



MURDI PAAKI
REGIONAL
ASSEMBLY

SEPTEMBER 2023

UPDATE

MPRA MEETING OVERVIEW SEPTEMBER

The Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly met on the 19 and 20 September 2023 at the Murdi Paaki Services Office in Cobar.

The Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly would like to acknowledge the resignation of MPRA Independent Chairperson Mr Des Jones. The Assembly and MPSL would like to thank Mr Jones for his time, effort, knowledge and skills he has brought to the Assembly over the past 6 and a half years.

The Assembly appointed Grace Gordon as Interim MPRA Chairperson while the recruitment of the MPRA Chairperson takes place.

The next MPRA meeting is being held in Cobar on December 5, 6 & 7.



Lightning Ridge CWP Governance Training

CWP LOCAL GOVERNANCE TRAINING

Over July and August, MPRA Community Working Parties had the opportunity to completed localised community governance training. The governance training was well attended by community and was a great opportunity for them to update their local governance documents such as their Terms of Reference.

Next Meeting: December 5th-7th

2024
MEETING DATES

March: 25th-27th

June: 4th -6th

September: 3th-5th

December: 3th-5th

MPSL

At the September MPRA meeting, Murdi Paaki Services Limited provided an update on operations over the past 3 months this included finalising the Murdi Paaki Regional Plan 2023, CWP localised governance training, funding, organising cultural gathering grants for the region, the work that has been done regarding the Murdi Paaki Accord MKII schedules and the assembly updated members of the upcoming MPRA LDM promotional material that will be done in November.

RAHLA

In June 2023 the RAHLA wrote to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, David Harris seeking an extension of the Murdi Paaki Social Housing Accord. The Minister has now extended the Accord until June 2024. The RAHLA were happy to announce that at the June RAHLA meeting it was approved for the installation of energy efficiency measures in 23 properties across the Murdi Paaki Region, that missed out in the first round for a variety of reasons. TSEP staff have continued community visits throughout the Murdi Paaki Region, if you need tenancy support please contact the office and we can get you in contact with one of our TSEP staff.

ACCORD MKII

We are happy to note that the MPRA have now endorsed three out of five of the Murdi Paaki Accord MKII schedules for; Law & Justice, Early Childhood and Education. This is great progress for the Assembly and we hope to have them signed off by the Government Department Secretaries as soon as possible.

MPY&EL

We are happy to announce that the Murdi Paaki Young and Emerging Leaders Forum will be taking place in Cobar on the 1st & 2nd of November. MPSL have engaged JY Australia to conduct the forum for the Young Leaders. If you are a young leader or if you would like to nominate a young leader to attend the forum, please contact Amy Pagett at amy.pagett@mpra.com.au to receive a copy of the EOI and forum flyer.

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MPRA OVERVIEW

Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly

Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly (MPRA) is the peak representative structure that represents the interest of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in 16 communities across Western NSW.

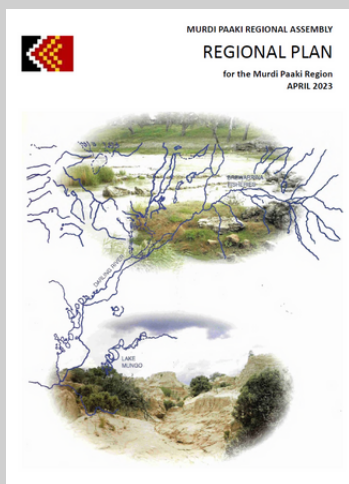
MPRA's governance model promotes the practice of good governance, responsible leadership and empowerment, this is a legacy of the former Murdi Paaki ATSIC Regional Council.

Community Working Parties

Community Working Parties (CWPs) are the foundation stones of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and are the community's Aboriginal voice, not only on their needs and aspirations, but also the issues faced by their community.

CWPs provide a direct link to the Regional Assembly and provide an insight into what's occurring at a local community level. In turn, MPRA feeds back into the CWPs about wider issues.

MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL PLAN 2023



In September 2023, the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly endorsed the Murdi Paaki Regional Plan. Murdi Paaki Regional Council produced its first Regional Plan in 1995. The Plan is updated every 5 years, now by Regional Assembly, the last being in 2016, and:

- Is based on evidence from:
 - Census data, economic statistics, government-produced statistics
 - Government policies
 - Communities via CWP Community Action Plans, other community-led plans and through direct input by CWP Chairs
- Builds further on a long history of self-determination and Aboriginal leadership
- Focuses on issues and strategies which are important across the whole Region, or relevant to a large number of communities in the Region
- Expresses the areas of action most important to the Region
- Flags priorities and aspirations to a government audience

The Murdi Paaki Regional Plan recognises the primacy of community, spells out the focus and program for positive community-led change, establishes the authority and direction for Aboriginal leadership and active advocacy of strategic interests and is at a Regional scale and describes the 'big picture' issues of importance.

Sectors of strategic focus in the Murdi Paaki Regional Plan are:

- Governance and Leadership
- Early Childhood
- Education
- Economic Development
- Housing and Infrastructure
- Law and Justice
- Health, Wellbeing and Human Services

MURDI PAAKI CULTURAL GATHERING GRANTS

Murdi Paaki Services Limited and Aboriginal Affairs NSW have partnered together to create the Murdi Paaki Cultural Gathering Grants, which will see submissions from community members to hold Women's or Men's gatherings, Aboriginal community events or projects or initiatives that will revive culture within the community for up to \$4,000 per submission. If you have any questions, please contact Jayde George on 02 6836 4008 or email jayde.george@mpra.com.au.

Submissions close on 31 October 2023.



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