



BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER JULY, 2023

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LHERE ARTEPE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Arrernte people who belong to the Mparntwe, Antulye and Irlpme estates have been the traditional owners of land in and around Alice Springs since the Altyerre.



Our traditional law and culture has been handed down to us by our parents and grandparents through the generations. Although we are many families, we are one people, united in our law and culture.

3. COMMUNITY MATTERS

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Flood Mitigation

LAAC has been in dialogue with the Government and DIPL over flood mitigation measures for Alice Springs. The Wigley's Waterhole area is still under Commonwealth Moratorium of 'NO Dam' there to which we have also said. Our website www.lhereartepe.org.au has flood mitigation information on it with regards to options for levees and causeway construction in Alice Springs as other options. We will continue dialogue with DIPL on these measures to ensure our country and sites are not disrupted. Please refer to our website or contact the office for more information.

SORC

Lhere Artepe is represented on the Social Order Response Committee (SORC) in Alice Springs and holds the Deputy Chairperson position. We are now in monthly meetings with Commonwealth and NT Governments and primary stakeholders on matters effecting Alice Springs. LAAC has been pushing the case that the bush is in Crisis, more so than Alice Springs. Investment needs to be increased the bush whilst also funding needs based programs in Alice Springs. We will continue to be in this space to represent our Native Title Holders and Country.

Preventative Justice

LAAC has been in discussion with the Commonwealth Attorney General Department over Preventive Justice Measures and programs. The Federal Government via the Attorney General's Office has announced \$81.5m over 4 years commencing 2022/23 to 10 locations in Australia to which Alice Springs has been nominated. LAAC has assisted in facilitating an initial workshop and subsequent follow up steering committee/ working group meeting to progress this space. LAAC has successfully been awarded the Backbone/Lead organisation in this pace with a partnership formed between DKA and Anglicare to administer such. LAAC will continue to play a leading role in determining needs based funding programs are the recipients of such investments on the back of data collection and facts.

Protocols & Signage

LAAC has been working with both the Federal and Northern Territory Government along with the Alice Springs Town Council to create and distribute Arrernte Welcome to Alice Springs signage and protocol messaging. Such messaging will be in poster format, television advertisements, radio, social media and public places such as shops fronts, schools and bus stations.



1. CEO MESSAGE

Werte, welcome to our first edition of the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation Newsletter.

We expect to run such newsletters twice per year to connect with and keep members and Native Title Holders abreast of matters and events concerning them.

I am Graeme Smith, CEO of LAAC RNTBC. I am an Arrernte man of the Irlpme Estate group born and raised in Alice Springs. I am honoured to be working for my families and this Corporation and hope that together we can all fulfill the potential of Lhere Artepe AC as envisioned by our elders past. I have a background in Land Rights, Native Title, Investments and Community development.

Through this newsletter, we hope to connect with and share as much information as possible with our Native Title Holders and members of Estate Groups alike.

Should you wish to discuss matters within the newsletters, please contact the office.

— Graeme Smith, CEO

5. OPERATIONS NEWS & UPDATES

LAAC has secured its own premises at 2 Gap Road, Alice Springs. The old Centralian advocate Building. This office is now our home to which we can base ourselves and operate from.

Further to the office, we also have on staff:

- CEO – Graeme Smith
- Policy Officer – Jackie Rawles
- Operations manager – Bernie Edwards
- Personal Assistant/Admin Support – Vacant
- Senior Community Liaison Officer – Lauren Liddle (Mparntwe)
- Liaison Officer Travaughn Dowling – Antulye (on leave till 30 Dec 2023)
- Liaison Officer Vanessa Gorey – Irlpme
- Patrol Program Manager – Jane Ndove
- Ranger Development manager – Joshua Randall
- Team of 30-40 Patrol Officers.

We are upgrading our office at present to cater for the Patrol and Ranger Programs with Funding from NIAA. We are seeking to have the office on solar and upgrade our cooling/heating systems. The office wall and mural had a large gum tree fall upon it which is subject to

insurance and are now in the processes of repairs. We are working on an outdoor area to better host meetings and families. This office is owned by us, the native Title Holders of Alice Springs, so lets make it our place of pride. Please come in and visit.



Through July/Sept 2023, we should see such messaging slowly rolled out within Alice Springs to remind everyone of their cultural protocols when entering and visiting Arrernte Country.

PBC NNTT National Rep

LAAC has been included to the National Native Title Council PBC Steering Group Committee. The Committee was established in 2022 and had an inaugural meeting with LAAC now being invited to join from March of 2023. The CEO and Chairperson will represent LAAC at such forums going forward. This is an important forum to be on for LAAC and will engage.

Alice Springs Town Council Partnership Meetings

The ASTC and LAAC will in 2023 endeavour to have our elected arms meet regularly to discuss matters of concern and common interest. Such meetings will be backed up and supported by CEO to CEO meetings between the ASTC and LAAC. ASTC and LAAC share common interest in Alice Springs with a relationship being created in 2021. Due to COVID and other factors, these meetings were put on hold. We will now meet regularly through the back end of 2023 and beyond.

4. ILUA (INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UPDATES

LAAC as a Native Title Rep Body, had through the back of last year consulted on the NT Government's proposal of an ILUA with LAAC for expansion of the township of Alice Springs.



This package consisted of a \$20m in kind package, meaning no cash. The map and details of the proposal and package are available on our website [Indigenous Land Use Agreements | Lhere Artepe][<https://www.lhereartepe.org.au/land-use-agreements>].

LAAC are still awaiting the NTG response on our consultations and feedback. Through the end of 2023 we expect to commence and complete ILUA consultations on:

1. White Gate and surrounds Land Tenure
2. Upgrade of Stegar Rd access corridor to the Old Quarry plus upgrades to the Schwarz Cres crossing.
3. Alice Springs Town Council Waste Dip Expansion

Any queries on these proposals should contact Policy Officer – Jackie Rawles at the office at policy@lhereartepe.org.au.

2. GOVERNANCE / BOARD NEWS

LAAC has completed a Strategic Plan and Business plan in 2023. Available on the website.

Board meets at least 4 times per year with Estate group meetings twice per year plus AGM's. The Next board meeting of LAAC is due end of July with Estate Group boards to meet late July early August with AGM's planned Sept Oct 2023. Next Elections for Estate and LAAC board positions are in 2024.

LAAC BOARD REPRESENTATION:

IGA BOARD: Benedict Stevens, Paul Oliver and Billy Liddle

YEPERENYE BOARD: Benedict Stevens, Paul Oliver and Cheryl Campbell

DKA: Graeme Smith

IMPARJA TV (LAAC IS NOW A SHARE HOLDER OF IMPARJA TV AS OF 2023): Graeme Smith

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ART GALLERY: Benedict Stevens and Vicky Lindner

LAAC has various other internal and external Stakeholder committees and forums. Contact the office if any areas are of interest to members for representation of LAAC in such roles.

6. PATROL PROGRAM NEWS

LAAC has successfully been recognised for funding to establish and operate a traditional owner patrol program with funding secured via NIAA.

Following a successful recruitment process, we have engaged the services of Jane Ndove to fill the role of Patrol Manager to whom we welcome and commenced with LAAC in May of 2023. The LAAC patrol Program operates 2 shifts, 12pm to 7pm and another team from 7pm to 2am or 3am as needed. 30 Patrol officers daily.

We carry a team of 4 team leaders – male and female, 2 call centre operators which will be recruited in July/August 2023 and a team of casual patrol officers to come and work for us in this program. LAAC will operate its Patrol Program in Alice Springs with working relationships with the Community Night patrol Services, NT Police, Tangentyere Council and the NT Government in entering this space whilst also offering fee for service at major events.

The Patrol Program model will include a public app and call centre operator/s to support the Patrollers on the street. The public app will have a direct link to our call centre as first responders and will be publicly available to download so we become first responders.

Any interested persons wishing to work in the patrol program can contact the office for more details but must contain a current Ochre card and relevant police and working with children clearances.

LAAC wishes to acknowledge and thank the Larrakia Nation for its assistance in this space. First issue of the Patrol Program Brochure will be developed for circulation in July of 2023.



7. RANGER CARING FOR COUNTRY PROGRAM

LAAC has been successful in obtaining some funds to employ a Ranger Program Development Manager via the CLC/ABA Economic Stimulus funds.

An application was lodged to establish a Ranger/caring for Country Program in Alice Springs to incorporate among other areas, the Todd River, Bungalow (Telegraph Station), Sites in and around town and the catchment areas north of the Bungalow through to the flood areas south of the Gap.

The Application was supported by a Prospectus of the Program, and we thank NAILSMA for this work and the CLC for funding it.

We have successfully recruited a Ranger Development Officer with the assistance of the CLC in the recruitment process to whom commenced 28th March 2023.

The Ranger Development Officer will work on:

- Establishing a Youth Ranger Program
- Establishing MOU's with stakeholders on work programs and projects
- Undertaking small scale projects as needed, with focus on centralised sites initially
- Establish a Ranger/caring for Country Program in Alice Springs long term.

Any persons interested in this project or becoming a Ranger in this space, please contact the office for more information.

8. UPCOMING MEETING & DATES

Demand has been high for Welcome to Country (WTC), Singing and Dance groups plus Smoking Ceremonies at a variety of Corporate Events, including Schools, Health Dept's and International Women's' Day events.

Date	Event
Late July, 2023	Lhere Artepe Board Meeting
July/August, 2023	Directors Meeting : Antulye Estate Group Directors Meeting : Irlpme Estate Group Directors Meeting : Mparntwe Estate Group
October, 2023	AGM: Antulye Estate Group AGM: Irlpme Estate Group AGM: Mparntwe Estate Group

Notices will be distributed closer to the dates.



Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation is the Registered and recognised Prescribed Body Corporate representing the Native Title Holders of Alice Springs following their court determination ruling and registered Incorporated body in 2002.

As is protocol when visiting other places, Welcome to Country performances are a service we provide. To enquire about this service, please contact the admin@lhereartepe.org.au address.

Lhere Artepe uses Native Title Holders to undertake such services at a small fee, which goes back to the individual and body corporate.

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