



Atitjere Community Plan 2017/18



CENTRAL DESERT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

two ways :: one outcome

1. Background:

The Community Plan provides a single reference plan for each Central Desert community, outlining priorities for the financial year, services delivered in the community and Local Authority projects. The community's Local Authority oversees all priorities, services and projects.

2. Local Authority Members:

The following are the Atitjere Local Authority members:

Chair: Anthony Petrick, **Deputy Chair:** Vacant

Appointed Members: Barbara Petrick, Edward Duffill, Joseph Webb, Peppi Drover, Raymond Webb

Elected Members (Ward Councillors): Cr Liz Bird, Cr Sandra Peckham

3. Community Staff Profile:

As at March 2017, the percentage of Indigenous staff employed by Council in Atitjere was 76%.

4. Purpose:

The purpose of the Community Plan is to document Council's planned works, timeframes and activities in financial year. This will ensure Council actions are targeted to achieve the maximum benefit for the community.

4.1 Community Priorities

This section outlines community priorities identified for 2016/17. The Council will use these priorities to inform its Regional Plan and undertake community projects throughout the year where funding is available.

4.2 Council Services

This section outlines the key services provided by Council in the community, who is responsible for delivering the service and timeframes for delivery.

4.3 Local Authority Projects

This section provides a snapshot of the community's Local Authority projects. Projects are chosen and monitored by the Local Authority, project-managed by Council and funded by the Department of Local Government and Community Services (DLGCS).

4.1 Community Priorities

At the end of each financial year Council conducts community planning consultation sessions in each of the nine major communities. Council officers record each community's priorities and provide this information to the Regional Council. The Regional Council then uses the information to create its Regional Plan for the next financial year. The Local Authority monitors progress on priorities throughout the year.

4.1.1 – Community Priorities

The ideas in Table 1 (p. 4) were gathered through community planning consultation sessions held in all communities between February and June 2016. Ideas were then voted on to establish the community's priorities for 2016/17. Each priority has been linked with one of Council's Strategic Goals (listed below) and one or more responsible area has been assigned. In 2017, consultation has been undertaken with Local Authorities to refine plans for the 2017/18 financial year.

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC GOALS

Goal 1: Social and Cultural

Goal 2: Physical Assets

Goal 3: Economy

Goal 4: Environment

Goal 5: Management and Governance

KEY

Community Services Directorate

Corporate Services Directorate

Works and Infrastructure Directorate

Combination of Directorates

Northern Territory Government

TABLE 1 – COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR 2017/18

Community Priorities	Priority Level (1 = High Priority)	Council Regional Priority in 2017/18	Strategic Goal	Directorate	Section
<i>Fencing for houses</i>	1	-	2	NTG	
<i>Collecting rubbish from yards to dump / better waste trailer management</i>	1	-	4	Works and Infrastructure	Waste Management
Basketball resurface	1	-	1	Works and Infrastructure / Community Services	Infrastructure Project Management / Youth Sport and Recreation
Increased physical exercise (gym, health centre, etc.)	1	-	1	Community Services	Youth Sport and Recreation
Documenting cemetery plots	1	-	2	Works and Infrastructure	Cemetery Management
<i>Football oval upgrade (re-surface, fencing, etc.)</i>	1	-	2	Works and Infrastructure / Community Services	Infrastructure Project Management / Youth Sport and Recreation
More activities for young people	2	-	1	Community Services	Youth Sport and Recreation
Reduce overcrowding in community and outstation housing	2	-	3	NTG	
Shade in the community and outstations	2	-	2	Works and Infrastructure	Parks and Gardens
<i>Airstrip operation (night times, facing the wrong way, shade)</i>	2	-	2	Works and Infrastructure / NTG	

Community beautification (trees, grass, weed removal, etc.)	2	-	4	Works and Infrastructure	Parks and Gardens
Improved animal management	2	-	4	Works and Infrastructure	Animal Management
Seating for sporting facilities	2	-	1	Works and Infrastructure / Community Services	Infrastructure Project Management / Youth Sport and Recreation
Car bodies in community and outstations	2	-	2	Works and Infrastructure	Waste Management
Getting kids to school	2	-	1	Community Services	Youth Sport and Recreation
Outstation management (grass and litter management)	2	-	4	Works and Infrastructure	Outstations Services
BMX track	2	-	1	Works and Infrastructure / Community Services	Infrastructure Project Management / Youth Sport and Recreation
Increased local employment (aged care, housing construction, housing & fencing repairs and maintenance)	2	-	3	Community Services	Community Development Program
Improved recycling program	3	-	4	Works and Infrastructure	Waste Management
Road shoulders too steep	3	-	2	Works and Infrastructure	Roads / Traffic Management
Community laundry operation (who is responsible)	3	-	1	Works and Infrastructure	Service Management

<i>Strong Community Safety Patrol team</i>	3	-	1	Community Services	Community Safety Patrol
Teaching young people to be leaders and responsible for the community	3	-	1	Community Services	Youth Sport & Recreation
Indoor cooking facilities for young people	3	-	1	Community Services/NTG	Community development Program / Education Dept.
Safe walking tracks in community	3	-	1	Works and Infrastructure	Infrastructure Project Management
Cyber-bullying and internet access time management	3	-	1	NTG	Education Dept.
Power not sufficient to outstations	3	-	2	PWC	
Roadside highway slashing	3	-	2	NTG	Roads and Infrastructure Dept.
CDP management (activities, community engagement, working with Council, Supervisors, MoU)	3	-	1	Community Services	Community Development Program
Aged & Disability facility to operate services from	3		1	Community Services	Aged & Disability Services

*Items in *Italics* are priorities chosen by the Regional Council as region-wide priorities for 2016/17. These priorities have been refined by the LA for 2017/18.

4.1.2 – Priorities for the Central Desert for 2017/18

The priorities were identified by Councillors at the Regional Planning Day on 20 May 2016. Councillors looked at the ideas gathered by communities during the community planning sessions and grouped like-ideas together. Based on these groupings, Councillors identified the areas of highest priority for the region in 2016/17. These were narrowed down to 10 ideas for the region in 2016/17. These ideas have been refined by the LA for 2017/18.

TABLE 2 – COUNCIL GENERAL PRIORITIES FOR 2017/18 IN THE CENTRAL DESERT REGION

Votes received	Priority
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9	Litter dumping and car bodies
8	Kids, drugs and community safety
8	Animal management
7	Tow truck (small business)
6	Fencing
4	Speed bumps
3	AFL support
2	More employment
2	Playgrounds
2	Airstrips

Council Services

The Local Authority monitors Council service delivery via consultation with community members and updates provided at Local Authority meetings in the Council Services Report. Service delivery is dependent on resources being available.

4.2.1 – Council Service Delivery

The table below outlines the key services provided by Council in Atitjere, and how that service will be delivered.

Table 3 – Council Services on Community

#	Action Item
Governance	
Service Profile	Support the operations of Local Authorities and Council supported Committees to ensure effective decision making and to facilitate statutory compliance and transparency.
Civic and Community Events	
Service Profile	To support community planned and run events during school or public holidays through Council sponsorship and local staff support where requested and viable.
Waste Management	
Service Profile	Collection and disposal of domestic, commercial and industrial waste in communities and outstations Management of landfill, waste transfer (including car bodies) and other waste related facilities and programs
Cemetery	

#	Action Item
Service Profile	Management of local cemeteries including: Maintenance of cemetery surrounds and fencing; Preparation of burial plots; Maintenance of a Burial Register.
Community Parks and Sporting Facilities	
Service Profile	Identification, development and maintenance of Council: Parks and sporting grounds; Public open space; Other recreation spaces
Council Service Management	
Service Profile	Delivering core services Deliver Council administrative functions Support the delivery of agency services Liaising with government and NGO stakeholders Support local advisory boards and community development activities Responding to service delivery requests and complaints Support Council staff and enhance retention and job satisfaction.
Internal Road Maintenance	
Service Profile	Maintenance of internal sealed and unsealed roads including: Repairing potholes; Shoulder repairs; Resealing of bitumen roads; Grading unsealed roads; Re-sheeting of unsealed roads; Sealing key unsealed roads if funds permit.
Fleet and Plant Management	
Service Profile	Manage and maintain Council's fleet of vehicles, plant & equipment, including depot operations.
Fire Hazard Management	
Service Profile	Control of vegetation and weeds around council controlled roads and facilities, including the maintenance of fire breaks around the community, plus vegetation and weed control around council-managed facilities.
Infrastructure Project Management	
Service Profile	Seek funding to upgrade community facilities in CDRC Service Delivery Centers and project manage any construction projects within the Council.
Asset Management	
Service Profile	Development of long term asset management plans for all Council owned or controlled assets. Key activities include:

#	Action Item
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of an asset inventory for all categories of assets. • Valuation of assets. • Development of long term maintenance and replacement programs.
Animal Management	
Service Profile	Implementation of Dog Management Program for the care and management of dogs to protect the health, safety, and environment of the community.
Airstrip Maintenance	
Service Profile	Central Desert Regional Council services provide the airstrip on behalf of the Department of Construction and infrastructure (DCI). CDRC provides 3 times weekly inspections and reports issues to DCI. Maintenance work is undertaken on a fee for service basis.
Essential Services	
Service Profile	<p>Commercial activities undertaken by Councils to generate income and employment opportunities.</p> <p>Operation and maintenance of essential service infrastructure.</p> <p>Power station mechanical asset including fuel and lubricant management</p> <p>Power station generation and control system asset including renewable energy system if applicable</p> <p>Electrical distribution system asset</p> <p>Potable water supply to prescribed standards including system disinfection</p> <p>Sewerage system (if applicable)</p> <p>All asset security compounds</p> <p>Respond to unforeseen repairs to all essential services infrastructure</p> <p>Revenue collection through meter reading</p>
Community Housing	
Service Profile	Community housing services are not provided by Council.
Postal Service	
Service Profile	Deliver postal services in accordance with the Australia Post servicing agreement.
Childcare	

#	Action Item
Service Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long Day Care - The delivery of Long Day Care services to offer quality Early Childhood educational programs to encourage parent participation in the workforce and general family wellbeing. - Crèche - Establish and coordinate Early Childhood crèche services that improve health and wellbeing outcomes for children and families - Playgroup - To introduce and engage young families into early education programs, offering links to family support systems and positive parenting activities.
Youth Development	
Service Profile	The Youth, Sport and Recreation Program delivers a combination of after school, vacation care, youth, sport, recreation, art and cultural activities in partnership with other agencies, organisations and service providers in the region. The program has a primary focus on youth diversion.
Centrelink	
Service Profile	This funding enables Centrelink customers in remote Indigenous communities to access Centrelink services.
Community Safety Patrol	
Service Profile	<p>Provision of Community Safety Patrol services in all communities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to the safety and wellbeing of families, youth and individuals; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Council's School Attendance Policy by assisting youth to return home at night and get to school in the morning; • Increase personal and community safety; and • Assist people at risk, to return home or receive care including intoxicated people, juveniles, victims of violence and the homeless.
Outstations – Irrelirre, Mt Eaglebeak, Foxalls Well and Spotted Tiger	
Service Profile	Council assists people to live sustainably in their outstations by maintaining and improving housing, power, water, wastewater and municipal services in eligible outstations. This is resourced by Australian Government / Northern Territory Government funding.
Aged and Disability Care	
Service Profile	Aged and Disability Care aims to provide a range of high quality services that support older adults, people with disabilities and their carers to live in their own home environment and community. Our services will be culturally appropriate and promote capacity with a whole of community focus.

4.3 Local Authority Projects

- The \$27,986 allocated to the Council for Atitjere Local Authority Projects each financial year by the DLGCS must to be spent within two years.
- The Local Authority consults with community members to identify key community projects and allocate funding.
- Projects chosen should to improve community life and wellbeing.
- Projects are monitored by the Local Authority and progress reports are provided by the RSM at every Local Authority meeting.
- The RSM is responsible for the overall coordination and implementation of the projects within available Council resources.

Table 4 – Snapshot of Atitjere Local Authority Projects in progress as at 20 May 2017

Year	Community Plan Area	Project	Funds allocated	Comments
2014/15		Shade structure at Centre Park	\$ 7,000	
		Fit out footy toilets block	\$19,497	
		Portable scoreboard	\$ 1,489	
2015/16		Verandah and slab at basketball area	\$11,000	
		Resurface basketball court	\$20,000	
		Shade shelters	\$ 8,000	
		Fencing football oval	\$20,000	
2016/17				<i>Local Authority still to allocate funds</i>
TOTAL ALLOCATED			\$86,986	

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Acronyms/abbreviations	Full name
CASA	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
CDP	Community Development Program
CLC	Central Land Council
CSM	Community Services Manager
CSP	Community Safety Patrol
DLGCS	Department of Local Government and Community Services
DoH	Department of Housing
DoHS	Department of Human Services
ESO	Essential Services Officer
LA	Local Authority
NTG	Northern Territory Government
PWC	Power and Water Corporation
RSM	Regional Services Manager
RWM	Regional Works Manager
Tangentyere	Tangentyere Constructions
Works	Works and Infrastructure Directorate
WYDAC	Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation
YS&R	Youth Sport and Recreation
Zodiac	Zodiac Housing Tenancy Services