

Desert Knowledge Australia Fact Sheet



Inland Towns Alliance

Participants of the Inland Alliance include:

Alice Springs Town Council (NT)
Tennant Creek Town Council (NT)
Katherine Town Council (NT)
Desert Knowledge Australia (NT)
City of Kalgoorlie – Boulder (WA)
Broken Hill City Council (NSW)
City of Mount Isa (QLD)
Shire of Longreach (QLD)
Cobar Council (NSW)
Coober Pedy Town Council (SA)
City of Port Augusta (SA)
Halls Creek Shire (WA)
Central Darling Shire (Qld)

Other information:

Organiser and Chair of the meetings is Mayor Fran Kilgariff from the Alice Springs Town Council.

All towns and shires across desert Australia are welcome to join the Inland Towns Alliance. Contact Cheryl King at Alice Springs Town Council (08) 8950 0525 or cking@astc.nt.gov.au for the date of the next teleconference.

Generally, phone meetings are every quarter *ie. 4 per year.*

Agenda items are sought from participants several weeks prior to the meeting.

Usually the CEO / General Manager and/ or the Mayor participate in phone meetings commenting from a Local Government perspective.

The highly successful Desert Knowledge Symposium held in Alice Springs in 2002 proved to be a significant step in developing this truly inclusive inland Australia network. One of the outcomes of the Symposium was the suggestion that Local Governments in inland regions could benefit greatly from working together with the Desert Knowledge Australia network to achieve economic and social growth.

With this in mind the Mayors of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Mount Isa, Broken Hill and Alice Springs put forward a successful motion to the ALGA General Assembly (Alice Springs), in November 2002 that read:

“That the General Assembly call on the ALGA to support the establishment of a network of inland Councils under the auspices of Desert Knowledge Australia (DKA) to further economic growth in the desert regions”.

PRINCIPLE: “Think beyond the town / regional boundaries for solutions and business opportunities”.

Discussion by the Inland Towns Alliance has included:

Taxation Allowance – “Zone A”

Outback Highway Development Council

Outback Highway Committee

Continuity of ‘Roads to Recovery’ funding

Telecommunications – Sale of Telstra

‘Collaboration Across the North’ Deed of Grant

Desert Knowledge Australia - Updates on progress of Desert Peoples Centre etc.

Reports on visits/ deputations to Canberra

Architectural contacts

Roads to Recovery Programme

Waste Management issues



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