

100% Indigenous Council Voted In

The staff and executive of Central Desert Regional Council are pleased to receive their incoming Council and the diversity it represents.

As a show of faith in the effectiveness of this body, 10 of the existing 12 councillors re-nominated for the 3rd Council, and five were re-elected. We were also delighted at the number of nominations for the 2017 Local Government Elections, which was almost double the number in 2012.

Council is charged with the responsibility of presiding over the strategic direction of the organisation from municipal services, to infrastructure and assets, youth and community safety, justice and mediation, children and aged care services, financial sustainability and, our Community Development, or CDP program.

I look forward to the new Council continuing the work of the old including improving indigenous workforce outcomes and progressing the Family Wellbeing Strategy which aims to deliver a strategic and culturally appropriate service model to our residents.

The incoming Council inherits an organisation that has matured and stabilised in the eight years since the move to the local government model, including a promising financial outlook and strong governance and business practices.

The incumbent President, Adrian Dixon has been returned to the Council, as has long term Councillor and former President and Deputy President, Norbert Patrick. Of the 12 Councillors, five are returning providing an excellent opportunity for intergenerational knowledge transfer. We welcome three women to our Council, seven new Councillors and our youngest Councillor to date, at just 22 years of age, Audrey Inkamala from Engawala. Other Councillors include James Glenn, David McCormack, William Liddle, Renita Webb, Robert George, April Martin, Freddy Williams, Jacob Spencer and Warren Williams. 100% of Councillors are Indigenous.

Council will elect its President and Deputy President when it meets for the first time on Thursday 14 September 2017. I look forward to working with these two individuals, and all Councillors, over the next four years to further improve the well-being of our communities and I thank the outgoing Council for their efforts and guidance over the past five and a half years.

Diane Hood
CEO



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