



Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation
& Santa Teresa Enterprises Ltd

Annual Report 2021 - 2022





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From the Directors

We are proud to bring you the Atyenhenge-Atherre Aboriginal Corporation Annual Report for 2021 - 2022.

This has been another busy and productive year for AAAC and Santa Teresa Enterprises. The first quarter of 2022 was extremely challenging with COVID-19 and floods, both of which had a major impact on our community and programs.

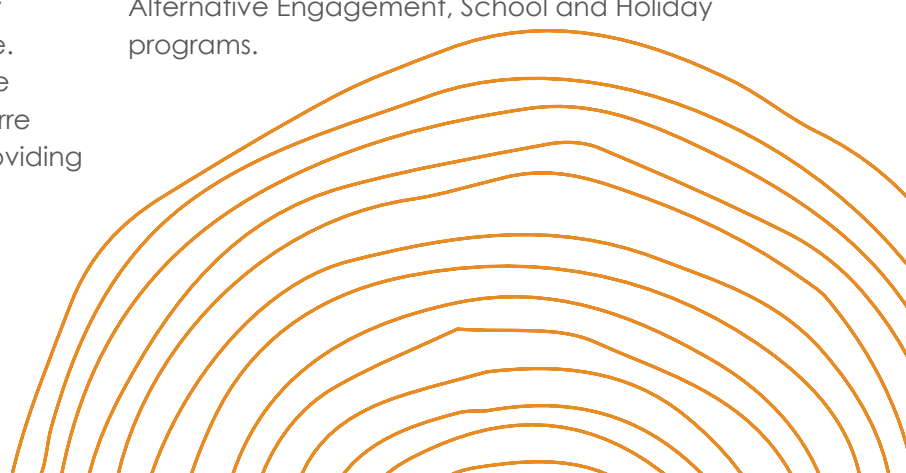
We supported ten new and ongoing projects through the Stronger Communities for Children Strategy, funded through the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). The Alternative Education Programme had significant success in the second half of 2021 and is a shining example of a whole of community approach. Two funding proposals were submitted for the Alternative Education Program, one was approved by FRRR and the other in the final stages of approval by NIAA. All projects were identified by community members as being beneficial to Santa Teresa and approved for funding by the local Decision Making Group. Apart from providing engaging one-off or long-term activities for the community.

Our focus on building economic and employment sustainability through social enterprises, while challenging in a remote setting, was well-founded. The SCFC projects mentioned above and the Santa Teresa Enterprises employed 40 community members. A core principle of Santa Teresa Enterprises is to build community resilience through small businesses, and we believe the money was well spent on wages for each enterprise. Additionally, the Traditional Craft Centre, the Ltyentye Apurte Hair Salon and Merne Mwarre remained available to CDP participants, providing further income to help sustain their growing businesses.

The Traditional Craft Centre, Spinifex Skateboards, the Ltyentye Apurte Hair Salon, Merne Mwarre (Good Food) Nutrition Program, and the Store Precinct Furniture Shed and Coffee Van have had some great successes this year. Spinifex Skateboards goes from strength to strength and received wonderful support this year from DKA's business support program. The Traditional Craft Centre was accepted as an Arts Centre by Desart and sales have increased significantly. Merne Mwarre has been one of the big successes of the year with a local staff member, Veronica Peters, assuming management of the project following the departure of Malisa Yeung; congratulations Veronica!.

The Oval has been in constant use since its opening in June 2021; sadly (again) Melbourne Football Club were unable to be present in the community during this financial year but an exciting visit is planned for July 2022. Two CAFL fixtures were held on the Ltyentyies Oval this year - the lightening carnival and one of the regular community CAFL fixtures; this is a great bonus for the community, and for some of the community enterprises.

The Ltyentye Apurte Horse Program continues to go from strength to strength. AAAC has succeeded in obtaining three years funding for the horse program through the Aboriginals Benefits Account. The horse program will, as a result, strengthens its roles for the youth of Ltyentye Apurte with the Alternative Engagement, School and Holiday programs.



The Ltyentye Apurte Microgrid Project has been extremely lucky to continue to be supported by two ex-ARUP employees, Michael Salt & Alex Reilly, who have continued advising the community in a volunteer capacity. Their support, in addition to the support provided by Chris Croker of Impact Investments, is essential for the project & without their help we would not have continued beyond the feasibility study; we thank them sincerely.

Investigation into a Township Lease under the Land Rights Act continue, and is now pending a visit to other communities who have a township leasing model in place, and could provide advice and support to the AAAC board & Traditional Owners on the pros and cons.

In 2021 we lost a long time board member with the passing of Kwementyaye Dieudonne. She was instrumental in the establishment of AAAC and was the Church Appointed Non Member Director for many years; her loss is sadly felt.

In June 2022 the AAAC Board and staff came together for a brainstorming session on a new strategic plan for the coming five years. We have many exciting plans for the future and look forward to a new and exciting phase for AAAC.

In this report we bring you the stories from this year about helping make Ltyentye Apurte strong, safe, and healthy for our children and grandchildren. We thank you our members for your ongoing contribution, for talking to us, for watching what we do and holding us to account. We want to make you proud.

Annalisa Young
Clare Young
Donovan Mulladad
Farrah Flowers
Jason King
Keith Castle
Louise Cavanagh
Br Mark Fordyce
Matthew Cavanagh
Mia Mulladad
Raymond Palmer
Veronica Wallace





COVID-19 & Floods

COVID-19 came to our community between January and March 2022; between January and March of 2022 38% of the community contracted COVID-19 and at any one time during that period 25% of the community were in isolation.

Coming on top of COVID-19 the floods in January and February were an extraordinary challenge for Ltyentye Apurte. The store was not resupplied for three weeks, and stocks ran extremely low; restrictions were put on all items to ensure the limited stocks could stretch for all community members, but it meant that many households were very close to breaking point.

Rus & Liz Driver showed their caring and courage to resupply the store & the community. MRC & AAAC staff guided them from Alta Creek to Yogi Bear, and then Ltyentyies came together to transport the stock the last few kilometres into town. Allambi & MRC then came to the rescue the following day to get the truck truck moving again. It was a nerve racking few days, and appreciation goes to out to all in the community for their help and patience, to Outback Stores, to Paddy & Locky at Allambi, and to Rus & Liz.

Congratulations go to Congress and to the community for embracing COVID-19 vaccination. During this serious time only three people with COVID-19 were evacuated out of the community and just one person hospitalized.

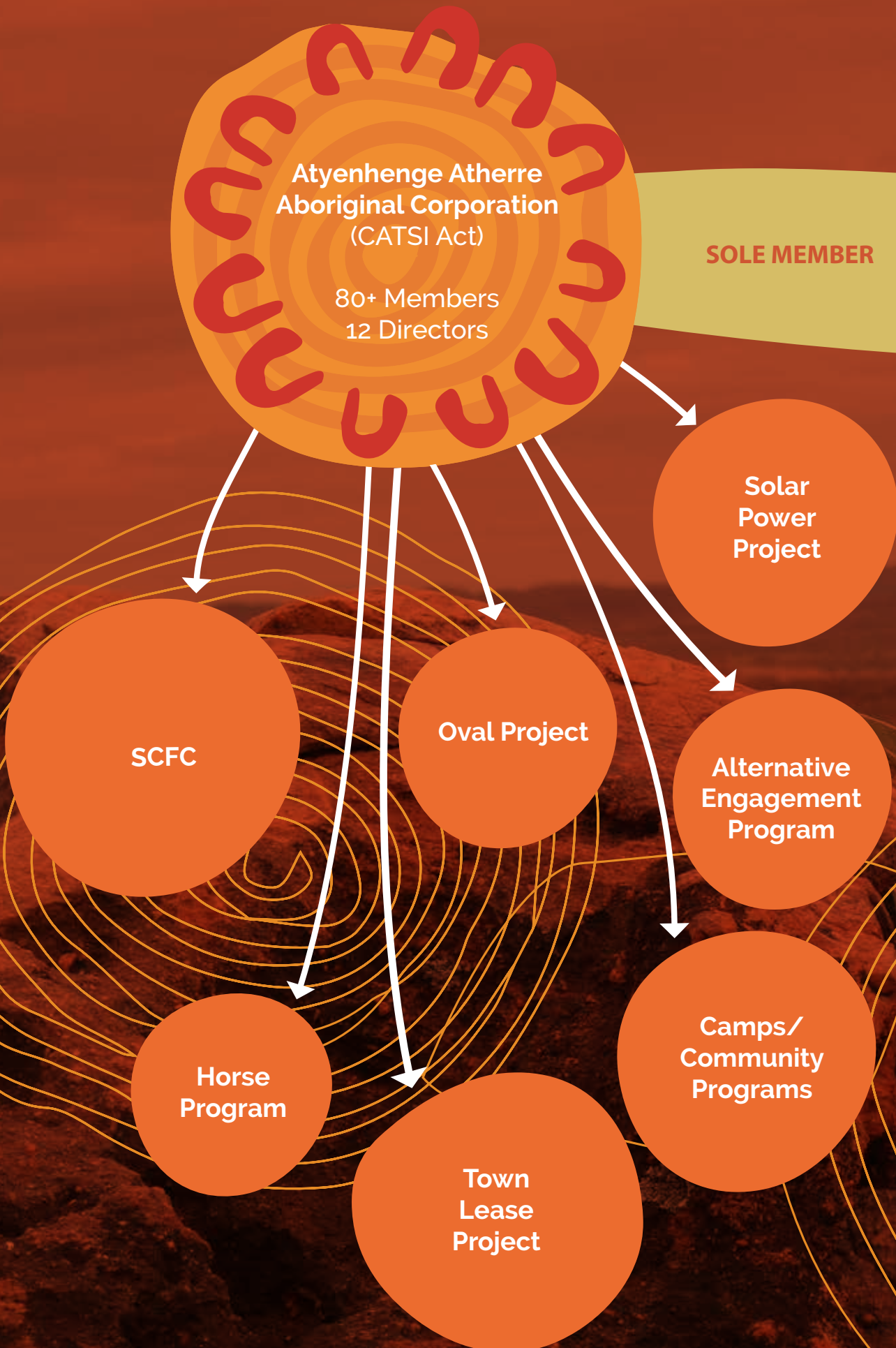
Despite the significant challenges of floods & staff shortages due to COVID-19, and three-fourths of Telstra not working, AAAC continued to operate and provided food baskets and power cards to each isolating household. AAAC continued its role as an important voice for our community, not just within the community but externally as well; during one week in February the AAAC Facebook site was visited by more than 9,500 people, and between January to March more than 18,000 kept up to date with our community activities via Facebook.

Many people in the community volunteered their services to help get everyone through this period. We send a huge thank you to everyone: to those who sat at the store to ensure everyone was adhering to COVID regulations, to those who helped with the organisation and distribution of food boxes, to store staff who continued working during very challenging times, to those who collected groceries for isolating houses, to all service providers and especially to Congress. Thank you to everyone.

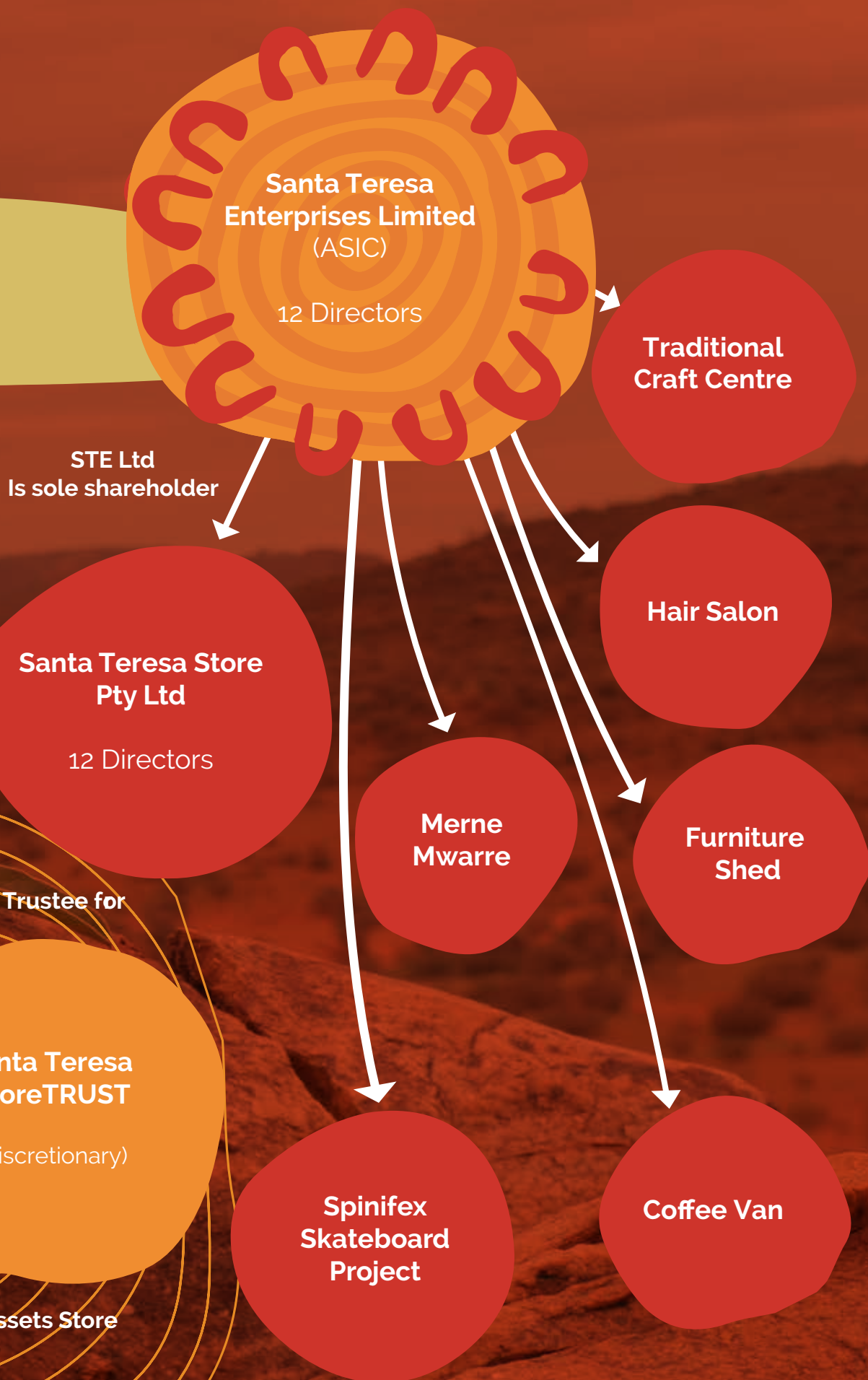




SOCIAL/POLITICAL



BUSINESS





MCG of the Desert

After a 2017 camp-out in Ltyentye Apurte for their players and staff, MFC fell hard for our community and wanted to support our local sport and small enterprises. A joke about the lack of grass on the oval went from an offhand remark to a feasibility report and has become reality!

The community were delighted to hear of MFC's offer but were slightly doubtful that such a grand gesture would be realised. Although interrupted by COVID 19, residents patiently watched the oval come to life from the time the irrigation was laid in 2019, grass seeded in three (COVID interrupted) stages, installation of ex-MCG goal posts and eventually to the grand opening on 3rd June 2021; and in 2021 the Ltyentye Oval won the 2021 Ken Gannon Community Football Facilities Award

Support for the grassing of the oval has come from the Melbourne Football Club, the Melbourne Cricket Ground Federation, NT Government, and the Arrernte Traditional Owners who installed the footy lights.

The Oval has been in constant use since its opening in June 2021; Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School are using the oval each day, and the kids gravitate to the oval in the evenings and on weekends. Two CAFL fixtures were held on the Ltyentyes Oval this year - the lightening carnival and one of the regular community CAFL fixtures, the footy team are training every night, and MacYouth make good use of the space for Auskick and other activities. With the lights on the basketball court and the oval in the evenings the oval surrounds are welcoming and fun!



Sadly (again) our MFC cousins were unable to be present in the community during this financial year but an exciting visit is planned for July 2022.

Our maintenance of the oval has gone from strength to strength this year, particularly the upkeep of the sprinklers. The oval survived the -0°C nights over the winter and is looking beautiful and green!

A long-awaited trip to Melbourne to work with the MCG Turf Team finally came off this year, after being delayed several times by COVID-19. Abi & Matto travelled to the MCG at the end of April and received training on the irrigation system, mowing and general maintenance of the oval, line marking, and before and after game day maintenance.

The grassed oval will increase opportunities in the future. We now have enormous opportunities for our small enterprises providing goods to visitors for sporting events. We believe the oval will result in an increased participation in sport, and a healthier community.





Ltyentye Apurte Microgrid Project (solar power)

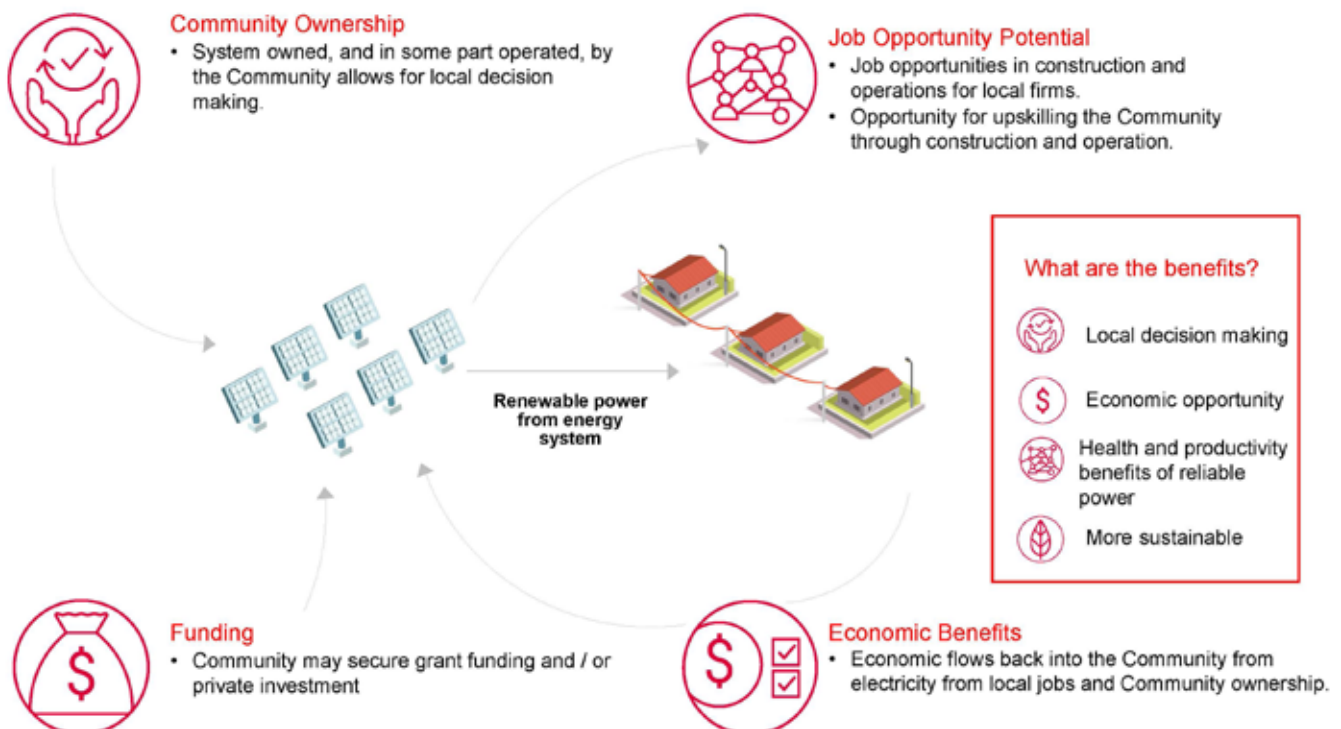
AAAC has continued working this year to explore better options for our power supply, and to eliminate our regular, and sometimes prolonged, blackouts. We are grateful to our volunteers, Michael Salt and Alex Reilly (formerly Arup) and Chris Croker (Impact Investment Partners) for their commitment to helping us make this a reality.

Using the funds received from the Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund Microgrids (Commonwealth), the feasibility study was completed and endorsed, and we are now looking at finalizing the plans and finding funding for the next phase of construction of a renewable energy microgrid (containing solar photovoltaics, battery

and backup generator). We are discussing the location of the project with TOs and community residents.

We are now engaging with engineers and manufacturers on the high-level plans to conform to PWC requirements. And, working with PWC and IES on the best model for Ltyentye Apurte and the Alice Springs power grid. We are proposing a microgrid system that will generate power to be used in Ltyentye Apurte and can also sell power to the Alice Springs grid. The system includes a battery for power storage and a diesel generator as a second back-up.

ARUP



Our goal remains – to provide Ltyentye Apurte with reliable power and seek economic benefits back to the Community.

One of the greatest challenges in finding out what is best for us, has been the poor engagement with the Power & Water Corporation. They are significantly under-resourced and critical information needed for our planning has been slow in coming. They have also been disrupted due to COVID-19 and staff movements. In addition, while the NT government is promoting sustainable energy options, changes that will allow communities to develop their own power supply are slow to be

implemented. There are many rules and regulations that inhibit projects such as ours, but we will persist in working to make this happen. We are grateful to Bertram Birk, from the NT Office of Sustainable Energy, in helping us navigate the bureaucratic challenges.



Township Leasing Project

This year, yet again, our exploration into the possibility of Ltyentye Apurte gaining a Township Lease under the Land Rights Act has been slowed due to COVID-19.

The good news is that we are talking to two communities with Township Leases, to organise a visit by our TOs and Board to see how they are managing.

- Narrariyal Aboriginal Corporation for the Gunyunara lease, and
- Anindilyakwa Land Council for the Groote Eylandt lease

Both organisations will welcome us to their communities.

What does a Township Lease mean to Ltyentye Apurte?

A Township Lease would enable Traditional Owners and community members to negotiate directly on who gets to use our land, and how they use it. The primary outcome will be that TOs and community members will be in control of how our community develops and runs. A legacy for our children and grandchildren.

A township lease would last for 99 years (4 – 5 generations).

It has rules that include:

- Respect for culture
- Transfer of lease
- Lease payments
- Master Plan for Ltyentye Apurte
- How to solve problems

A new Aboriginal entity (corporation) promises to look after the land. They will ask the sublease holders to pay for insurance for the buildings in the township lease area.

The new entity promised to give small leases (sub-leases) and licenses to the essential services such as power, water and roads.

The new entity is allowed to approve small leases (sub-leases) that last up to the 99 years.

Money Story for the new Aboriginal entity

The Commonwealth Government pays for the operating expenses of the new entity. That includes money for staff wages, computers, desks and chairs, printing, phones and fuel.

The Aboriginal entity will collect rent money from the small leases.

Rent money can then be used for community and economic development, projects that help the community and help local businesses to create jobs.

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The funding received from National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) is held in our accounts so we can keep working on this. The money is to find out all we can and present that information to the TOs and community members so they can decide whether to pursue the Township Lease. The money includes funding to take key TOs and community members to other communities in the NT who have achieved their own Township Lease.

We are supported in this project by the Central Land Council, the NIAA, the Minister for Indigenous Affairs Linda Burney and Bowden-McCormack (Lawyers).

figure 1.

The New Aboriginal Entity lease story

How organisations would apply for a lease from a new Township Entity

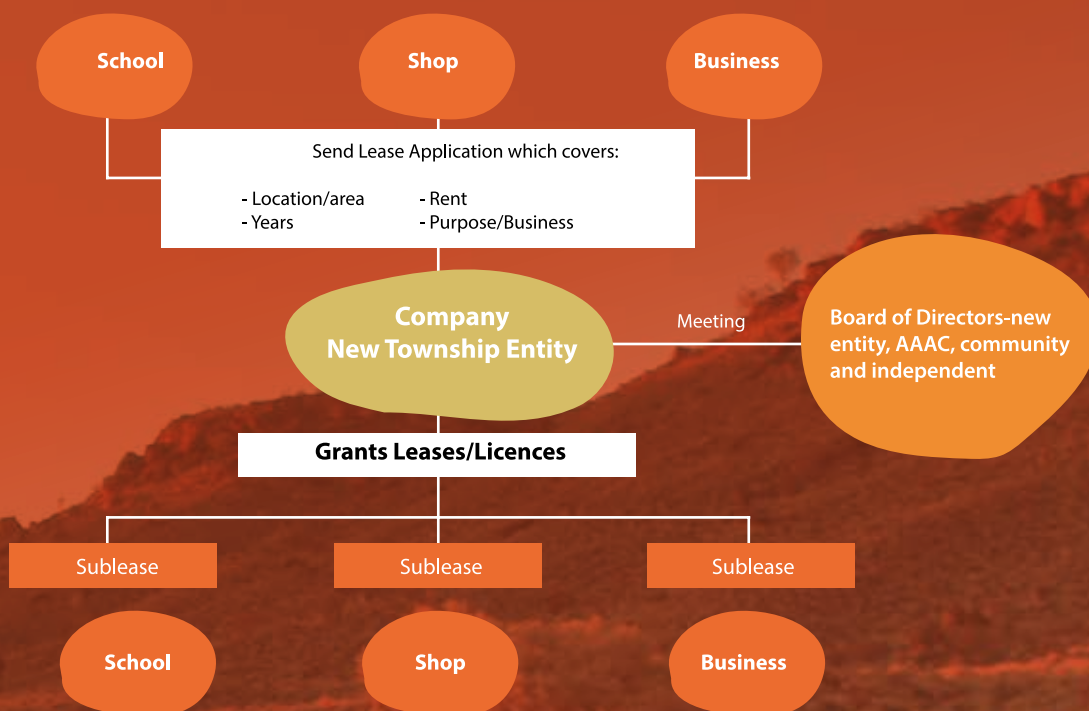
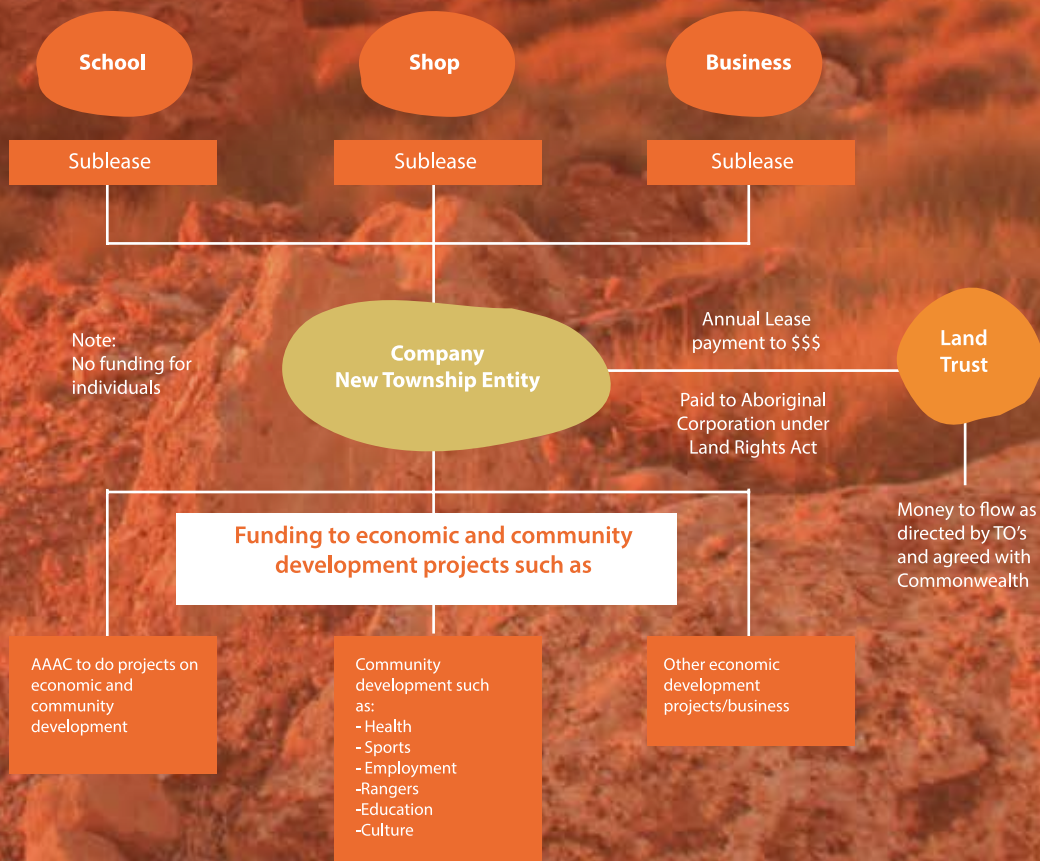


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New Entity Money Story





Stronger Communities for Children and Camps

Alternative Engagement Program

The Alternative Engagement Program began in August 2021 following a request from the Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School to assist them in running a program for young people struggling with attendance at school and/or displaying antisocial behaviour in the community. As the young people requiring support were mostly boys between the ages of 10-15, the program focussed on male young people. AAAC facilitated the program with the assistance of service providers, such as the police, CatholicCare NT, the Intensive Family Support Service, the AAAC Horse Program, and the AAAC Merne Mwerre Nutrition Program, and Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School. The school funded the program through employment of local staff to run the activities and AAAC facilitated

the operation and coordination of the program. The program ran in the afternoon of every school day excluding Fridays, with the young people doing cooking classes, sports, media class, horse riding and equestrian care, as well as bush trips to visit Country and hunt for Perentie (lizard). The program was facilitated and run by local elders and respected adults from the community and coordinated by the Stronger Communities for Children Program Coordinator. The program has since been given funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), enabling the program to run for two years. Planning will soon commence to establish a female program that will run alongside the already existing boys' program.

Holiday Program

The Holiday Program run by Mac Youth is imperative to the community and young people's holidays and life satisfaction in Ltyentye Apurte. The holiday program has run for many years with support through the Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC) funding, and the local Decision-Making Group (DMG) chose to continue to support the program this year. The holiday program, which runs over the duration of every school break across the year including the Christmas period, provides a plethora of programs to engage young people from the ages of 4-18 and assists community cohesion and wellbeing through providing activities for young people during the school break and subsequently diverting any potential antisocial behaviour. The regular youth program is extended during the holiday period to include a breakfast program and morning sessions, additional country trips, excursions to town to go to the movies and YMCA, as well as additional special activities

such as AFLNT AusKick days. The holiday program employs more staff due to the increase in activities which is only made possible through the addition of SCfC funding to the holiday program. Additionally, programs are also delivered by external services and the rec hall is open in the afternoons and evenings for sport. The activities are open to all of the community and families are encouraged to also partake in the activities available in a fun, safe, and structured environment. Due to covid arriving in community at the beginning of the 2022 year, many of the programs continued to be held outside. This was made possible by the greening of the oval, which continues to be used for youth footy scratch matches and sports activities. The young people's access to this green space allowed for programs to continue for young people while many programs were shut down or limited during Covid, providing activities, support for young people, and distraction from life that became very small during the pandemic. The far-reaching impact of this has continued into the rest of the year.



Youth Space

The Youth Space is facilitated through a partnership between the Marist Brothers, MacYouth and AAAC. Brother Mark and the MacYouth team have continued to provide access for people aged between 14-25 to the space in the evenings and after school as well as during the school holiday program. The Youth Space has had an added addition this year with the completion of the garden and green lawn in front of the youth space building. The young people enjoy sitting on the grass and having a catch up from time to time. This year the Youth Space took the initiative to support the young people of Ltyentye Apurte in sitting for their learners driver's license. This was well received, with over 41 residents sitting for their P's

and L's, a great effort.

The staffing of the youth space has become an issue since the pandemic, hopefully a new arrangement can be put in place to offer its continued value as a gathering place for our young people.

Knowledge Exchange and Capacity Building

The 2021 Knowledge Sharing Seminar was held in

Katherine in October. Ten community members and local Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC) Decision Making Group members attended the conference which ran for three days. Over the three days AAAC staff and the community participants learnt about the programs being run in other communities, and worked collectively on the programs being run in Ltyentye Apurte and the ways in which they can be strengthened. These Knowledge Sharing Seminars are an essential part of growth for Community for capacity building and growth within the SCfC banner.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the seminar was postponed last minute due to a potential Covid outbreak in Katherine and Darwin. The participants attending the conference from Ltyentye Apurte got caught in Darwin airport and subsequently spent a week of lockdown in the Darwin airport accommodation. This unforeseen cost of flights and accommodation in Darwin for the cancelled Knowledge Sharing Seminar has significantly impacted the available funding for SCfC programs.

Rapid Response

The Rapid Response fund continues to be an essential part of the Stronger Communities for Children funding. Established to support small scale programs with time specific requests, rapid response enables money allocation to be provided to projects in need of backing. The quick response nature of the fund enables programs to get up and running and further prevents inaction through delays, which is an ongoing challenge in the remote context of Ltyentye Apurte. In the past year, the Rapid Response fund has financed food for multiple community events and BBQs as well as additional education and healing camps for the Ltyentye Apurte community.

Ltyentye Horse Riding Program

Funded by both Stronger Communities for Children and Santa Teresa Enterprises Limited the Ltyentye Apurte Horse Program continues to work extremely hard to care and maintain the Philipson's Bore yards and the several horses we use for our Youth Engagement programs. Our passionate, reliable local stockmen provide many safe, youth-friendly activities through school programs and other youth services' activities. The stockmen's work is highly valued throughout the Ltyentye Apurte community as it is rich in culture and connected to the history of Eastern Arrernte people and County. All stockmen are very enthusiastic to work with the horses and young people as they are aware of the pride this program brings to the community. Part of the work our stockmen do is closely tied in with land management. The stockmen work tirelessly throughout the year maintaining healthy horse condition, breaking in new horses, fencing, trough repair and general yard care.

The AAAC stockmen understand the opportunity horses provide for therapeutic education in the form of equine therapy, a growing world-wide therapeutic practice. AAAC and the stockmen work with Mac Youth to facilitate diversionary programs for young people on diversion. The Diversion Program offers the chance for youth, who may have come to the attention of the police and community members, to get out on country with the stockmen and learn horse care and riding skills. The stockman and Horse program are intrinsic to the engagement of young people through the Diversionary Program, which operates on an as-needs basis. These programs provide an opportunity for individuals to further learn deeply about themselves and the skills needed to properly care for horses and others.

Due to heavy flooding and a Covid-19 outbreak

in October 2021, the horse race was unable to run. Another successful horse race will be held in October 2022, with planning already commencing for a weekend-long community event. The Ltyentye Apurte Horse Race is an exciting time in the community, with many families and friends travelling from all over the Territory to take part in the activities and races.

School Horse Riding Program

The Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School delivers school engagement activities on Thursday's during Term 2 and 3. Several young people attend each week throughout this time, working alongside our hardworking stockmen. One day per week, during the second and third school terms, students learn about safety and how to ride and care for horses. This experiential learning has been a great tool to reengage students and prepare them for a life after school.

The horse program has also been utilised by the Alternative Engagement Program (see page X) in terms three and four of the 2021 school year. Young people were taught horse care and maintenance, as well as learning to safely ride horses. The horse program will continue to be an activity available to participants on the Alternative Engagement Program into the future, as it is a positive learning environment for young people, and further strengthens relationships between strong leaders in the community and young people.

Diversiory Program

The Diversiory Program in Ltyentye Apurte is run by Mac Youth, however due to AAAC's standing

within the community, AAAC assists Mac Youth in formulating the diversion plan and supports Mac youth in running the program where needed. Diversiory programs that ran this year worked on the Ltyentye Apurte community oval with AAAC staff as well as other activities around the community.

Employment Skills and Training Fund

The Employment, Skills and Training Fund continues to be an important part of the Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC) funding. The stability of AAAC's work within the community is enabled through the longstanding SCfC funding, which provides the surety of ongoing employment and training for Ltyentye Apurte residents. In the 2021/2022 financial year, AAAC was able to fund seven positions under the SCfC funding in permanent part-time and casual positions. The employment, skills and training fund also enabled the management team to attend Eastern and Central Arrernte Aboriginal Cultures and Context course in Mparntwe (Alice Springs). AAAC further attended the Aboriginal Economic Development Forum and the National Indigenous Economic Forum. AAAC board members attended the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) governance training week, as well as an Aboriginal



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2021; several young people attended each week working alongside our hardworking stockmen, learning about safety and how to ride and care for the horses. This activity is provided for the the senior male students and regular and consistent school attendance improves on those days; This learning has been a great tool to reengage students and prepare them for a life after school.

The stockman and Horse program are key to the engagement of young people through the Alternative Engagement Program and Diversionary Programs, which operate on an as-needs basis. It offers the chance for youths to get out on country with the stockmen and learn horse care skills. Various day sessions took place at Philipson's



Bore with yarning, caring for the horses, and horse riding provided to four young people. These programs provide an opportunity for individuals to further learn deeply about themselves and the skills needed to properly care for horses and others. This type of program has become known as equine-based therapy and has been shown to be remarkably effective around the world.

Part of the work our stockmen do is closely tied in with land management. The stockmen work tirelessly throughout the year maintaining healthy horse condition, breaking in new horses, fencing, trough repair and general yard care.


Both floods and COVID-19 interrupted the annual Ltyentye Apurte Horse Race in 2021. We look forward to the Ltyentye Apurte Horse Race weekend in 2022 reverting back to its original date of 1st ^ 2nd October, the feast day for Saint Teresa. To date the Ltyentye Apurte Horse Race program has been funded by Stronger Communities for Children funding and Santa Teresa Enterprises Limited. We were delighted to hear that Aboriginal Benefits Account has approved a three-year funding application for the Ltyentye Apurte Horse Program. This will strengthen the program and increase the services provided within the community and particularly for the youth of Ltyentye Apurte.



Camps & Community Activities Diversion Camps, Family Camps, & Cultural Learning

AAAC continues to facilitate, fund, and partake in camps for the Ltyentye Apurte Community. AAAC recognises the importance of such camps for the community and is determined to fund and support community members and young people attending camps on families' homelands across Eastern Arrernte Country. This year, AAAC facilitated the annual family camp as well as trauma-healing workshops on country facilitated by Gan'na Healing, activities and day trips out on Country. Camps and country visit activities were funded through Stronger Communities for Children, and the Northern Territory Government's Harm Minimisation Program.

AAAC continues to run camps annually during the July school holidays. This past year's camp was a huge success. Funded through the NT Government's Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Funding, 55 community members, including 30 young people, attended the camp at Aluralkwe (Little Well) on beautiful Country on the edge of the Simpson desert. The camp was supported by the Central Land Council (CLC) Ltyentye Apurte Rangers, who assisted in organisation of the camp and knowledge of Country. The camp was split over two sites, with the first two nights spent out at Aluralkwe and the final night at a site 50kms



from the outstation, as people were keen to go to significant rock art sites nearby and the swamp on the final day of camp. Throughout the camp there were bush trips to the old camp of Aluralkwe and Hale River, both significant places for the Traditional Owners, where story was shared with everyone. Trips were also made to collect bush medicine, which were then brought back to camp and made into medicinal balms which were given out to all the families.

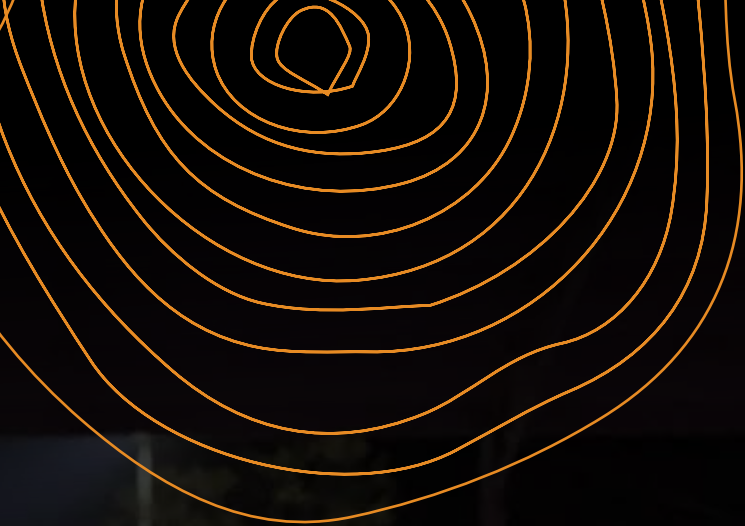
Janie Young returned to Little Well after many years away and took pride in showing the young people the old outstation houses, and significant sites on Country. These trips were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and provided a positive and comfortable space for learning out on country. The trips further enabled the sharing of story and the opportunity for continued cultural teaching by elders and the Traditional Owners with the young people being highly involved in the collecting



and making of bush medicine, as well as seeing and learning about Country. The camp provided the opportunity for significant connection to people's Country, and the space and time away from technology and the busyness of community to relax and enjoy quality time with family. The positive mental health benefits of families being out on country further supports people's physical health. Camp participants spoke of the positive benefits of being out on country, and the ways being out bush enabled people to clear their heads and connect with family. While games of

footy and softball were played, the act of being out on country and engaging in story and culture contributed immensely to the health and wellbeing of the camp's participants.

Staff members from Waltja, CatholicCare, and Congress all attended and were able to provide support on the family camp, which additionally enabled community to get to know those working in Ltyentye Apurte better and furthered the benefits of the camping experience for families.



Gan'na Healing came out to Ltyentye Apurte for three, week-long trauma-informed healing camps this year. Funded through the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Congress) and facilitated and organised by AAAC, this joint partnership enabled Gan'na Healing to successfully engage in healing activities with members from the community. Lukas Williams and Marnee Jarrett from Gan'na Healing also facilitated a day of trauma training for service providers and AAAC staff working in the community. The course was a huge success,

with multiple services saying the training greatly changed their understanding of trauma and how it presents, and further believed that the course has significantly assisted them in understanding the context in which they live and work.





Santa Teresa Enterprises Limited

Santa Teresa Enterprises Limited (STE) is a subsidiary of the Atyenhenge Atherre Aboriginal Corporation (AAAC). A core principle of Santa Teresa Enterprises Limited is to undertake economic development opportunities for the benefit of our community. The Store is our major enterprise, but due to proximity to Alice Springs, profits are modest. A cost comparison was conducted this year to analyse the costs of 24 commonly sold items against the prices of the Alice Springs Groceries Stores. Whilst not taking into account the cost of fuel and vehicle expenses the Santa Teresa Store fares favourably when compared to four smaller supermarkets, but the difference is much larger when compared to Coles & Woolworths, both of which are 40% cheaper than the Store. However, the store profits still allow the continuation of local enterprises that highlight our culture and country and provide ongoing employment.

The difference between starting a business as opposed to a social enterprise is that while both approaches fulfil a need in the market and aim to earn a small profit, a social enterprise focuses beyond simply generating a profit, and measures its performance on the positive impact it makes on a community – whether social, cultural or environmental.

Community Support

When there are needs in the community that do not fall under any external funding, we try to provide support through the Santa Teresa Store Trust, which manages Store profits and allows us some discretionary funds for community use. During the 2020 - 2021 year we were able to support the community through funeral costs and clothing, helping get young people to boarding school, transport for sporting and arts events in other communities, sports activities including the horse race and registration of sporting teams, Xmas lights and car competitions, fuel for emergency trips to town and lending camping equipment for bush trips, and the use of our troopies for taking families to funerals, visits to family in hospital, food for sorry business. This year we worked together to support the young men through their initiation and a cultural fund was established.

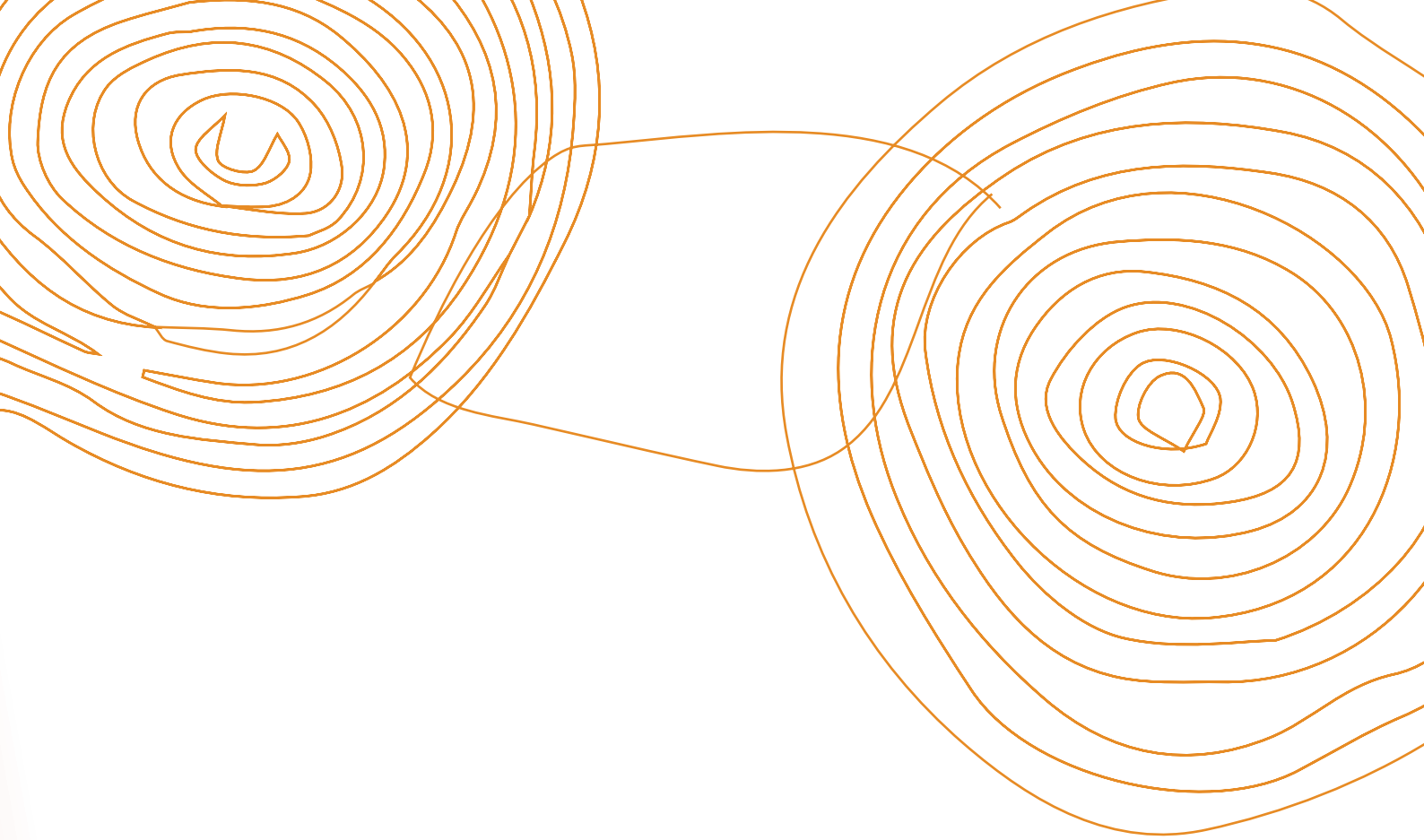
Bingo remains one of our most popular activities, attracting men, women and children to the Board Room on Thursday nights. Any profit from bingo is used directly to support small projects in the community - participants can enjoy winning great prizes while knowing their money is going back into the community.

Traditional Craft Centre (TCC)

The Traditional Craft Centre, established in 2018, is a social enterprise creating traditional hand-made tools from locally sourced wood. 2021/22 has been a personally difficult year for the TCC team and AAAC / STE provided continuity over a challenging period.

The good news for TCC in 2022 has been the approval of TCC as an Arts Centre by Desart. This collaboration is very important to the future sustainability of TCC; there are very few centres in Central Australia producing tools that our craftsmen produce, and the partnership with DesArt expands the footprint of TCC to a much wider audience. Orders have been coming through in increasing numbers, and this shows the appreciation of the magnificent quality of the items produced by the traditional craft craftsmen .







Santa Teresa Enterprises

Ltyentye Apurte Hair Salon

The Ltyentye Apurte Hair Salon has had a challenging year. Our Salon Manager resigned in the second half of 2021 due to personal reasons and has been greatly missed. Replacing her in the salon has proven to be an extreme challenge; many salons across the country have struggled to obtain staff and we are no exception. Sadly, this, as well as COVID-19, has impacted the continuation of Cherelle Williams' apprenticeship.

AAAC is committed to supporting our staff and community members to fulfilling any training they begin, and we have investigated alternative routes for Cherelle to continue her training. Deadly Hair Dude have been in discussion with Charles Darwin University and are working on a program to fast-track remote hairdressing apprentices.

It is an exciting possibility and our collaboration with Deadly Hair Dude should enable AAAC to engage with more people in on-site training in Ltyentye Apurte. Our first Deadly Hair workshop has been delayed due to Sorry Business, and (again) COVID-19, but the first workshops will be held in July 2022.

Despite these challenges the Salon is put to good use for other programs in the community, both for community run women's well-being programs and by Congress as an additional space for specific workshops and programs.







Furniture Shed

The Second-Hand Furniture Store is one of Santa Teresa Enterprises most loved enterprises as it provides families with an array of sturdy furniture items at genuine prices, delivered to their door. Having access to furniture such as cupboards, tables, couches and beds, assists the Ltyentye Apurte community to dedicate time, thought and care into the homes they are providing for their future generations while also being able to provide some comfort to elderly family members. The Furniture Store owns two shipping containers; one container being filled with furniture Mparntwe (Alice Springs) whilst the other is gradually emptied into the furniture shed. The turn over takes anywhere between 3-6 weeks. Conveniently located behind the store, the furniture store is situated right near the coffee van. This area, known as the Store Precinct, has a shady area for community meetings and play area for children, and provides a central area for people to congregate.

Coffee Van

Our Baristas and other community volunteers are kept busy at the coffee van during community events such as the CAFL Lightning Carnival when we transport the coffee van closer to oval for a full day of coffees, hot chocolates and cookies! We currently have two community baristas who run the coffee cart at the Store Precinct, operating mostly while the furniture store is also open. However, as these community members have prior commitments both in and out of Ltyentye Apurte we would like to train new Baristas who will be able to open the coffee van more often. The Furniture Shed & Coffee van both provide ongoing employment and training for community members with a focus on hospitality and customer service.

Merne Mwarre (Good Food) Nutrition Project

Merne Mwarre was set up in response to the community identifying a need for easily accessible, healthy, and affordable meals to help improve the health outcomes of the community and to combat diabetes and iron deficiency. Merne Mwarre has been a registered Food Business since 2017 and complies with all regulations stipulated by Department of Health.

Malisa Yeung, our Kitchen Coordinator, left the community in October 2021 after four years of commitment to Merne Mwarre. The training she put towards her staff has paid off and Veronica Peters who worked with Malisa since the beginning is now confidently supervising Merne Mwarre with some support from the AAAC management team. It is a significant achievement for Malisa to have worked herself out of her role and to be able to hand over to Veronica. We are very proud of Veronica's hard work and dedication to Merne Mwarre!

Merne Mwarre makes up to 60 lunches each day for CDP, Literacy for Life, Spirituality Centre & AAAC staff, plus catering for meetings within the community. In addition to evening sales on Wednesday & Thursday nights, Merne Mwarre provides many services for the community including food for families going through Sorry Business, food for the Youth Space, occasionally for MacYouth, free large celebratory feasts such as Christmas time and variations of merne and drinks for the troope of youth who come to clean up around the oval on special occasions!





Spinifex Skateboards



Each year this social enterprise continues to grow at an astronomical rate. The only way it can continue to do so is through the hard work and dedication by local Founder, Mr. N (Skateboard) Hayes, and management support from AAAC, not to mention the national and international support we continue to get from both in and outside of the skate community.

This financial year saw Spinifex merchandise being stocked in stores across the country, also being picked up by Fast Times, Australia's biggest skateboarding franchise. To support this increase in workload Spinifex Skateboards offloaded the fulfilling of orders to a distribution company; the team are now able to focus on other areas of business growth and workshop delivery. Locally, Spinifex Skateboards provides regular program facilitation allowing young people to access a challenging and exciting recreational activity for the youth of Ltyentye Apurte. Spinifex Skateboards completed a six month Indigenous Business Development program delivered by DKAccelerator; this program greatly assisted with the expansion and professionalism of Spinifex Skateboards. Spinifex is now self-sustaining, and does not receive any financial support from AAAC or STE.

Spinifex is also proving extremely popular with the media and during the year Skateboard Hayes participated in multiple interviews for news, magazine and radio production. Spinifex also hosted a Canadian film and documentary production, Skate Le Monde, who highlighted the skate scene in Central Australia featuring Spinifex's influence. Skateboard Hayes received the 2021 NT NAIDOC Week Sports Award and was also invited onto the Songlines all Indigenous skate team in Australia; Congratulations Nicky!

The Songlines skate team travelled to WA in 2021 to partake in demos and a competition called Rumble on the Reef. Spinifex Skateboards and Songlines were hugely influential to the wider community, and provided a shining light for Indigenous kids. Songlines team members grew up believing they were the only Indigenous young person who skated and these fellas want to pave the way for future Indigenous skaters to let them know they are not the only ones and provide them with genuine inspirational First Nations role modelling.

This coming financial year Spinifex Skateboards will be supported by IndigiMob through a Digital Access mentoring program; it is hoped that this will expand to the other Santa Teresa Enterprises to help skills development for a digital future for all enterprises.

LTYENTYE APURTE SKATE PARK

AAAC have received approval from the Community Development Working Group of Traditional Owners to support an outdoor skate facility that can be accessed at all times for young people with bikes, scooters and skateboards. As with the Oval this skateboard would be owned by AAAC and the Ltyentye Apurte community. Funding has been verbally approved by both the Community Development Working Group of Traditional Owners and the CLC Economic Stimulus grant. Community consultations will be held to determine the design of the skatepark and construction is estimated to begin in the 2022-23 financial year.



Partners and staff

AAAC is proud to partner with both government and non-government organisations who share a positive vision for Ltyente Apurte.

- CatholicCareNT – CDP and Intensive Family Support Program
- Central Australian Youth Link-up Service (CAYLUS)
- Central Land Council
- Chansey Paech MLA
- Central Australian Aboriginal Congress
- Central Land Council
- Commonwealth Government
- o National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) –
 - Stronger Communities for Children
 - Aboriginal Benefit Account
- o Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources – Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund Microgrids
- o Indigenous Land & Sea Council (ILSC)
 - Debbie Miller Bookkeeping
 - DKAccelerator
 - Desert Incorporated
 - Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal, Alternative Engagement Program
 - Impact Investment Partners
 - Jesuit Social Services
 - Keringke Arts
 - Literacy for Life Foundation
 - Ltyentye Apurte Arelhe-Ingkerrenyekekenhe-Apmere Aboriginal Corporation
 - Ltyente Apurte Catholic School
 - Ltyente Apurte Rangers (CLC)
 - MacDonnell Regional Council & MacYouth
 - Marist Brothers
 - Melbourne Cricket Club
 - Melbourne Cricket Ground
 - Melbourne Football Club
 - Michael Long Learning & Leadership Project
 - NT Government
- o Community Benefit Fund

- o Department of the Chief Minister
- o Department of Health, Harm Minimisation Unit
- o Department of Trade, Business and Innovation
- o Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture
 - Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
 - Outback Stores
 - Santa Teresa Clinic
 - Santa Teresa Parish
 - Sean Bowden, Bowden McCormack
 - The Purple House
 - Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi

The AAAC and STE teams 2021 – 2022

- Abi Kamara
- Donovan Mulladad
- Ellie Kamara
- Georga Ryan
- Jason King
- Johanna Shand
- Katie Getson
- Leocardia Young
- Matthew Cavanagh
- Nathan Douglas
- Shane Mulladad
- Susie Low
- Tali Maher

MERNE MWARRE

- Christyannah Wallace
- Levina Abbott
- Malisa Leung
- Marie Mulladad
- Tessa Palmer
- Tracey Furber
- Veronica Peters

TRADITIONAL CRAFT CENTRE

- Clinton Oliver
- Clinton Smith
- Dean Oliver
- Glen Smith
- Shannon Smith
- Stefan Smith
- William Oliver

HORSE PROGRAM

- Dale Mulladad

- Dwayne Alice
- Jason McMillan
- Justin Young
- Raymond Palmer

Hair Salon

- Cherelle Davis
- Jasmin Tilmouth
- Rochelle Wallace

Furniture Shed & Coffee van

- Charlie Lynch
- Farrah Flowers

Spinifex Skateboards

- Nicholas Hayes



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