

2018-19 WILLOWRA COMMUNITY PLAN

NUMBER OF STAFF = 34 / INDIGENOUS STAFF = 83%

WARD COUNCILLORS: Deputy President Warren Williams
Cr Jacob Spencer
Cr April Martin
Cr Freddy Williams

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS: Harold Ross (Chair), Lillian Long, Justina Forrest, Owen Williams, Jeanie Presley, Kathy Walker, Ashley Martin

COMMUNITY PROFILE



Willowra is located on the edge of the Tanami Desert 300 kms north of Alice Springs. The community has a school, a Learning Centre, a store, a playgroup, an aged care facility, an airstrip, a community safety patrol, both Centrlink and Post Office agencies and an unmanned police station.

The people of Willowra speak Warlpiri as their first language, although it's not uncommon for people to speak four or five languages.

RECENT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Installation of a 20m path (using Community Development Program (CDP) participants) extending from the Council Office to the community store, to improve access for all including disability clients
- ✓ Construction of a three bedroom donga to be used as visitors' accommodation
- ✓ Installed eight solar lights, improving safety for residents
- ✓ Installation of a public water bubbler
- ✓ A second hard-waste trailer was purchased to meet community demand
- ✓ Construction of a concrete wash down station for plant and equipment
- ✓ Improved safety for pedestrians with installation of 1km of traffic control bollards

WHAT WE LIKE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY:

- ➔ The people
- ➔ Football oval and carnival
- ➔ Road works
- ➔ Playground
- ➔ Basketball Court
- ➔ Learning Centre
- ➔ CDP

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WHAT WE WANT WILLOWRA TO LOOK LIKE IN THE FUTURE:

COMMUNITY VISION: Overall we would like more people, with more houses and more jobs

Strategies (HOW):

A. Request to Council (Deliver)	DO
B. Outsource	BUY
C. Work with another party	PARTNER
D. Get someone else to deliver	LOBBY
E. Cannot meet this goal	DO NOT DO

PRIORITY GOALS (WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE):

1. Shaded community meeting area
2. Water available in men's and women's ceremony areas
3. Mobile coverage at Willowra
4. A women's shelter
5. Single men's quarters / accommodation

HOW:

DO
DO
LOBBY – FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
LOBBY / PARTNER
LOBBY / PARTNER

REVIEW: Once a year community meeting
At the Local Authority meetings

MEASUREMENT: Three out of five priorities progressed by 2022

Other goals to consider when priorities are achieved:

- ➔ *Dialysis machine at Willowra (Community commitment to raise this)*
- ➔ *Transport to and from Ti Tree and Alice Springs for medical patients and court (LOBBY – NTG)*
- ➔ *Firewood for older people*
- ➔ *Water park*
- ➔ *Tin shed in men's and women's ceremony areas*
- ➔ *Rest area with water tank ½ way between Willowra and Yuendumu*
- ➔ *Rest area and look out on road to Stuart Highway*
- ➔ *Loading ramp in parking lot*
- ➔ *Air-conditioning in every house (LOBBY – NTG)*