



# Engawala 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 Engawala Local Authority members:

**Chair:** Audrey Inkamala, **Deputy Chair:** Sarah Williams

**Appointed Members:** Dianne Dixon, Elizabeth Dixon, Margo Nott, Mary Tilmouth, Maryanne Tilmouth

**Elected Members (Ward Councillors):** Cr Adrian Dixon (President), Cr Benedy Bird, Cr James Glenn, Cr Marlene Tilmouth

## 3. Community Staff Profile:

As at March 2017, the percentage of Indigenous staff employed by Council in Engawala was 86.6%.

## 4. Purpose:

The purpose of the Community Plan is to document Council's planned works, timeframes and activities in the 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.

## 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   |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Roads - Local and NTG – improve for floods            | 1                                  | -                                    | 2              | Works and Infrastructure / NTG | Roads   |
| Plans for community expansion                         | 1                                  | -                                    | 2              | Works and Infrastructure / NTG | Town Planning   |
| <i>Playground equipment</i>                           | 1                                  | -                                    | 1              | Works and Infrastructure       | Parks and Gardens / Infrastructure Project Management |
| Street lighting                                       | 1                                  | -                                    | 2              | Works and Infrastructure       | Street Lighting                                       |
| Taps at sporting facilities in community              | 1                                  | -                                    | 2              | Works and Infrastructure / PWC | Infrastructure Project Management                     |
| Laundry facilities management                         | 1                                  | -                                    | 1              | Works and Infrastructure       | Service Management                                    |
| More staff for the Youth Sport and Recreation Program | 1                                  | -                                    | 1/3            | Community Services             | Youth Sport and Recreation                            |
| <i>Airstrip all weather access</i>                    | 1                                  | -                                    | 2              | Works and Infrastructure       |   |
| <i>Fencing houses</i>                                 | 1                                  | -                                    | 2              | NTG                            |   |
| Upgrading access roads                                | 1                                  | -                                    | 2              | Works and Infrastructure       |   |
| Shade in community (sporting facilities, ovals)       | 1                                  | -                                    | 1/2            | Works and Infrastructure       |   |
| <i>Animal management</i>                              | 2                                  | -                                    | 4              | Works and Infrastructure       | Animal Control  |
| Getting kids to school                                | 2                                  | -                                    | 1              | Community Services             | Community Safety Patrol                               |
| Address overcrowding and lack of repair in housing    | 2                                  | -                                    | 2              | NTG                            |   |
| Roads upgrades  | 2                                  | -                                    | 2              | Works and Infrastructure       | Roads, Outstation Services                            |

|   |   |   |     |   |   |
|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| <b>(Mulga Bore and Angula)</b>  |   |   |     |   |   |
| <b>Traffic management</b>   | 2 | - | 2   | Works and Infrastructure                      | Traffic Management  |
| <b>Improved working relationship between CDP and Council for community projects</b> | 2 | - | 1   | Works and Infrastructure / Community Services | Infrastructure Project Management / Community Development Program |
| <b>Public toilets / change room</b>   | 3 | - | 2   | Works and Infrastructure                      | Infrastructure Project Management                                 |
| <b>Sports Uniforms for Youth</b>  | 3 | - | 1/3 | Community Services                            | Youth Sport and Recreation  |
| <b>Replace Old Store with Arts Centre</b>   | 1 | - | 2   | NTG/Works & Infrastructure                    |   |

\*Items in *Italics* are priorities chosen by the Regional Council as region-wide priorities for 2016/17.

#### 4.1.2 – Priorities for the Central Desert for 2017/18

The priorities were identified by Councillors at the Regional Planning Day, 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 and have been refined by the Local Authority for the 2017/18 financial year.

**TABLE 2 - GENERAL PRIORITIES FOR 2017/18 IN THE CENTRAL DESERT REGION**

| <b>Councillor votes tallied</b> | <b>Priority</b>                             |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 9                               | Litter dumping and car bodies               |
| 8                               | Kids, drugs and community safety            |
| 8                               | Animal management                           |
| 7                               | Small business development (eg- tow trucks) |
| 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 Engawala, and how that service will be delivered.

**Table 3 – Council Services on Community**

| #  | Action Item  |
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| <b>Governance</b>                              |  |
| Service Profile                                | Support the operations of Local Authorities and Council supported Committees to ensure effective decision making and to facilitate statutory compliance and transparency.  |
| <b>Civic and Community Events</b>              |  |
| 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.   |
| <b>Waste Management</b>                        |  |
| Service Profile                                | Collection and disposal of domestic, commercial and industrial waste in communities and outstations<br>Management of landfill, waste transfer (including car bodies) and other waste related facilities and programs |
| <b>Cemetery</b>                                |  |
| Service Profile                                | Management of local cemeteries including:<br>Maintenance of cemetery surrounds and fencing; Preparation of burial plots; Maintenance of a Burial Register.   |
| <b>Community Parks and Sporting Facilities</b> |  |
| Service Profile                                | Identification, development and maintenance of Council managed:<br>Parks and sporting ovals; Public open space; Other recreation spaces  |
| <b>Council Service Management</b>              |  |
| Service Profile                                | Delivering core services<br>Deliver Council administrative functions<br>Support the delivery of agency services<br>Liaising with government and NGO stakeholders   |

| #  | Action Item  |
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|  | Support local advisory boards and community development activities<br>Responding to service delivery requests and complaints<br>Support Council staff and enhance retention and job satisfaction.  |
| <b>Internal Road Maintenance</b>         |  |
| Service Profile                          | Maintenance of internal sealed and unsealed roads including:<br>Repairing potholes; Shoulder repairs; Resealing of bitumen roads; Grading unsealed roads; Re-sheeting of unsealed roads; Sealing key unsealed roads if funds permit  |
| <b>Fleet and Plant Management</b>        |  |
| Service Profile                          | Manage and maintain Council's fleet of vehicles, plant & equipment requirements, including depot operations.   |
| <b>Fire Hazard Management</b>            |  |
| 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.   |
| <b>Infrastructure Project Management</b> |  |
| Service Profile                          | Seek funding to upgrade community facilities in CDRC Service Delivery Centers and project manage any construction projects within the Council.   |
| <b>Asset Management</b>                  |  |
| Service Profile                          | Development of long term asset management plans for all Council owned or controlled assets.<br>Key activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of an asset inventory for all categories of assets.</li> <li>• Valuation of assets.</li> <li>• Development of long term maintenance and replacement programs.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Animal Management</b>                 |  |
| Service Profile                          | Implementation of Dog Management Program for the care and management of dogs to protect the health, safety, and environment of the community.  |
| <b>Airstrip Maintenance</b>              |  |

| #                               | Action Item  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 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.   |
| <b>Essential Services</b>       |  |
| 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> |
| <b>Community Housing</b>        |  |
| Service Profile                 | Community housing services are not provided by Council   |
| <b>Postal Service</b>           |  |
| Service Profile                 | Deliver postal services in accordance with the Australia Post servicing agreement.   |
| <b>Aged and Disability Care</b> |  |
| 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.  |
| <b>School Nutrition</b>         |  |
| Service Profile                 | School Nutrition Program - Establishment and coordination of a school nutrition program, ensuring children who attend school get healthy and nutritious food   |



| #  | Action Item  |
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| <b>Youth Development</b>                               |  |
| 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.  |
| <b>Centrelink</b>                                      |  |
| Service Profile  | This funding enables Centrelink customers in remote Indigenous communities to access Centrelink services.  |
| <b>Community Safety Patrol</b>                         |  |
| Service Profile  | Provision of Community Safety Patrol services in all communities to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of families, youth and individuals;</li> <li>• Increase personal and community safety;</li> <li>• Assist people at risk to get home or receive care, including intoxicated people, juveniles, victims of violence and the homeless.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Outstations – Mulga Bore, Angula &amp; Alatyeye</b> |  |
| 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.   |

### 4.3 Local Authority Projects

- The \$21,365 allocated to the Council for Engawala 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 improve community life and wellbeing and relate to Local Government responsibilities.
- 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 Engawala Local Authority Projects in progress as at 20 May 2017**

| Year                   | Community Plan Area | Project                                 | Estimated cost  | Comments |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------|----------|
| 2014/15                |                     | Cinema screen                           | \$14,771        |          |
|                        |                     | Sewing machines                         | \$450           |          |
|                        |                     | Plants / trees                          | \$1,000         |          |
|                        |                     | Softball uniforms                       | \$1,001         |          |
| 2015/16                |                     | Native plants for park and cooking area | \$1,213         |          |
|                        |                     | Outdoor fitness equipment               | \$20,152        |          |
| 2016/17                |                     | Laundry toilet upgrades                 | \$5,000         |          |
|                        |                     | Four solar street lights                | \$12,000        |          |
|                        |                     | Shading at Kangaroo Hunting grounds     | \$4,000         |          |
| <b>TOTAL ALLOCATED</b> |                     |   | <b>\$59,587</b> |          |

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