

Sustainable governance in remote and very remote Australia...and what can we learn from our urban colleagues?

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Territory overview

- In 2019- Territory has a population of 247,940
- 120,000 people live in Darwin

Charity overview- 2017

- 450 charities
- Income of \$952 million
- 68% are small to medium with 51% of these with an annual turnover of #250,000
- Charities employed 7600 people



STORY # 1





Story # 2



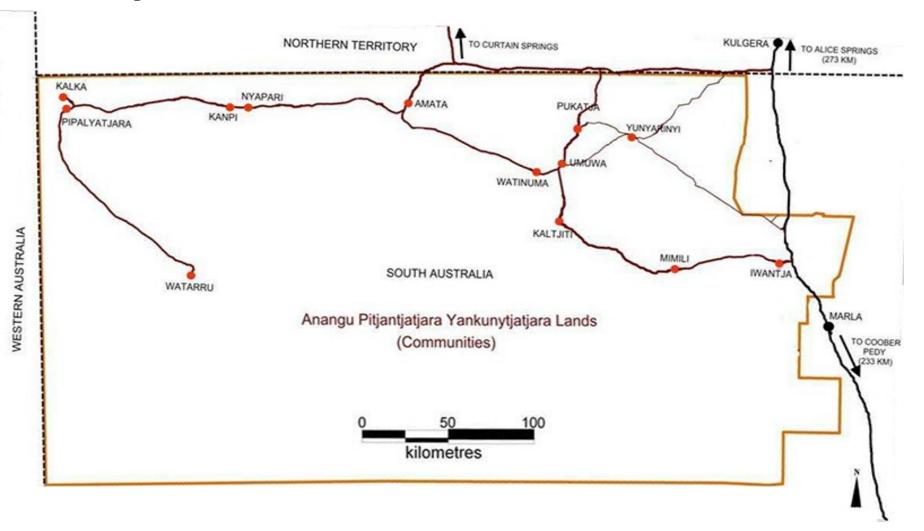


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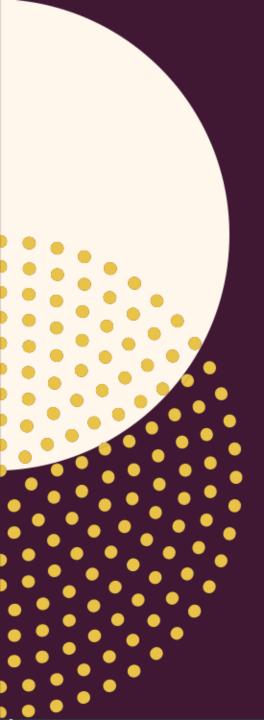




The issues:

- Large distances for Board members to attend meetings in person
- Limited pool of appropriately skilled people to develop organisations and meet current challenges of sustainability
- Because of limited pool of skilled people, same people are staying on Boards for long periods of time and Boards aren't being refreshed
- Some Conflict of Interest as same Board members are on multiple Boards applying for the same pools of funding
- Skilled Board members are in demand and experience Board and problem solving fatigue, which discourages their motivation to be on a Board
- Some Boards struggling to meet quorum as in demand Board members are being stretched with other life responsibilities





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