

Establishment of Working Groups – Brief for LMCs & WGs

Background

Binarri-binyja yarrowoo Aboriginal Corporation ('BBY') was established on 15 June 2016 to perform the role of backbone organisation for Empowered Communities East Kimberley ('ECEK'). Empowered Communities is a shared philosophy and collaboration framework for Aboriginal-led development and reform. It is about Aboriginal people taking greater responsibility for developing and leading our own plans for change.

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Empowered Communities East Kimberley Governance

BBY is a neutral convener to implement the Empowered Communities model in the East Kimberley, performing key 'backbone functions' to support and facilitate joint action by Aboriginal Organisations, Government, NGOs and Corporate Partners to achieve transformational change.

Our governance structure is composed of a Board of Directors and Local Management Committees (LMCs). The Board is made up of up to six Aboriginal Leaders from across the East Kimberley who are passionate about change and 'walking the talk'.

The Board oversees the strategic direction of BBY, sustaining the success of Empowered Communities in the East Kimberley. The Board receives advice from BBY member organisations through the LMCs.

Local Management Committees (LMCs)

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These opt-in organisations work together, along with BBY and its Board, to set priorities within a long-term development agenda aimed at building a future in which Aboriginal people participate equally in the regional economy, value our culture, educate our children, look after our old people and lead long and healthy lives.

Non-Member participation in LMCs

As an invited participant of the LMC your organisation:

- will play a key role in connecting the efforts of all community members, community stakeholders (non-government organisations and all levels of government)
- work with community to provide positive outcomes and impacts as well as better service delivery
- listen to and support Aboriginal led program ideas, design and implementation
- provide the right resourcing, evaluations, investment and access to data when requested

Priority Working Groups (PWGs)

ECEK has published the fourth iteration of the Regional Development Agenda (RDA). As the collaboration matures, it is time to evolve the governance structure, including establishing a formal role for working groups, which will ensure action against specific priorities identified in current version of five-year RDA is progressed in each sub-region.

Purpose/Objectives

- Priority Working Groups (PWGs) to be established or BBY to support existing groups in each sub-region to progress initiatives. PWGs are composed of subject-matter experts from member organisations who are working together to achieve common goal
- Aboriginal led in program idea, design and implementation of PWGs strategic plans & initiatives
- Cross-functional, cross-sectoral collaboration across thematic areas i.e. Early Years Sector
- Obtain commitment from service delivery & investment partners

BBY Responsibility	LMC & PWGs Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify, establish and manage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Two Working Groups (PWGs) in each region (Kununurra, Halls Creek, Wyndham and Kalumburu) to progress sub-region plans • ECEK Governance Model • LMC Terms of Reference (ToR) • Continue to provide backbone support to LMCs and PWGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMC members identify two initiatives to progress in their Sub Regional Plan (SRP) via working group • WGs to seek input, guidance, feedback and direction from LMCs • PWGs required to provide an update at regular LMCs • LMC & PWGs may invite other stakeholder (subject-matter experts) who are not members • WGs shall meet twice between quarterly LMC meetings • Convene community forums where required
Outputs	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recording of minutes, workshops, forums • Strategic Plan • Regional Development Agenda (RDA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong collaboration across sectors • Strong leadership, strong families & strong communities

LMC & PWGs Governance model: Regional Initiatives

