencies on Aboriginal languages;
8. To liaise with the Geographical Names Board (GNB) on the use of Aboriginal languages in the naming of geographical places;
9. To encourage the wider use and appreciation of Aboriginal languages;
10. Such other functions as are conferred or imposed on it by or under this or any other Act.

Next Steps and other Information

A DRAFT strategic plan will be developed
Community and Interagency Partnership Investments
Aboriginal Languages Trust established
Aboriginal Languages Gathering



Questions and Contact Details

Email: conversation@aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au
Website: www.aboriginalaffairs.nsw.gov.au/policy-reform/language-and-culture



NSW Aboriginal Affairs – Rebecca Suckling and Tegan Hinchey

Tegan Hinchey and Rebecca Suckling informed the members of the Assembly that AANSW were trying to hold a Woman's Gathering for women in the Murdi Paaki Region. It was noted that sometimes the Woman's voice can get

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<p>lost at the strategic level. AANSW wanted to want to create a space where woman to get together and share voices, the idea where children are welcome as well.</p> <p>AASNW have met with some key people in the region. Tegan and Rebecca asked the MPRA members if they would prefer to hold a large gathering but maybe a cluster of small gatherings would be better.</p> <p>It was suggested one day workshops and second day could be a cultural excursion. Members thought it was overdue. Brewarrina offered they community to hold a workshop and Grace stated that she would happy to assist in anyway. Monica Kerwin from Wilcannia will like to assist too.</p> <p>AANSW noted that they would run woman’s gathering themselves and would need help from community organisations and community members. Tegan and Rebecca stated that they would travel to communities to engage with woman. Maureen O’Donnell from Broken Hill offered her support and guidance.</p> <p>How soon could a meeting/gathering be held? Fay suggested Menindee for the southern region and that maybe the gathering could be held in April.</p> <p>MPRA members noted it would be a great thing for families and community. It would be great if funding was available to get everyone together and meet everyone from each region. Key stakeholders being woman and getting everyone involved at an organisational level and a women’s alliance being the strength and woman’s voice in the region that could be aligned MPRA.</p> <p>AANSW stated that PMC would fund some of the gathering but would also require further partners to find.</p>	<p>Working Group for the Woman’s Gathering will include Grace Gordon, Pam Handy, Monica Kerwin and Maureen O’Donnell.</p> <p>AANSW will connect with members to have a teleconference to discuss agenda, meeting, location and topics early in the new year.</p>
<p>Afternoon Tea</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed: 4.30PM</p>	

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Wednesday 12 December 2018	
<p>Meeting open at: 9.08AM</p> <p>Department of Premier and Cabinet – Ashley Albury</p> <p>Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Local Decision Making Accord II and Social Housing Agreement Report and Update Wednesday 12 December 2018 - Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Meeting Ashley Albury – Director – Central West and Far West NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet</p> <p>MPRA ACCORD II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSW Government Lead Negotiator is Kate Baxter - Regional General Manager – West Region – TAFE NSW• NSW Government agencies Lead Negotiators for identified priorities in the MPRA Regional Plan are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education - Geoff Pellizzer - Executive Director, School Performance- Family and Community Services - Tiffany Black - Director, Operations Western NSW- Justice - Kathrina Lo - Deputy Secretary, Justice Services- Kate Connors - Executive Director, Investment and Priority Initiatives <p>Agency leads have been provided with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Decision Making Information package• Local Decision Making – Process• Premier’s Memorandum – Local Decision Making M2015-01 <p>NSW Government will meet on Friday 8 February 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarify roles and expectations• Identify areas for collaboration and innovation• Identify data and information that can be shared <p>Identify and government priorities not included in the community claim.</p> <p>Murdi Paaki Social Housing Agreement Formal negotiations have been completed between the Assembly and the NSW Government. Sign off on the Murdi Paaki Social Housing Agreement – 10 December 2018 Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of Independent Chair• Establish RAHLA• Development of work plan	

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<p>Local Decision Making Task Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPC and Aboriginal Affairs are working to streamline the meeting process. • Meetings will be held on one day with separate times for each the Murdi Paaki Social Housing Agreement and the Three Rivers Regional Assembly Accord. • Task group membership will be reviewed with both Assemblies. 	
<p>The Children’s Guardian – Janet Schorer</p> <p>Office of the Children’s Guardian, WWCC Risk Assessment Process</p> <p>What is a Working with Children Check? A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is one of the strategies used to protect children by screening people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work or volunteer with children • Take care of children in their homes <p>You can apply online, then take identity documents to the RMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involves a full national criminal history check and a review of workplace misconduct findings • The WWCC lasts 5 years • Cleared applicants are subject to ongoing monitoring <p>Purpose of WWCC To ensure the safety, welfare and well-being of children by identifying, and excluding, people with certain records from engaging in child-related employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standardised and portable check • Ability to seek information from a range of agencies to inform recommendations • Makes both the individual and the employer accountable • Just one of the mechanisms in place to help protect children <p>How do you do the Check? We carry out a national criminal history check and have a department that reviews any findings of workplace misconduct. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismissed/withdrawn offences • Court findings of Not Guilty • Charges that were Quashed or Acquitted <p>The nature of the charge, the outcome of court proceedings, and the age of person at the time will impact the result of the application.</p>	<p>Contact: (02) 8219 3600 Email: kids@guardian.nsw.gov.au www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au Twitter: @nswkidsguardian Facebook: NSWkidsguardian</p>

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What triggers a risk assessment?

Schedule 1:

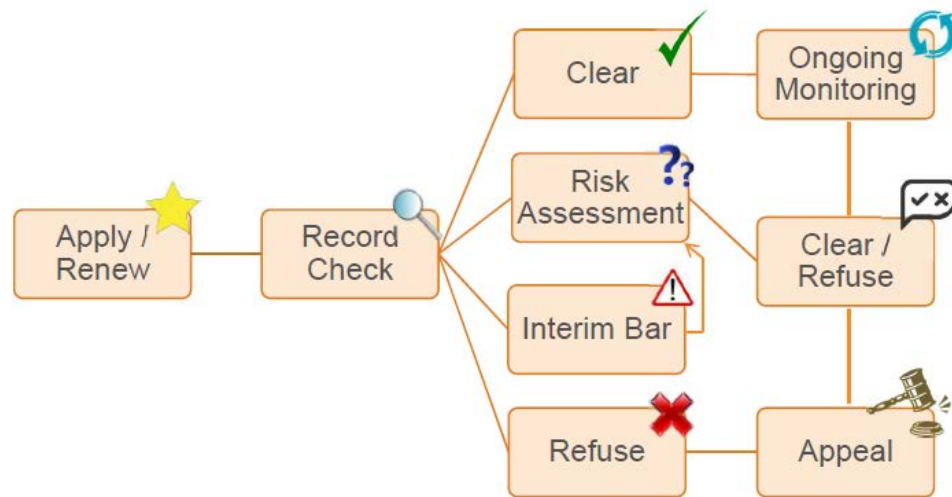
- Any **charges** of violence towards a child
- Any **charges** of sexual violence
- Juvenile **convictions** for violence towards a child or sexual violence
- 3+ violent **charges**
- Findings of **misconduct** involving children (workplace reports)
- Convictions for certain offences
- Common assault; using poison to endanger life

15(3) Provision

Allows the OCG to conduct a risk assessment if the applicant has records that may be relevant to the safety of children

- Domestic violence offences
- 16A notifications
- Serious violence towards an adult

Working with Children Check



What is a risk assessment?

- Gathering information to help understand if the applicant poses a risk to the safety of children

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- Full criminal history
- Information from other government agencies
- Information from the applicant and referees
- Protective factors
- Real and appreciable risk
- Reasonable person and public interest tests

Why risk assess?

- Increase knowledge
- Aim to understand the person better
- Aim to understand risk better
- Not predicting, but managing
- Time limited (5 years)
- Accountable Risk Assessment

Issues with risk assessment



individuals differently, informed by community, whilst meeting our legislative responsibilities?

Key areas for improvement

1. Communication with applicants
2. Providing information about the WWCC and the risk assessment process within Aboriginal communities
3. Encouraging participation in the risk assessment process including community 'reference'

Moving Forward

We are considering how to improve the experience of Aboriginal applicants and our engagement with community

- What is an Aboriginal applicant's experience in the WWCC and how can we find these out?
- How can we make the application process easier?
- How can we look at risk of

Steve Gholab invited CWP Chairs to contact him directly if they would like to invite the Office of the Guardian to hold community sessions regarding being a community vouchers for applicants applying for a WWCC.

Email:




steve.gholab@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

Number: 0447 601 354

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<p>Today project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experts in Mapping the customer experience • Social impact by design • Hearing experiences from applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interviewing 8 applicants - Community Q&A sessions - Return with updates <p>Learning informed by community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some communities keen for information sessions to be available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are you interested? • We need to increase community knowledge about WWCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do you think that needs to be done? • Individuals and communities are best placed to inform the WWCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What would help them share that knowledge with us? • We are flexible to changing our approach to better serve community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do you see us moving forward together? 	
Morning Tea	
Aboriginal Affairs NSW – Julie Blackhall, Tegan Hinchey-Gerard, Jarred Menz, Jason Ardler and Mark Conlon	
<p>What AA in Broken Hill and Bourke have been working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Menindee knockout - Wilcannia video about the local cultural connection to the river - Working with DPC and crown land about police flats in Wilcannia – trying to make it a community asset - Dareton/Wentworth 50-year community ball - Working with Pam regarding the waste management program - Andrew has been helping Brewarrina with the animal rescue program - Sarah has been working on the LDM reporting <p>Discussion between assembly and AA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica has requested that Tegan and Jared come to Wilcannia Working Party and invite Wilcannia LALC to take minutes and find an independent chair to mediate the meeting. • Members raised issues about them not being informed about AA entering their communities. Wondering who they have been communicating with. 	<p>Jarred Menz and Tegan Hinchey will get in contact and visit Monica in Wilcannia in the beginning of the year</p>


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns raised about infrastructure around reserves in the region – AA explained that although Jason has been trying to bring together a program that addresses these issues, it does not mean they are going to get funding. Monica would like AA to help bring community members and services together to stop the finger pointing and blame being thrown around. Monica would like AA to come to the communities and speak directly with the community at community working party meetings. Monica invited Jason Ardler to attend the first Wilcannia Community Working Party meeting in the new year, Jason accepted and agrees he needs to attend all 16 communities. Grace noted that the services in the region are failing and the government need to monitor and evaluate them 	
<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet – Rebecca Lannen, Jody South and David Lindenbaur</p> <p>Monica Kerwin invited Rebecca to visit Wilcannia and spend time with the community to hear from the community and not the organisations/services.</p> <p>Wants to work with the Assembly to discuss issues relating to the communities</p> <p>Members believe that a lack of education and knowledge about Working for the dole, Centrelink and Redi.e services in the region and that it is causing community members to become depressed.</p>	<p>Rebecca Lannen accepted Monica Kerwin’s invitation to visit Wilcannia and would arrange a date in the new year.</p>
<p>Family and Community Services – Jo Lawrence</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Jo Lawrence Executive District Director Murrumbidgee, Far West & Western NSW</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Tiffany Black Director Operations Western & Far West NSW</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Teena Bonham Principal Project Officer Murrumbidgee, Far West & Western NSW</p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p>Overview FACS Districts – Murrumbidgee, Far West & Western NSW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The highest reported risk in the district is neglect across all age groups, but more significantly in ages between 10-15. Aboriginal people are 7.3% of the district population (NSW) </div> </div>	

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- 2.7%) but make up **41%** of Child Protection reports. (FACS Data 2014)
- The district has **8.2%** (568,000) of the NSW population (6,903,000) and utilises **6.2%** Social Housing. (FACS Data 2014)
- The district has **20** of the top 30 'at risk' communities of domestic violence, with **452** compared to **381** incidents. (NSW State averages per 100,000 -BOSCAR 2016)
- **15%** of our staff are Aboriginal across Community Services, Housing and Commissioning which is the highest for FACS statewide.

FACS Aboriginal Outcomes Strategy



**FACS ABORIGINAL OUTCOMES STRATEGY
GOALS AND TARGETS 2017 - 2021**


The Aboriginal Outcomes Strategy sets out a new approach for FACS to deliver quality outcomes for Aboriginal people over the next five years.

	FOCUS AREAS	ORGANISATIONAL TARGETS
GOALS	1. Increase access to early intervention for Aboriginal families.	30% of Targeted Early Intervention Reform funding committed for Aboriginal families by 2021. 50% of additional 900 preservation and restoration places for Aboriginal families.
	2. Reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home-care.	Eliminate the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home-care by 2040 (Family Matters target). Over the next five years FACS will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the number of Aboriginal children and young people entering OOHC by 20%. • Transition 1200 Aboriginal children and young people to guardianship orders. • Restore 1500 Aboriginal children and young people to their families. 10% reduction in the number of Aboriginal children and young people in OOHC by 30 June 2020.
	3. Improve economic and social outcomes for Aboriginal social housing clients.	20% increase in positive exits from social housing by 2021. 20% reduction in negative exits from social housing tenants by 2019. Increase level of priority public housing tenancies for at least 12 months to 85% by 2019.
	4. Increase the number of Aboriginal staff in FACS.	7.5% Aboriginal employment across FACS by 2018. Double the current number (as at 2017) of Aboriginal people in senior leadership roles by 2020. Benchmark Aboriginal staff engagement and establish year on year improvements.
	5. Increase engagement with disability services.	Increase the percentage of Aboriginal people with a disability who achieve an outcome through Ability Links to 25% by 2017/18.

SUPPORTING INITIATIVES

- Aboriginal Impact Statements.
- Aboriginal Cultural Capability Framework and mandatory training for all FACS staff.
- Annual independent Aboriginal led evaluation.
- Aboriginal client satisfaction and experience surveys.

The strategy logo was created for FACS by Aboriginal artist and Wonnarua woman Saretta Fielding.



What are some examples of FACS priorities in the Murdi Paaki Region?

Supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals, families and communities. Building the capability of Aboriginal Organisations Working together with our partners and communities

Housing

- Murdi Paaki Social Housing Agreement
- AHO Air Conditioning Project

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- AHO Solar Project
- Specialist Homelessness Services

Supporting children and families

- Aboriginal Child, Youth & Family Strategy
- Aboriginal Child and Family Centres
- Intensive Family Preservation Program
- Brighter Futures
- Child, Youth and Family Support
- Community Builders
- Families NSW
- Bourke Maranguka Justice Reinvestment

Supporting youth

- Premiers Youth Initiative
- Getting It Together
- Youth Frontiers Program

Domestic Violence

- Staying Home Leaving Violence
- Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund
- Safer Pathways - Safety Action Meetings (SAM)

Partnerships

- Walgett FACS/LHD/WAMS Tripartite Agreement
- Walgett / Bourke Community Protocols
- Coonamble Integrated Service Delivery
- Interagency Case Coordination Committees
- Murdi Paaki Region Rugby League Council

FACS is committed to progressing the Protocols within Murdi Paaki communities to give effect to the Aboriginal Placement Principles

Protocols and Principles

Key Principles:

- Safety of the child or young person is the highest priority
- Participation in decision making
- Getting in early
- Self determination

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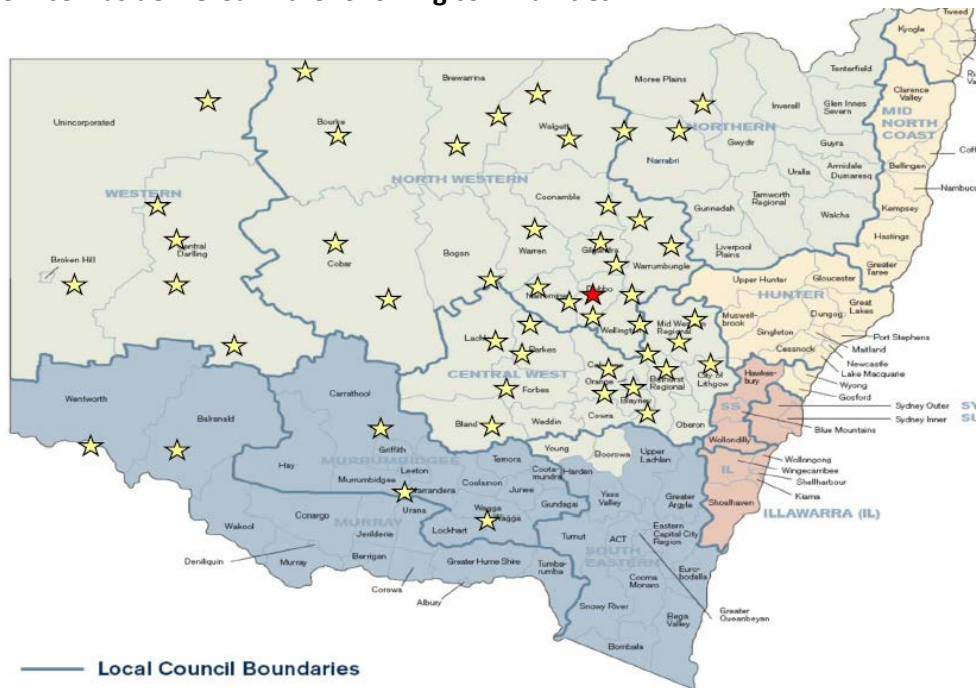
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing a child is the last resort • Keeping the child or young person on country and with community • Confidentiality <p>Cultural Connections Team Family Finding and Family Group Conferencing Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Aboriginal Placement Review Panels Preservation Packages Family Action Plans</p> <p>How can FACS and MPRA work together on kinship issues to embed the Placement Principles, keep kids safe and on country whilst respecting people’s privacy? Questions, comments and discussion?</p> <p>Jo Lawrence met with Tim Ireland from Absec prior to the assembly meeting and he discussed the intent to meet with CWP and community members for more information. Jo acknowledged this but made sure he knows that FaCS talks with CWP and the MPRA and would appreciate information being relayed to and from the assembly.</p> <p>Jo Lawrence stated that the number of Aboriginal children going into care in the last 12 months has dropped 44%. This is because services are being offered and seek sooner.</p> <p>Absec has been contracted by FaCS to try and find aboriginal care services in each community.</p>	
<p>Afternoon tea</p>	
<p>Office of Sport and Recreation – Mark Horton</p> <p>Far Western Team (also providing services in the central West Orana, north west and Riverina Murray regions).</p> <p>Dubbo Office</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mark Horton – Regional Coordinator – Western 2. Stephen McLellan – Project Officer 3. Ronny Gibbs – Development Officer – ATSI seconded to Country Rugby League/OoS programs to lead the MPRRLC) 4. Kris Stevens Administration Assistant 	

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Lead contractor to the regional office MPRRLC Inc. Staff

5. Kyle Myers – Program Delivery Coordination, Barwon Darling and Outback RL and LT development. Act Belong Commit program delivery.
6. Vicki Etheridge – PT 0-5 footy for fun program officer (funding ceases in 2018)
7. Bridget Fernando – PT activities officer
8. Kane Doolan – PT activities officer

Service was delivered in the following communities



Some quick stats

72 direct service/support programs/projects were managed in the 2018 calendar year:

- Working with 52 partner organisations
- Engaging with 4 service delivery contractors
- Provided support/participation and development to 123,733 participants
- Across some 871 Sport events and education sessions were delivered throughout the region, directly influencing approximately 26,500 personal activity days

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Act Belong Commit – Community Wellbeing

Funded by Health and FaCS, is a significant health and wellbeing program in the far west, and increases in relevance each year

709 community members participated in mental health training and volunteer development, through their clubs and communities

Lets reach more next year

Community Club Tool Kit

Expanded use of this online sport clubs/associations. The online information service saw a total of 53,288 users accessing the service.

This website is currently being updated in advance of the 2019 season.

Notable Programs

Justice – Emergency Services – Learn to Swim (LTS) and River Safety Training (RST)

Funding was provided in 2017 for a two year program to provide free LTS and RST to all communities that had no providers in place.

This has allowed through the schools training to be provided to: Wilcannia, Menindee, Bourke, Enngonia, Walgett, Collarenebri, Coonamble and Gulargambone over two summers. This program will cease this season.

The Office of Sport is negotiating the funding of Royal Life Saving Association NSW, to provide this service into the future guaranteeing that all communities have a LTS program in place into the future and not reliant upon limited and adhoc funding.

Koori Health Knockout Challenge

Kris Stevens has lead the ongoing delivery of the KHKC program in Dubbo with great success. Will be seeking to bring NSW Health KHKC Staff on a road trip in 2019, seeking to re commence the program in our remote communities in 2019. Noting that Menindee and Wilcannia have had programs in the past but ceased some time ago.

ORISCON (Orana Region Indian Subcontinent Organisation) Cross Cultural Carnivals

In partnership with ORISCON, Dubbo City Council, Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo Cricket Association, Cricket NSW, Panscott Media and Rotary International. An MOU with Dubbo City Council underpins an agreement between the above to undertake regular cross cultural sport and recreation events in the Orana region, as a vehicle for cultural undertaking and greater connectivity between cross cultural groups in the region.

Muslim Sport Engagement

Mark Horton will arrange Lifesaving training in Dareton/Wentworth.

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Assisting the Muslim community in Dubbo to engage through sport, Basketball, Netball, Touch and Swimming club membership

Justice – Youth Development

Steve McLellan has developed and delivered sport management, coaching, refereeing and fitness programs in the JJ Centres. With inmates being released on good behaviour to participate in sport on game days. This program has seen 100% attendance and commitment from inmates and aims to provide a link back to community, volunteering and wellbeing.

Inmate refereeing and fitness program (Ronny Gibbs and Willy Barnes)

This program is now in its 2nd year, provides training in event and team management to inmates at Wellington gaol. That they may remain fit and healthy when released have links to local sport clubs, with skills to be volunteers. There is a vacuum of referees for touch and rugby league in the region and is the single biggest impact to game being cancelled and the future of the sport.

A big contributor to there being no volunteers (or paid) referees is spectator behaviour which is not good. We are trying to change peoples attitudes and behaviour towards referees but it is a slow process and needs the support of the broader community, against individuals that are abusing referees and game officials.

All suggestions will be taken on board, so if anyone has any good ideas let us know.

Looking to expand this program from Wellington and Dubbo to Ivanhoe, Yetta Dhinnakkal and Broken Hill centres in 2019.

Murdi Paaki Regional Rugby League Council/Touch NSW and Touch Australia/ NRL and CRL Partnerships

Looking to expand this partnership to Basketball NSW in 2019 across all communities with a court to provide alternate sporting activity competition of an evening and out of the winter season cycle.

Say no to Domestic Violence

Will remain in place and is supported as an important component of the offices work. Although it remains unfunded to date for 2018.

Building Stronger Home Teams

In partnership with Sport Clubs in central west, targeted high need families to engage with sport through training in coaching and team management. Aim to expand in partnership with Aboriginal health service this program to the Murdi Paaki Region in 2019.

Active Kids Voucher Program

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Provides \$100 per child to participate in sport and active recreation. Uptake in the MP region is VERY LOW (almost nil). This is disappointing and would like to see increases in 2019 or the program will see reduced funding over time. The Western team is working with the AK business unit to devise an easier way of administrating access to the voucher funds for remote communities. Pilots have been run in Enngonia and Ivanhoe (Ivanhoe being a great success!).

Act Belong Commit – Community Wellbeing

Now in its 7th year this multi partner project, supports the principal that sport and active recreation participation, through social and economic connection supported by physical activity, promotes strong mental wellbeing. This project has had great success engaging youth in positive mental health education and support services through sport club membership.

Grants Western Region

Sport and Recreation Events Program

- \$50,000
- Approx. 20 clubs and communities

Regional infrastructure grants

- BH @2.56M regional hub
- DRC \$9.3M regional hub
- TRC \$7.2M stage 2
- Warren \$1.755M Sport precinct
- Moree \$1.059M
- Bathurst \$2.6M RL/RU

Sport and Recreation Participation Program

- \$50,000
- 15 clubs/communities

Safe Shooting Grant Program

- TBA early 2019

The western office assisted 18 LG/Clubs and associations to apply for grants in 2018.

Continued Change

The Western Region continues its move toward training, education and community capacity development and away from activity based events.

This continued focus is intended to lead an empowerment of communities through:

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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expanded education/training opportunities from which communities can run events and programs as volunteers and open up commercial opportunity through sport and most importantly active recreation 2. Continued development of user friendly resources to reduce the fear of people becoming involved in community activities and to provide those working in the community with skills to better manage their involvement and future ambitions 3. Direct targeted programs to meet specific identified needs in certain communities 4. A continued focus on supporting external providers/contractors to deliver services; (including community groups, NGO's and others) to access funds and to deliver services that were previously not available in the region. 5. Continuing to ensure that EVERY community receives some service in the west and far west each year no matter how small or remote <p>Office of Sport Regional Restructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and organisational consultations and feedback complete • Draft organisational plan in place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That will see new positions appointed for the Far Western (MP) region, being a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Specific Director (responsible for the business units for Far West (MPR) Central West Orana and North West New England regions. - Regional Manager Far West (MP) region - Remaining positions will cascade from this structure • Regional strategic plans have been finalised and aligned with service delivery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ALL local government strategic plans have been aligned with OoS Regional Plan - See implementation to date and actions to be undertaken in 2019. 	<p>Monica Kerwin stated that she would like to be involved in the meeting between Sport and Rec in Wilcannia with Brendan Adams about Rugby League. Mark said he would be meeting with Brendan in Wilcannia on 22 January. Monica will join the meeting.</p>
<p>WESTPAC – Bruce McQualter</p> <p>Bruce explained to members the dangers of getting a bad credit rating from missing repayments on things such as Afterpay and Zip Pay. Bruce supplied news articles explaining common problems people have faced with missing just one repayment and how it has affected their credit history.</p> <p>Bruce supplied members with a sample credit report from Equifax showing and explained how everyone can see their credit history and would like to talk further about how to help people fix their credit rating and history. Members would like to invite him to their communities to help with local's credit history.</p>	
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Thursday 13 December	Action
<p>Meeting opened at 9.02AM</p> <p>University of Sydney: MPRA and University of Sydney Service Learning Partnership – Jessica Blain</p> <p>MPRA & University of Sydney Service Learning Partnership Update and discussion of 2019 program Presented by Jessica Blain. Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous strategy and Services</p> <p>Outline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Project Coordinator position – Projects identified for first half of 2019 – Students for projects and University staff in 2019 – Discussion around broader engagement between MPRA and the University. <p>Background: Project Areas in 2015</p> <p>Memorandum of Understanding signed 2015 Originally 12 different projects identified by MPRA</p> <p>Service Learning Symposium in Sydney</p>  <p>Community Project Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Congratulations to Jason Ford for an outstanding application and securing this role. – The MPRA/MPS coordinator position will work with MPRA, CWPs and the University of Sydney to support the delivery of objectives outlined the Engagement Model. – This position will also support and guide students during their visits to communities. 	

Table 1: Community identified areas for action

	Culture and Heritage	Education and Training	Economic	Health	Youth	Housing	Law and Justice	Safe Communities	Leadership	Early Childhood	Men/women	Elders
Assembly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Community												
Bourke	✓	✓	✓						✓			
Brewarrina	✓	✓		✓	✓							
Broken Hill		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					
Cobar	✓		✓		✓				✓			
Collarenebri	✓	✓		✓	✓							✓
Coonamble	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					
Dareton/Wentworth			✓			✓		✓				
Enngonia	✓		✓					✓				
Goodooga	✓	✓	✓									
Gulargambone	✓	✓		✓								
Ivanhoe	✓			✓	✓							✓
Lightning Ridge	✓	✓					✓		✓	✓		
Menindee		✓					✓	✓				
Walgett				✓	✓					✓		
Weilmoringle			✓	✓		✓						
Wilcannia		✓	✓									

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CWP prioritised projects for first half of 2019

- Students are being recruited and interviewed.
- Student numbers: possibility of not having desired number of students for the first part of 2019 – especially those from science and engineering backgrounds.
- If this is the case, we may need to revise the plan for projects.
- Questions?



FASS 3500 Service Learning in Indigenous Communities
Semester 1, 2019 Projects
Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA)



Project 1: Aged Care Solutions
First visit: 20th February – 1st March (TBC)
Second visit: 23rd June – 29th June (TBC)

Students will work with the MPRA and Brewarrina Community Working Party (CWP) to develop sustainable and culturally appropriate aged care models for the region. Building on the work of previous project teams, students will focus on a number of key activities, including:

- Engage with the CWP in Brewarrina to verify the direction they wish to take, based on the objectives outlined in the project brief.
- Conduct an analysis of existing aged care programs and facilities.
- Investigate the feasibility of different aged care models that reflect traditional knowledge, teaching, and ways of doing things.
- Identify the potential benefits of proposed aged care models for Aboriginal communities in the region.
- Identify the strategies and actions required to implement the preferred model, including possible funding opportunities and streams.



Project 2: Alternative Energy and Waste Management Solutions
First visit: 20th February – 1st March (TBC)
Second visit: 23rd June – 29th June (TBC)

Students will work with the MPRA and Weilmoringle Community Working Party (CWP) to develop alternative energy and waste management solutions for the community. Building on the work of previous project teams, the MPRA requires students to focus on a number of key activities, including:

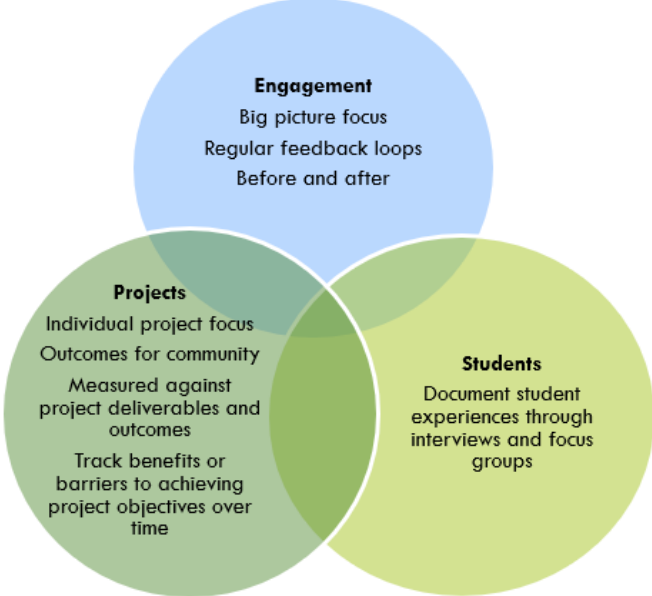
- Monitor the installation of solar panels and outputs, pending tender approval.
- Engage with the CWP and other local community stakeholders to identify current waste management concerns, issues, priorities and aspirations for improving current systems.
- Provide a report that outlines different options for feasible, effective, sustainable and environmentally sound waste management solutions for the Weilmoringle community, ensuring that recommendations comply with local regulations, and reflect community needs and aspirations.

Note: for these two projects we are seeking students from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (especially Indigenous Studies, Social Policy, Economics and Social Work), the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Faculty of Science (especially Life and Environmental Sciences, Geosciences, and Chemistry background), the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, the School of Architecture, Design and Planning, and the Business School.

Other priority areas discussed in previous meetings

- Documenting local family histories in Murdi Paaki communities.
- Not a task for undergraduate students – sensitive information and quality of work required is a lot higher.
- Possibility to explore collaboration with the University’s history department for co-researched and co-authored work.
- Is this something the Assembly would like to explore further?



<p>Evaluation and Accountability Tracking outcomes for Murdi Paaki communities and University students <i>Is this service learning program producing outcomes?</i> <i>Is it working for communities?</i> Last time we discussed: <i>Always having reports co-authored</i> <i>Always ensuring communities drive projects</i> <i>Always ensuring reports and all information is stored in communities</i> Anything else?</p>	 <p>Engagement Big picture focus Regular feedback loops Before and after</p> <p>Projects Individual project focus Outcomes for community Measured against project deliverables and outcomes Track benefits or barriers to achieving project objectives over time</p> <p>Students Document student experiences through interviews and focus groups</p>	
<p>Morning Tea</p>		
<p>ACCORD MARK 2 – Kate Baxter and Mark Conlon</p> <p>Grace declared an interest because she works for TAFE</p> <p>Issues raised that need to be discussed in negotiations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and economic development • Community based training in health and trades • Community outpost on reserves • Emergency Service response times • Waste management • Trial for ensuring jobs are available after trades through Government contracts (TRAA negotiated on this in their ACCORD) • Adult education <p>Need to refresh the committee.</p>		

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<p>Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace Gordon • Amanda King • Ted Fernando • Garry Trindall • Pam Handy • Lillian Lucas • Anthony Knight <p>Callan, Donna and Toni are welcome to attend as Young Leaders</p> <p>Kate is in the middle of getting government agencies organised and is meeting with the agencies on the 8th of February and will then be ready to meet with the ACCORD committee.</p> <p>Kate, Mark and the Government agencies are happy to meet in Cobar for negotiations and discussions.</p>	<p>Motion: That the assembly adopt the ACCORD Mark II Committee Moved: Stephen Forrester Seconded: Sharon McEwen</p>
<p>Tenant Support and Education – Andrew Smith</p> <p>Overview: MLAHMC, Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation and Coonamble LALC with funding from the NSW AHO have partnered to implement a tenant support and education project across 10 regional and remote communities in NSW.</p> <p>Communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bourke/Enngonia • Goodooga • Walgett • Murrin Bridge/Lake Cargelligo/Euabalong • Brewarrina/Weilmoringle • Coonamble • Gulargambone • Dareton • Menindee • Wilcannia <p>Expected Outcomes:</p>	<p>Monica Kerwin would like to know if TSEPS can help with births, deaths and marriage certificates</p>

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- Increased awareness and accessibility to services for tenants who may be at risk of homelessness or living in overcrowded situations
- Increased number of tenants engaged with support services
- Increased number of tenants accessing housing pathways
- Increased awareness of methods to reduce water and electricity usage and create links to support programs/options for tenants in hardship with their power companies
- Increased number of at-risk clients with a secure tenancy

Initiatives:

1. Quarterly Newsletter – to create awareness of project events and support services available to tenants
Outcomes: Had a total of 12,176 newsletters distributed
2. Community Events – A fun family event that engages Aboriginal housing tenants and community with service providers.
Outcomes: Had 5 events held in the 2018-2019 financial year so far
776 community members attended the events (103 in Wilcannia, 82 in Menindee, 114 in Dareton, 153 in Walgett and 324 in Coonamble)
71 support service stalls with a total of 135 support service staff

Upcoming events:

Bourke: Tuesday 26th February 2019

Brewarrina: Wednesday 27th February 2019

Goodooga: Thursday 28th February 2019

Gulargambone: Wednesday 6th March 2019

Tenant Case management:

Purpose: Case management support for at risk tenants of Murdi Paaki Regional Housing Corporation, Mid-Lachlan Aboriginal Housing Management Co-operative and Coonamble LALC with the aim of strengthening the client's tenancy

Outcomes:

- Currently 32 active clients plus 2 new clients awaiting sign up for Case Management
- At 30 September 2018, 68.75% active clients had reduced their rental arrears

Housing Application Support:

Purpose: Assist the Aboriginal community to apply for Aboriginal and social housing through one on one information and support with the housing pathways application process

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<p>Outcomes: Since commencement of employee on 19 October 2015 up until 30 September 2016 there have been 199 supported applications (78 in Bourke, 48 in Brewarrina, 33 in Wilcannia and 40 in Dareton), 74 confirmed people on the waiting list (31 in Bourke, 14 in Brewarrina, 15 in Wilcannia and 14 in Dareton) and there have been 37 people accepted and offered property (17 in Bourke, 11 in Brewarrina, 6 in Wilcannia and 3 in Dareton).</p>	<p>Contact information: Andrew Smith Project Manager Murrin Bridge/Lake Cargelligo 0428 117 373 Andrew.smith@mlahmc.org.au</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>Governance Handbook Des Jones presented the final copy of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly Governance Handbook. The members had the opportunity to read.</p>	<p>Motion: That the Governance Handbook be adopted by the Assembly for implementation. Moved: Callan Rogers Second: Sharon McEwen</p>
<p>MPRA General Business</p> <p>Garry Trindall: Diversionary programs. Would the assembly be happy to do a workshop and think of some diversionary programs and invite the police, juvenile justice, justice reinvestment, correction and community services, state LALC or ALS to be on the next agenda. Lillian Lucas: Invite Redi.e to be on the next agenda.</p>	<p>Motion: FaCS engage with community members and relay the information to the chairs of CWP's in each community so the Chairs can bring the information gathered to each assembly. Move: Amanda King Second: Monica Kerwin</p>
<p>Meeting Closed: 12.34 PM</p>	