

Walangeri Yarralin

Community Vision & Masterplan
Trip Summary - August 2024



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Trip Summary

Trip Purpose

- First meeting between Walangeri directors and TFA
- Vision & Masterplan project introduction
- Collection of baseline information (photos of community, recording observations of existing condition, drone imagery)

Outline of Engagement

Monday 26th August

- TFA arrive Yarralin 3.30pm
- 4.30-6.30pm - meeting with Walangeri Directors to introduce the project

Meeting objectives:

- Introduce the TFA team and previous experience
- What is a Masterplan
- Why is it needed?
- Who is it for?
- What are the parts or components?

Who was there:

WNAC Directors

- Wesley Campbell (Chair)
- Noleen Campbell
- Lucy Pedwell
- Colin Campbell
- Taylor Campbell
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- Brian Pedwell (via phone)

- John de Koning (via phone)

Others

- Martin Schahinger (General Manager WNAC)
- Kayla Adamson (Business Manager WNAC)

What happened:

- TFA gave a presentation of what we do and what a Masterplan is.
- The Walangeri Directors requested TFA to make a physical model of community to assist in conversations

Tuesday 27th August

Collection of information & preparation for BBQ:

- Community tour with Martin Schahinger
- TFA take photos of community
- TFA build community model

Wednesday 28th August

- TFA take drone imagery 9am
- Community BBQ at the Store 12-2pm
- Field trip to Lingara 3-4pm (we spoke to Cherise Young and Russell McMillan)

Community BBQ:

- Set up model and drone images out the front of shop
- Set up BBQ and cooked sausages and steaks

Who was there:

- Colin Campbell
- Lorraine Campbell
- Lindsay Slim
- Subdin Assan
- Police Officers
- Zoe Richardson (School Principal)
- Scott (Store Manager)
- Several women and children (names unknown)

Other:

- Meeting (VC) with Sally Tsekouras at Katherine West Health to understand future needs of the Health Clinic.

Thursday 29th August

- TFA depart Yarralin early morning

Consultation Team

TFA: Kieran Wong & Akira Monaghan

Photos opposite:

WNAC Directors meeting,
BBQ at the Store.



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Community

Ideally the community would like to manage Yarralin themselves, and run their own affairs. People in Yarralin are proud of their community. Some of the Elders in the community were part of the Wave Hill Walk Off in 1966, a significant event in the history of the Aboriginal land rights movement in Australia. Yarralin was established by some of these Elders, and others, who secured the return of their land from the previous cattle station managers who lived there up until the late 1970s.

In the recent past, the community was managed by the Walatjerri Ngumpiniku Community Government Council. However, through the process of council amalgamation across the Northern Territory, Yarralin was incorporated into the Victoria Daly Shire Council and the Community Government Council was closed down. This took place three years ago in 2008.

Many people in the community are unhappy about this governance change, and would prefer to have their own Aboriginal Community Government Council leading the community.

Former members of the Walatjerri Ngumpiniku Community Government Council now form part of the Walatjerri Ngumpiniku Corporation. The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) is working with the Corporation to help strengthen their governance capacity.

For community members wanting to get more involved in local decision-making there is also a local Board with community members on it, and there are other opportunities to get involved in various committees and reference groups (such as the Housing Reference Group).

But then again, it all comes down to community members taking part in helping the community out.

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Housing

Overview of the issue

Overcrowding and house maintenance was identified as the most important issue in Yarralin. It is also an issue across other communities in the Northern Territory and has been well documented by researchers and the media in the past.

Recently a large police station was built in Yarralin (costing \$8.8m) with housing facilities for four families and a few visiting officers. At the same time approximately \$1.2m was invested in the community to update and repair existing community housing. While people are glad to have the police based in the community, some people are unhappy about the investment of such a large amount of money for police housing.

The housing problem, and overcrowding in particular, is seen to contribute to conflict and fighting between families, drug and alcohol abuse, poor school attendance by children, as well as health problems experienced in the community. There are only 29 houses in Yarralin for the local Aboriginal population of approximately 350 people.

Maintenance of public housing is also a problem. Maintenance contractors often do not complete listed jobs when they visit the community. For example, in one house in Yarralin there are four couples living in the house (including a pregnant woman), a teenager and a small child. The oven in the house has been broken for almost a year, and the ten people living in the house have to use an electronic frypan to cook food for everyone. While they have reported this maintenance issue four times, unfortunately they missed out on repairs during the last visit made by the maintenance contractor. They now have to wait until next year for their oven to be repaired.

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There are three permanent staff working at the clinic, however the nurses come and go. Many nurses only work for 5 or 6 weeks in the community, and some have experienced culture shock. The doctor comes to the clinic every week. There is only one male health worker in the western Katherine region, and there are no longer any female health workers based at the clinic. One female health worker recently moved to Katherine, and the other is currently on maternity leave.

The main health problems in the community are diabetes, hypertension, high blood pressure and renal failure. Men in particular do not visit the clinic often enough for check ups.

Another issue is access to the community during the wet season. There have been problems with planes landing at the airstrip in Yarralin with some pilots refusing to land due to safety concerns. Planes have been unable to land at night due to the risk of fatalities on the airstrip. When the roads are cut off during the wet season, flying is the only way in and out of the community. This is an issue not only for the Yarralin community, but also for people living and working at nearby cattle stations who also rely on the health clinic in Yarralin.

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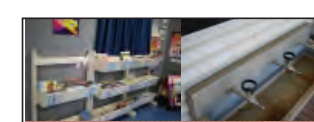
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Sports & Rec

Overview of Issue
A big concern in Yarralin is that teenagers and young people don't have anything to do after school hours, and in-between school terms. Many young people move to Darwin and Katherine to attend high school, as there is no secondary schooling available in the community. For teenagers who come back to the community during school holidays and for those who do not go to high school, there is not much to do in Yarralin. Often teenagers wander around the community late into the night, looking for something to do. There are limited sports and recreation facilities available in the community. For the past year or so there has not been a Sports & Rec Officer. Some young men in the community got the football team up and running over the dry season this year, however other sports activities have not been running such as softball and basketball.

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Kids

Overview of Issue
Community members of Yarralin believe the community is a nice place for children to grow up, but they felt there could be more opportunities for children after school hours. The playground at the school is good because the play equipment is well maintained and there is sand covering the area. However, parents were concerned about the other two playgrounds near the store and the studio, where the ground was prickly and hard. They felt this could pose a safety issue for young children. Outside of school hours, children often go down to the river to fish and swim. This is not safe, particularly during heavy rain, because the current can be strong and there are occasionally crocodiles sighted. Parents are sometimes not aware that their children are down at the river, and kids are often unsupervised. The community would like a swimming pool so that there is a safe area for the kids to swim, and more activities outside school hours.

What can be done
The community needs to take responsibility for their kids after hours to keep them safe and occupied, especially if children are walking down the road or going to the river to fish and swim. The Shire is also advertising for a Sports & Rec Officer, which might help to address the lack of activities for younger children outside of school hours. It would be difficult to get a swimming pool in Yarralin, because they are expensive and take a lot of maintenance to run. There are plans to fix up the three playgrounds in the community outside of the school grounds. The Shire has funding to remove one, and conduct renovations to the remaining two. This should improve the facilities for children and remove any potentially unsafe play areas.

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Training & Employment

What was said in 2010

- Unemployment is a problem, limited opportunities
- CDEP program employs people
- More skilled work opportunities wanted
- Training to be held in community
- Workshops for training
- Community garage for vehicle servicing
- Community workshop for other hobbies/ construction/making
- Shed for maintenance

What has happened since then

What was said in August 2024



Training & Employment

Overview of Issue
Unemployment is a problem in Yarralin. There are limited work opportunities within the community. Many people are employed under the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) and many others in the community are unemployed, relying on unemployment benefits. In the past more people used to work as part of CDEP, however nowadays less people are willing to get involved. This is largely due to changes in the way in which CDEP payments are made. CDEP workers are now paid through Centrelink for their work, rather than directly by the Shire. This was seen by the community as a key factor in people's lack of motivation to work for CDEP. Elders in the community, as well as young people, would like to see more skilled work opportunities in the community. CDEP is only four hours a day, and for the men participating it involves mainly cutting grass around the community. Some people in the community have skills, such as carpentry, and would like a proper job so they can use their skills. The community would also prefer that training is held in the community where possible, rather than people having to go away from the community near the clubs and pubs in town.

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Police

What was said in 2010

- New police station and 4x houses recently built
- Positive about now having police in community
- Night patrol (need another vehicle)
- Want an Aboriginal officer on the team
- Issue with grog being snuck into community

What has happened since then

What was said in August 2024

- Police have plans to replace station and housing due to structural issues



Police & Night Patrol

Overview of Issue
A new police station was recently built in Yarralin. The community is very positive about the new police presence because it means they do not have to wait at least two hours for police to drive to the community from Timber Creek. There is one Night Patrol car in Yarralin that operates between 6pm and 12am. The Night Patrol delivers community members from the drinking place to their homes so they are not at risk of driving unsafely, as well as patrolling the community to make sure there is no vandalism or domestic violence. If there is a more serious problem, the police become involved and Night Patrol workers said they were very responsive when there were issues they could not deal with. Only having one Night Patrol car has caused some issues in Yarralin, as local kinship structures and traditions prevent certain family members ('poison cousins') from travelling in the same car. Although the community is happy that the police station has been built, they feel that some of this money could have been spent on more community housing (please refer to the section on Housing).

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Drugs & Alcohol

Overview of Issue
Yarralin is a dry community. There is a big sign as you come into Yarralin saying it is a 'Prohibited Area', dealing a lot of 'prohibited material' that cannot be taken into the community. Many community members don't like having this sign at the entrance to their community. The closest alcohol outlet is about 90km away from the community in Top Springs. When community members want to have a drink, they have to drive to Top Springs and back, and then go to the 'Grid' outside the community to drink. People feel that the 'Grid' is far enough away from the community, but it is messy and there is no shade for people or fresh water available to drink. Also, it can be dangerous for people walking back to the community after they have been drinking. Most people feel that alcohol consumption and drug use needs to be controlled in Yarralin, and that people need to take responsibility for how much they drink. In the past alcohol was controlled by the community, but it has gotten a bit out of hand in recent times. The main issue in Yarralin is mostly alcohol being brought back to the community, which makes it unsafe for the kids and other people in the community because fights start up when people come back drunk. People still sneak grog into the community as well.

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Culture & Entertainment

What was said previously

- Cultural/function centre needed for wellbeing, preservation of language/heritage
- Include meeting/workshop space, event space, culture and education, arts, bbq area, landscaping

What has happened since then

What was said in August 2024

- Need community function/festival space with stage, secure storage for music equipment
- Currently no arts & crafts occurring in community

Visitors & Tourism

What was said previously

- Tourism for local economy
- Guided tours, education

What has happened since then

- Motel expansion (lot 112)
- Concept plans for further motel expansion underway

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Trip Purpose

- Second visit to Yarralin to explore and progress growth options with WNAC Directors.

Outline of Engagement

Tuesday 10th September

- 4.30pm - meeting with Walangeri Directors

Meeting objectives:

- Project Update including what has happened so far
- Progress the Masterplan - focus on determining future growth areas

Who was there:

WNAC Directors

- Lucy Pedwell
- Colin Campbell
- Jenny Newry
- Brian Pedwell
- Noleen Campbell (via phone)
- Taylor Campbell (via phone)
- Sharatine Campbell (via phone)
- Troy Campbell (via phone)
- Rebecca Campbell (via phone)

Others

- Martin Schahinger (General Manager WNAC)
- Andrew Johanson (Outback Stores)

What happened:

- TFA gave a presentation focussing on future housing, new store, & clinic.
- Several questions posed:
 1. Where should growth be?
 2. Where do the houses go?
 3. Where should the Store & Clinic be located?

Key Messages

- Future growth areas to the north and west were supported.
- The general location for store and clinic was agreed.
- No housing to go next to Lot 124.
- Further consideration needed regarding location of fuel bowser.
- Consider conflict with flood evac area, and water supply infrastructure.

Wednesday 11th September

Meeting with School Principal

Who: Zoe Richardson

What: Brief for what is required to meet current demand supplied to TFA.

Site Walk

Who: BP, Colin, Martin

What: Walked the possible growth area site and identified water infrastructure and cultural sites (timber posts).

Community BBQ:

Who: Various

What:

- Cooked a BBQ and chatted with community members over the model.
- Would like to see an Arts Centre space, Youth Centre Space, BMX
- Need a place to keep kids busy (and safe) with activities

Next Steps:

- Begin section 19 process for Store and Clinic lease.
- Take the masterplan proposal to the whole community.

Consultation Team

TFA: Kieran Wong & Frances Silberstein

Photos opposite (clockwise from top left):

WNAC Director meeting,

BBQ at the Store,

Community members look at the model,

Resulting model from engagement,

BP, Colin, Kieran and Martin identify site features to the west of the oval.

September 2024



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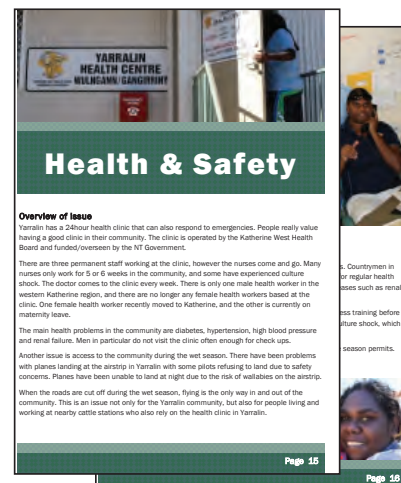
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- Need a central area for children to 'keep out of harms way'
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- Used to have skatepark but it washed away – St Teresa good example with skateboard ramp inside a shed.
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Walangeri Yarralin

Community Vision & Masterplan
Trip Summary - December 2024



**THE
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Trip Purpose

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Outline of Engagement

Tuesday 3rd December

Visit TOs for a chat about the Master Plan:

House 127b - Barry and Liam

House 67 - Marie Campbell and Laurie

Mambulloo. Key messages:

- Need a high school here, it's good for kids to stay
- A shed for the old people to play cards
- A workshop for community to use to fix their things would be good
- Need a mechanic workshop

Meeting with Walangeri Directors

Meeting objectives:

- Housing types discussion
- Identify priority area for housing
- Confirmation of the Master Plan and approval to proceed to final reporting

Who was there:

WNAC Directors

- Lucy Pedwell
- Colin Campbell
- 2. • Jenny Newry
- Charlie James

- Samantha Campbell
- Noleen Campbell (via phone)
- Marissa Heenan (via phone)
- Sharatine Campbell (via phone)

Others

- Martin Schahinger (General Manager WNAC)
- Kayla Adamson (Business Manager WNAC)

What happened:

TFA gave a presentation of the draft Master Plan, including:

- The principles that drive the plan
- The defining moves (the 'big' moves)
- Discussion about the types of houses needed and size of lots

Key Messages

- Old people must have priority and located next to the future Clinic - allow for old people housing and nursing home/aged care.
- We need mostly 2 bedroom houses and also 1 and 5 bedroom.
- We want to design our own houses.
- There are various problems with the houses we have now.
- The priority area for new houses was identified (refer adjacent).
- The project should be named "Walangeri Ngumpinku - Master Plan"

Wednesday 4th December

Workshop with School kids

TFA were introduced to a class of 25 ranging from 8 years old to 15. TFA gave a summary of

the project and explained what we were doing today.

The kids completed a worksheet about what they like in Yarralin, followed by what they would like to have in Yarralin in the future.

Community BBQ:

Who: Various

What:

- Cooked a BBQ and chatted with community members over the model (updated).

Next Steps:

- Complete the reporting and final Master Plan drawings
- Send through a Validation signing page for Directors to sign.
- Arrange a final model and laminated posters.

Consultation Team

TFA: Kieran Wong & Akira Monaghan

Photos opposite (clockwise from top left):

Barry's house, Marie & Laurie's house, Colin talks about aged care,

TFA presentation to Directors,

Community BBQ (Lindsay pictured), Charlie Newry pointing to the new housing on the model,

The selected priority area for housing.



Trip Summary - School Workshop



Some of the things we like to do....

Going Fishing

Swimming at the River

Playing at the jumping tree

Playing Football

Playing at school

Hunting

Going to school

Cruising in the car

Walking around Yarralin

Playing soccer

Playing basketball



Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Name: Tackles

Class: Year 1

What do you like doing in Yarralin?

Fishing

Swimming

Playing footy

Walking



Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Name: Jessie

Class: Turkey

What do you like doing in Yarralin?

I like swimming in the river every day.





Name: Devy Baskar

Class: Grade 5

What do you like doing in Yarralin?

Swimming, fishing, boating,
surfing, sitting down,
go to school, play
with friends, go for
walk.

Draw your favourite place in Yarralin.



Trip Summary - School Workshop



Some of the things we want....

Water Park

Soccer field

New Footy oval

Swimming Pool

BMX Track

Motorbike track

Basketball court with shop

KFC





Community Planning Themes

Governance

What was said in 2010

- Aspire to self-manage, run own affairs.
- Local council absorbed into VDSC, some unhappy about it.

What has happened since then

- Land rights gained in 2016.
- WNAC taken over management of the Store

What was said in August 2024

- Lack of consultation when new houses built - caused issues, unhappy about it.

What was said in September 2024

- Desire to rename Yarralin as Walangeri, but must be slowly introduced to the community

What was said in December 2024

- We want greater say about our houses, we want to design them.

Housing

What was said in 2010

- Overcrowding and maintenance the big issues
- Dissatisfied with under investment
- Housing issues linked to social issues
- 29 houses (pop 350 people)
- Dissatisfied with refurbishments
- Lack of fencing

What has happened since then

- In 2021 an extensive refurb and new build project was completed (24 lots/ 35 dwellings)

What was said in August 2024

- Total of 29 community houses today
- Lack of consultation when the 2021 work was done, created issues
- Need a plan for stages of houses - up to 50 houses



What was said in September 2024

- Housing is the main priority
- Future housing areas need park areas
- Staff housing (lots 16-19) should move

What was said in December 2024

- We want to design our own houses
- We need proper 'Australian' house with proper kitchen, space for table, lounge that is big enough
- We want choice in design
- We need mostly 2 bedroom houses, also 1 bedroom (for young people who need to leave home, and for old people), a few 5 bedroom houses
- Problems with our houses – lounge rooms too small, not enough space for a family dining table, only one yard tap (can't water the garden out the back), room next to kitchen no good, tiles can't be cleaned, can't lock the security door from inside without a key, a/c hole dangerous – why can't we have a split system?
- Houses that were built – didn't give us a gate in the fence at the back, didn't provide a walkway shortcut between houses

Health & Safety

What was said in 2010

- People value clinic highly
- 24hr clinic also respond to emergency
- 3 permanent staff, also casual
- Wet season access issue
- Issues with airstrip
- Need better road, good road, bitumen, need bridge over creek
- Landscaping and beautification
- Community garden
- Evacuation/emergency accommodation

What has happened since then

- Airstrip fence installed
- Bridge over creek

What was said in August 2024

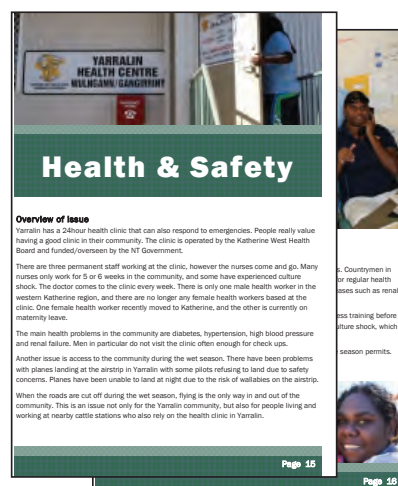
- KWHB has funding for new clinic
- New health accommodation planned for Lot 112
- Community garden project on hold/discontinued

What was said in September 2024

- Current clinic site too small
- Clinic should be done well
- Retain as many trees as possible in future growth areas

What was said in December 2024

- Shade shelter at the airport needed
- Need to prevent dumping of rubbish, and flooding



Community Planning Themes

Aged Care

What was said in 2010

- Aged care is provided
- Desire for more trips to Lingara for fishing and camping
- Need secure fencing/gates
- Want to reconnect with Mimi arts and crafts

What has happened since then

What was said in August 2024

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What was said in September 2024

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What was said in December 2024

- Need old people housing and nursing home/aged care – next to clinic
- The priority is to have elderly people next to clinic
- Need renal in future
- Older people would like a big shed to play cards. Need a shady space to play cards. Every day people playing cards. It's a problem if they can't pay their power cards.

Store

What was said in 2010

- Expensive
- Managed by Shire and Outback Stores, WNAC want to take back control

What has happened since then

- Management of the Store transferred to WNAC

What was said in August 2024

- Want to partner with Outback Stores in an effort to alleviate the admin/back end support.
- Need a new store - currently not big enough, lack of storage



Aged Care

Overview of Issue
Aged care facilities are provided in Yarralin. Aged Care Workers cook, clean and wash for elders, as well as spending time with them talking and watching TV or films, and painting. Occasionally the workers take the elders out fishing and drive them into town to go shopping. Mini Arts and Craft (Katherine) has provided paints and brushes in the past so elders can do art and painting.
The elders want to go out fishing at Lingara, where it is easy to get down to the river, and to go out camping more.

What can be done
The elders who live in the aged care facilities would like new locks on the three gates to the centre so they can feel more secure at night.
The Shire is supportive of Aged Care Workers organising fishing and camping trips, but more CDAP workers are needed to help out. Aged Care Workers said they would like more young girls to come in and learn how to care for elders so their work can continue in the future.
At present, the elders do not have painting supplies. There is an opportunity to reconnect with Mini Arts and Craft to explore whether they can provide paints and brushes again.

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The Store

Overview of Issue
The Yarralin store was originally established by the community and managed by the Walangeri Ngumpirku Community Government Council. Following the amalgamation of community councils across the Northern Territory, the Victoria Daly Shire Council took over management of the store in partnership with 'Outback Stores'. The store had been running at a loss, but has recently started making a profit.
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The local Walangeri Ngumpirku Corporation would like to start managing the store again so that the profits are diverted back into the community. This would ensure that the community benefits from the money generated from the store.

What can be done
There is a long term plan in place to hand over governance and administration of the store to the Walangeri Ngumpirku Corporation.
For this to happen, changes need to be made to the Corporations rules and local directors need to be involved in the process.
The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) is providing training to the Directors of the Corporation to enable them to govern and administer the store effectively, and to assist in the process of making changes to the Corporation's rule book.

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- Fuel bowser should be well located to avoid congestion at front of Store and also not be too far away

What was said in December 2024

- Support for newer, bigger store, but housing must be close

School

What was said in 2010

- Grounds are good, safe environment for kids
- Happy with new library
- Fluctuating attendance
- Playground is good
- No secondary schooling, teens move away

What has happened since then

- Primary school - in 2021 50 kids, now 110 kids
- Early years - 4 kids now 20

What was said in August 2024


- Secondary schooling an issue - have to leave community, and places limited
- New secondary class is opening in 2024 (approx 20 kids eligible)
- No space to expand without compromising open play space

What was said in September 2024

- Urgent need for expansion
- When high school kids start, the library will be lost
- Not enough toilets (5 for 100 kids)

What was said in December 2024

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Overview of Issue
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What can be done
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- Limited sport & rec, no one managing
- Footy team, but no other sports
- Employ Sport&Rec officer
- Build a youth centre , and employ Youth Worker
- Need safe playgrounds
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- Oval grass is no good, need to fix toilet, upgrade shade, seating

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What was said in August 2024

- Oval lights, retic, toilets not working

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Class: crocs

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with my friend and
go to school and hang
with my family

Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Name: Cashy M

Class: Turkey

What do you like doing in Yarralin?
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Name: Amcerah

Class: crocs class

What do you like doing in Yarralin?
going to school
playing with friends
with my family
and going to school
and going to school
and going to school

Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Name: Isaiah

Class: Turkey

What do you like doing in Yarralin?
playing with friends
and going to school
and going to school
and going to school
and going to school
and going to school

Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Name: Jackies

Class: Goanna

What do you like doing in Yarralin?
fishing
hunting
playing footy
swimming

Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Name: Joan

Class: Turkey

What do you like doing in Yarralin?
I like
swimming
in river
everyday

Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Name: Elroy Butler

Class: Goanna

What do you like doing in Yarralin?
footy, fishing, hunting
swimming, carting water
go to school play
with friends, jump bar
walk

Draw your favourite place in Yarralin

Trip Summary - School Workshop



Some of the things we want....

Water Park

Soccer field

New Footy oval

Swimming Pool

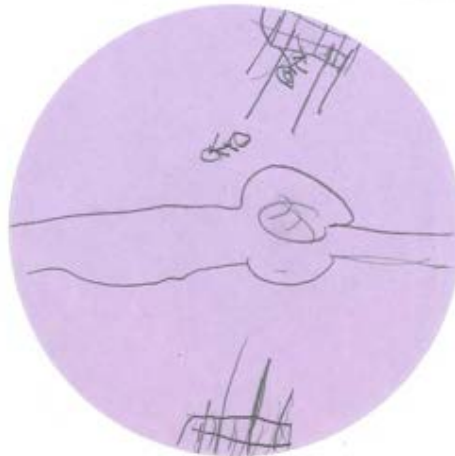
BMX Track

Motorbike track

Basketball court with shop

KFC





Project: Yarralin Master Plan

Project No: C24005

Date: 31/10/24

Subject: Housing Memo

NT

- Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities (DTFHC).
- Current overcrowding in the NT is 53.5% and an average of 1.53 occupants per bedroom.

Yarralin

- Housing for community members is provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) through State and Federal funding arrangements. DIPL own all of the community housing assets.
- A significant proportion of this housing stock was delivered through the NPRH.
- The current remote housing program 'Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.' (OCOHOH) has a \$1.1 billion funding commitment (for the NT remote communities) from State and Federal governments from 2017 through to 2027. As of October 2024, \$5.5 million has been expended in Yarralin:
 - HomeBuild - \$5.3 Million
 - Room to Breathe - \$174,700
 - Government Employee Housing - \$2,500

Yarralin Housing Facts and Figures

- 2021 ABS census population = 250 (however Bushtel notes 332)
 - Using Bushtel figures = 6.64 people per house.
 - Average number of bedrooms 2.92.
 - average number of people per bedroom = 2.27
- There are 50 community houses in the DIPL portfolio. Of those, 5 houses or 10% are overcrowded (based on OCOFOH data).
- There are currently 50 dwellings on 37 lots.
- Yarralin can also at times (when cut off in the wet) accommodate Lingara residents – a population of approximately 46 people.
- Type of house:
 - 44% of houses are duplexes or units (22x du/quadplexes)
 - 56% of houses are detached single dwellings (28x houses)
- A high proportion of house types are duplexes (a combination of 2 bedroom or 3 bedroom dwellings).
- Construction date:
 - 30% houses built prior to 2010.
 - 70% houses built in the last 7 years.



PROJECT NOTE

- A high proportion of housing stock is new. All housing has had refurbishment work done in the last few years, although it's not known the type or extent of work done.
- Dwelling size:
 - 1 bedroom = 8%
 - 2 bedroom = 16%
 - 3 bedroom = 52%
 - 4 bedroom = 24%
 - 5 bedroom = 0%
- The majority of dwellings have 3 bedrooms. No houses have 5 bedrooms.



Project: Yarralin Master Plan

Project No: C24005

Date: 24/10/24

Subject: Land Tenure Memo

Current Planning Status:

- No Area Plan exists, but there is a Community Land Use Plan
- No township lease currently in place
- Current leasing is done through Section 19 leases via the Northern Land Council (NLC)
- The land is Aboriginal freehold land under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA)

How did we get here and where does the community want to go next?

In 2016, the Federal Government returned the title deeds for 50,310sqm of land to Traditional Owners, ending a 44-year land rights battle. The land is now held freehold under the Ngalkarrang-Wulngann Aboriginal Land Trust. This action was a step towards entering into a township lease arrangement with the Federal Government.

Under a township lease, the Traditional Owners voluntarily lease the land to a statutory entity, such as the Executive Director of Township Leasing (EDTL), for a long-term period, often up to 99 years. Ownership remains with the Aboriginal community, but the lease allows for coordinated land management, development, and leasing to third parties for economic purposes, such as housing, businesses, or infrastructure projects.

A Consultative Forum, composed of Traditional Owners, provides advice to the Executive Director, ensuring that land use aligns with community priorities and cultural values. This arrangement streamlines development processes and encourages investment while safeguarding the land's traditional ownership and cultural significance. The revenue generated from subleases is often reinvested in the community, creating long-term economic opportunities.

Township Lease Changes (Section 19A):

Duration: 80-99 years (compared to S.19 leases which are typically up to 40 years)

Scope: Covers the entire township within the boundary

Management Options:

EDTL (Executive Director of Township Leasing) Option:

- Held on behalf of Commonwealth
- Uses Consultative Forum Mechanism with Traditional Owner Representatives
- All development needs forum endorsement



PROJECT NOTE

Community Entity Option:

- Run by a CATSI Corporation controlled by Traditional Owners
- Governance through Board and CEO structure
- Entity determines decision-making processes

Under township lease, EDTL or Community Entity would:

- Manage sublease arrangements
- Collect lease payments for Traditional Owners
- Use rent for Economic Development and Community purposes

How would you develop a subdivision in Yarralin?

Without Township Lease:

- Developer applies through Northern Land Council
- NLC consults with Traditional Owners and surrounding groups
- Section 19 lease likely needed for housing lots

With Township Lease:

- Developer applies to the EDTL for a development sublease
- Consultative Forum approves

Once the development is complete:

- The development sublease ends.
- The subdivision is held by the Executive Director of Township Leasing (EDTL) or a Community Entity under the township lease.

If community housing is built:

- The EDTL or Community Entity transfers the sublease for the entire subdivision to the CEO of Housing (usually done simultaneously with development completion).

For lots without housing:

- The EDTL or Community Entity can use these lots for potential home ownership.
- Alternatively, the CEO of Housing may request all lots be included in the housing sublease for future community housing.
- These arrangements are identified during initial consultations and endorsed by the Consultative Forum following an application.

Victoria River Downs lease:

- Currently managed through Northern Land Council



Project: Yarralin Master Plan

Project No: C24005

Date: 7/11/24

Subject: Community Stakeholder Interview with Sarah Dingle, One Tree Childcare

We conducted via email.

1. *On average, how many children attend your service each day?*
10-12 children
2. *What is the maximum number of children that you can accommodate?*
25 children
3. *Is your current facility sufficient in size to service the children currently in your care?*
It would be good to have more outdoor space, this feels inadequate for the group size and physical needs. Indoor space is adequate.

4. *Are you expecting more families to want to access your service in the coming months and years?*

Yarralin has a good uptake, 0-12 year old populations are high for community size. Hard to predict census data.

5. *How many staff work at your centre? How many are local community members and how many are contract workers?*

1 nonlocal, 5 local community members

6. *Do you have enough houses to accommodate your current contract staff?*

No, we would like a least 1 more house for another qualified mentor.

7. *Can you think of anything else your centre might need if the population of Yarralin doubled in size? Eg. a bigger playground, a new kitchen.*

Larger service, bigger yard, could add another room and separate the age groups.

8. *Do you have any data related on the expected population growth in Yarralin?*
No.

9. *Please list any other information that might be useful.*

Infrastructure that impacts service delivery:

Internet & mobile outages

Road closures during wet season impact food sources (childcare feeds children).



Project: Yarralin Master Plan

Project No: C24005

Date: 7/11/24

Subject: Community Stakeholder Interview with Sally Tsekouras,
Manager Assets, Katherine West Health Board

We conducted via phone.

1. *How many staff do you currently have living in Yarralin?*
1 x centre coordinator (Lorraine, from community, lives in her own house)
4 x nurses
1 x GP (almost permanent)
KWH has four houses in the community, which means 1 nurse needs to share with the GP.
There are an extra four staff who live in the community and work as cleaners and in reception.
They live in their own homes.
2. *Do you have enough houses to accommodate these staff?*
No. GP and nurse share.
3. *Do your staff share a house, or do they each have their own?*
See above.
4. *If the population was to double, how many new staff would you require?*
Same as Kalkarindji – permanent GP, 6 nurses.
KWH has 11 houses in Kalkarindji and still struggle when allied staff visit.
5. *How often does a specialist (physio, dentist etc) visit the community?*
Regularly, on a Mon-Fri schedule.
6. *Where are these specialists accommodated? How easy is it to secure accommodation for visiting staff?*
Very difficult. The only option is to accommodate them in the motel, and this needs to be booked well in advance.
7. *Could the current health clinic (the building and associated infrastructure) handle a population increase?*
No. It's already insufficient and struggles to service the current population. The current clinic consists of 1 x room for the GP, 3 x consult rooms and an ED. There are not enough rooms for all staff to work simultaneously.
8. *Do you have any data related to the expected population growth in Yarralin?*
Sally will get back to us on that.
9. *Please list any other information that might be useful.*
Supply issues are becoming more frequent, particularly during the wet season. Medical supplies cannot be replenished as needed (same issue as food and other essential items).



Project: Yarralin Master Plan

Project No: C24005

Date: 7/11/24

Subject: Community Stakeholder Interview with Luke Simpson,
Yarralin Police

We conducted via phone.

1. *How many staff do you currently have working at the police station? Please include administration staff and police officers.*

4 officers are currently gazetted to Yarralin. But this does not mean they are there! According to Luke, they are sent all over the place depending on need. There have no police in Yarralin for the past week.

There is 1 Aboriginal liaison officer who lives in his own house.

2. *Do you have enough houses to accommodate your current staff?*

Yes. 4 x 4 bedroom houses belong to police.

There is also 4 x 1-bedroom units for visiting officers, however 2 of these are currently occupied by teaching staff.

3. *Do your staff share a house, or do they each have their own?*

Each officer has their own house in line with Union requirements.

4. *If the population was to double, how many new staff would you require?*

He couldn't answer that, and he also said the question was irrelevant as they'd never get the police anyway.

5. *Could the current police station (the building and associated infrastructure) handle a population increase?*

The station and houses were built in 2011 and are adequate in terms of size. The building quality is poor. Cracks appear when it heats up or cools down, and apparently, the government is suing the builder.

6. *Do you have any data related on the expected population growth in Yarralin?*

No.

7. *Please list any other information that might be useful.*

Elders are planning Men's Business after Xmas, which is a disaster as the population doubles and they don't have enough provisions or space to cope with the extra activity.



Project: Yarralin Master Plan

Project No: C24005

Date: 29/10/24

Subject: Community Stakeholder Interview with Julie Richter, Victoria
River Downs Station
We conducted via email.

1. *Approximately, how many staff work on the station?*

Between 18-20 people on the cattle side, Helimuster would have similar numbers. Total would be around 40 people

2. *Are these staff numbers expected to remain stable in the coming months and years?*

Yes, it could possibly increase over the years

3. *How often would you and/or your staff visit the community of Yarralin?*

Probably weekly

4. *What are the primary reasons you visit Yarralin?*

Health services at the clinic, grocery shopping, police services

5. *Thinking of elements such as buildings, roads, and infrastructure – what is your experience like when you visit Yarralin?*

Generally good, the services are always supportive of the station staff

How could it be improved?

If you are considering building new infrastructure (store, for example), I would suggest building it out on the main service road. It can be quite dangerous for the community kids with the cars attending the store and backing out. If services such as health clinics, stores and police stations were all out on the main road, visiting patrons wouldn't be driving in amongst the houses where young children are walking the streets.



DRAFT Yarralin Community Master Plan



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The Community Master Plan is a strategy for the growth of Yarralin over the next 30 years or more. This includes determining what infrastructure and facilities are required to support community services, and where new housing will be located.

WNAC want to hear from as many people as possible about their thoughts on the Community Master Plan, and what they want to see for the future of Yarralin.

If you have any ideas or comments on the proposed plan contact Martin Schahinger at WNAC on 0427 084 828, or come along to a community BBQ at the shops on December 3rd to talk to The Fulcrum Agency

What is being proposed?

Community

- 1. New Store**
Build a bigger Store on a bigger site.
Have the fuel bowser outside.
The old store can be for community use.
- 2. New Health Clinic**
Build a bigger Clinic on a bigger site.
- 3. New Community Centre**
Multi-Purpose spaces and amenities.
- 4. Cemetery Upgrades**
Shaded space for ceremonies.
Toilets.

School

- 8. Bigger Primary School**
More classrooms for a growing school.
- 9. New High School**
A school for secondary students.
Close to the oval and recreation facilities.

Housing

- 5. New houses**
Subdivision for 20+ houses
Near the new Store and Clinic.
- 6. Future housing**
medium to long term growth area
- 7. Move staff houses**
Move staff housing to the northern growth area
Make these houses for community

Sport & Recreation

- 12. New Recreation Hall**
A multi-purpose facility with basketball court, toilets, stage, store rooms, multi-purpose rooms.
- 13. New Water Park & BMX Park**
With shading.
- 14. Oval Upgrades**
Shaded seating areas.
Toilets and storage.

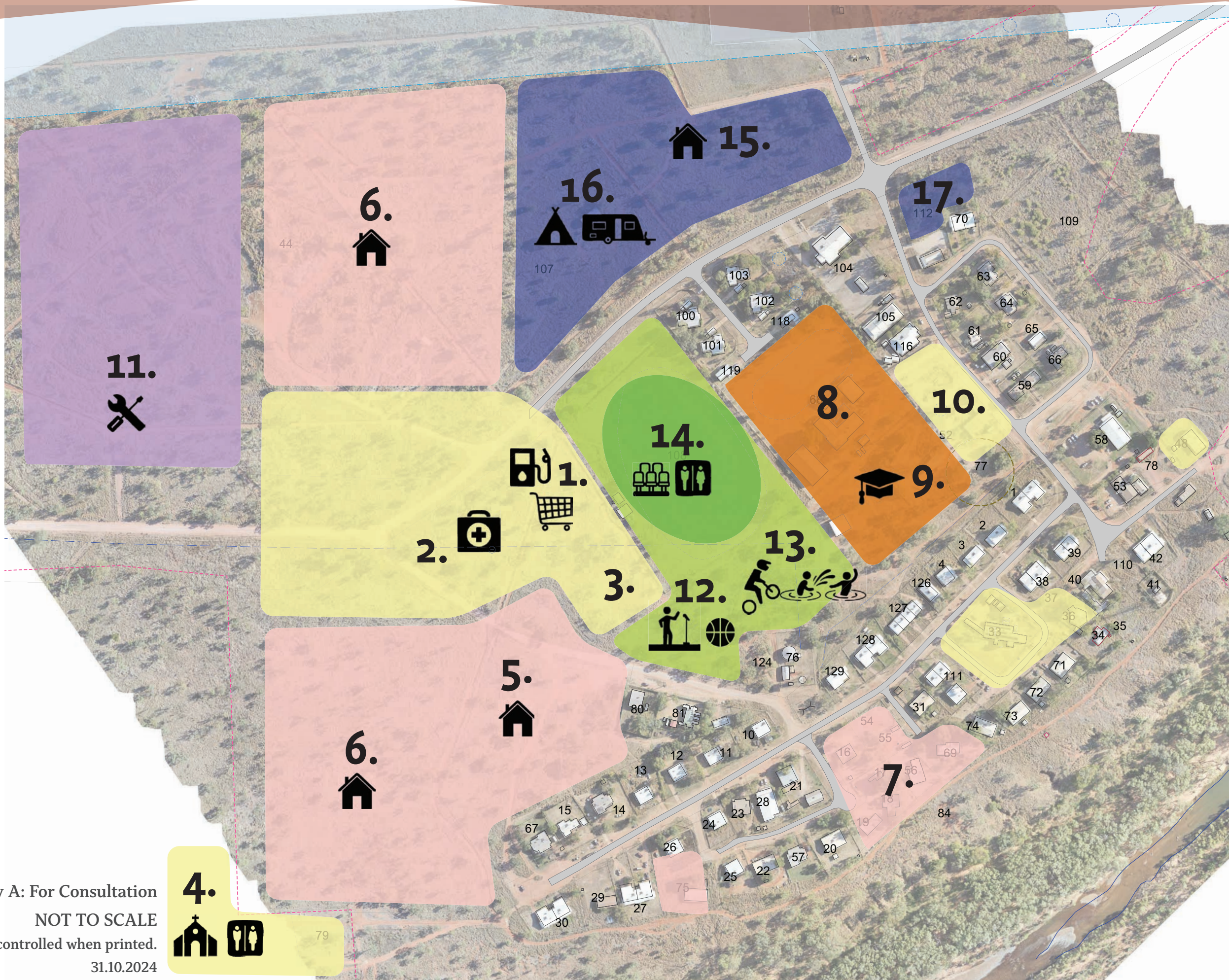
Staff & Visitors

- 15. Houses for Staff**
More houses for staff means better access to service providers.
Located near the airport.
- 16. Caravan Park for Visitors**
Caravan and camping sites with shared amenities.
Tourists can stay here.
- 17. Contractor Accommodation**
Rooms for contractors staying for short periods of time.

Industry

- 10. Move workshop and fuel bowser**
This area can now be for community use.
- 11. New Light Industrial**
Location for Workshops and other noisy and messy work.





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