

“Stronger Futures” Consultation

Yirrkala

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Audio tape

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RA	00.00.00	I've been asked by the Minister of my Department to come to the Northern Territory to talk to people about Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory, First of all I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the country on which we meet and I'd also like to acknowledge Elders past, present and future, its really important and thank you for coming today because for us its part of a longer conversation about where to next for the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government and ... to some extent. I'd like to introduce you to N. Do you know N C?
	00.00.41	
NC		Hi Everybody . I'm N and I'm with FAHCSIA, Darwin. I'm the regional Director. I've come out to help R and I'm also going to take some notes. The notes that we take will make sure we don't have people's names on them but we want to make sure that we can get the message right so that we can take it back to Canberra and think about what you have been telling us so I'll be writing down the things that you talk about
RA	1.16	We've also got F She'll introduce herself because she is very shy
		I'm F working for FAHCSIA communication and media person but I used to work for ATSIC ... I've been here a few times over the last
V		I'm Victoria. I'm coming to some of the consultations just to observe it as an independent for FAHCSIA to see what happens and to keep some notes about that
N		And I'm N and I work for the Aboriginal Social Justice Commissioner, Mick Gooda, and I'm just here to observe how the consultation and see what people have to say and to take some notes if that's all right. No names
R	2.10	I'm R .. and community
RA		OK Thank you. First of all I'd like to ask, is my English OK or do we want to. You'll be all right? OK I'll try and. I worked in. I need to tell you a little about myself, maybe. I started working in with Aboriginal people in a place called Yalata in South Australia, in a ,

	<p>00.04.00</p> <p>00.05.29</p> <p>00.06.50</p>	<p>this is where I get embarrassed because I've got tell you how old I am (laughter) in mid eighties. So I was in that community for five years as a community coordinator. During that time they introduced CDEP into Yalata so Pitjantjara community on the edge of the Maralinga ... people. I then worked in ATSIC in NSW. In Wagga Wagga NSW. I then spent eight years on Cape York in the Cairns office and then I've spent six and half years, just finished, in Broome in the Kimberly, Western Australia. So I jumped right over into the Northern Territory and now I am the state manager in Western Australia. My family are from Adelaide and I barrack for Adelaide Crows, so you can feel sorry for me. To day is a very important day for us to talk to you fellas about both the Intervention and what happened during the Intervention and what you think works and also talk about the future and mainly we want to concentrate on future. We know, I certainly know from consultations I've done in the Northern Territory that the Intervention did hurt a lot of people. People felt angry. People felt let down by governments. People felt annoyed and they made that very clear to me that while some of the things that happened in the Intervention people might have agreed with, but it was the way it was done. Government coming and doing things that people and not taking account of what communities wanted. Also saying to people, well that is what happens everywhere, when communities are operating very differently. So we know that the Intervention has created some hurt and, from my heart, I feel sorry for that. But we also know when we talk to people that some things from the Intervention might have been OK. There might have been some good things that came out of it. We also know there might have been some things that have been bad, that people didn't like. And we want to actually find out what's working now and what's not working now because we want to actually talk to our Minister and Governments about where we go next in the Northern Territory. The Government is really serious about having a good hard ? with communities and how we can improve things. So this community, which I am very thankful for you inviting me here to talk, I think from today we will have this small meeting , and I said before we'll come back and do a bigger meeting when the time is right so we make sure all families can have a say. But while we're here we might as well have a bit of a yarn. So government. I'm coming today to talk about a number of things that are important to government to work through and they include things like schooling, things like jobs and businesses. We want to talk about health and how well health operates and whether communities' feel that health servicing is right. We want to talk about the store and food and access to good quality food. We want to talk about housing. Whether it's improving or whether it's good or whether it's bad, whether things are working. We want to talk about community safety, alcohol and governance. There're the main things we want to talk about. We also want to hear from you about things that are important to you and in every community I've been to there has been two, three or four or five different things extra that communities want to tell us that we don't understand or that we don't listen enough or that we don't do business enough about . So that's why we are here today. What N said before is right. We are going to write down your ideas and we are going to write down how you say them. So we're not going to make a change to them. We just want to make sure we</p>
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		get accurate feedback. And to make sure we get that accurate feedback, the GBM will come back before we have the big community meeting and make sure you are happy with what we've recorded today. So the feedback to our Government is right. So that's it. That's the story and that's why I want to have a yarn. I heard before when you were on microphone and I don't speak language so I know that the Basics Card was one issue I kept on hearing people wanting to talk about. So, you're not the only community where the Basics Card has been a major issue. So what I do, what my role is, is to facilitate the conversations, although you might give me some advice and I might ask you further questions and that's hopefully how we do business today. So, I'm happy now just to open it up, whichever one of those issues you want to talk about first... or would you like me to just point to a subject and then talk about the subject?
W		<i>Inaudible voice – quiet talking</i>
RA	00.09.12	I'll start a subject. Start with schooling eh? So schools here, I don't know. Because I'm not from the Northern Territory I ask a lot of questions. One of the things I don't do is, I don't ask the team in Darwin what happens in your community. I come in without that knowledge. I want to find out from you guys. So how do the schools work here? Does everyone go to school?
	00.09.38	No... <i>murmuring</i>
M		Used to
M1		When I was at school there used to be a lot of children going to school but now on students are not attending the school they, the school activity... somebody needs to do something about a curfew for the kids so that, the community patrols, they're not doing their job properly. That's, like, how I see it. Myself
RA		So kids ...
M1		There are a lot of kids hanging around and the parents are over there playing cards, drinking kava, doing whatever they want. They don't do nothing, they just leave those kids alone.
RA	00.10.31	How old are those kids running around at night?
M1		They're about 8 to 15
RA		And every night or?
M1		Every night
RA		So no curfew in this community?

M1		Kids hanging around looking for drugs and all that and then they just take off
RA		<i>Inaudible woman's voice coming in</i>
W1		Just follow up, like my son is saying is, before, night patrol was handed over to Shire there were a lot of those women, concerned women, who were actually established a community night patrol after handing it to Shire, the women themselves felt powerless and from the experience of and the previous experience of the women themselves, being concerned people, did a lot for this community and one of those things was the curfew. It was representative by the 14 different clan groups of the women who ran the night patrol. We seen a good result of the work of the women under the new fella Dhanbul Community Night patrol, but now I see it, I myself one of the founders of the community night patrol, is that it is falling apart and there is not enough of that continuous communication connecting between the community and the Shire (NP)
RA	00.12.37	So before, the night patrol was run locally here and the women were driving for it?
W1		Yes. And it was actually run from where I work here. And the rosters and all that
RA		And the curfew, what time ...
W1		We did the curfew from as early as 6 o'clock to eight o'clock. Gets them to their homes and ...
RA		So if you picked up a kid after curfew would you go back and talk to the parents about them being out?
W1	00.13.11	We had been doing that.
		But all that vision and dream that we had ...
RA		Is all gone. So the, before when the curfew was in more kids went to school? You think?
		Yes
RA		So it made a big impact on the kids going to school so they weren't up all night running around so they were able to go to school.
M1		Even women on the community night patrol were on the morning buses going around and collecting the kids and making sure the kids went to school.

RA	00.13.44	So what is your school here? Primary school? High school? What kind?
		Primary secondary
		It goes up to what year?
M1		It goes up to year 12
RA		Year 12
M?		The education department has different classifications of schools
RA		Is that a problem or is that OK?
RN		It's a problem. They have much less resources than Nhulunbuy public school
RA		Right so Is that like and Independent school or is it a state funded school or what is it?
M		State funded
RA	00.14.16	So it's a different classification and with less money ... <i>mmm</i> ... and it goes from primary all the way through to high school?
M		We've got early childhood
W?		Early childhood
RN	00.14.33	Its just changed, the management structure has changed. Now its called a College ¹ and the ... schools are included in the same
RA		So what I am hearing is that one of the issues is about getting kids to school is not having a curfew, and not having a night patrol that is making sure the kids are off the streets. So that's one thing. I'm hearing also very strongly

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¹ It is one of the NT DET Smart schools however School Council has not approved or agreed to the new structure. School has signed a Remote Learning Partnership Agreement with NT Government but not implemented. A large component of that agreement was to establish a youth development centre to address activities and training for youth

W1		The structure of the community night patrol was a total different vision to what was before
RA		So, before, you drive it yourselves
W1		Yo
RA		As the women?
W1		Yo with the Dhanbul Association
RA		So you were setting not only the night patrol but you were also setting the rules for the community. So you were saying if you are living in this community, these are the things we expect and then the night patrol was following that by enforcing those rules
W1		Yes
RA		That's what happened here?
W1		Yo
RA		Now its shifted to the Shire, there's a different vision and you feel you've lost, loss of power?
W1		For us now there are a lot more non-Indigenous that are, actually not from here ... more than ythe local Indigenous people (<i>RA speaking over her</i>)
RA		So that a problem
W1	00.15.52	The local Indigenous people
RA		So you find that a problem as well?
RN		One of the issues is the Shire's .. financial incentive. So when they took over the night patrol, they took the assets and taking money out of wages. ... <i>Childrens noises making inaudible</i>
RA		I'm not making any judgements about issues, about the reasons why.. I want to listen to the result. And what I'm hearing is the result is that kids are less likely to go to school at the moment and that, you know, I'm not saying, not making any judgement about that I just want to understand the issues. So the school, so we got, so we also parents, some parents gambol or drink and that's why the kids
W1		Hmm that's right

RA	00.17.02	So I might come back to that one if you don't mind? And I'll ask more questions
W1		Going back to the results also the break in stop. There were more kids going to school and no accidents happening on the roads when picking people up. As soon as Shire (<i>snaps figures</i>) was in control of the community night patrol bang an accident happen. That happen straight after
RA		That happened because people were driving drunk or someone was on the street or what was happening?
W1		There was someone on the street ... lying
RA		At night? So, as I heard it before, the women in the night patrol used to go round and make sure the kids went to school in the morning too. If they saw kids walking round
W1		Not only the kids but the whole community
W1		All the streets of Yirrkala sort of look after each night by these women
RA		So like a safe community
RA	00.18.15	If you get the kids to school, are they learning OK? Or is there issues in the school? Are the kids coming out of school with good English, good literacy, good numeracy? Do they teach language in school or
W1		It's a bilingual school ²
RA		So are you happy with the results for the kids in the school?
		Long since are you alright
Chorus		Bilingual school bilingual school
		They're still doing bilingual there

W1		Just me personally, what I think as a leader in this community. I see the illness of our 12 year old as the cause, not getting into the mainstream standard and as a year 12 student. That's my personal view
RA		Say someone went from Yirrkala to Darwin, boarding in a high school in Darwin, if they went from Yirrkala went into Darwin where would they be if they started year 12. Would they be top or very low
W1		They'd be different. They'd be almost like a mainstream. The kids go to like St Johns College and some down south
RA		So they're struggle if they came from here? Do they have all the right education or would they struggle a bit?
M	00.19.40	I think the school needs more facilities for Yolngu people science working with where white fellas aren't. That's how I see it. The other thing is middle school, when the kid get out in school and get certificate a lot of the them say I have a certificate yeah, yeah, yeah, but they actually don't want to put themselves into job because of the humbug around. They mum and dad and then two or three weeks later out of their mind and ago back Just waste of time doing that. I've got three niece have all their education here from Yolngu side into the English side
W1	00.20.50	Like the mainstream children would have ... not saying get rid of bilingual either
RA		But having a good balance
RA		So the balance is quite right now?
M3		Well not quite sure
		So do they have a school committee?
W1	00.21.15	They do have a committee.
RA		But you're saying you don't hear. You're not sure what's happening?
M		If this school is public they should throw in public what happens
		Do many kids from here go to Darwin or down south for boarding school?
M		No
W		I think there

		Some communities I go to there are quite a lot of people going away
W1		Nine, just over ten kids from here they go to interstate school
RA		Where
		Melbourne, Brisbane
RA		And they do OK when they are a long way away from family?
W1		We get good reports out of those kids
M		The question is do they come back and work?
		Yo
M		That's the question. I always wonder. If we die, who is going to run the show?
		So are they coming back or
W	00.22.09	Yeah they are
RA		They are. Are they working when they come back or
W		Oh yeah these kids do ... on their holidays back home they're doing stuff
RA		So they're motivated like in the morning
M	00.22.25	Also in here during the night they've got activities and what's left most of them do that or ... shire mostly running activities for the functioning
RA		So the other thing you said before is the kids running around the streets and you're saying now there's no structure no activities for them
M		That's why the kids are hanging around the (<i>cough</i>)
RA		So does anyone run any youth programs here?

W		Yes we do have a sport and rec
RA		Where does that target, really young kids or teenagers
W1		Well it should be the whole community. All age groups
RA		But it sounds like it doesn't run at night. So it runs when, during the day?
M	00.23.23	During the day mainly I don't see anything, from the top of my head, just poor communication with the Shire. They're slack. They think they know what they do. They think they're in control and Yolngu lifestyle, Yolngu like pigs and ... sitting on their bums and I can do this ... I tell you the truth right now
M1		Like myself, I applied for a job with Shire. That was six months ago, way back and they never returned the phone call. I'm still waiting for them.
RA		So communication currently with the Shire is ... not happening
M1		No communication. Because as a young leader, I am trying to do something for the community but they don't communicate
		It takes a young person weeks to find out whether they got the job. Finally when they do get a job. OK you got the job; their interest has gone onto something else.
M1	00.24.41	That is true
RA		So, I'm hearing a couple of things. I'm hearing that from the first conversation about schooling is that youth basically don't have much to do and there is no organised activity and you think that is something that is very important
W		Lets get out of the negativity input for a start eh? Let everyone think the Shire is ... its doing the best it can, in leader like myself who is employed on the Shire. Yes there are program that are running within the Shire and we only recently recruited two positions. There was only one position in the first place but because of the quality and the experience of this person, we, the shire created another position and that is community Shire within sport and rec program
RA	00.25.21	So that has just started recently
W		Mmm The two new positions
RA		What I'm hearing though is the communication is the important bit in the Shire and the community. I think you said it early on about the night patrol and the way in which the community can have a say in the services delivered here And it sounded like to me like and this is, I work for FAHCSIA so we've got some issues too about providing the right services. But it sounded like to me that there is a

		gap currently around youth and there's also a gap around communication that currently exists. That what I'm hearing. I just want to make sure I'm hearing right
W	0026.37	Communication is the biggest thing
RA		Big issues so that you, as a community feel comfortable about talking and working through issues that exist. But you've got issues around youth currently that we're talking about
M	00.27.00	... Street lights, you know, ... <i>very soft voice</i>
		So street lights
M		Streetlights in my area. I've been asking Shire to fix that for (4?) years now and ...
RA		So is it because people are
		<i>Not audible</i>
RA		So it a problem and this is a question I ask in every location, is it a problem not enough streetlights or there's enough streetlights but they're broken?
M		The problem with them is that they're not doing the job properly
		So the street lights are there but not fixed
		Yeah. Not fixed
	00.27.36	<i>Woman talking not audible</i>
		So there's an issue with street ights, so again that something I've heard in other communities and that's a safety issue ... particularly if kids are on the street
M		Safety for the community (<i>echoed by RA</i>)
		But also if you're
W		But then at night the street lights encourages the card players to play all night long so what do we do then? Put a sprinkler under every light? <i>Laughs</i>
RA		That was said at another community actually, that is, if you have a street light then that's where everyone plays cards

M4		It attracts card players
		That's rights
M		Then if you turn the whole thing off ...
RA		No, No I
M	00.28.24	I'm just putting that up as issue
RA		No No, that's right
M		You know what I mean
RA		My personal opinion, is you need the streetlights for safety ... the second question is what do you do for people playing cards?
M		Except that belongs to another community. It moves, then out of the street. It doesn't belong to Shire. It just belongs to the community. You have to have stronger community to move them out from the street, in the public, to somewhere where they can play be themselves. (<i>R making affirming noises</i>)
RA	00.29.00	So before it sounded like the women's group got very strong on curfew for kids going to school and working that out and that seems to have dropped away a little bit with the change. Did the community ever have a position on gambling, on the cards? Did you ever sit down and think about, well is this a good thing or a bad thing for this place?
M		<i>Not audible</i> Its just a natural thing
RA		So do people play cards all night? I've heard that in some locations ... no money left
M		Maybe
W		They do
M		It depends on how you pay them
RA		Do kids play cards here?
W		They do

M		The thing is now, we don't play cards, we're talking about people who play cards.
W		Yo. So sitting around here are non-card players. They're the ones who are calling out in the street and won't listen
RA	00.29.53	But you think, so card playing is a problem for this community? So are people just neglecting kids or neglecting family
W		Affecting the kids
		As they play all night and the kids are on the street and yeah
M	00.30.13	<i>Not audible ... they are not doing their homework and nothing up there. We don't want to play cards in the safety area like the other thing cards is an activity or like stealing money ...</i>
W		Card is only one big problem. There's lots more
M		Pokies are a problem. They're everywhere
RA		There's pokies in Nhulunbuy? I come from Western Australia and there are no pokies in Western Australia
W		Victoria's got a lot
RA		Victoria's got plenty. Queensland everywhere but Western Australia none except in the casino. So people who would go from here to Nhulunbuy to play pokies? <i>murmuring</i> So what I am hearing is that there are three things for this one. Streetlights need to be fixed, and they're in the right places?
M		Oh yeah.
RA		But they just need to be fixed. Streetlights might attract gamblers and there might be a problem with all night gambling around the streetlights so the solution might be to think about the hall as an opportunity rather than a problem
W		Waste of opportunity for
		Suggest it for them?
		No
M	00.31.46	Not suggesting to them, not saying you can play there because there's probably a problem with the husbands <i>nala</i> coming ... and that creates a thing for night patrol. Night patrol have to stay there watching them play cards. Watch the kids seeing drinking watch the whole ... A question for the workers to do that

RA	00.32.17	So I'll park gambling or card playing as an issue to be worked through. For an issue we probably need to have ... there are two sides to it, there is a safety issue and a harm issue. I think about people spending all their time and all their money on cards. But there is also the issue about what is the community want to do about gambling. The Australian Government is at the moment struggling with gambling and problem gambling anyway commissions all across Australia. We'll park that one, but we won't park the safety one because you are saying that lights are important
RA	00.32.59	So what else about the school are your kids ? If parents, are parents, generally sending kids to school or are parents struggling getting kids to school?
M		I think more are hurting. The kids are hungry and they get up and what they do? The family money is supposed to be in the tuck shop to support the kids ... and the school should know that. One way of supporting kids is breakfast is in there, and lunch there and all that stuff you know
RA	00.33.43	Some places I've been to have a breakfast program for kids
W		Yeah they do have that breakfast program here ³
RA		So the kids who are hungry can go there. You are saying also with the tuckshop there should be money put aside for kids
RN		... we've got a funny situation here where most employment is in Nhulunbuy and starts 7.30 or 8 and the school starts at 9⁴ .. So who gets the kids to school? The other issue is that in the last few years there's been a complete collapse of work activities in the Shire, CDEP collapsed so the basically there are very few adults here who have a structured day and ... factor
RA	00.34.37	I want to come back to jobs because every location I've been to people are telling me that jobs are a really important part of the school story as well. They're saying that kids to be motivated need to see an end result for that as work or as an opportunity. So I'll come back to that. The only other one I'd like to ask about is the 7.30 start and the motivation and who sends the kids to school. Does everyone else think that's a problem here? People saying that work at 7.30, should kids start work at school I suppose is the question? Or 8 o'clock?
W	00.35.20	Well I don't know about the school hours <i>discussion among group</i>

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¹ Yirrkala School has an Australian Government funded nutrition program using funding from income management. Do all kids get breakfast or only funded kids?

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¹ The school starts at 9 because children from other communities such as Ski beach have a breakfast program and 20 minute bus ride

		School starts at 9
M		Parent are going to work ... kids and they have two choices I'm going to school or I'm staying home
W		But normally I see the bus going around the community by 8 o'clock. Yo
RA		So they're coming round early any way
		Has to get them to breakfast at school as far as I know (<i>very faint</i>)
W3	00.35.58	What community need is strong community leaders and strong connection, communication with school and the Department and strong voice to talk to any Department, the Shire ... <i>inaudible</i> strong community members here ... solving our problem Eh?
M	00.36.53	Can I speak through chair.. come I got meeting ... Shire , Shire right, community manager. They're slack on communications. Shire Have a meeting when Government come into this place and giving responsibility. They say it is my responsibility. That's what Shire always say. And we think like that. Yolngu think like that, eh? Aware like to day. Nothing
M	00.37.12	Like for example, I call today, now but they can't find five people to go like the whole community itself. If that would have happened people would have been here
W		Even in this community there is conflict going on right now. The people coming and there is another problem, Eh?
RA		Can I come back to that one, because I want to find out a little bit about that. But I think the message is back to us is that we need to do better communication, whether its Shire or whether its Australian Government or whether its Northern Territory Government
M		It doesn't matter who
RA		It doesn't matter who, but I understand better the community
M	00.37.58	You need to give three or four days notice to the committee he can prepare
RA		And for me. I want to come back because I know we didn't do it right this time. I know that. So we are going to come back and have a better process next time. But I'm interested if I walk in as a government person and I want to talk to authority people in this community, how would you do that? Say I want to do, have a good yarn with you about, say CDEP, how would I, as someone who doesn't know this community come away from that meeting and that I'd been talking to the right people?
M		<i>Inaudible ... laughter</i>

RA	00.38.47	So how do you organise yourselves? And I think that's a question you're asking about coming together and talking.
W		We have a service manager for Shire and if there is going to be a meeting with any parties ...
RA		Does that work or
W		There's two male and a female on the Shire liaison officer. I'm the female one. T B is the male.
RA		Right. You said before to me that the power shifted when the, with the change, before the decision making here was very strong. The women got together and made really strong decisions. The community came together better before and that's shifted since both the Intervention and the shift to the Shire. I'm interested in what worked then and what should be working in the future. So that's the question I'm asking you before, if I walk in to this community and I want to have a consultation or a yarn, Government could do all the hard work going round to communities but we might get that wrong and we usually get it wrong, I've got to say. I know from dramatic experience (<i>laughing</i>) we get it wrong, So what would work for you to make sure you get everyone here? But before it sounded like it was a very strong ah organisation and council.
W	00.40.28	We have now got stretched out from ... Its not just Yirrkala its regional
RA		Its regional
		It's for the East Arnhem Shire and the structure that was under Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association that saw a lot of Yolngu people employed. Things were done when people requested. There were times when the Councillors themselves have got power to control over their own community
M		<i>Too far away from microphone. Inaudible ... Woman agreeing</i>
W	00.41.35	Because that structure when in the Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association were the vision of the old people passed away
		And that's dropped away now?
W		That's dropped away now
Another woman		In Yolngu ... <i>walked with power</i>
W	00.41.54	The old people had that power and there was no conflict in here but between balanda and Yolngu but now its between Yolngu and Yolngu

RA		So it sounds like, and this is why I asked the question, the power from the old people sorted out conflict?
Chorus		Yo
RA		It sorted out the things that were going
W		Not the old people that have gone
		No. No. I'm sorry
		Yo
		This generation of leaders
RA		But you were able to get together and work things through and work things out, resolve issues.
W	00.42.32	Yo in a very difficult
RA		In a difficult environment ... Yo. <i>murmurs</i> and that's now gone.
Another woman		Still is but now we have problems Yo
RA		Struggling? Now because there is no structure around it
W		Good leaders
RN	00.42.50	This community has about 13 different clans and the old Council used to provide a form of representation
RA		So that was a forum to sort out what the problems or difficulties were between people. Not only manage your organisation but played a separate role which sort out issues between clans. OK So before if I walked in I'd know who to go straight to. So now I don't really so that is why we make a mess of the consultation or the communication. Thank you.
M	00.43.49	So the old system worked on the culture, the culturally appropriate way of dealing with issues, of raising issues, of working through issues and they, the community all knew who was going to be involved and people, trouble shooters, the ones who sorted that out were all cultural people in the community like elders, women elders and when the Shire thing came in it went from Aboriginal culture straight across to Whiteman's culture. And you know our Shire's don't include culturally appropriate methods of dealing with issues,

		consulting and communicating. Its all draw up a piece of paper, a phone call, email and all the people have sort of been thrown out of that and as Martin said the Yirrkala Dhanbul Community was the people, now its East Arnhem Shire which is a local government management to look after large areas.
RA	00.44.41	I'm interested in really in this power thing as you said before. You said power shifted and what you just said was that before the arrangements in this community were based on cultural relationships and cultural authority and what I call in whiteman way, protocols. So people knew what the rules were and you know how to resolve issues and they did it through that lens. It then shifted to the services all going to the Shire and this organisation falling away from what I hear
Chorus		That's correct. Yo yeah
RA	00.45.19	So the question is from me, and that's why I asked the question before, is that how government then comes and talks to Yirrkala and not the Shire but comes and talks to this community and make sure we are following proper cultural protocols or that we are working with you to resolve issues.
W		You have to become elected to ...
MM	00.45.40	The proper protocol should happen with the Shire and the community here to make a proper consultation and more engagement should have been done or happen in this community. And because some of us are from homelands and we know what is going on here, there's a lot of things that is not being consulted and there's a lot of non negotiated things that are happening here. And we have observed this community and we understand what is happening here. It's falling away. There is not strong foundation where the cultural activities, you know, the cultural consultation should of, you know the Northern Territory you know these two don't work together. You know we sometimes think that they are two different things but these two things work together. This is the main issues. This is what we are here for to work collaboratively with both cultural and non Indigenous not Yolngu people eh?
RA		OK Thank you
	00.47.03	Anyway my name is M
		And my name is R
MM		And I'm from Garthalala Homeland
	00.47.13	I said before that this consultation was part of a series and I'm going to come back for a bigger meeting ... as you said we need to get the communication right so we need to do that ... um so this loss of power, I'm interested again, because as the woman's group being in control if you like of the kids on the street and the change of things around how things are done. So that cultural conversation

		doesn't happen very much any more? Around sorting those things out and that is because there is no place for it to happen
W	00.47.50	There's no areas where these things should be happening
RA		So that a big loss for you?
M		<i>Not audible too far away</i>
RA		So looking forward into the future, what would you like to happen about governance here?
M	00.48.23	Leave us alone
EA		Leave you alone (<i>RA laughing</i>)
MM		I wanna talk about governance you know from Narakun understanding in English. Will you excuse us? (<i>speaks now in language .. Yolngu and ngapaki Yirrkala, yeah from my understanding Matha lili .. nama area, community. What is going on here? Language strong foundation standing in two foundation language our own foundation, Yolngu, the values language</i>
Another woman	00.49.26	<i>contribution in language</i>
MM		<i>Language</i> The importance of Mulka <i>in language</i> non Indigenous ... and bring these two things together and make it more balanced. Now one of the things that I was thinking last night, How does the nature, eh <i>language</i> , how will this work if people talk about this and this? We can't throw one out and leave the other one on <i>language</i> ? How will these two work together without putting these together or setting up these two together eh? It will make things better for both Yolngu and non-Indigenous. <i>Language ? D</i>
	00.50.42	I think the Shire, because they moved in to the East Arnhem area, this is still a traditional cultural area, the shire has to become a more culturally appropriate fit to get away from the old ... of the Shire this is how we do it in all Shires. Get away from that. There is no meeting centre for men's' issues. They should have a meeting for men's issues and men can talk about issues. The women talk about issues Yo Mothers and women and fathers and grandfathers all get together to talk about the next generation of kids and get them to go to school is still appropriate for us. You know a lot think that it happens but the Shire, East Arnhem Shire, I think, bit off a bit more than they can chew because they just came in and threw down whitefellas photocopy and said this is the way we do it in the Shire.
RA	00.51.33	Could ask one question? Again looking at it through Western Australian lens, because that is where I come from. In Western Australia we would say that that business you just talked about, men's and women's conversations and working out what social value and working out what cultural, the nature / nurture things you

		talked about and how your community, what your community standards are? We would say that in Western Australia that isn't Shire business that's community business.
		Oh right
RA		You'd work that out in the community as a conversation that happens here because you live here, you are the people, if you like, control or manage that. In your conversation it seems like the shift is almost like everything going to the Shire. Is that what happens?
W	00.52.25	That's your interpretation
RA		So it's a disempowerment process. How much is real, I don't, I just need to think how to say this. How much is that real grabbing of that power and how much of it is 'interpreting' grabbing of that power? That's what I'm wondering, you know. So for me, for me the power for cultural business is still cultural not with the Shire at all. The power in relation to .. This is my view you know.
W	00.53.04	It can interfere
RA		It can interfere so we have to. Yeah, OK. I just need to understand it a bit better for myself. But I think what you are saying is that you need to be able to have that conversation here, and men's conversation and there needs to be a place for them to do that. Some other communities talk about a men's place. They don't specify where that is but it's a men's place.
W	00.53.37	And I think culture is relevant in every aspect of life so its not separate to the school ...
RA		No. No exactly I think that's right. That's what I am hearing anyway. Sorry
M		... I don't think the Shire wants that responsibility but what happened was the whole structures of decision making and discussion, the resources to actually do anything and a lot of the key individuals transferred to the Shire so people who were previously the Council chairperson or the liaison became the Shire liaison or so there's been this real blurring.
RA	00.54.15	So is it a resource issue then? I wonder before when we, like I understand where the night patrol went from one organisation, the women's group running strong to the Shire and that shifted the emphasis and change a little bit ... and then you fellas here didn't have any resources
W	00.54.36	And that was the fault of the Shire
D		And there is a lot of flick passing going on like when the night patrol was operating, as soon as the Shire got hold of it and they immediately looked for the operating money, Mission Australia . They got application for everything else so these guys pick up mega bucks and then pass it on to them and they can have the money. So that took that out of the community yeah and it went to somewhere else. So the infrastructure that was built up went

		almost overnight. The drying out shelter. They've been crying out for that for years here and it was never looked upon as a community thing. So a lot of the stuff that happened was here before has disappeared. We had, Dhanbul had a carpentry .. to build all the houses. They built the houses here. They obviously chased money from the Mob so everything was sort of done here and the people did the housing and the repairs lived here. So everybody sort of knew everybody and if you're living in the community you know when so and sos door has fallen off hinges or knocked off or something is broken because if you're living in the community they'll just walk up and say, Look my house, my taps broken in the bathroom or something and while its not officially on paper and all this sort of thing ... <i>RA comment</i> Here you've got to go down there put in a thing and they'll send it to the mob in Nhulunbuy, after that a work order and all that sort of stuff and then you're waiting for it all before it happens. Its very, the whitefella process is efficient but Aboriginal process is face to face. I ask you and you say, 'My taps broken do you know who can fix it up?' and that happens quickly because you are in the community and the people who fix it are in the community. Now it's all moved.
RA	00.56.55	So I'm hearing two things there about housing and culture and we were going to go to housing anyway. But is useful to understand. The shift of that function out of the community has done two things from what I hear. One is that its lost jobs here for the local people are not doing that work> Is that what I hearing?
Chorus		Yes, yeah
RA		Local people who used to do that are now not doing it and the second thing was the new system might be more efficient in the money sense its less effective because the communication has changed. I just want to make sure I was hearing the ...
		Yeah
RA	00.57.41	So those people who used to work on the housing what do they do now?
		My brother in law was a stack weld framer down here. He used to do all the stud frames for the houses ...
		So he had skills and <i>talk CDEP</i>
W		And all the housing on this community are now Territory Housing. When a request is put in it goes through different channels before the repairs is approved. It take quite a long time ... although when our building was under Yirrkala everything was done at the office right there.
RA	00.58.37	So can I ask the question about this other idea because it was done by local people and by word of mouth was enough to get things done, do you think now as the formal process, you've got to go away and fill in a form, there seems to be a lot of processes
W	00.58.54	Anything you do in a big city ... fill out forms and so forth

		So do people access that or do they just give up.
M		They were never taught how to use it. They didn't have any explanation of how this was going to work. It was a drop down thing whereas the other way. You talk to the people who do the work and have all the authority whereas this way the authority talks to the people and if they don't, they don't get it.
RA	00.59.25	So I'm hearing it is almost like a mystery. Where you fill in a form for, to get something fixed and it goes somewhere and you hope for the best whereas before you'd see someone. You'd be able to talk to them and you'd understand that. I just needed to understand it
RA		What about investment in housing here? Has there been a lot of investment? A little bit of investment?
M		None. Some non Indigenous housing
RA		What about repairs and maintenance?
M		No. None under the intervention
RA		So is housing crowded here or is it ok?
MM	01.00.01	There are some still crowded ... <i>comments</i>
		In particular one house could be twelve or more, ten
RA		So there is some overcrowding!
		Are a lot of people leaving community and going to live somewhere else?
W		The recent census, nawi, there were three forms that we had to fill in. Three census forms for one house
		So that's a big house
		That's three families
		No not a big house, how many people are living there?
		No, no I mean a big household. I didn't mean a big house I mean three families. So would any one know there are that many people living in a house?

MM	01.00.51	From my understanding, when I come into this community, there are lots of people living in one house. Some of them are setting up their tent around the house and could be more maybe 10. When I move around I see a tent is set up on the veranda, under the tree. There is no room inside the house, because the locals are using and sometime others come in long term. That's what happens. People who live in the house is living more than ten
RA		OK then so that puts strain on the toilet and the bathroom
W		Because everyone here knows each other. They visit in the next house
		And the idea of putting that \$60 million for the major community we never know when its going to start eh? and they're still waiting for it but it took them how many years \$60M
	01.02.27	<i>Discussion in language mentioning 40 year lease</i>
W		When are they signing lease? <i>Language</i> ah right
RA		So what do you think about the lease?
MM	01.02.37	Well as far as I am concerned signing of the lease takes a long time for signing a lease of using the land. They're holding so long <i>language</i> four five years. Well the TLOs of course ... <i>language</i> signing of the lease holding
Other woman		<i>In language</i>
		But there is someone else Yolngu ...
RN		R there
MM		No R
RN		There is no experience of leases. Yirrkala, I think, may have now have three leases that have all been signed over the years. One is for the shop and the arts centre. So people have no experience of leases so people do not know what section 19 lease is, what a section 71 agreement is or what a social housing lease is. They have no understanding of it as an essential process in how to ... in their communities
RA	01.03.52	So I'm hearing two things about housing. One, there's communication is not right, the way it was introduced and the changing process was never really explained properly and the second thing I'm hearing is the lease question. I can ask you a lease question but it hasn't been explained properly generally or the conversation hasn't been a real one. It's a problem

		Yeah
RA		There's a communication problem about both
David	01.04.36	You'll find that communication goes back to what we said about the cultural appropriateness of discussing issues. <i>Yakka communications</i>So if you knock that out then you're gonna find your communication system is going to be very difficult
RN	01.04.40	Lets just go back. This housing and the lease issue, with the shift to the Shires, they've always been two organisations operating in this community. There's been Yirrkala Dhanbul Council and Laynhapuy Homelands. Laynha's focus is on the homelands and we don't provide services in here but have members of the community. The old Dhanbul Council used to be responsible for everything that happened in Yirrkala. With the Shires and a loss of a lot of the assets, a lot of the services ..., the Yirrkala Dhanbul Council that used to be inclusive has basically reverted back to being the royalty association and the traditional owners association. So its no longer inclusive of the community and its just Rirratjingu and their focus has become completely on royalty and business development. Anything that basically can't pay for itself commercially they're not interested in. And, you know, its smart financial decision making but it means we've had, and that part of the reason that's pretty much a collapse of the social capital in the community itself . They've withdrawn, the Shire sits over here and Laynha continues to focused with Homelands and nothing's filled the vacuum
RA		Thank you very much. The questions I was asking before were about social capital, as you probably know. It's about how people talk to each other and how people relate, how they control relationships. Its all of those issues and I now understand better why and where the Council has gone but it still seems to me from what you are saying there needs to be a bringing together of all the clans to work out how you live in Yirrkala. Whether you are a traditional owner or not here. That what I was hearing before
RN		I think there are only two other sort of organisations operating in Yirrkala would be the Yolngu Wesleyan Church and the football team. I don't think there are any form of organised...
RA		Arts centre?
W		Is that under Bunuwal ⁵ ?

RN		They're separately incorporated now
		But previously
W and RN	01.06.57	In the past... they used to under Bunuwal
		Banana farm – Bunuwal
MM		So what we are trying to do to make a better governance is <i>language</i> we want to see a governance body if you can bring all the leaders, clan leaders eh from this community eh, Djapirri are you with me? <i>Language</i> and we have a proper selection eh ?? coming with ngapaki strong leader, yes, strong leaders, Djapirri <i>in language</i> try and understand this word but we'll bring all the strong leaders eh? From this community, it could be a different clan group eh different like Gumatj, Ringgijdingu, Galpu, Marraplurr, All this clan group, bring representative of each of these clan groups to make a good governance for, to make a body, Rick <i>language</i> memack to bring all the representative from each clan group. <i>Language</i> Make it strong voice <i>language selecting ma</i> Selecting a chair person, secretary, ga treasurer to make a better governance body <i>language</i> including people form Laynhapuy representatives, Ngapaki and Yolngu working together. Eh? Eh? Dhanbul, Laynha work together. Re-establish a new governance, ok? <i>language</i>
	01.09.47	<i>Discussion between the two women in language</i> referring to reference group, implementation plan, 'Not only wearing the implementation plan hat but community ' ... 'But also it's a different organisation eh?' ... But what about the Council ? ... 'represent all the clan groups' ... only one reference group eh? ... Yakka Shire ...
		That's the list
RA	01.10.49	That reference Group might be the basis of our conversation
W		Not just implementation plans but representing the community
W		Not the implementation plan ... but as leaders representing all those clans
RA		That's what I understood
		The reference group is almost the same group, same members.
MM		Ma

RA		So it wouldn't be big leap of faith to say that the Reference Group could be the start of a conversation with governments about a whole range of things
RA		You're doing it through the LIP anyway?
		Yo
RA	1.11.27	Housing just finishing off on housing
W		Go back
RA		So just finishing off housing. I got strong message about some overcrowding, question of leases, and communication around leases. The change actually lost peoples jobs locally and local control and there was a sense that things were put over the community without much explanation. And maybe a bit of a mystery now what happens when you ask for things to be fixed. And if you asked for things to be fixed to they get fixed or do they, they don't get fixed ?
	01.12.16	One thing out of that. I have a lease now. These are the people that actually comes to meetings not people who sit at home. It's seeing the future. You know what's the future going to be with the signing of the lease over 30, 40 years. What's our kids going to benefit out of it? That's the question that is still being asked by discriminating and signing the lease
RA		Is the conversation happening or not? Is people coming and as I understand it the Northern Land Council
W		Yeah, well NLC, only came once and really there was only one of its kind meeting
M	01.12.55	R the other thing of course is NLC will only consult with the two clan groups, the traditional land owners and ?? The rest of the community really don't have a say
		Right
RN		Which is a major problem. We're probably talking about a minority in the community and those particular groups like the Rirratjingu are both well resourced. They have lawyers and advisors so they are very much being approached by commercial and financial interests not necessarily might be for community benefit
RA	01.13.36	OK thanks, that's useful too
		So the conversation isn't a broad conversation it's a narrow one as you said and there are people wondering about the future 40 years, post 40 years. This generation of young kids, now generation and the next generation. That's what I am hearing.
W?		A few people thought that the Intervention would bring the houses and that the signing of the lease became a separate thing and they became confused about why they had to sign the lease to get the

		houses when they thought the Intervention was going to bring the houses
RA	01.14.14	Yes I'm getting that quite regularly ... and the \$62 million someone said before. That is what was promised
M?		Its \$16 M at Yirrkala
RA		And that s been set aside for Yirrkala once the leases signed is that what is being argued
W		I've got no idea
RA		So you know as much as I do which is not much
M?		Its time limited. If the TO don't agree to a lease it will be taken back. Its designed to produce about 30 new homes and a number of complete refurbishments. Its not all for new homes but the NT government which will be the funding body through housing, they have the legal authority to spend the refurb money without the lease being signed but to build new houses they have to have
D		One of the complete ironies is that there is a fully complete subdivision on the corner of about 20 odd blocks that could have been built on day one of the Intervention if they 'd done the funding negotiation properly
RA	01.15.28	Right. I've heard that one before. Its in a different location
		But its ready to go
RA		So why? I keep asking why questions because I don't know (<i>chuckling</i>) So why didn't that happen, do you think?
RN		I think there's an issue in the community. If you have a meeting down here about leases everybody gets scared if that's what you are talking about. We would like a lease over the ... blocks, we're not taking over the whole community.
RA		Is it a process problem
RN		The second thing is. It's a process problem but its also a political problem because the NLC is into process big time negotiating whatever it can and I think that is a major obstacle.
RA		So at the moment what I'm hearing is two issues: one is about communication about the leases and what it means for the long term and there's another issue which is about the leases actually directly traditional land owner which are a small part of this community might be negotiations going on or there might not be and there the rest of the community doesn't know about OK
RN		There's a bigger political issue here because both, Gumatj in particular, has put forward the argument that they want their own development corporation basically had the head lease and then

		sub lease. So the two TO groups which have got all the legal and financial clout want a different model in head leasing from what the Australian government wants and the NLC (<i>RA in the middle</i>) is pretty much on their side.
RA	01.17.27	OK Whatever the reason we don't have an agreement yet and whatever the reason we don't have good communication yet. That's what I'm hearing. OK One other question I got about housing is the question of quality. If repairs have been done, is the quality good? Look back to before and look now, is there a different quality being done or is it the same?
D	01.117.59	The quality is much the same but they've got a different rule like at my house they come and replace the front door and I had a dead lock on it and the guy who came and put in the door up said you don't need a deadlock you just have one with the key and the handle and you just push the button, lock it . It's a brick house cyclone safety house and you need deadlocks on 'em, on the front door leading to the veranda and the same out the back where at the moment we have only the door handle lock where you push the button and it locks and you open it with a key on the other side ... I think that fell over . We've had three , two or three assessments on the houses. Two were done here ... and it ended up nothing happened so the Shire, the Northern Territory mob sent a team from Darwin and they went through the houses all over again. Mainly to see if the work had been done and also to see if new work needed to be done and some of the old work that had been done Never got done, never got done. Nothing happened. They had to come in and put the demand that some of the dangerous stuff like electrical wiring and that sort of thing be done immediately. I don't know how they went but they went
RA	01.19.24	So have those dangerous things been fixed ... the dangerous things like electrical
D		As far as I know ... the guy told me there were ceiling fan hanging down from the roof , which as far as he as concerned knew was still alive and the house had kids in it . But the process thing is awfully long winded, you know, we saw all the blah blah in the papers about 35 million being given for this and that and everything else. So the processing is very slow. I think it is like all new footballers. They jumped on the paddock and ran out and kicked few goals and then the next couple of games they disappeared. They were sitting on the bench I think.
RA	01.20.05	Sounds like my football career (<i>laughter</i>) OK. So a bit patchy I think is what you are telling me about how the response was slow response though probably quality was about the same although the deadlock sounds like its changed
M		Well yeah
		Changed the quality and responding to dangerous. A lot of surveys but not a lot of action
D	01.20.17	Yeah, well the guy was a sort of a boss guy he got a bit nasty in the end ... fix it today.. which what they came in first to look at all the dangerous stuff

		OK
		Security and danger I think were the first water problems those sort of things
MM		David ... most of this houses, nawi, any asbestos?
W		I think they've just recently been ... they've been going round putting the
RA		Stickers on it
MM		Stickers yeah
RA	01.21.16	I heard that yesterday where I was yesterday. Stickers were going on ... but people don't actually know what they mean ... necessarily whether they're going to need replacement of the asbestos or whether they're... that and has anyone told you what the stickers mean
MM		Yeah, some of us know but most of the Yolngu people don't know
W		Does it mean there is asbestos or there isn't?
		Well there are some
RN		A sticker means that asbestos is in the residence but it is in a safe position ... and as long as it is not tampered with. It's a warning to builders, I guess, if they come on here there are certain areas if they cut sheet there's protocols to follow
RA	01.21.59	OK That's good because I didn't hear that yesterday where I was
		<i>Discussion, comments about stickers</i>
MM	01.22.09	Some of us we do understand what it means but for rest of the community ... they don't know it what it really means
RA		So again its about a proper yarn about it
Chorus		Yes
RA		I use 'yarn' in Western Australia

MM		Yeah I know that's ... language
RN	01.22.35	... <i>inaudible</i> ... issue about housing causes a lot of discontent in this community is lot of local people in public service jobs don't get housed. Whereas the Ngapaki fly in and get a nice new house
RA		So what's the difference? Is there a difference between a staff house and a community house?
		Yes
		So the staff house is proper flash and the community house is...
RN MM		Yes ... Absolutely ...
RA	01.22.59	So if you get a government job and you're a local person get a community house. If you're government job and you come from outside you get a nice flash house
RN		The second issue. I mean I have this, I've got this thing at work. With the new model for community housing, people are going to see quite significant rent increases, you know, still social housing. The history of these communities is that government employees or community organisations employees have mainly been educators. Some of these have regional housing and pay very, very low rents so I'm going to be in the position where I have staff who are on 60, 70, 80 thousand dollar salaries who will be paying less rent than afforded to the Aboriginal staff members who's living in community housing and it's a problem across both community and government so the Shire staff, so the shire vet living in that house pays \$75 a week. Now someone who lives in one of the old community houses ... <i>safe house</i> ... will be paying more
	01.24.04	Comments in the background about safe house
		That a whole different issue about how the Shire put the safe house in the ...
RA		I'd like to come back to that one because its ...

RN		But the same with the teachers, nurses. They all pay less rent ⁶ ... and its not very equitable
RA	02.24.29	... so if I get this right. Not only do local people getting jobs with government have access to staff housing which is flasher than community housing but they also have to pay more rent for the privilege of living in a community house
RN		Which are overcrowded <i>lots of contributions inaudible</i>
MM		Only people when new recruitments come in, eh? They get housing, Territory Housing, but for the local they don't get one
RA		And you find that equitable? .. so that's not fair?
MM		Yeah
RA		Anything else on housing
MM		Language housing is a big problem
RA		Everything on outstation you all right?
MM and RN	01.25.18	Beino (no) houses <i>loud voices all at once</i>
MM		Where I come from ...
RA		There's a fence question I think we've noted that
MM		For the homeland, where I come from, we're living in houses, stage 2 houses, built in 90s and I've been living in the same house for nearly, more than 20 years eh? But because I'm always aware that the house that we live looked after properly making sure the house is already you know like even though its an old houses but some of us looked after properly make everything's alright you know and he know, Rick know eh? So we've got shower, toilet. It's a pit, you

¹ Teachers recruited outside the community and living on the community pay no rent or power and water and get remote allowances and other benefits. Members of staff who are recruited locally do not get department accommodation, live in the community paying rent, power and water. They do not get a remote allowance except FOILS. Teachers housed in Nhulunbuy by choice or because of lack of housing in Yirrkala pay Territory Housing rent but no power and water. Each NT Public Service – department -education, health, and police have different allowances and entitlements. There are inequities between them and with local conditions or employment. Significant housing stock leased from Rio Tinto Alcan to meet short falls and many staff from all agencies fly in and out from Darwin. Expanding employment of external people from the Intervention, and regionalization of Education is putting even more pressure on housing

		know, not a proper toilet. For some people, for some people, like how many brick houses does we. There's one at Garrthalala
RN		Only a few brick houses ...
MM		Only a few brick houses
RN	01.26.46	The .. part of the Intervention signed September 2007 between the territory government and the Australian Government. Part of the agreement for Intervention package was responsibility for homelands was transferred to the Northern Territory Government but there was also a ban placed on provision of capital funding for housing so there is no money there for housing upgrades or
MM	01.27.13	EWE don't have any funding for that
		Retrofitting proper toilets so because of the change of policy there's ... shortage
RA		OK
MM		For maintenance and, for the maintenance or anything that goes, my tap which is leaking we can straight away ring the people at Laynha and people often comes out and fix it up straight away
RA	01.27.47	So the issue for homelands here is more retrofitting
		The lack of any capital ...
		And is there a lot of outstations here? homelands
RN		We look after
MM		Yeah Laynhapuy look after
RA		We've got 26 occupied ones and the population's a bit over 1000.
RN		They're there all year round or just wet season or dry season
MM		All year
		I think all year

		And you can get access there all year?
MM and RN		Well ah sometimes
RA		We got homelands all over the Kimberly too so I know I just wanted to find out. And are they big or small?
RN		They range from 3 families to a 150. We've got quite a few that are ...
RA	01.28.24	That's quite a big community almost
		<i>Inaudible conversation with R</i>
RA		We've done consultations in most of those
		...
		Some of them none of them
		So do we need to do a separate conversation with you . Separate from this?
MM		I think you can talk to these two
		Yeah
RN		We may need to talk to the homelands separately about the Intervention and they could have a separate consultation.
		Will that be useful?
Voices		<i>Some discussion in language</i>
MM	01.29.07	If you two can talk among yourself or talk to ...
RA		You can get back to me later when it s easier
MM		Yo

		I want to make sure everyone has a voice see.
RN		A lot of the issues are quite different from Yirrkala
		Yes I understand that that's why I'm asking the question, I think. OK are we right with housing? Do we want to move onto something else
D	01.29.28	Post office. When are we getting one?
		Post office?
MM		Yes sorry <i>laughing</i> David
		My understanding it was Northern Territory policy when you have more than 500 people in a community you get a post office. Maybe that was the old days?
		I think that was the old days
		They has ... Dhanbul. They dismantled it because they said they didn't have the resources to man it and now the Shire has got an office over here and I think there a lot more than 500 people here and no mail is delivered as you may well know and if any mail comes to me for my home address its through bags to Bunuwal, East Arnhem Shire or Laynhapuy Homelands ⁷ . So they do a rabbit run around to check the mail because of lot of, Telstra is the biggest offender, refuses to recognise that post office boxes are a reality here in East Arnhem Shire. So they do not, will not allow you to put in your PO box number
RA	01.30.37	Why not?
		CBA
		Rain damage frequently
		CBM
D		The bloke who was in charge came from Mexico or somewhere ... that's there attitude and they only go to a lot number which is fair enough as there are no house numbers here. So if the post office in town sees your house number at Yirrkala they stick in a Dhanbul,

⁷ The two schools also get approx. 6 bags of mail twice a week including local and employee personal mail. Staff sort and distribute it. A very time consuming job and not part of core business of education.

		Shire bag or maybe Bunuwal or maybe Laynha
RA		So it could go into any of three bags
D		Yeah simply because that bag goes to Yirrkala
RA		So how do you find ... so it sits in the bag and what happens when it gets here? It sits in the bag
D		And even if you don't go round and do a rabbit run we've found that telephone bill at East Arnhem Office only by accident and saying pay up or else or we're going to cut your telephone off ... I can never understand why they don't send it to our PO Box number or even email
RA	01.31.27	So that happens regularly eh?
D		For Telstra, yeah All they need to say if you have post office box or not
		What about ... ?
MM		There's another question that I need to ask you, D What about tax nawi comes in mail?
D		Taxation is all right. But having said that I've got a PO box in Nhulunbuy which means 17 (km) in and 17 out to check the mail once or twice a week whereas if the East Arnhem Shire had a its own PO boxes here. People would only have to walk around the community to go there and know your mail is going to turn up in one place not three places, you know.
RA	01.32.16	I don't know about the 500 person Post Office arrangement. I haven't heard about that before so I can't tell you. I know there are lots of communities in Western Australia with more than 500 and they don't have a post office either but they have arrangement in ... about delivering the mail which is different. So the issue is that you, unless you know a letter is coming, you go looking do you? Like you go looking if you know your Telstra bill is coming and you go to three but if you don't know, it could be sitting there for a long time
W1	01.32.58	Then the Shire office they have a pigeon hole with the surname there
RA		So you can go in and ask that
MM		And for homelands, its goes through Laynhapuy for the homeland eh?
RN		<i>We sort them out and send them to the homelands ... and the ones that we know are in Yirrkala we'll probably send them ...</i>

RA		OK. Question of the post office I'll ask Australia Post I'll ask them straight away Are you happy about that?
MM		For all the workers, teachers or, you know I am a teacher myself and it goes through sometimes goes through my work at, to the school areas of homelands school and Yirrkala CEC
RA	01.33.58	OK Maybe I'll ask about the store now. Good store? Do you get good quality food? Is it OK?
D		Which store?
W		Yakka store
RA		Any kind of store? Where do you get your food from? I don't know
		Two store
RA		You've got two stores, have you?
W1	01.34.13	Two very expensive stores
Women		Two IGA and Woollies
D		My wife went and bought two bags, two plastic bags of stuff and she bought \$109 and you go down there and look how much you pay for a packet of weetbix
		Yeah, I'm going to walk down there afterward
M		This one here is actually a branch of the IGA in Nhulunbuy They used to have a community store up until about 2008 and then the Council decided it wasn't a ... the old Dhanbul Council decided running a store wasn't core business and so they did a deal with IGA and IGA run this. They're meant to sell products at the same price as the town I believe but I don't think they do ... inaudible ... the other thing you've got here is an entrepreneurial Tongan gentleman who runs a shop from his house so that probably where most people buy their takeaway food from isn't it?
RA	01.35.21	Does he cook takeaways? Is he licensed?
M		Not sure
RA		No one gets sick?

M		I don't know - <i>comments some giggles</i>
		And that is where a lot of the kids get breakfast in the morning
D		But we are certainly not getting a good deal eh? And when you are talking about school, the shop opens at 9 o'clock, the school starts at 9 o'clock. Any mums that want to catch the bus and go down and get a loaf of bread or Wheaties or just something for the kids used to have breakfast at home before they go. It doesn't work. Everybody is 9 o'clock starters and mums and dads who've got work in the mines or whatever, they're gone before the sun comes up so to speak so yeah its very hard. It does accept the Basic Card so Basic Card shopping there
RA	01.36.15	So its licensed
D		Yeah but 9 o'clock start is not working for the community
RA		So 9 o'clock is not good timing. Does it stock? I know in some communities it actually has a ban on kids during school hours
		Yes they do
		It does that as well and do you find that works OK?
		Comments
RA	01.36.34	So the issues with the store are price and range ... Yo... and the timing
W		Pricing ... There's another figure on the shelving, when they scan it it is another price again
RA		Sometimes higher?
W		Yo
RA		So what is advertised and what is on the shelf is different price. I thought there was a law about that?
M		We change our prices three times a week. Guess which day?
RA		Its my understanding that these things ... by law

W1		Law ... and they sell old stuff too. Because one time I went there and buy a sandwich and there was a fly inside the thing it went in. It was flying around and I told the guy, 'see the " and he wanted to go and grab the sandwich because it was right at the front. He wanted to grab that one you know, not that one thanks. You grab that sandwich and put straight in the bin while I'm watching because the next person doesn't grab it. So , yes, old stuff being, reheated and sold again
		.. as a parent but here and in town, they've introduced those bloody machines with all little toys and things ... \$2 a time <i>laughter</i>
RA	01.38.04	Does it, this again is a question I ask everywhere: Does it promote healthy eating? In some places you get good food up the front and rubbish food up the back of the store
W		Yeah they probably do that here
RA		They do that here?
MM		Some of the things we go for check all the date
RA		So the dates are a problem
W1		... Sandwich don't have the dates on it
MM		No but I'm talking about other nawi, items in the shop eh? Even though the some things don't have a date
W1		Still the things on the shelvings ...
RA	01.38.46	Are still there. So would people go from here into Nhulunbuy to go shopping ?
Women		Yeah ... Yeah, they do
RA		Because it is cheaper there?
M		Bloody oath
		Woollies is probably cheaper than IGA store
M		You're looking at, if you are going in by taxi, its \$80 return
MM		Yeah

RA		So that's a big
M		They have introduced a limited ... <i>inaudible</i> bus service last year
RA	01.39.16	So the, the stores in town all take Basics Cards?
Chorus		Yes
MM		All stores accept Basics Cards
		The Post Office doesn't take green cards and there are a lot of phones and stuff that some people may want to buy but they don't accept the green cards
		So that restricts as well the post office
RA	01.39.49	Health services. Here. One of the things the Intervention brought in was child health check. Was that , was that well received here? Was it a good thing?
W1		It was a duplicate.
RA		It was a duplicate of what was already happening
W1		A duplicate all over. We have a health centre here and the Aboriginal Health Corporation <i>Inaudible</i>
RA		And they were both already doing that kind of work, OK So health services are pretty good in this community or are they not so good
MM		<i>In language</i> ... children's health ...
W1		There are a lot more Yolngu people working now in this community
RA		So you've got Aboriginal Health Workers
MM	01.40.49	Yes, she's one of them, She's one of them <i>laughing</i>
RA		So health services are pretty good?

W1		As well as Miwajt ⁸ Galinwinku clinic is now under the umbrella or Miwajt. So there is in that area health, Yolngu health through this, the numbers risen
RN?	01.41.23	We also run health services for homelands
Many voices		In language homelands too
RN		One of the observations would be that is (<i>loud noise something spilling, dropping, lunch?</i>) for many years .. not many health workers out here We hope that will be addressed by the Flinders Clinical School being set up ... we are yet to see that
RA		Where's that being established?
RN		Up in Nhulunbuy
MM		How long will that take?
W? NC		Is there any sign ... just past the hospital
		Yeah I think I might of on the way through
RN	01.41.57	Its very hard to see where the next generation of health workers is going to come from, funded
RA		Is that coming back to the school? Kids coming out of school are not ready for it or?
RN		Just access to the training! Now you have to go to Bachelor to do it and people don't want to travel. Ah, I'm not sure what happens with dialysis here. I think people still have to go to Darwin
		So there are no self dialysis?
Chorus		There is one.
MM		There is only one.

W1		She'll tell you
chorus		Hospital <i>language building... room</i> There is dialysis in the back of the hospital
RN		Are many people using it, Djarparri?
MM		Only one person
W1	01.42.42	One person at a time
		Yaka, only one person at a time ... only one ... try hard . We have the dialysis in town <i>in language</i> maybe we organise ... There is no one to do the training
RA		So it is not nurse supported
MM		Bino there is family support but he got one trainee who went through the training in Darwin hes the only person who exist now nawi and he knows a lot about this training. Its his own wife, own family
RA		OK but you have to go to Darwin to do that training or another place
		Yeah , yeah
W NC?		A lot of people feel a bit scared to do it on family as well. Like that responsibility for the you know
MM	01.43.48	The person that I know of, she's got really confidence. She really understand that she's been through that training a lot eeeh when her husband was in Darwin Hospital and she had to go through all the training and I don't think most of people in all areas are ... they want to see more people trained to that
RN	01.44.15	There's no respite care for elderly folk
		So what, just, if we an just finish the dialysis one and come back to that one. So dialysis, unless you've got a family member that was confident and can do the training
MM		Yeah that's the idea
		Most of them go to Darwin and then they're stuck. Do family follows or they're stuck ?
W1		Yes some families go

RA		What if you're on dialysis you pretty much have to move to Darwin by the sound of things
Chorus		Yeah
RA		And there's accommodation for people in Darwin or not?
MM +		Yes accommodation. They've got accommodation lots of names JCY? Christian ... Hostel
		Yes I've heard about them. So does the family follow or
	01.45.06	Yes ... so the whole family can stay in the hostel
MM		Not whole family just ... just one or two (<i>conversation in the background \$60M ...</i>) long term only 1
D		The rest of the family live in the long grass
		<i>Loud laughter</i>
D		that's true, that's what happens ...yeah ... The carer and the dialysis patient get the accommodation and the rest of the family wander round or
MM		You know what, why is that happening? Because in that flat or the hostel they've got rules that no alcohol should be brought in see. That's why, that's why because of the you know I am not really sure whether it's the manager or the health saying that you can't have all the drunken people to live in that house and people have to move from that house including the families including the person on the dialysis. So they have to move out.
RA		So it creates a problem for the whole family
MM	01.46.28	That creates a problem for the whole family. That's why they have to move out to live in the long grass
RA		So the preference would be that dialysis would be available to people here and families would stay here
All		Yeah
RA	01.46.50	Now I asked the question about the support for aged people or disabled people. You've mentioned there's nothing available for respite
RN		There's no aged care or disabled facilities at all or respite either long term or respite.

RA		So families just have to cope as best they can
W1		There's long term respite there isn't any here
RA		Nothing at all
		But in shorter terms in the hospital
		This is actually an issue because the areas is one of the areas subject to MJD ⁹ so there will be an increasing number of people with long term disability and the related aspects of that is that the Northern Territory Government has no plan for housing and education and they have to stay at home
RA		So there is nothing about disabled support in the house
RN		Na You can, there is, you can access some very minimal funding through the health care services to be ... there is no actual respite facility and if you need to put in a ramp or modify the bathroom there is no money to fix that sort of thing
RA	01.48.07	OK and you're saying that because of particular issue here the number of people who will need, require that kind of support is going to grow over time
NC?		MJD generationally affects people at a younger age
RA		Do we know what that looks like?
NC?		MJD foundation has got stats that show all the ... <i>inaudible</i>
RA		So there will be some information about understanding that
		And currently most people need house modification mostly on Groote. I don't know if there's any here
W1	01.48.45	One family
RA		They've got some support? This doesn't sound like it's the systems support those efforts. Something else so we'll note that as well

M?	01.49.11	R if I could say something here, another problem that will come to in the out years is the houses aren't being designed to allow easy modification. When we build the house it would be so much easier if we made the bathroom slightly bigger and bigger doors to allow ease of wheelchair going in but we don't do that at design phase . The siting program can I think allow us to do 3% of houses with ramps and rails but they weren't changing the design to make the doorways wider or the doorways bigger to accommodate and if you did every new house designed to accommodate a disability further down the track there'd be less investment in retro fitting anyway . But is always difficult to do things at the design phase. So, yeah we do it wrong there.
RA		It sounds like we might have some indication of how this might affect the community in the long term so theoretically we should be planning for it ... OK
RA	01.50.16	Any other health issues? Sounds like the clinic is encouraging Aboriginal Health workers and a lot of the stuff was already in place around child health checks. Dialysis is obviously an issue. Diabetes an issue obviously? Dialysis is usually associated with diabetes
RN?	01.50.41	On a positive note, one of the things we got funded for the Intervention was the dental program. Its been extremely successful on our homelands ... its been extremely beneficial. The other areas where its been ...
RA		Is that one still going?
RN		Its been extended for another year but we think that going to be transferred back to the territory but we're not sure how it will go
RA	01.51.10	So what, you actually, who pays for the dentist
RN		OATSID??? We get funded for it and we actually employ a dental therapist and a sessional dentist
RA		And access to that is only for the homelands or
RN		They travel out to the homelands and sessions ...
RA		Sort of ... They bring it here as well
W1		They bring it here as well. They come here two or three days ... every month
RA	01.51.39	Once a month ... So that's quite a good service
RN		The other real bit issue with mental health. Yirrkala has had some mental health but again it has a very narrow focus because its been on a case management process with a few people ... psychiatrists. These communities have huge problems with suicide and all the other trauma that goes with it so the mental health

		perspective tends to be very narrow clinical rather than dealing with the grief , domestic violence and the emotional and psychological consequences of that. You know some families here have lost a dozen people over a couple of years from murder, suicide, car accidents and so on and there is nothing really to support sad feelings ...
RA	05.52.39	So that whole area of trauma um suicide is a major problem across all northern Australia as you know
RN		It get used as a threat by young people to get what they want
RA		So it's a big problem in this community ... suicide? So what works currently happening around making this a safe place? Is t here any work, I've just heard that the mental health services seem to be very narrow, whereas what you saying is that the trauma from violent or other death is really bad
Many voices	01.53.22	Healing. Is there are harmony group
W1		We're no longer ... we're just continuing working ... from the heart <i>(very tired and sad voice)</i> helping people
RA		Helping people so they're doing that now
W1		Yeah Still is
W		... suicide prevention maybe ...course.. I did and still doing. I still work at home
RA		So that is voluntary is it
		Still voluntary
RA	01.54.19	I promise I, I come to these consultations and I promise I won't talk about the Kimberly but I need to I think um because suicide is a big issue in the Kimberly. I'm currently working with groups around, not only dealing with the trauma of suicide but also dealing with how do we change kids minds, you know, so they don't think of that as an option. I'm working with families and communities to look for the warning signs. I think that's what you are saying before about the mental health issue. Its not only a mental health issue it's a social and emotional and feeling here
		Yo
RA	01.55.05	So what should government do around suicide? What do you think would be useful doing? Because it sounds like mental health stuff which is narrow cast and women doing voluntary work Are we useful or no useful?

RN		<i>Women talking at once not clear</i>
		Do you have a view about yapa's healing centre idea. The one
MM		In central Australia
RN		About doing down here
W1		You mat talk to Bundath about that one
RN		I was just wondering if that was the sort of thing community would support . I thin they were trying to develop some more holistic health type thing where you're ... with the process
RA		Yeah
W1		But with the other healing centre that's established out at Garthalala, yes
RA	01.56.21	<i>Comments from women</i> So I'm hearing one thing that what would be useful is more training and skills or help in that area so that people understand as carers or women supporting the family what is a good way of doing it or a useful way of doing it
		And one of the first time ever in the whole of the Northern Territory I guess is that, because I also sit on the Elder's program where we go and visit the people in prison, we are having right now at Gulkula, eight volunteers of the lower security people actually organising and doing stuff at Garma. And that is the first time ever its happened to...
RA	01.57.22	It's a great idea
W1		... those fellas
RA		They getting ... future ... <i>lots of comments</i>
RN		I suppose I'm gonna ask about people in jail directly but you'll fill me in
		Nothing is being developed for diversion either. There are outbreaks of petrol sniffing at times with fairly ad hoc response
RA		So that almost in the same area isn't it, like if someone is suicidal they'll often have substance abuse issues or often have trauma issues ... relationships issues or other issues so all those skills
		Sorry

RA		What we're talking about might be part of the same thing
MM		Language
RA	01.58.10	Can I move to a different subject now?
		Yo
RA		Are you right
		We're talked about Community safety
D		Did they mention our healing centre?
RA		We just talked about it
D		When are you going to build that?
RA		I don't like straight questions like that because I don't know answer <i>laughter</i>
D		The healing is here. The people, traditionally, the people have got the healing. Most of the ladies have, a lot of the senior ladies know all the bush medicine and the healing centre was not about cuts and stitches so
W!		It should be all year round except on the wet season thing for the healing
W1		Not only when tourists are here
		I think what I heard very strongly is two bits, the healing centre certainly and we've noted that but also training and support for all the skill you'll need to deal with difficult situations around suicide situation , trauma and all those
MM		D, Beino (no)
D		There are two methods, the traditional cultural methods and there's the ngapaki method ... The Ngapaki method they've got to learn skills for that but the traditional healing side, they know that
RA	01.59.19	Exactly and I think what I was recognising is that the cultural traditional side is covered for what might be useful as ...
		Yo

		... theory, and we heard before the mental health workers
		Two skills together ¹⁰
		Yes exactly
MM		<i>Raypirri ... in language.</i> Raypirri is already running ¹¹
		Also going back to education, not that Raypirri word has been brought up. Create a position for an elderly person, amale and a female within the school grounds to discipline the kids ¹² Educational
RA	02.00.08	I was going to come back to that because sometimes it hard to go up front with it I was going to ask whether the school was a safe place and I mean that by the fact that in lots of places bullying happens in school
		Yo
RA		So if you've got conflict in your community you often get bullying in the school between kids ... so that happens here a little bit?
		Yo
		So the solution might be to have elderly people there to do the discipline side
MM		Not only n the school but also in the community
RA		So that was the curfew idea and making sure the kids are behaving themselves ... Good
M		I thought raypirri rom was already ... <i>inaudible</i>

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¹ Many women in community are already qualified counselors

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¹ In 2009, school, clinic, Anglicare and Raypirri Rom (Miwajt project) in a case management intervention approach before it got to official reporting stages. Protocols worked through between the stakeholders. A FaHCSIA funded pilot program. Many sniffers sent to Homelands but support not available who feeds them and looks after them? Gutdinan program

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¹ The two schools, Yambirra Schools Council, now DET positions, employ Cultural advisors (a male and a female) as well as strong men's position, and 2 EFT home liaison positions to do this work. These positions part of RLPA and in place to 2012

MM		<i>Language</i> ... It started here in the community, raypirri work ... means within the community eh? Eh? Before they go to school.
RA		So
MM	02.01.07	Sometimes bullying and teasing and all this behaviour in the classroom, we do have some raypirri representative from the community that comes up to the school. It happens to all our schools and we go through the rules, the different rules within the community and the school. So that always happens within the school. There's raypirri
RA		Is that right
		Eeh. Raypirri, and the idea of having, developing a raypirri, goes through all these process, coming in from the community to the school. So the kids know the rules basically on both sides
RA		OK thanks for that. That's good <i>light clapping</i>
RA	02.02.06	Community safety. We talked before about the lights being important as part of that and we talked also about the night patrol, not being quite the same as it was. Before the women were really strong and working with them as a night patrol and really making sure that noise and kids were being dealt with and not being so much ... Can I ask about police and how they deal in this community? Is it a good relationship with the police or not so good
		Language
W1	02.02.42	During the time when the women were on patrol, we, the police and the community, had a close connection talking to one another on a daily basis...
RA		...
W1		... all the stuff we done reporting through the night was sent into the police station
RA		And it doesn't
W!		And also there was the , John Cook, he's gone eh? There was also the Gove Harmony Group who no longer exists ...
		Right
		... And that was a body of stakeholders
RN	02.03.28	They were instrumental in getting the alcohol permit system ...

RA		OK so what did the Harmony Group do
RN		... and also getting the safe sobering up shelters
		Yo
RN		Set up . That was a community based network that pushed all that through
RA		So who was on that, like was it like the women's group
		Womens group
M <i>new voice?</i>		It was a stakeholder group ... its prime value was that it coordinated services which predated anything the governments' trying to do in that it got together all of the interested parties around common issues
RA		So who were the stakeholders?
W1		The whole region, Gove
M		Plus you know we've got health in there. You've got <i>many voices</i> ... John Cook
W1		John Cook, he was here earlier
RN	02.04.10	He was at Miwajt Health at that stage and was one of the drivers of it and then he moved away in government
RA		So you could, what would you talk about in that group? Do you just talk about how to do business, how to work together
W1		Social issues Yo
RA		Social issues. And you tried to sort them out in one place ... and its called Harmony Group
W		Yo
RA		So why did that finish
Lots of voices		... it was an unofficial group

M		It was not from any department. It wasn't with sport
RA		Most of the best groups are often unofficial
M		There's a similar one starting up called the offenders network. Its got representatives from Children's Services, Families, FaHCSIA, Miwajt again
RA		The Harmony Group from the sounds of it to me sounds like something that you were talking about before about supporting families who are in trouble ... and thinking about those issues
W	02.05.09	Getting the community's story on the table rather than ...
RA		So is that something that you think could be resurrected?
		That's something that should be continuous
RA		So who should start to think about that, setting that up then?
		<i>Inaudible</i>
RA		If it worked so well
		<i>Inaudible ... NC ?</i>
Women's voices	02.05.40	Reference group ... reference group ... reference group
RA		Is that doing the same thing though?
		Yo same
RA		Harmony Reference Group
M,		I think the reference group should set the direction of the work in having a harmony group that what I would say. The Reference group shouldn't necessarily ... manage it but they have to set the priority. If its not a priority from the reference group it would be seen as a priority effort
RA		Right, but sometimes things just work
	02.06.23	Lots of voices YoIngu Matha and English

M		No it does but they work because they've got funding or some element of funding that help them work
RA		Well support isn't I wouldn't necessarily say funding I'd say support and commitment
M		OK and if we can draw it back into the way it works into the LIP its going to get that support
RA		Right. OK Can I ask some more questions about safety? Someone said before that there might be a bit of family trouble .. in the community ... fights or whatever. Does that get resolved or does it keep on going, going, going? And if it gets resolved ... how does it get resolved
W1		It gets resolved on the surface but deep down... bino
RA		Deep down it still sticks?
W1		Yo
RN		I think it would be fair to say that a lot of it is because of the evolution of rival youth gangs, if you might want to call them that. So the problems are, some of the problems seem to be generated between the young kids then spills out between the adults as well . Is that...
W1	02.07.37	I think this, the whole thing about the youngster getting themselves involved in nawi , actually goes right back .. to things, Rick, that you don't know of. It goes right back 50s, 60s when the two Baparu
		Two families
		Two clan and the way that these kids have been told of the past, they began to get it on their head ... then the jamikuli (children) get round and they start to talk about it. So it's the past nawi
RN		And the new technology ...
W1		And the new technology
RN		...the problem now is that people use mobile phones to intimidate each other
		Yo
RA		Again I heard in a lot of consultations that mobile phones are new bullying ... they use diva cam ... and they bully each other on that
W1		So the two big community meetings over that here ... Yirrkala

RA	02.08.52	Did it resolve it or
		Yeah
		So you were able to ... You say you got the surface done right but to the other
W1		We've got the kids to come and tell their stories. The parents and whoever attended the meeting listen to both sides of the story ... with the police present here
RA		Yes, so that would send ... Sounds like it works well
RN		Some of that new stuff is what happens when there is not curfew and kids are left on the street
RA	02.09.27	You were saying before you don't have a safe house anymore because its now someone's house
MM		Yes that's what we believe
RA		So someone's in trouble with domestic violence or what do they do now? They run away?
		Well, either they face it or go to someone else's house
		OK
MM and		Na, na, na not someone else's house <i>conversation between the women in Yolngu Matha ... Find help from family ... yo not all audible</i>
W1	02.10.18	The Shire didn't have any accommodation for these guys
RA		So who ran the safe house before? Women's group again? Or someone else
W1		It was bought by FaHCSIA money ... but that's all it did. Put a building up ...
RA		And nothing to support it
WA		... and nothing and no one was employed to put under that to the running of the safe house
RA		Was it used before

W1	02.10.48	It was used under my leadership here ... inaudible. The building being close to the .. and the women receive help during the time of the night patrol. It would be a place where I would do, you know, keep an eye out and it was also used as a day respite for our age and disability people
RA		OK so it had two purposes
MM		I want to tell you now, Ngapaki, tell you now
		<i>conversation between the women in Yolngu Matha</i>
W1		Not just domestic violence
RA		So it comes back to having respite and things like that <i>inaudible</i>
W1		Well I made it happen as a respite
RA	02.11.42	But the problem was FaHCSIA or government didn't give money to support it
W1		No that's right
		And when it went to the Shire the asset ... OK I'm going to get there so around community safety is, when the fighting occurs. It happens in every community. It happens in my community. It happens everywhere (<i>coughing</i>) If fighting occurs does it happen when people are sober or when they're drunk or when they are on something else or is it just because of these long term arguments
MM		Its been the long term ...
		Drunk
		Something else
		It's a common ...
		Something else
RA		So do people get drunk here lots or is it. Whats the ? <i>comments</i>

W1	02.21.36	Even though there's the permit system, but you know ...
		They still bring it in
		Still bringing it in
Lots of voices		Yapa, friends with permit asked to bring other friends alcohol into the community. That's still happening
RA		Someone will have a permit and they'll go and get some and then they share it
		MMMM
RA	02.12.56	So they get it from Nhulunbuy
W1		So again its become a noisy town
RA		It's become a noisy town. So a bit of a break down of those social norms. And young people , old people or every one
		Everyone
RA		So would you have drinking houses like you have gambling houses?
		<i>inaudible</i>
W1		Why should we lie
RA		Yeah, yeah that's what I want to find out . So the permit system here doesn't quite work
		No
W		<i>In Yolngu Matha - alcohol ... kava</i>
W1		<i>Mixture of language</i> at Garma I heard young people talk about it. 'So it was brought in and I haven't got a permit and he's got a permit '.
RA	02.13.55	So they mix up kava here as well

		Yeah so what happens with people and they drink and drink kava at the same time
		<i>Inaudible</i>
W		Lots more drugs , marijuana
D		There go the dialysis patients
AR		As well
D		Because it attacks the kidneys. They drink kava for a long period time they urinate blood
D		I have seen drunk men doing it and they look down on it, It is a matter of life. They don't care
D		When they are drunk, they rarely get drunk on kava but they can't walk properly . There's , if they're falling down there's no hand go down they just go (slaps his hands) bang, face first. And down hill lean backwards because if they lean forward they go to start running. If they start running, they fall over and the face skin comes off the face, the arms, the elbows. They look like they have been thrown out of a car that was being driven along ... I've seen people drink that kava to that point. The they start throwing up, you know, because their body gets poisoned and they just chucks up out of the body. That for them is respite, take a break, have a sleep be up for five or six hours and then back into it. Kava is, ... as long as kava is here you are going to have renal dialysis
Women	02.14.26	Yo ... My only feeling ... three generations ...
RA		So that is something recent or has it always been here. Kava I know about
		Kava has always been about
W!		It has always been
RA		Bigger more
W1		Yo
MM		There's no prevention for the kava

RA		So kava is illegal here?
RN	02.15.48	Its illegal all over the Northern Territory. You've got a contradiction in the legislation
		That what I understand
RN		Under Federal law you can bring 2 KG for personal use but once you step outside the airport you can have it confiscated by police and if its more than two Kilograms then you get arrested
RA		Its sounds like it is wide spread here
W1		Widespread and black-market
RN		It is
RN		It follows the ... of the community
RA		So people get employed selling it
		Yeah
RA		So do you know who is importing it and selling it?
Chorus		Kava ... Yeah we know... we can tell you the names. They've got all their contact. We can tell you
MM	02.16.28,	They used to have a wholesale license, retail license
RA		But it sounds like it is having a devastating effect ... effecting health and, so people are mixing marijuana, kava and drink?
MM		Including tablets <i>other murmurings not audible</i>
RA		Speed, so is that coming to
		People in town there
		Yeah

W1		They have their own life, their own
MM		There is a rumour about putting tablets into kava. Just a rumour but don't I have any
D		Should put laxettes in it (<i>laughter</i>)
MM		They have panadol especially panadol
RA		And mix it up in there
MM		D?
RN		I don't know whether its changed but kava used to be for the older age group and young people would want to use alcohol or ganja
RA	02.17.37	So the ganja 's imported? No one grows it here? It comes in from outside
MM		Outside
W1		Someone grows it in town. I know, nawi, ...
		Bushes (<i>laughter</i>)
W1		In the rainforest, there is a lot of rain forest around here
RA		So there might be pockets growing around here as well. Do the people know who sell it?
W1		The people that buys it knows where they are. They not gonna tell
RA		Of course. Do you reckon its local people selling or coming from outside
		Could be
D		You can tell, you can tell the amount of marijuana in the community by the number of pig shooters
RA		Is that right

D		You see them vehicles with cages on the back for the dogs. They're pig shooters. And they also have cash crops
RN		I don't know ...
D		You count them you look at the number of vehicles that have got pig shooters
		Na
D		... vehicles, you'll have some idea of how much stuff is coming in
RN	02.18.41	I don't know about the ganja but the black market kava it's a bit of a combination. There are certainly people bringing things in. Yolngu people bring in large quantities but then there are Yolngu people who want to sell it but we also notice there are some Yolngu people who source it directly when they travel to Darwin or Cairns or other places so it's a combination
MM		<i>In Yolngu Matha</i>
		I thing the ganja is a problem among young Yolngu people
MM	02.19.18	<i>In Yolngu Matha Garma and outside too really</i>
		So you said before about the prescribed area people can permits. Is it easy to get a permit to drink?
		Lots of voices at once
D		You can't get one here
RA		Is that right
W1		But the committee itself , who sits on that <i>searching for word</i> looks at people very closely who missuses the permit system
RA		The Northern Territory government has just introduced the ID card or what do they call them? The banned persons ...
D		Register
Chorus		Lots of voices in Yolngu Matha

MM	02.20.04	Its alright, its alright. They're out of school finished
RA		Do you think that will make a difference with the banned persons register or not
MM		What's that sorry?
RA		Banned persons
NC?		ID card
MM		ID Card
D		Because that means everybody that's grown up will be on the Yolngu register are not going to get any grog. Certainly not going to get take away anyway
RA		Yeah
RN		D? Is the bigger problem people bringing alcohol back and drinking here or is it people just getting very drunk in town and coming back?
W1		Both. Both
RN	02.02.47	So you've got the whole responsible serving issue then. You can still get served when they are blind drunk
Chorus		Yo. yeah
W1		Serve them until they runs out of nawi of the pocket at the bar
RA		Are you saying they're staying at the bar until they can hardly walk?
RA		Oh my god
NC		Until they've got no money left
W1		When you got no money left in your pocket
RA		So I some ways it doesn't matter if you drink here or you drink there, if you're blind drunk you're drunk

W?		Its worse because then you drink drive all the way home
		Yo
RA		So there've been accidents on the road from town to here?
W1		Sometimes
RN		Its been a lot better since the permits 've been in
W1		But how do we stop the permit holders, stop buying drink for other families?
MM		Thats the question
	02.21.32	Well there was a suggestion put at the Reference Group last week that rather than having a banned drinker register everybody should be banned to start with and have an opt in system where you have to apply to have a drink. That way you cant get home buying drinks for someone else if you haven't got a permit ... so if you are on the banned list you can't buy. Nobody can buy until you know that's everybody
RN		When the scheme was set up originally it was, they decided they had to let everybody be in it. You still had to apply for a permit but unless there was a good reason to refuse you'd get one and as soon as you did something wrong you'd get knocked off the system but I don't know how good they have been ... <i>inaudible children's voices</i>
RA	02.22.27	OK I'm getting close to the end so ... so when the alcohol, when the prescribed areas came in Australian Government for up signs. You've got signs there in front of the .. Signs about alcohol and about pornography. What do you think about that sign?
W?		I think they should come down
		You'd better say they should come down because I sent the letter in last week
		I was ready to spray one out
		Yeah that why I'm asking the question
		<i>Loud laughter</i>
MM	02.23.08	Nothing happened when they banned the kava and that sign was still up there. They didn't took it down

RA		So what kind of sign would you like to see up there instead?
W1		You're on the road to Yirrkala. Welcome to Yirrkala
RA		So a welcome sign rather than a...
W1		Rather than that than that blue writing
RA		Yeah OK No worries. They put up a sign, I won't say what community, but they put up a sign which said if you want pornography go to Canberra
Chorus		I saw that ... other comments
RA	02.23.51	Any way that the common comment they're making at that place. So on the pornography an issue, not an issue?
Women		<i>In Yolngu Matha</i> ...still and issue ... We don't know anything about that
		That's OK some places people worry about mobile phones and
MM		Internet and mobile
RA		OK but it sounds like the alcohol stuff is, community will work its way through what works and doesn't work and at the moment you don't think the permit system works very well because people do buy for others
W1		We need a voice on the Reference Group
RA	02.24.51	Locally. The other issue I'm hearing is you know at the moment the responsible serving of alcohol doesn't seem to apply to people in town because you can go in and get full drunk and then come home. Last one, for me and you might have some. Jobs and businesses in town. DO you want to tell me about CDEP and job network and work in this community
		Work
		I've heard very strong message that things that have worked before don't work now so people who have worked before don't work ...
		Yo comments
		...now because of the changes

MM	02.25.14	Job nawi internet
W1		Not particular in community like Yirrkala. Our side like YBE Rio those that go through the Alert program seems to be graduating and getting the better jobs there
RA		So that seems to be working well so young people got a bit of a career path going to Rio and others
		Yo
MM		The alert program
W1		The government should be, sets up the community base right in heart of the Yolngu land, you know thats
		Yeah
W1		... there's even greater opportunity to give that confidence and ability to them to move onto other areas of employment especially in the mainstream, you know, and because we see that happen I think the government should be very much supporting thing in that area of creating there for the Indigenous young ones
RA	02.26.17	So young people could actually see a career pathway through pretty easily close by
W1		There are already those, I guess the role models now for the younger generation to be heading the same way
RA		So they're already working
W1		They're already working in the mine, they're at the refinery
RA		That's good
W1		Truck drivers
MM	02.26.41	Hang on, hang on I don't see anything happening in town like
Loud discussion		Through the alert program ... Through the alert program . YBE , Perkins <i>in Yolngu Matha</i>
W1	02.27.21	Well opportunity is there. Its their choice

MM		<i>in Yolngu Matha</i> IGA you look at IGA you look at ... you know workshop, within the community. Workshop used to be ... Is there someone doing any training to ... and that workshop
W1		Because Bunuwal workshop now works at the Industrial Estate
MM		<i>in Yolngu Matha</i> ... carefully within the community ... but within the community ... I don't see anybody working in the community like. You got a job in the clinic. There is no IGM no nawi IGA we have a shop ? ... <i>knocking</i> there's only one person, one Yolngu running. We don't see any Yolngu people working in places like ... in the community
M		Workshop
MM		Workshop eh? Workshop the only places where I see a lot of Yolngu working Laynhapuy, clinic, museum
Others		School <i>in Yolngu Matha</i> ...school ... bank
W1		The whole IT ¹³ system <i>in Yolngu Matha</i> is confusing ... There's a lot more paperwork than in the Dhanbul days. All you do is go and ask for position there for in the community I can get? Yes there is ... lot of paperwork
MM		Arafura Time <i>in Yolngu Matha</i> ... position and training . its very hard when we read the Arafura Times that talks about position, a vacant position, that talks a lot about training and it is very complicated for any Yolngu people around here
RA	02.29.57	So what I'm hearing is that the old system was simpler and you could go round and look for jobs and be helped by Yolngu ... The new system which I assume is IT running of services
M?		You've missed one ... inaudible
		So its confusing and the rules are hard and fast
		And all this stuff about Indigenous that don't even go to the interviews sort of thing
RN	02.30.32	The other thing is the Shire withdrew from CDEP. Some of it was because CDEP just doesn't work. Its got Newstart running in parallel with it but they also withdrew so things that used to be jobs in the community went out to tender. So the garbage collection went to tender. The bunch of Yolngu guys doing it , three or four days a week, whatever. The white contractor brought in a great big automatic garbage truck ...
RA		So jobs went

RN		So jobs went. Same with the ... all the landscaping now is done by ...
		Ngapaki
RN		Is there any Yolngu working on landscaping and stuff at Yirrkala anymore?
W1		Beino (no) Not now but there are Yolngu applications that have applied for the djama (job) and yet haven't got the results or the response from whether they have got the djama or not
RA	02.31.30	That was an earlier question from this young man who said that, I applied for a job and I don't know what the outcome is.
W1		Yo chorus throughout
RA		So there are two things I am listening to. One is that jobs in the community don't seem to be there anymore
MM		Beino, there's is hardly any <i>and other voices</i>
RA		Hardly any so, or they are being done by outsiders which is the real point about contracting ... and that the, the getting a job through ITEC, I don't like naming org ... companies, I'm naming them because you did, so getting a job through ITEC is very complicated, a lot of forms and it is difficult for Yolngu who ... you also said it is a hard and fast rule if you miss one interview then you're cut .
W1	02.32.11	Because the last time this work ITEC came into this community, they interpreted the word differently ... and they thought any people looking for a job go and do an eye test
RA		Oh of course
W1		Off they went to hospital to ... So they thought eye test! ITEC looking for work there
		So that's a proper miscommunication
RN	02.32.41	Can I just make an observation here? Nhulunbuy is the fifth largest town in the Northern Territory. It's a regional centre. Its got a hospital, its got Northern Territory Government, Australian Government, Local Government. Its been there for 42 years. There is virtually no Yolngu employment in Nhulunbuy, apart from a few people in the community in health and education. There is no Yolngu employment in the Northern Territory or Australian Government industry. So its not simply about Newstart versus CDEP, there is a much bigger systemic thing at play here about why, why Yolngu not prepared to pursue those opportunities or what are the barriers to Yolngu ... or are there in fact a lot of structural and other things on the non Indigenous side saying we can actually work quite well without you and we don't need you.

RA	02.33.44	So they're three good questions ... Cos that surprises me, I've got to say.
		Can we, like housing, education ...
W?		Before so the same things goes for older people, now nothing
RA		So could I ask a question? Why is the health service so successful and why is the school successful in getting in local people to work
MM	02.34.17	Well the history of the clinic
		So it's a history thing? People are comfortable
		Because they are comfortable, confidence, you know. More confidence and that why the health people are really strong, some Yolngu and even the Laynhapuy there is a lot of training happening
RA		So it makes the change
RN		It also about flexibility in the workplace
		Yo YO
RN		We've got simple transport access. A lot of people here don't have cars access out of town things like OH&S. Not many employers will let you come to work
w		First Aid certificate
RA		But it's a good question
		And the new card
D?	02.25.13	I suppose the easiest way to term it would be 'culturally appropriate' employment
		The employers who are successful in employing Aboriginal people, Yolngu people from here, don't stand on the non Indigenous protocols. SO if somebody rocks up and they don't have safety boots on or some of the people work with no shoes on ... (<i>noisy back ground inaudible</i>) make comments and all that sort of stuff. If they protocol the Yolngu people. The biggest fear is being classed as a Ngapaki If you come dressed up and you've got all the ... somebody will say to them Ngapaki. As soon as you do that it kills the ... straight away

		Comments
		It's the same in education. If you say ... I've been at work with education up here, CEC. As soon as the kids got pats on the back and marks for doing really well, the other mob will say ngapaki. If you understand that Whiteman's education, they call them ngapaki. As soon as that jeer started flying about the fight was on, you know, they just don't wear that.
RA		Inaudible
D		Yeah, yeah, sorry
	02.36.34	As long as they can keep within the Yolngu cultural appropriateness and the employer sees that as appropriate and he's not worried about person he just wants the people there who can do the job and are doing the job so
RA		When I think, I think of Broome, I think of Broome where I've lived for a long time. A lot of local people work in Broome, any kind. They work in shops, supermarkets, Woollies, Coles, McDonalds, everywhere. Government agencies across a whole range of businesses. So it's a real dilemma in terms of what is the barrier here in Nhulunbuy and it sounds like there are a number of barriers
RN	02.37.15	And one of those would be literacy and numeracy
		That's right
RN		... and cultural factors as well
		Numeracy and ah the literacy
RA		So are young people giving up on the job, on getting a job long term? or are they still encouraged? Sounds like in the mining industry at least there is a pathway for people. So are the kids giving up or are they got a good community ... for work
W1		At the mining company is once an applicant is good to get the job nawi they are then given accommodation for the period of when they start and they finish and that way it is getting them out of a crowded house where they can have a good nights sleep then ...
RN		There's also no clear VET sort of or tertiary education pathway here. You have to leave in order to pursue anything after high school
RA		OK So there is nothing like leave ... What do the mining companies do here for their specialised training. Only courses for mining
MM		Maybe they're only doing numeracy and literacy or what

W1		From trade to nawi
RA		So they bring people in and just train them on the job
RN		Alert is just a small group. They have about 19 people for a whole year or is it 6 months?
W1		Their next new recruit is maybe September
RN	02.38.55	But also a lot of them aren't local Yolngu
		Lots of voices inaudible
W1		And they come from far and wide
D		But for a school leaver, you can't enrol in TAFE
RA		At all?
D		You can't enrol in uni You have to go to Darwin. I mean you can do some extension stuff but that's hard for anybody
RA		So you basically have to from here to go and get the vocational education
	02.39.26	Bridging the gap. I t can't be done here
		It can't be done in Darwin
RN		The other things is entre level jobs right. Now we employ quite a few people, but when you employ someone who is already a very experienced mechanic or experienced builder , we're limited with how many entre or trainees positions you can offer
RA		So it sounds like, and this is different from a lot of things ... It sounds like the demand for jobs is actually here. There's a high demand for workers but they're not taking Yolngu people on because of a couple of things. There's a structural issue in Nhulunbuy from what you are saying but there is also a training and development issue for people, the level of or the level people are trying to recruit at are higher than where the skills are at the moment and there is not training locally to get that, to bridge that gap. The third thing you're saying also is that the job network is not helping that really
	02.40.34	One of the issues that they had in the Pilbara, down your way, was the same thing. The literacy numeracy level was too low, trying to train the employees up to year 10 level was just too hard so they

		<p>went down another path. They got all the trainees just to learn the safety procedures and everything within the mine site. That is, that sign says stop. This is the mustering point. That is 10 kilometres per hour. This yellow sign says you must inside here and put your yellow hat on. Wear your safety glasses. They did that and found they had a much better attendance. And that chap that runs the big iron ore at Hamersley is one of my relations. He's semi literate. You know the guy couldn't write an application to save himself but bugger he can operate that machine and he knows all the safety stuff so that all they wanted so Hamersley Iron, they said That's what we want. We want someone who can read the safety signs, occupational health and safety stuff operate the machine. That fine we don't care if he wants to be a year 12 graduate somewhere down the line that's his business but if he wants to work for us. He's passed all the ticks. He's got a job and I think if the mining companies get away from this, they've got to be at least year 10, and just taught them what they needed to know on the mine site to work safely and carry out the job. And a lot of people can do that. They can do that and I think that they're making it too hard and we talk about Nhulunbuy. Nhulunbuy seems to have that wog attitude, if you don't walk and talk and you don't education and an ability to ... they don't seem to have the ability to do the job. Aboriginal people around Australia are very, very good at practical learning. You teach them practical learning, not a problem. If you start this theory stuff, writing up papers. Forget it.</p>
RA	02.42.44	So that's a missing link you think?
		Sorry.
		That's a missing link you think, the practical learning issue?
		Yeah
RA		The issue about fit for purpose, which is something, I talk about all the time. If you're not using it on the job, then is it really that necessary. We have this conversation around the mining industry a lot and the miners in, certainly in Western Australia have come along way about making the places, the work more accommodating ...
D?	02.43.21	And treat the employees the same as everybody else. If there's a house that goes with the job. Give them the house. You know in WA in the Pilbara and that, all the young people who got jobs in the mines, all right, have been offered a mining house. There's no but or maybes, regardless of where they live and so if you're an employee you get the same conditions. Down here unfortunately, because housing and accommodation is scarce, it doesn't happen. Yeah The Yolngu people have got a good chance because they've already got a house but as the lady was saying training needs to be done in isolation from family
		And so you sorting that out separately

		They need their mind set on what they are doing. Focus on it
W1	02.44.11	We got Yolngu like that with the djama, the last graduate Djawalpi's boy ... got a house there, attendance is excellent her enjoys the work.
RA		And where is that? Here?
W1		He now lives in Nhulunbuy
RA		OK
W1		The family
RA		So it looks like its going the same way here, maybe?
		The other problem that we see in the Pilbara which is an extension of the same problem, is that people get offences built up when they're young, then when they go for a mine site job, they look at their police record and that sometimes cuts them out .
W1	02.45.05	This has happened everywhere. Police check Can you now get a police check nawi? And one of those yellow ... tags
RA		Now I could talk all day but I've probably come to a place where I feel a bit hungry myself (<i>laughter</i>) Is there anything else you'd like to tell us
W1		Fencing around the houses
		We've heard that one loud and clear
D		My door .. people Ngapaki walk through the yard to open door ... but he thinks because the Yolngu walk through there, that's the way to go but that's going through the yard and I really wanted a fence up so the people can see the boundaries on the ground. I've had to go out and yell at Yolngu and everybody, don't come through the yard at night because the dogs will bite you, you know. So they want to go to the shop or wherever they're going the ordinary people straight line
RA		I betta ask you have you got a cheeky little dog or a cheeky big dog
D		Ay?
RA		You got a cheeky little dog or a cheeky big dog?

D		Big dog, blue heeler
RA		That's big enough I just need to know where you live to keep away laughter
RA		OK so fencing
RN		Employment I know there is review of all this coming up
	02.46.22	So the fencing is going in (<i>seems to be a question about what is being noted down. It didn't actually get talked about in the recorded meeting! Discussions going on all around as RN tries to continue</i>)
RA		I'll follow it up
RN		I think there was several issues CDEP and that could be manipulated I think there really needs to be something in these areas that give employers particularly from the non government sector where you're not generating income, the ability to create jobs for people. We at the moment face the situation where we have about 20 people who we have been employing CDEP and top up but for some reason now ended up on Newstart , we're going to have to let them all go
		Right
RN		And just do their minimum 14 hours Newstart because we cannot come up with \$300,000 to employ them all. And they are people who are actually doing jobs who might progress in the future. They're not make-work kids. They're working in our transport area, building section but we just don't have the money to employ them ...
RA	02.47.28	Could we get some detail about what that landscape looks like? I'd be really interested in understanding it better. And what type of work they're employed in because as you know there is a review happening around employment services and CDEP for remote around Australia so this month it might even be as I recall So it will be useful for us to understand it ... Is there anything else guys or are we nearly ...
M1?		Yes me, talking about that ITEC again. <i>inaudible long way away and moving of microphones</i>
RA	02.48.28	Well it certainly wasn't intentional as I understand it but it sounds like people are dropping out wages on CDEP and going on income. That might be the reason they are doing it, because they are getting an interview and not going to it and that's a complication of the system
RN		The other thing is that before there is ...between employment and housing. We've lost a couple of ... because to have a reasonable income but to also ... a job but to live in a house where there is

		alcohol, overcrowding and people who humbug your income, it is just impossible for them to sustain it so for people to actually sustain a job they need the housing. Otherwise its really hard for them. They just give up because its too hard on them and they go back to the dole
RA		That's what someone said before that the young fella working at Rio now having the house in town he is going gangbusters. He doing really well because he's got good housing
RN	02.49.38	And he's not trying to rent a house in Nhulunbuy which would cost you \$700 a week
		OK so that's good advice thank you
D		Community Service Orders
		Are they happening now?
D		I'm not aware that they are but I think they are a good idea. A Community Service Order ¹⁴ is when the kids go court and they get fined or the judge might say to them, you've got to do so many hours of work in the community. We've got organisations in the community, who have a supervisor and he picks the kids up and they go round and might do djama (work) around the community, any sort of djama but they've got to do so many hours. Ngapaki's, when you've got a community service order you've got to go round and work in the community for so many hours and they check off the hours and that can be everything from cooks, mechanic, whatever, you know, but if you don't have 'em then the other alternative is a heavy fine or the last resort is off to Berrimah you go, you go to jail but CIS Community Service Order is a good idea because the kids get to, and the men, the adults as well they get to do something and then they look back I did something good about that, I did something, you know, rather than sit at home and worry about the extra overtime for the fine or even this one here, taking you out of town
		So that doesn't happening now
		I'm not aware of any community service order being given out
	02.51.17	Some one was telling me the rate of imprisonment for Indigenous people in the Northern Territory is the highest in Australia. Is that right?
Chorus		Yeah

¹ They do have CSO in Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala

		They're building a new one. You guys are getting new one in Derby aren't you?
RA		There's a bit one going up in derby and it's the same issue
D		I know the guy there who used to be a warden ... my nephew
RA		Oh Yeah
		OK so community service orders. Again other states have them
		Yeah I don't know what the Shire can do about it but maybe if they put their hand up
		To supervise them
D?	02.52.31	Yep and just for somebody to go out on some of the shire jobs and jobs that need doing and regularly maintain ... I know in my experience in Perth, white fella, he wasn't an Aboriginal, he got 100 hours in the community so he went and worked at an old peoples home and he was working in the kitchen as a cook . He liked to cook and folks were rocking up and doing gardening ... the whole thing ... Any community that organisations that need a bit of a helping hand then the guys can pay back, you know pay back to the community for a few hours
		OK
D		I think it's a good alternative
		Just on that one in terms of young people offending do, does that just go through the normal court system or do people here have a say about those things
W	02.52.54	Court system
		They just go through the court system and
W NC?		I think customary law was disqualified in the Intervention, in terms of any judicial decision and making law
RA		Right
W		Is that right?

W		Yeah
M3		Its actually been brought back in ... where it's the number one priority item on the list for Yuendumu and Lajamanu and I'm pretty sure its in her ... to have a ... justice strategy, so tis, we haven't moved down the path of implementation we're certainly recognising that it need to be a strong part of ... to try and get it back in There is opposition to it don't get me wrong and it is going to be a hard path because not everyone sees that it should be given much credence
RN	02.53.43	There's no community court happening here is there?
W1		There is one
		Beino ... Yaka (no) not here but
M3		But as an example in Lajumanu ...
W1		There used to be a community Court
		<i>Voices all at once inaudible</i>
M3		... an offence, the elders take them aside and basically, well they decide first, as a community, Is this person going to benefit from a custodial sentence or do we want to intervene on his behalf ? And they decide if they want to talk for him or is it time he learnt a lesson. They provide a brief to the Prosecutor or through the Defence to the Prosecutor and then the Defence and Prosecution teams get together to work out what they think is a fair thing ... So it actually adds a month to the process because they have to go to court and hear and say they want to do a community intervention at .. second time
RN	02.54.39	One of the problems for me is. The court in its wisdom says sending young people to go and live in a homeland and often that's done over the request of their family members who live Yirrkala without proper consultation with those living on the homeland who are going to be dumped with this young person and there's no process to actually make sure things, like guardianship arrangement, pension arrangements, any of that stuff gets transferred. So you sometimes have the young people turn up out there with absolutely nothing and Mum still receives money in here to play cards with
	02.55.19	Yes that's right
RN		And we've literally had, Multherra had, four young people turn up in a taxi with no clothes, no food and saying we're here until next year

RA		So there is disconnect between the court, sentencing in court and supervision and all this, community service orders
		<i>In Yolngu Matha</i>
RN		But the actual but really strange thing about it is you've actually got a court treating a young person and putting, and putting them in a location without any reference to guardianship, supervisory relationships. You might as well say this person has to go and live in Casuarina Square Shopping Centre. ... You know, Yeah but you can't, most jurisdictions you can't do that if they are a minor, they're a minor and they need to be under adult supervision but here you don't things that
RA	02.56.17	OK ... I'm know of other instances of other jurisdictions which I won't name, where serious offenders have been able to be bailed and on the condition that they move to a community that is quite remote, quite isolated and quite poorly serviced, as a condition of bail, and in fact the offences they committed are that community doesn't want in their place but they've had no choice. There's a disconnect going on. One thing I remember we started and we never talked about Basic Cards. So you fellas must live the Basic Card
W1	02.56.58	Yo! Basic Card eh?
RA		Basic Card, as I understand it, the originally was brought in for every one in communities that were receiving an income from government and then there was, there was a reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act and we now, it now effects some people but not everyone. Is that right? So what, what's this community's view on Basic Card?
MM	02.57.38	<i>In Yolngu Matha basic card discussion. We don't have one. Laughter</i>
NC		You guys don't have one
RA		I'll ask someone who's got one
MM		We don't have one
D		I have a Basic Card... but there are a lot of businesses in town who weren't using it, weren't taking it on and the word I got was that they're all paying in the neck you know. You've got to keep the receipts and forward them on and all this sort of stuff. Well that should all be part of your normal accounting from my point of view.
RA		You do that with a credit card don't you?
D		Most people are starting to get that. The Yolngu are waking up and getting debit cards but the basic card was handicapped by the fact that if go into an IGA, Woollies, some of the takeaway shops, not

		all of them ...Post Office doesn't accept them, Gove motors don't use them so, the BP does, so you can get petrol and everything there but some of the businesses are Basic Cards for repair and maintenance of vehicles which has been a big help ... the main ones like Gove Motors, where you want to go and buy your parts and stuff ... they don't have it . Post Office, is the other one. They don't have it, yet they're a Federal Government organisation and I would have thought they would have been the first to jump on the band wagon
		Its crazy ...
	02.59.16	I don't know whether its true but some of the taxi drivers will do things like, if you go and buy mobile rechargers on your Basics Card, then they 'll sell you cigarettes and that sort of thing happening
RA		I'll swap them
		Use your basic card to ... <i>inaudible</i>
MM		They have no choice
W1		But certainly true for the family with Basic Card
RA		Its worked OK?
W1		MMM So I hear
MM		What about takeaway here? Like when they go out to restaurant to buy anything they need from the restaurant anywhere in Australia
W1		Not anywhere in Australia
MM		When they go down south, do they still accept that card?
W1		What about other states?
RA		They accept it in Perth
RA	03.00 36	They're starting to because income management is across Australia now. Its starting to be everywhere so in Western Australia income management was never an Indigenous thing it was always for a place so we've got income management in not all of Perth so you can either volunteer for income management or if you neglecting your kids

W1		So what is the response from the non Indigenous with the basic card?
RA		Well they volunteer or they've got child protection issues in Western Australia so people who've got child protection issues then they got no choice. They put in Basics Card for those communities, those families as a step to keep the family together. So people with drug addiction, drinking addiction get a Basic Card and its been pretty well received in Western Australia. In the Kimberly where I work, a lot of people volunteer for it because they heard about it from Northern Territory and they said, 'Oh, I might like that myself'. I know that places like Halls Creek is pretty keen. All the old ladies volunteer. They said it was a good idea but other people don't like it. It's a choice. OK that was all from me Anything else? ... only because I feel hungry now <i>Laughter</i>
RA	03.02.03	For us we are gonna now going to do our notes up and your GBM will probably bring them back and talk to you and make sure we got the right message and the right things you said and you can have a look at them and make sure we got it right but I'd like to make sure that we talked to you and we talked to everyone in the community for another meeting. Another big meeting. Come back and do that one
		There are a lot of other commitments are happening
		So if you're happy we'll talk about when we should do it and the homelands movement. Do you want me to come and talk to you separately or have that yarn as well. So thank you very much eh.
MM		MM Thank you
RA	03.03.25	What we're going to do now is we're going to put it all together and come back and talk to you and it will go into the reporting that will go back to Canberra. Thank you
		Ma <i>sounds of people moving out</i>
M3	03.03.24	I any one's got any family group who want to tal about it among family I've can come and take notes and bring it back in as well ... if people want to talk quietly not in a big group

Transcription notes

Description of scene and comments in *italics*

Identification of speaker not always accurate as there was no vision

... Indicates a break in transcription where inaudible.

Extensive chunks that are inaudible are marked and explained if possible

Chunks of text in Yolngu Matha are indicated with words in English recorded. Abbreviations and agency names acronyms provided where possible in footnotes