



Ngarrindjeri
Regional Authority



empowered
COMMUNITIES

The Ngarrindjeri Nation: An Empowered Community

RDA Conference

23rd May 2019



Welcome

Nguldi arndu Ngarrindjeri ruwe

Mimi:nar kor:nar

Let us Nukkan, Kungan, Yunnan

See each other, and who we represent

Hear each other, and the values that drive us, and

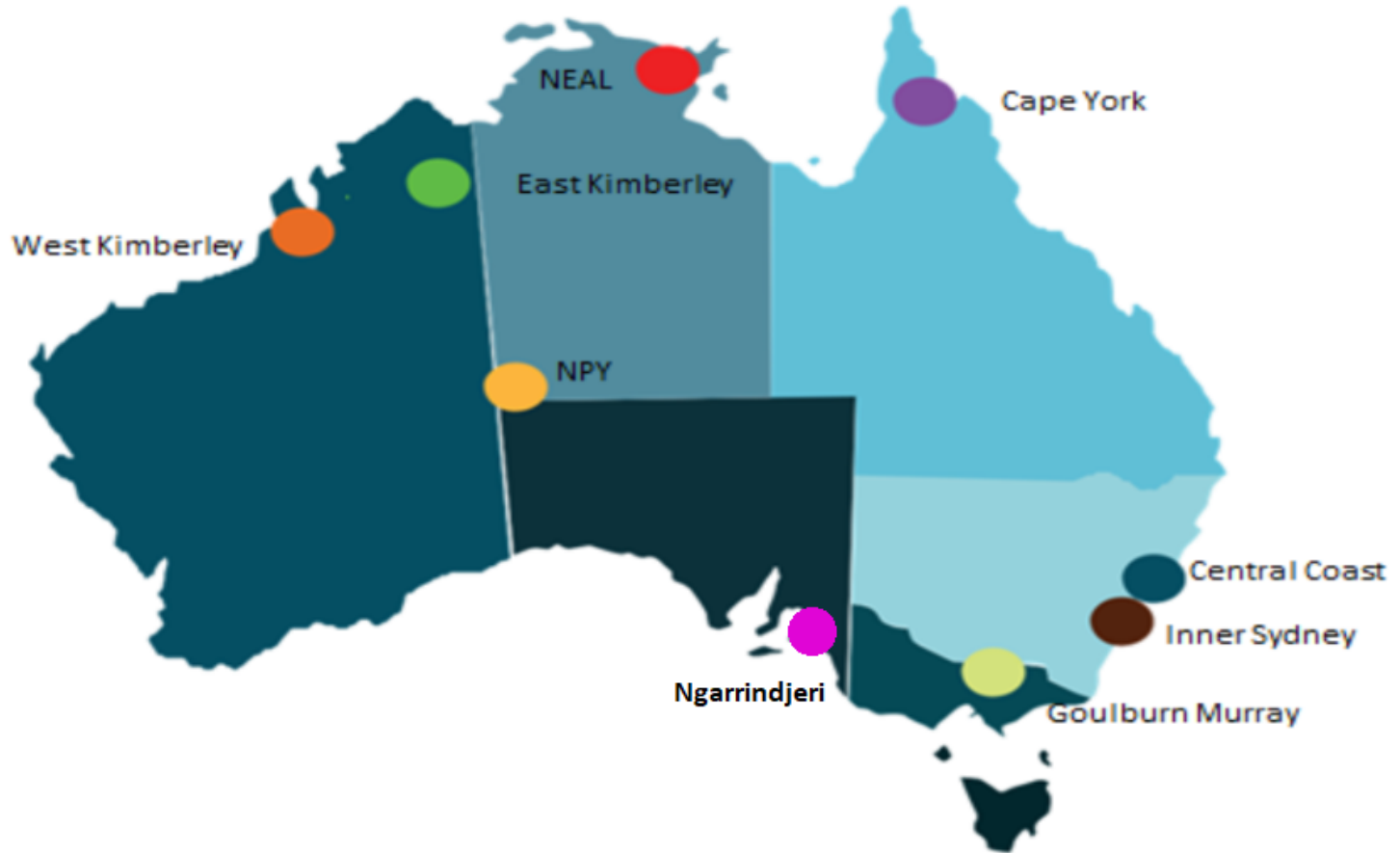
Speak to each other, in a way that builds this relationship

Nguldi arndu

What is an
Empowered
Community?



Empowered Communities Regions



Empowered Communities is an initiative led by Indigenous people, for Indigenous people in nine regions across Australia. It is a new way of working. Empowered Communities is a transformational reform that aims to empower communities by empowering people. It is led by Indigenous people, as it is Indigenous people themselves, those whose lives are directly affected, that should be empowered to have greater influence and control over the decisions that impact on their lives.

Ngarrindjeri are the newest region added to the Empowered Communities family.



Voice of Regional Leaders

'Empowered Communities seeks to create a genuine and balanced partnership between Indigenous organisations, government and corporate Australia, where everybody is working together on a level playing field and towards a shared strategy.'

— Andrea Mason, CEO, NPY Lands Women's Council

'If you want to have things you have never had before, you must be prepared to do things you have never done before. For us, this will mean getting more of our people educated and into a job in order to break the cycle of poverty for our people.'

— Ian Trust, Executive Chair, Wunan

'Really this is our best shot to chart a future not just for our eight regions—we really have to be a beacon for the rest of Indigenous Australia. If we're going to make progress in Indigenous affairs, then the empowerment of Indigenous people is at the heart of it.' — Noel Pearson, Founder, Cape York Partnership



Empowered Communities

- The opportunity for Ngarrindjeri

NRA Chairperson, Uncle Derek Walker

"It's an historic moment in time for Ngarrindjeri. We're putting a process in place we believe will be able to emerge exciting programs so Ngarrindjeri can stand in their rightful place in this region," he said.



"We believe it's an enabler around our growth and development ... (it) will provide greater opportunities for us."



The NRA EC Operating Model



Total funding investment:

\$1.8 million over 3 years from DPMC

(Federal Government)

Funding to develop NRA EC Backbone Unit to
implement EC on Ngarrindjeri Ruwe

NRA EC Backbone Unit

- Coordinator
- Admin Officer
- Community Engagement
- Data Officer

The Role of the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority - Through Empowered Communities



Partnerships

Strengthen existing

Create new

Represent & Advocate

Ngarrindjeri

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
Community

Governance

Support existing

Consider new models

Reform

Continue to push for change

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

GOVERNMENT:

- FEDERAL
 - DPMC
- STATE
 - TBC
- LOCAL
 - Alexandrina Council, KNYA
 - RCMB, KNYA
 - Coorong District Council, KNYA
 - Victor Harbor Council, in process of developing KNYA
 - Mid Murray Council
 - Yankalilla Council
 - RDA
- INDUSTRY
- JAWUN

Where to from here?

Consultation



Aboriginal Organisations

Whole of Community

Consultation scheduled for:

Fleurieu Peninsula

Murray Bridge

Raukkan

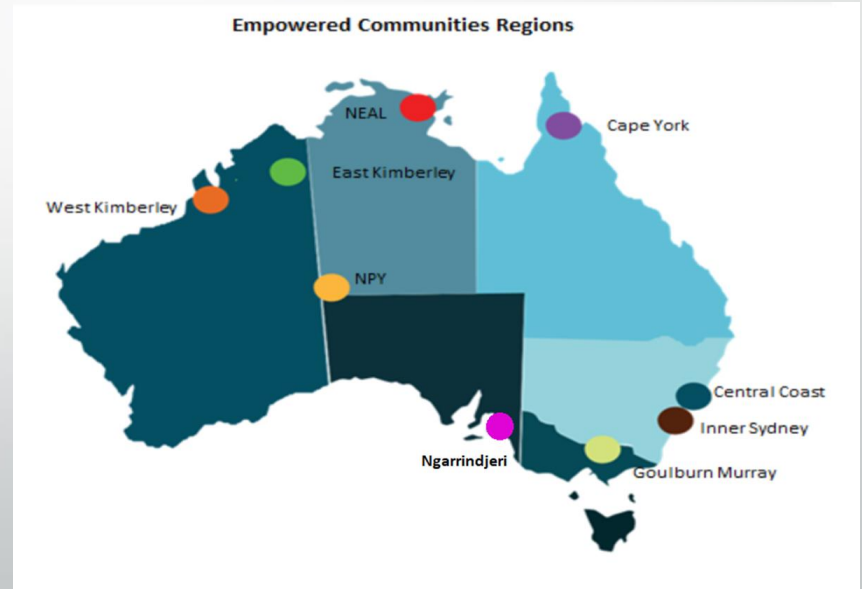
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Where to from here?

Learning from others



Site visits to other
Empowered Communities regions



Where to from here?

Making it official



Empowered Communities Launch
October 2018



Where to from here?

Start the work



Identify Ngarrindjeri 'First
Priorities'

Ngarrindjeri Empowered
Communities Work Plan

Feedback So Far

- Key Priorities Identified:

- Health
 - Men's Programs
 - Women's Programs
 - Youth Programs
 - Disability supports, programs and services
 - Elders Programs
 - Aboriginal Aged Care facility on Ngarrindjeri Ruwe within a Cultural Context
 - Drug & Alcohol Services
- Housing
- Capital works & refurbishment to community facilities
- Recreation & Sport
 - Football & Netball Club
- More Early Childhood programs
 - Aboriginal childcare centres in major towns
- Cultural programs

Funding Options and Opportunities

- Local, State and Federal government

Feedback So Far

Key Priorities Identified:

- Economic Development
 - Fishing licences
 - Restaurants
 - More small businesses
 - Ngarrindjeri Cultural Tourism Trail & Centres
- Education
 - Pathways
 - Scholarships
 - Cadetships
- Training & Employment opportunities
- Youth
 - Impacts on/better supports for Aboriginal Children within the Education System
 - Youth Leadership Programs with a focus on bringing our Aboriginal Youth in to positions on our Aboriginal Boards & Leadership Positions within Aboriginal Organisations
 - Youth Employment – job creation & opportunities for Aboriginal Youth within our own Ngarrindjeri Ruwe.

Local Decision Making Framework

Key Aspects of Local Decision Making:

- IAS Funding into the region
- Data sharing between DPMC, NRA EC, EC Central and other EC regions
- Current Snapshot
- Potential for re-design going forward for Aboriginal community organisations, programs and services
- Learnings from other regions
- Establishment of Community Panels

Process forward:

- Review of current IAS funding, for our region
- Formal process
- Open and transparent
- Recommendation by NRA EC, carries 75% weighting
- Final report to DPMC

Next Steps for NRA EC and Key Partners & Stakeholders

- Establish new relationship around Empowered Communities
 - Regular Meetings, i.e. KNYA Leader to Leader Meetings with Local Government
 - Identify key supports needed for new relationship i.e. Data sharing
 - EC Presentation to Leadership, Board, Senior Management and Staff
 - Support for Key Priority Areas through:
 - Grant Submissions
 - Discussions and Negotiations about Key Opportunities
 - Economic Development
 - Tourism
 - Arts and Culture
 - Other opportunities



Thank you

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