



Finding the right balance

# BRADAAG

BARKLY REGION ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY GROUP

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## BRADAAG Rehabilitation and Transitional Accommodation Facility

The Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group (BRADAAG) has obtained funding to build a new rehabilitation and transition facility for the benefit of the people of Tennant Creek and the Barkly. This new facility will be purpose built to assist people to rehabilitate back into the community while undertaking alcohol and other drug treatment programs.

### Why does BRADAAG need a new facility?

Currently, none of the available buildings in Tennant Creek have the right facilities and are big enough for people trying to get help.

This is why in 2018, BRADAAG received \$5 million from the Department of Health to build a special new facility.

### What has happened so far

In 2018, BRADAAG asked the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (DIPL) to find a site for the new facility.

In 2018 it was agreed that the new site would need the following things:

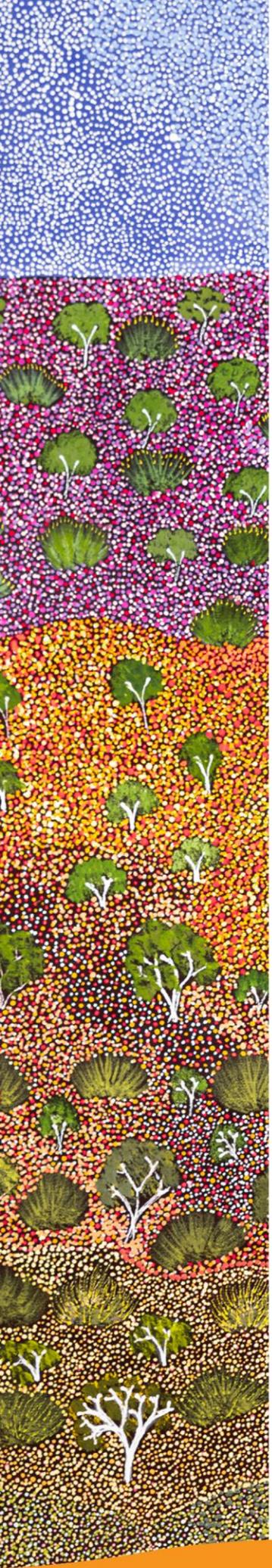
- a) Vacant Crown land close enough to walk into town to go shopping, but far enough to stop unwanted visitors coming over.
- b) Close to power and water.
- c) Roads to access the site.
- d) Big enough land for a horticultural program to help with life skills.
- e) Culturally appropriate.
- f) Construction costs under \$5 million.

DIPL looked at lots of different sites, and then eventually decided that 17 Fazaldeen Road was the best site available. DIPL applied to the Development Consent Authority to build the facility there. The plans showed 20 residential rehabilitation and 13 after care and transitional housing units.

### Previous Community Input

People wrote letters objecting to the new facility being built on this particular site. At the public hearing, the Development Consent Authority refused the application, mainly because:

- a) There was a view that not enough public consultation had been done by DIPL.
- b) The site was too close to the cemetery.
- c) There was concern about disruption to neighbours.



### **The new community consultation plan**

BRADAAG has the funding to build the new facility and wants to make sure that it will be built in a place that is appropriate for the community. It is important that this project goes ahead for the people of Tennant Creek and the Barkly who need to use the new facility.

It is also important because it will mean that the buildings currently being used by BRADAAG can be used to benefit the community in other ways.

BRADAAG is inviting the community to talk about the things that are important to think about when developing a criteria for the site. The Backbone Team will help by inviting community members to the meeting and asking them for their opinion on what they think is important when choosing the criteria of the new site.

The first meeting will be held on the 1st of September at 4pm at the BRADAAG office, 21 Thompson Street Tennant Creek.

### **What will happen at the meeting on 1 September?**

Anyone interested in the new BRADAAG facility is invited to attend the meeting.

A presentation will be made about why the new facility is needed, what has happened so far and what BRADAAG thinks are important things to think about when choosing criteria for the site.

The Backbone Team will only ask for feedback from the community about what is important when identifying a possible location, not about the building design or how the facility will be run.

Anyone at the meeting will be able to give feedback and ideas on what is important to them when identifying a possible location for the facility.

BRADAAG and DIPL will also be at the meeting to listen to feedback.

### **After the meeting**

After the consultation meeting, BRADAAG and DIPL will consider the feedback from the community.

The Backbone Team will then organise a second meeting with the community so that BRADAAG and DIPL can present the site options they have found that meet the criteria, and will seek community feedback on these.

This feedback will go to DIPL, BRADAAG and the Department of Health who will together make the final decision for the location of the new BRADAAG facility.

**You are invited to attend a sausage sizzle and presentation at the BRADAAG Office on 21 Thompson St, 4pm Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 facilitated by the Backbone Team.**

**For more information on the community consultation, contact the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team on (08) 89620090 or [info@barklybackbone.com.au](mailto:info@barklybackbone.com.au)**

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