

Yarrenyty-Arltere Learning Centre



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What is Yarrenyty Arltere Learning Centre?



An intergenerational program located in the community

A PLACE TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY:

- A community solution – community directed
- Operating within the community (Town Camp)
- Integrated approach - social, health, economic & cultural
- Strength based
- Working with all ages – family way (intergenerational)
- Rights – access – equity

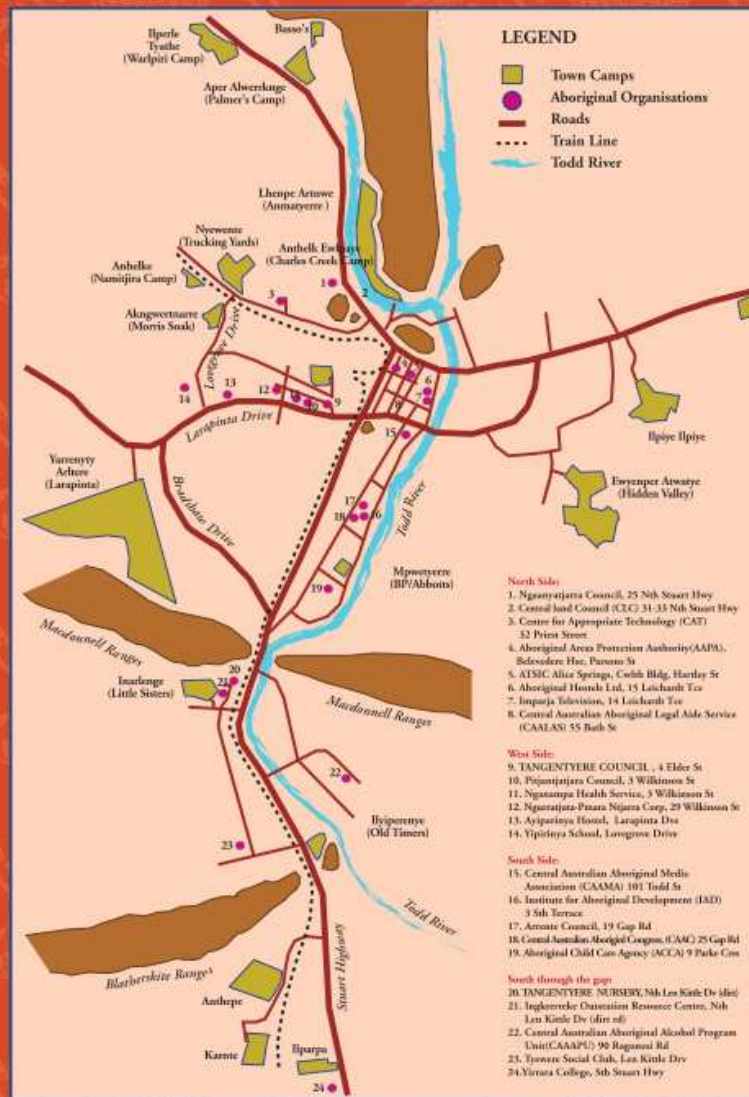


Alice Springs Town Camps

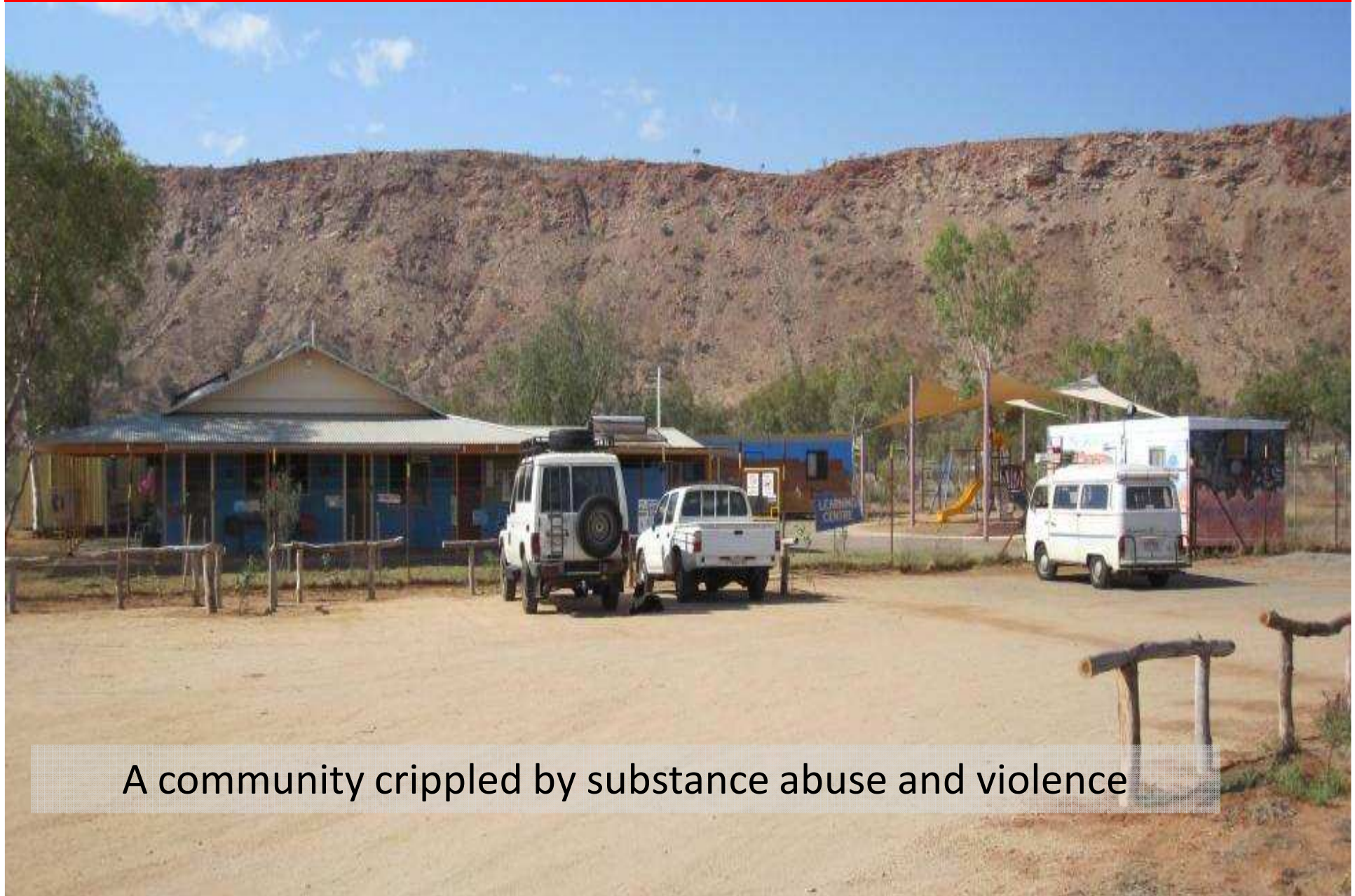


Tangentyere Council:

- Advocated and supported the development of 18 town camps
- 30 years ago - no provision was made for Aboriginal people living on the 'fringes' of Alice Springs
- Town Camps leases hard fought
- Founded by local traditional custodians along language and cultural lines
- Never provided with the infrastructure, services or support that the rest of Alice Springs has enjoyed
- Home – proudly for many people
- High levels of overcrowding, poverty and related social issues
- Aim is to improve infrastructure and service access and cultural rights and to bring a quality of life



10 YEARS AGO



A community crippled by substance abuse and violence

Now



A community building resilience and opportunity

The Journey : How we got where we are



From the Grass Roots...

Who asked for the centre?

- The Young people who were serious 'sniffers'
- The Community who were desperate to see changes in their lives and the lives of their kids



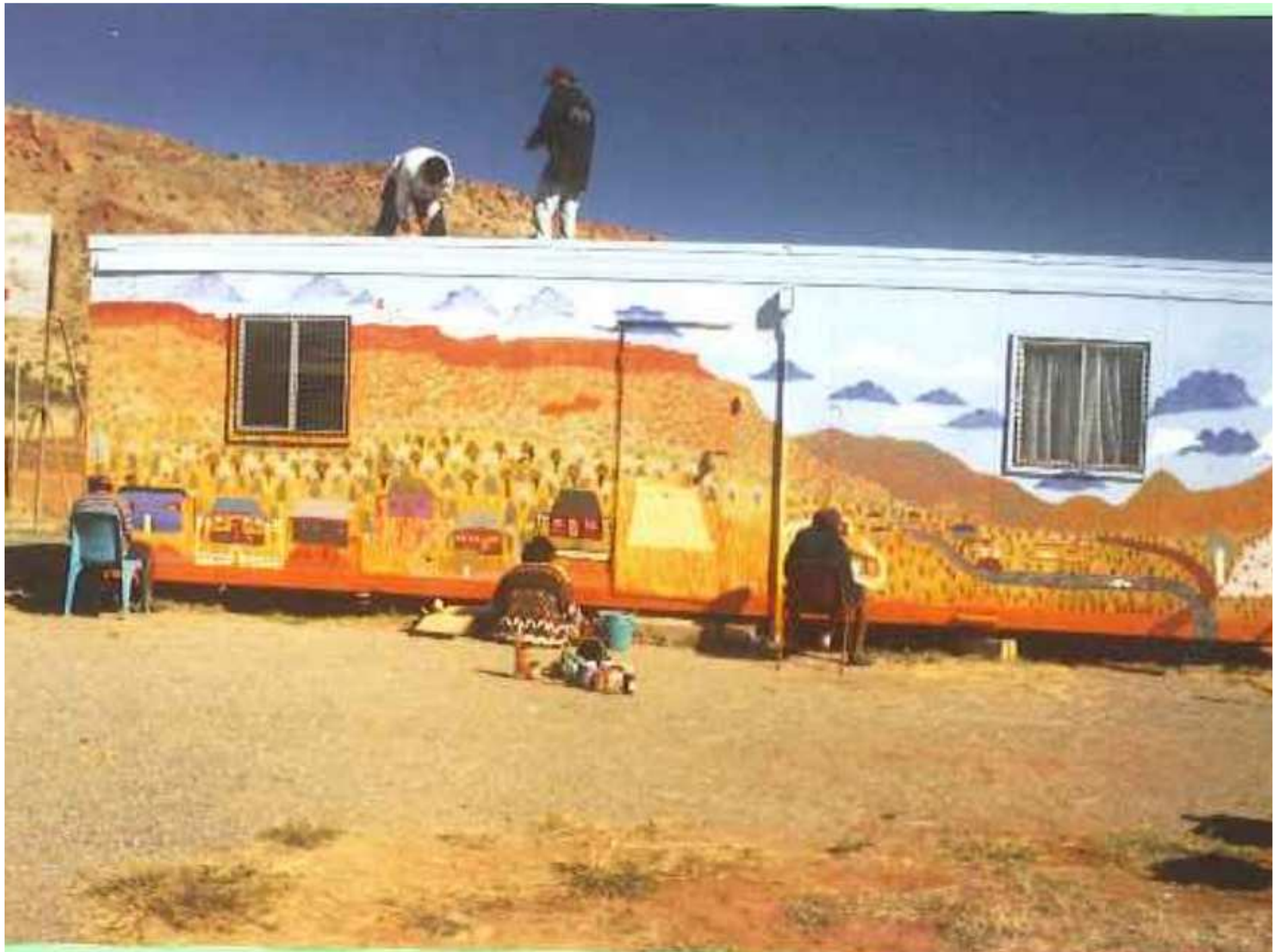
Education: YALC SCHOOL PROGRAM 2000 – 2009



Intergenerational model of learning







A place to focus on something positive and empowering



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Youth at risk programs



Early intervention : training

New generation of children attend mainstream school





Early intervention: Playgroups



Strong local governance and local control

- Tangentyere Council Executive
- Yarrenyty-Arltere Housing Association Committee
- Yarrenyty-Arltere Community Committee



Community strategies for substance use reduction: e.g.
Meeting with Alice Springs retailer



Community strategy: keeping culture strong



Leadership development: Young achievers award





Integrated service delivery



Family Case workers



Improving Health



Health : Young women's camp





Celebrating achievements: annual end of year awards day

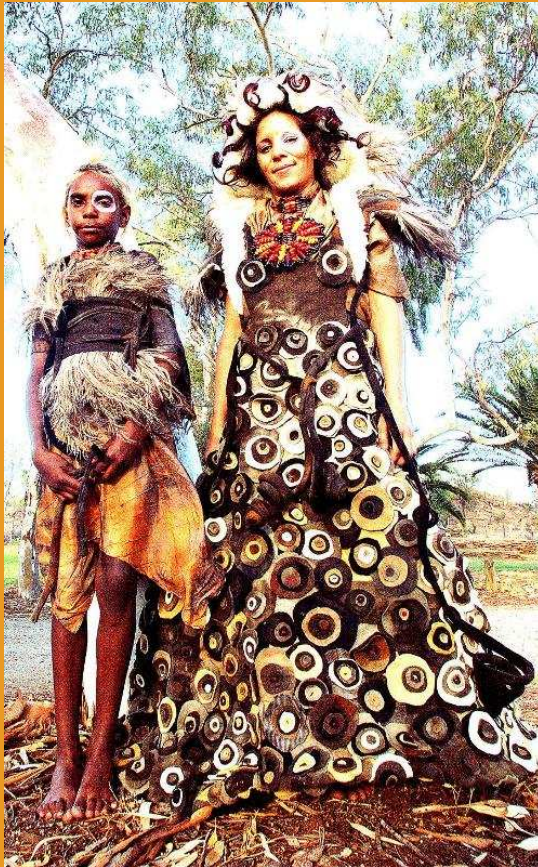
A social and cultural meeting place



Resource centre



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Annual art exhibition: celebrating achievements

YALC and Closing the Gap

YALC meets all the Strategic Platforms/building blocks of Closing the Gap:

- Early childhood
- Economic participation
- Governance and leadership
- Schooling
- Healthy homes
- Health
- Safe Communities



“A locational community-driven response to social and economic inclusion”

Future Directions





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