



MPSL

Murdi Paaki Services Limited gave an update on the operations over the past 3 months this includes Funding, the work they have been doing to update the MPRA Accord Mk II schedules, assisting with updating of the Community Action Plans (CAP), Working with the Murdi Paaki Young & Emerging Leaders, updating the Regional Plan and organising Governance Training for each of the CWP's.

RAHLA

The Regional Aboriginal Housing Leadership Assembly noted that the RAHLA is in the process of seeking an extension of the Social Housing Agreement. All Housing and Environmental Health Plans (HEHPs) have been completed along with the Regional HEHP (RHEHP) and a business case has been developed to support a formal approach to Government to resource the priority actions identified in the RHEHP.

**MURDI PAAKI
REGIONAL
PLAN 2023**

In June 2021, the MPRA agreed to postpone the review of the Regional Plan until late 2022/early 2023 so that the most current data from the census could be used in the plan. At the March meeting members were provided with the draft copy of the Murdi Paaki Regional Plan 2023 and were given the opportunity to review and update where needed. We are hoping to have the plan finalised and out for distribution by June 2023.



NSW HEALTH

NSW Health gave an update on the current status of the Local Health Plans which are being completed in all of the Murdi Paaki communities. Most communities have held their meetings to update and give feedback on what they would like in their plans.

**MPRA MEETING
OVERVIEW MARCH 2023**

The Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly met on the 21st and 22nd of March 2023. On day one members were updated on Murdi Paaki Services Ltd. operations, the Regional Aboriginal Housing Leadership Assembly and members gave updates on their communities business. On day 2, Kirinari Community Services, NSW Health and the National Indigenous Australians Agency presented and gave updates to the MPRA Members. Also on day 2 Burns Aldis presented the draft copy of the Murdi Paaki Regional Plan 2023.

Members were also invited to stay in Cobar for another two days to complete Mental Health First Aid Training. This was a great opportunity for the members and staff.

NIAA

The National Indigenous Australians Agency were invited to the MPRA on the current status of the Community Development Program (CDP). It was noted that they are currently trialing the Ngaanyatjarra Land Trial (WA Only), New Jobs Program Trial and also Trialing Pathways to Real Jobs. The Current CDP agreement is due to expire in October 2024.

KIRINARI

Kirinari Community Services are focused on social development and economic development. Clients have been signed up and Kirinari have been able to identify gaps in service delivery and how to integrate the services. Kirinari provided an overview on their care finder program (funded by the PHN). The care finder program is a navigation services specifically for vulnerable older people who need intensive support to be connected with the services they need.

2023
MEETING DATES

June: 6th -7th
September: 5th-7th
December: 5th-7th

MPRA AND MPSL 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 and its membership of Community Working Parties, CWP, form the governance framework that provides strategic engagement and co-ordination from Australian and NSW Governments and service providers for the delivery of services and programs against priorities determined by Aboriginal people through a comprehensive planning process. After some years of activity, membership was extended to include 4 Young Leader representatives who change from time to time and representatives from the 3 zone Land Council representatives in the Murdi Paaki Region.

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. Each community has established a CWP representative of the people in their communities.

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.

While CWPs are not funding bodies, they are the peak representative body for their community for government and non-government organisations to consult and engage with, while also setting priorities around closing the gap and eliminating social issues for their community.

Murdi Paaki Service Limited (MPSL):

The Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly is a formal affiliation of Aboriginal communities and, as such, purposely does not have legal standing nor can it enter into binding agreements with governments and others. To enable a greater level of participation in operational matters and to provide governments with improved opportunities to innovate and invest in Aboriginal people of the region, MPRA established Murdi Paaki Services Limited (MPSL) as an independent professional legal entity under sole ownership and governance of MPRA.

MPSL has a clear strategic focus of supporting the political, cultural, economic and social initiatives. MPSL hopes to:

- Foster relationships with the Commonwealth, NSW and Local governments with a view to contributing knowledge and guidance in the planning, design, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of services;
- Take responsibility for driving change at a regional level;
- Apply for, negotiate and receive funding for priority projects of regional significance, including taking responsibility for managing flexible funding pools;
- Source, collate and interrogate information in relation to allocation of resources to the region and identify gaps, inefficiencies and inequities; and
- Conduct ongoing research and evaluation relating to socio-demographic and economic issues of interest or concern to the Murdi Paaki Region.



**MURDI PAAKI
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ASSEMBLY**



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