



KATHERINE INTERAGENCY TASKING AND COORDINATION GROUP

PROBLEM SOLVING PLAN

**ISSUE : INCREASE IN VIOLENT CRIME, INCLUDING
CHILD ABUSE AND
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT BINJARI COMMUNITY**

Lead Agency – Northern Territory Police

December 2009

(Problem Solving Plan updated as of 24 February 2010)

INTRODUCTION

The Binjari Community is located approximately twenty kilometres from the town of Katherine to the south west and is 10-15 minutes travel by vehicle. The Binjari Community is separated into two main populated areas commonly known as “Top Camp” and “Bottom Camp”.

Binjari is situated on lands traditionally occupied by Wardaman people. It is sited within NT Portion 3362, an Aboriginal Community Living Area held under NT freehold title by the Binjari Community Aboriginal Corporation. The occupied areas are subject to a five year lease under the NT *National Emergency Response Act*. The total area contained within the Binjari community is 2.82 square kilometres. In the 2006 Australian census the total population of people residing in the Community was reported to be 190 people both male and female, whereas as Council records indicate a population of approximately 284 people. Binjari’s population swells at different times of the year depending on events such as sporting carnivals, funerals, wet season mobility and local recreational events. The people at Binjari are made up of 36 family groups ranging from Warlpiri people from Lajamanu, Gurindji people from Kalkarinji to families from Kununurra in Western Australia and occupy a total of 38 residential dwellings. With such a diverse population, issues regarding cultural authority and leadership can arise.

The Binjari Community was designated as a prescribed area in September 2007. Prescribed area legislation prohibits the possession and consumption of alcohol within the boundary of Aboriginal lands, community living areas and town camps. Increased Police powers to enable intoxicated people be removed from within residential premises in prescribed areas was also legislated and has provided a useful tool for restoring the peace within the community. The prescribed area legislation also makes provisions for the control of pornographic material in such areas. To date, there have not been any incidents or convictions for such offences at Binjari Community. However, this is not indicative of the level of apparent sexualised behaviour of youth (and adults) within the community.

Locality Maps – images 1 -4



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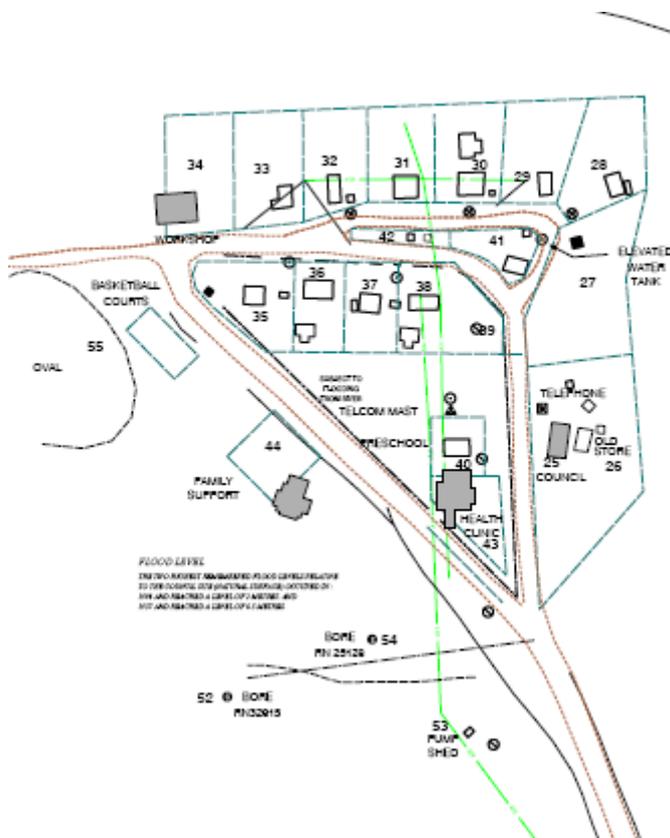


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IDENTIFIED PROBLEMS

Identified problems in the Binjari Community broadly fall into three main categories:

- **Alcohol related antisocial behaviour (ASB)**

ASB in and around the community occurs on a regular basis from mid afternoons until the early mornings, predominantly in or around premises.

While drinking is prohibited within the prescribed area the proximity of the community to the Katherine Town centre allows easy access to alcohol. Alcohol can be purchased and legally consumed outside of prescribed or restricted areas resulting intoxicated people returning to the community without the knowledge of Police or other government agencies.

Information suggests that this ASB has remained at a constant level for some time, fluctuations occur to coincide with events in Katherine and they are again expected to increase with the onset of the wet season as the population swells.

- **Criminal activity in drug sales and supply**

It was identified that there has been a supply of cannabis in Binjari which is known to Police. Cannabis is readily available and often associated with ASB.

- **Sexualised behaviour of a large group of children**

Potential offenders are likely to be male youth aged up to 15 years with predominantly female victims aged 5 to 11 years. It is of concern that these issues may be related to child sexual abuse perpetrated by adults, pornography being shown to or left for children to view and, or sexual activity occurring in the view of children.

INTELLIGENCE

The intelligence report is provided from a variety of sources, especially members of the Katherine Interagency Tasking and Coordination Group (ITCG). For reasons of confidentiality and information privacy certain information has been omitted from this report to enable its wider dissemination. The report is structured according to the following themes:

- Law and order
- Child protection
- Coordination and leadership
- Alcohol management
- Transport and road safety
- Youth
- Health and wellbeing
- Community amenity

Law and order

For the period of 1 June 2009 to 13 November 2009 there were 203 reported incidents to police in the Binjari Community. In this period 23 of the occurrences were proactive patrols such as, bail checks, checks on restricted areas / premises, traffic apprehension and Random Breath Tests.

Police also recorded a further 24 patrols at the Binjari Community that resulted in no action being required and an incident number recorded on the PROMIS System.

A break down of the reported 203 incidents within the Binjari Community show that 75 of incidents were people offences including assaults, disturbances domestic disputes and breach of domestic violence orders. Of these 75 recorded offences 52 were related to alcohol.

The Police Information Report System has over 40 recorded reports of Illegal alcohol sales, underage sexual activity, child abuse and drug use at the Binjari Community.

Night Patrol

The Katherine based Kalano Night Patrol operates in Binjari. However as night patrol provides a voluntary transport service, it reports limited uptake in clients wishing to be transported to the Katherine Sobering Shelter.

Alcohol management

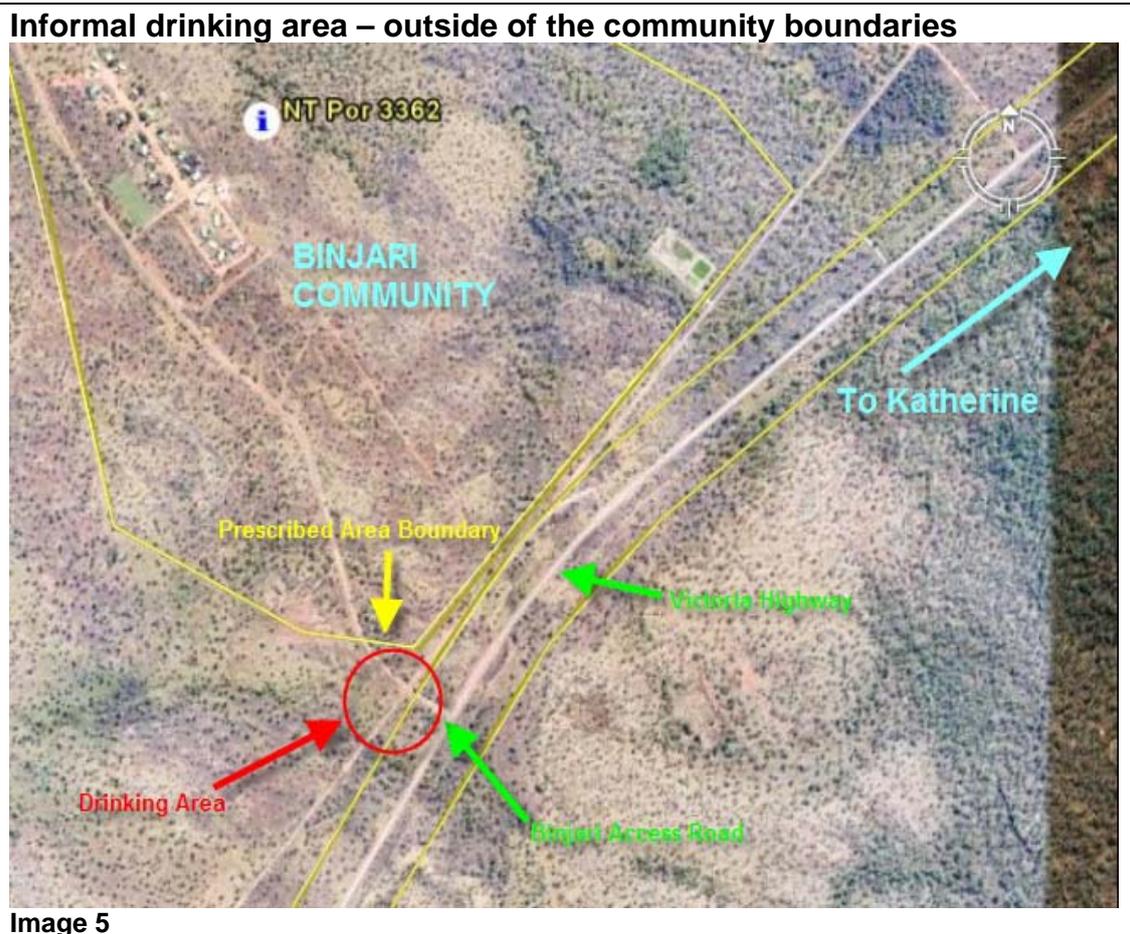
The introduction and expansion of alcohol restricted areas has not prevented drinkers from relocating to areas unseen or that are outside the area of enforcement. For Binjari, the prescribed area boundary begins approximately 100 metres from the intersection of the Victoria Highway and the Binjari Community access road. This has created an 'informal' drinking area outside the boundary of prescribed area enforcement as well as being well outside the boundary the Katherine Public Restricted Area, where public drinking can be penalised summarily.

The drinking area at the Binjari turnoff, (as shown in image # 5 below) allows community people to legally consume alcohol, at an area with easy access to the community, and this is evidenced by large amounts of alcohol-related litter and camp sites. People drinking at these sites typically become intoxicated and either remain there or walk along the access road back into the community which poses two significant issues.

1. Intoxicated people remaining in an area with minimal ability to call for assistance which increases the level of risk of serious injuries through alcohol related assaults.

2. Intoxicated people using the access road to walk back to the community from the drinking area pose additional dangers as the road is unlit and no pedestrian traffic controls are in place.

Following on, those intoxicated people who return to the community are more than likely responsible for the related general and domestic disturbances and related criminal activity, including personal violence incidents. The prescribed area legislation gives Police greater power to remove intoxicated people from within dwellings in prescribed areas, however this only offers a limited solution.



Given the distance from the supply of alcohol (Katherine Town) to Binjari, Victoria Highway is the main means of transporting both alcohol and intoxicated people. This is typically achieved through both private and public transport. Community people with access to motor vehicles are typically called upon to make 'grog runs' into town, creating an added road safety issue with the potential for driving motor vehicles while intoxicated.

Alcohol related disturbances are prolific, predominantly with the high concentration of incidents occurring during the hours of darkness and usually after the 2:00pm period when the liquor outlets in Katherine commence sale of takeaway alcohol. The incidents occur on all nights, from approximately 6.00pm daily until the early hours of the morning. The instances have no identified pattern indicating specific events that would increase or decrease these activities.

Breakdown of recorded offences

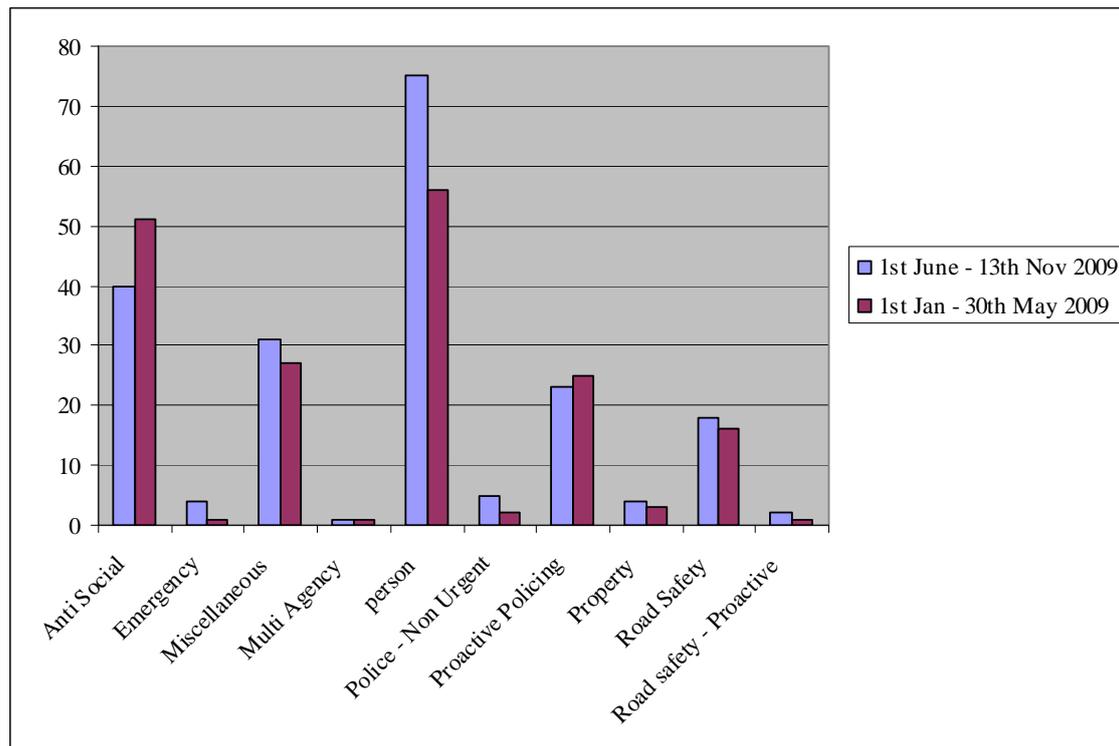


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Transport issues

Binjari Community has a number of back tracks and access roads which run from the northern side of the Victoria Highway after the Ghan train crossing.

The drinking spot referred to earlier is well known to taxi drivers, who regularly drop fares off at this location. An interagency approach has been developed to help combat this with new measures, giving taxi drivers the right to refuse customers who want to go through a bottle shop or be dropped off at the border of a restricted area with alcohol. This is yet to be put into effect. The success of this measure will rest almost exclusively on the support of the taxi service and individually upon the employed drivers.

Some taxi drivers however use the 'backroads' to drop fares and alcohol off at the rear of the community near the river. This exacerbates the issues as it is difficult to detect these drinkers who then enter the community intoxicated and/ or with alcohol.

The creation of a consistent transport route to and from Binjari provided by the commercially operated Bodhi Bus has offered an alternative method of access to and from the community for the people of Binjari. With strict restrictions of the possession of alcohol and drugs and/or such intoxication on the service, movement of intoxicated people and alcohol to Binjari is prevented.

Road Safety

The Katherine ITCG is currently addressing the informal drinking area around the Binjari access road / Vic Highway intersection as shown in image # 5. Following a meeting on site on 31 August with Police and Jak Andrews (Manager, Manbulloo Station) consideration has been given to the following measures:

- Seeking approval for a section of the Vic Highway in front of Binjari to be declared an alcohol restricted area, and
- As agreed with Jak Andrews, strategically erect 'no trespass' signs on the boundary of Manbulloo station.

Both are intended to reduce the road safety risk of having intoxicated people in close proximity to a highway and make it easier for Police to carryout enforcement.

In addition, the ITCG suggested that pedestrian warning signs be erected either side of the intersection. Similar signage has been erected on the Vic Hwy near Big Horse in the vicinity of the area that is used for drinking.

Family Violence

Domestic violence related offences including breach of orders already in effect and disturbances account for the overriding majority of reported incidents at Binjari with the Top Camp being the hub for this activity.

Breakdown of reported incidents

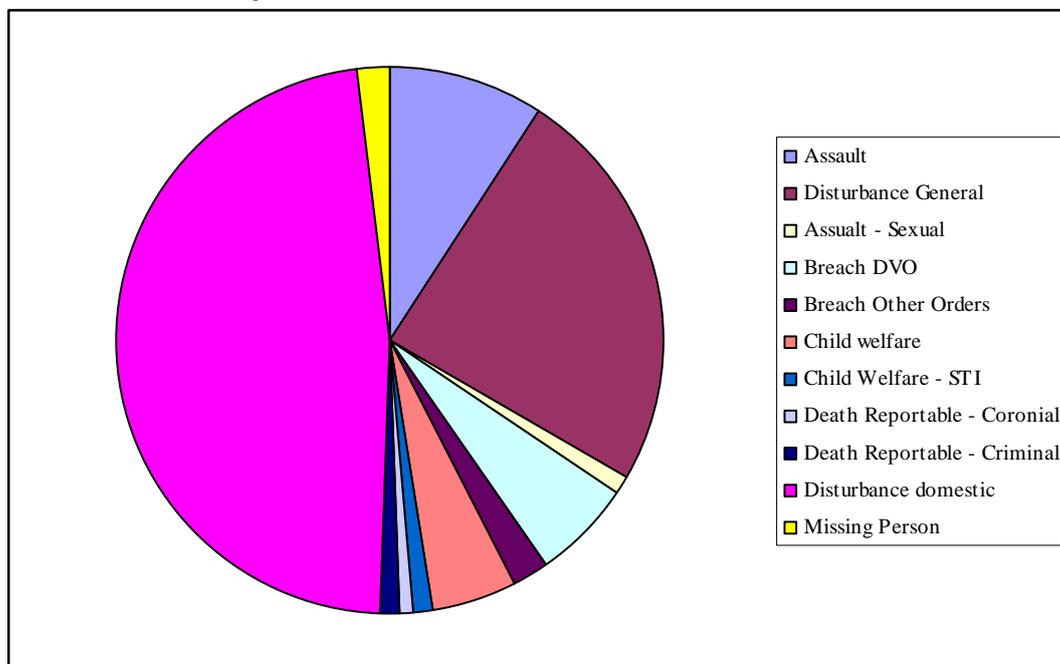


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Police recording systems also shows that the incidents of ASB in open view are more prevalent in the Top Camp.

Child Protection

In 2009, the number of reports of both confirmed and unconfirmed instances regarding children engaging in sexual activity with people their own age and with adult people has increased, so too has the number of reports of child abuse and children contracting sexually transmitted infections. The number of information reports received regarding this type of behaviour has seen a 100% increase on those of 2008. The number of reports has increased in the second half of 2009.

Comparative table of child reports

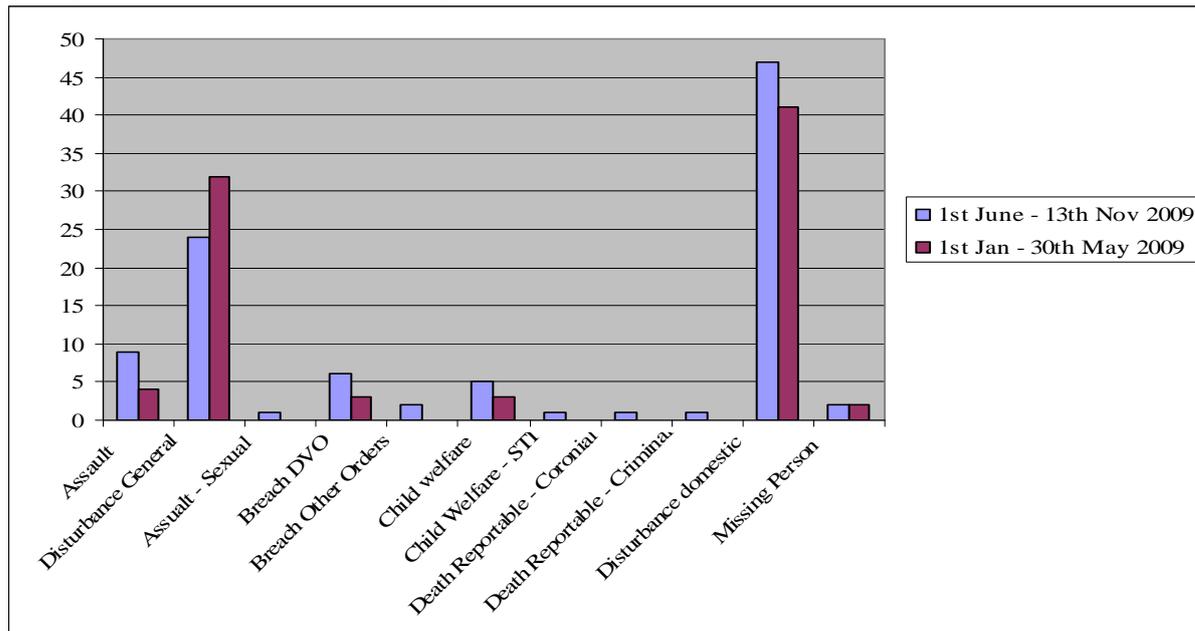


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Health and Wellbeing

The Binjari Clinic is open Mon-Fri 8-4pm. There is one full-time nurse (drives out from Katherine) and two part time nurses (also drive out from Katherine) and one full time Aboriginal Health worker. This program is funded by the Australian Government (OATSIH) and managed by Wurli Wurlinjang.

The Australian Red Cross goes to Binjari three days per week to run a Health and Aged Community Care (HACC) service. HACC is a service which includes home help (showering, laundry, and meals on wheels).

It is reported that six of the 30 children under five years of age are severely underweight. There is an indicated need for nutritional programs for children. There is no immediate access to fresh fruit and vegetables in the community. The community nurse considers that nutritional programs for children under five would be beneficial for their health and development.

Ambulances are called to Binjari at least four times per week. Most of the cases are general health concerns, including diarrhoea, vomiting, sore foot,

untreated chest infections etc. The Ambulance Service considers if there was a live-in nurse at Binjari, they would rarely get called to Binjari.

Mental Health

Following from two stabbings, a homicide, a suicide and attempted suicide in early November 2009, Police made enquiries in relation to depression/suicide/counselling services being offered to the community. Several community residents have talked about “payback”.

Wurli-Wurlinjang is now delivering social and emotional well being support to Binjari residents with trained psychologist. They are seeking support from Top End Mental Health and Healthy Minds in Katherine. Staff from the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service at Wurli-Wurlinjang consider there is a great unmet need for mental health support in the Binjari community.

Wurli-Wurlinjang’s Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service has taken on several families as individual clients resulting from recent events. Wurli also goes to the Community each Tuesday, to offer assistance to any member of the community. Wurli is setting up in the undercover shed at Top Camp and is delivering a pamphlet on depression/anxiety to all homes with symptoms and support services listed.

Petrol Sniffing

The Binjari Community has been found to suffer from a small number of recorded incidents of petrol sniffing dating to 1 June 2009. Police have recorded two cases which have been reported.

Sport and Recreation

Currently AFL NT has no program targeting Binjari although it is recognised as part of the Katherine region. There are no specific programs or resources identified for sport and recreation in Binjari.

Housing

Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (DHLGRS) report that housing maintenance is funded by FaHCSIA, and auspiced by DHLGRS to Kalano. A Remote Facilities Manager has recently been out to Binjari and done an audit of works to be done to each dwelling, and handed the list back to Kalano for implementation. There have been many complaints lodged with DHLGRS from Binjari residents about the quality of their housing. There are approximately 40 dwellings in Binjari, including dwellings that do not meet basic housing standards (ie no indoor plumbing, no toilets, tin shed only, no insulation, dirt floor). No new houses are scheduled to be built for Binjari.

Community Amenity

Katherine Town Council (KTC) manages roads, parks, rubbish and dogs in Binjari.

Dogs

Staff from all agencies, but particularly Police and Education complain of vicious dogs and dog attacks when attending Binjari. This impacts on the ability to engage the community and undertake foot and bicycle patrols and to deploy the dog operations unit.

KTC is undertaking a dog program in the community, and urges police and DET staff, as well as residents to report troublesome dogs to KTC rangers, so that the dogs may be captured and destroyed as required. There have previously been limited reports of troublesome dogs from Binjari.

KTC normally undertakes a dog control program three times per year. Each program involves the attendance of a Vet and generally takes two days.

Lighting

Lighting is an ongoing issue with information that lighting around the community is destroyed by vandalism there is a lack of response to repairs.

Police information outlines that some of the locations where children are subject to sexual activity are locations where the lighting is damaged.

KTC pays the Power and Water Corp' to provide street lighting. This is based on an amount per fitting and includes normal maintenance. Damage resulting from vandalism is not classed as normal maintenance with repair costs being met by KTC. In consultation with the Government Business Manager (GBM) additional/upgraded street lighting has been installed by Power and Water over the last twelve months.

Power and Water has an ongoing program of monitoring and repairing street lights as required. KTC has requested that it brings forward the next inspection at Binjari, now expected to occur before Christmas. KTC has requested that all vandalised street lights be repaired as a matter of priority. KTC in consultation with Power and Water is happy to consider the installation of additional street lighting. Payment for additional lighting is a KTC responsibility.

Lack of lighting at the basketball court prevents evening community activities at this location. Although the basketball court and associated buildings are not KTC responsibilities, the KTC has fixed the internal lighting on two occasions (only for it to be deliberately broken shortly thereafter). Arrangements have been made to fix the lighting again with fittings that are more vandal resistant.

Coordination and leadership

Government Business Manager (GBM)

Peter Okwechime, the Binjari GBM lives at Binjari. Mr Okwechime set up the Binjari Aboriginal Community Council, which meets once per fortnight. He reports directly to FaHCSIA and advised that he has a role of monitoring rather than coordinating service delivery in Binjari.

Communication Between Services and Binjari Staff

Clinic staff and the GBM have expressed concerns about communication practices between service providers and government agencies coming to Binjari community. There "seems to be no coordination or strategy" to the manner in which many services access Binjari. The Katherine Indigenous Coordination Centre advised its ongoing liaison with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department seeking funding for a coordinator's position with a decision expected in December 2009.

Family Responsibility

Many issues appear to as introduced earlier, indicate a lack of leadership by family and senior community people. Holistic family support and case management for families at risk is essential to improving the high risk situation in Binjari and the wider Katherine area.

Youth

Sport and Recreation

Agencies report a lack of dedicated services for adults and young adults in Binjari. NT Sport and Recreation does not fund any programs for Binjari, advising it is Shire responsibility. KTC does not have any sport and recreation officers. Kalano used to have an informal agreement, that it would deliver sport and recreation programs out at Binjari twice per week.

Northern Territory Families and Children (NTFC) advises that the first thing every family it comes into contact with from Binjari says that there is nothing for the young people to do. There are no programs for 11-16 year olds. Some of the sexual offenders removed by NTFC have been 11-16 year olds.

As at November/December 2009, YMCA has indicated that it has not been to Binjari for several weeks. Normally, YMCA delivers a Youth Diversion program on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Binjari. However, due to a lack of staff and the need to send accompanied staff, the YMCA has not provided an outreach service since October 2009.

Centrelink Payments

Some concerns by Binjari clinic staff that children are not being looked after because the people receiving the parenting payments from Centrelink are not

spending that money on their children. Centrelink is investigating what the options are if someone does not look after their child, but are still receiving the parenting payments – ie transferring Centrelink payments to another carer, without parent consent.

Mission Australia

Mission Australia Youth Beat continues to visit the Communities of Binjari, Rockhole and Kalano on an average of twice a week. Over the past three weeks children from these communities have been attending the Youth Lounge at the Third Street office in Katherine on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon (3–5pm), they are picked up from the school and then returned home. In the recent past, Mission Australia has engaged youth at Binjari in basketball competitions, swimming activities and football games in an adhoc way funded through non-recurrent small grants. Mission Australia Youth Beat is committed to service the young people of Binjari but is also restricted by personnel and the need to be a mobile unit in the Katherine Urban community at night.

Youth Beat has contact with approximately 20-30 children at Binjari between the ages of 9-16 years on a regular basis.

Education

A mobile pre-school from Clyde Fenton public school goes to Binjari every afternoon. The Good Beginnings Play group go out to Binjari once per week for 0-3 year olds and their mothers.

Parenting

There is an indicated need for more intensive parenting support programs (this may be available through the existing Good Beginnings program). Currently Good Beginnings is only doing some supervised visits of children with parents through NTFC. They do not currently have any families doing parental skills programs. Binjari clinic was unaware of this program/service, and have indicated it will start referring clients to Good Beginnings.

Other Stakeholders

The Clontarf Australian Rules football program currently has five boys on the books who are registered as being at Binjari but only one of the boys is currently attending school. Clontarf remains committed to engaging with the boys at Binjari, however they state they could do more if students attended school. In the past the high school have run sports programs for Binjari.

PREFERRED OUTCOMES/GOALS

The Interagency Tasking and Coordination Group (ITCG) has endorsed the following list of preferred outcomes:

1. To ensure the protection of children in Binjari Community.
2. To investigate all criminal allegations involving children in Binjari Community.
3. To reduce alcohol and cannabis use and availability of alcohol and cannabis in the community.
4. To reduce the incidence of family violence and refer repeat family violence participants to interventions.
5. To enhance the wellbeing and harmony at Binjari Community, through an interagency and community partnership approach.
6. To improve coordination of services delivered in community or on an outreach basis in Katherine.

SUMMATION AND ROLE OF THE ITCG

Binjari issues were referred to the Community Safety Working Group (CSWG) at a special meeting of this group on 11 December 2009. The CSWG endorsed work being undertaken by the Katherine ITCG and allocated lead agency status to Northern Territory Police. The NT Police is responsible for stabilising law and order issues and working with other agencies with a longer term goal of developing a Community Safety Plan for Binjari. The CSWG noted the primary role of the ITCG in implementing this Problem Solving Plan, but acknowledges the existence of other networks and working groups including but not limited to the Community Health Action and Information Network (CHAIN), the Alcohol Reference Group and the reference group overseeing the development of a "Healing Pathway" in Katherine.



TASKING MATRIX

The following matrix sets out the tasks required to be undertaken by relevant agencies/organisations in order to achieve the goals of this problem solving plan:

Agency/ Organisation	Task	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Update
Law and Order				
NT Police	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) & NT Police Review - best way to use resources Possible use of additional short term or non-recurrent resources	Jeanette Kerr (JK) Commander Katherine Region and Chair ITCG JK		Police met with consultant on Remote policing review. Put forward priorities for Katherine and region. 19/1/10.
NT Police	Increased operational responses including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mobile police unit to attend Binjari at least once per week conduct TCG & Reassurance patrols at least twice per shift Tactical Response Unit to target operations on alcohol abuse at least once per week targeting of cannabis entering the community identify & collate all Binjari families suitable for Peace@Home Project collate a list of residents subject to DVOs, including conditions for monitoring by all police staff collate a list of residents with outstanding warrants for information & apprehension by all police staff 	Sgt Tactical Response Patrol Substance Abuse Intelligence Desk (SAID) Sgt Peace@Home All Katherine police	23/12/09	Mobile unit has been visiting Binjari – visits will increase. Drug seizures made in town. Illegal alcohol sales in Katherine targeted – offenders facing court. 18 Warrants outstanding for Binjari. 4 dealt with. Police have accessed census data of all people living in Binjari, and referring suitable families to Peace at Home. Wurli brochure has been obtained for distribution. Police have been involved with

Agency/ Organisation	Task	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> promote the distribution of the Wurli brochure "What to do when bad things happen" with mobile police station. 	Sgt Prosecutions		<p>prevention/diversion activities.</p> <p>12/2/10 Peace at Home has begun an eight week workshop to empower women. The workshop will be held every Thursday from 11/2/10 to 1/4/10.</p> <p>Peace at Home currently have seven families from Binjari on their case load, and are continually seeking further appropriate clients for their programs. Referrals from Peace at Home to other services include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cathlicare for relationship counseling and anger management - EASA for alcohol counseling - Venndale rehabilitation facility for alcohol dependence 12/2/10
NT Police Neighbourhood Watch	Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) audit of community.	Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator	22/1/10	<p>CPTED audit held at Top Camp on 9/2/10. Audit Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12 new street lights in Binjari Top Camp. - higher wattage globes in street lights - pet ownership education - yard/lawn maintenance - speed humps - shade in playground - timer lighting in playground - clear house numbering
NT Police	Monitor the implementation of the Binjari Problem Solving Plan (PSP) & revise as required	Chair ITCG, NT Department of Justice DoJ	Ongoing	PSP being updated weekly.
NT Police Kalano Community Association (Kalano)	A review of local patrol assets / service agreements to ensure effective performance measures	ITCG, Patrol sub- group Chair	10/2/10	Patrol meeting held 10/2/10. Sue Wright from Mission Australia to organise with Kalano CEO joint foot patrols with ICMS and community patrollers.12/2/10

Agency/ Organisation	Task	Responsible Person	Completion Date	Update
				Kalano and Mission have agreed to work out a program of joint patrols. 23/2/10
Mission Australia (Mission) Centrelink Kalano	Measure the extent of transient residents, their place of origin, reason for travel and develop strategies to reduce the number of problematic transient residents at Binjari.	Sue Wright Marshall Callaghan Rick Fletcher	Ongoing	Mission and Kalano have yet to commit to this activity. Centrelink currently have no place based service delivery team in Katherine. Centrelink are visiting Binjari once per week to deliver remote services. Centrelink are working through internal issues with the Binjari based agent. 19/2/10

Child Protection				
NT Department of Health and Families (NTHF)	Ensure protective assessments are completed in relation to each child that has been subject to the recent Operation Scandium.	NT Families and Children (NTFC)		An Aboriginal community worker continues to work closely with community members in conducting protective assessments in Binjari. Child Abuse Taskforce team has been working with School based constable in building relationships with community members. NTFC Katherine are operating at 35% staffing capacity. The shortage of staff is impacting on delivery of services to children at Binjari. 3/2/10 NTFC currently have 20 open child protective assessment cases open, 16 in Binjari, 5 families on family support programs. 3/2/10
DHF	Educate community members on appropriate behaviors, sexual behaviours, what constitutes sexual abuse	NTFC		NAAJA to schedule community education calendar with support of police and other agencies.7/1/10
North Australian Aboriginal Justice	Community understanding of Mandatory Reporting requirements/potential blockages by	Elissa Speight – NAAJA		DoJ met with NAAJA about presenting at the Binjari Community Aboriginal Corporation

Child Protection				
Agency (NAAJA)	service providers			(BCAC) Annual General Meeting. 26/1/10. No further update 19/2/10
DHF	Develop a plan to give more protection to the children of Binjari including agreements with service providers	Michelle Brown DHF		Working on revitalizing Binjari Child Safety Plan. 21/1/10.
Coordination and Leadership				
Kalano Binjari Government Business Manager (GBM)	Strengthen community leadership and governance Follow up submission to FAHCSIA for a coordinator's position or if unsuccessful with other funding agencies.	Coordinator, Kalano Binjari GBM Katherine Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC)		GBM has not heard back from AG. Mark Ridgeway to follow up.(07.01.10) No updated 03.02.10 GBM would like funding for a community development plan. Mark Ridgeway (ICC) to follow up. 7/1/10. No further update 12/2/10 Indigenous Community Volunteer Jillian Grant recommended community development worker be employed before a community coordinator 5/2/10 Community Governance issues have been referred to the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC). After lengthy consultation ORIC National Office have advised the following for the BCAC:: BCAC is compliant requiring limited involvement from ORIC. BCAC has 28 days to inform ORIC of changes of officers in the corporation BCAC can apply in writing or via ORIC's website for governance training BCAC is expected to deal with its problems, ORIC's role is one of assisting only

Child Protection				
				BCAC can contact ORIC's conflict resolution section if its directors cannot deal with internal conflict/s and or issue/s ORCI will contact BCAC directors to remind them of the need to send in their change of officer's details ASAP. .1602/10.
Katherine ICC / Kalano	Clarify spokespeople / community leaders that can speak for the Community	M Ridgeway ICC Rick Fletcher Kalano	March 2010	<p>Northern Land Council (NLC) advise appropriate spokespersons: May Rosas, Patsie Brown, Jessie Brown, Sally Hearn, Jeffery Nipper, Ronnie and Florie Smiler, Lindsay Raymond, Barbara Raymond. 21/1/10.</p> <p>Newly elected BCAC members include: May Rosas, Dwayne Rosas, Lindsay Raymond, Barbera Raymond, Jeffery Nipper, Olivia Raymond, Justin Maroney, Thomas and Maralyn Frith. 26/1/10</p> <p>ORIC will be confirming members of BCAC as indicated in above update. 19/2/10.</p> <p>Identifying appropriate and authorized Binjari community leaders to speak for the community remains a major blockage preventing long term stabilization.</p>
Northern Territory Government Community Safety Working Group (CSWG)	<p>CSWG standing items to include Binjari update from agencies</p> <p>Core agencies to develop a plan for January 2010 CSWG on their service delivery and how services are to be maximised, integrated and avoid duplication.</p>	<p>All agencies EO, CSWG</p> <p>All agencies</p>	<p>From January 2010 - while required</p> <p>29 Jan 2010</p>	<p>Report due Friday 28/2/10.</p> <p>Completed.</p>
All agencies	Map agency /agency funded services	All agencies EO	Jan 2010	Updates from Mission, YMCA, DET, DHF, Police, KTC.

Child Protection				
				Binjari GBM has not yet circulated Map of service delivery in Binjari. 19/2/10
All agencies	Develop brief Problem Solving Plans (PSP to address service gaps for their area	All agencies	Jan 2010	PSPs required for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School bus behaviour 2. Patrol management – referred to the Patrolling Group 8/2/10 3. Drinking places 4. Future school holidays – referred to the Katherine Youth ITCG. 8/2/10. 5. Sport and recreation 6. Employment in the community – PSP to explore work carried out by the Community Employment Broker did while at Binjari. 8/2/10
NT Police DoJ FaHCSIA	Support Binjari Aboriginal Community Organisation to develop a Community Safety Plan	Supt K&W OSD Kate Ganley DoJ Binjari GBM	26/2/10	Initial meeting held 5/1/10. Community identified <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of effective patrol 2. Taxis bringing grog 3. Drunks 4. Housing maintenance 5. Child care service 6. School bus
All ITCG members	The lack of shared information by other Government and non Government agencies to be rectified by each agency providing any information/intelligence in writing on Binjari community, residents and issues.	All ITCG members	23/12/09	23/12/09 Being updated every ITCG No new information shared 17/2/10.
Alcohol Management				
NT Police DoJ Katherine Taxis	Upon approval from BCAC, Develop a Taxi Accord to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not drop persons with alcohol at border of prescribed areas • not take passengers through 'back 	Kate Ganley DoJ Mark Wood DoJ Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy.	23/12/09	Meeting held between BCAC, Taxis 6/1/10. BCAC need to pass agreement before taxis will implement. In process Binjari BCAC AGM Held 26/1/10 community did not pass taxi accord, decision deferred to

Child Protection				
	<p>roads' and tracks to bush camps for drinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not to take intoxicated people through drive through bottle shops • other conditions to be negotiated 			<p>community safety working group meeting 29/1/10.</p> <p>No progress to report 17/2/10</p>
DoJ	Possible extension of the 'Goods Sports' program to Katherine (a program that encourages responsible drinking in sporting clubs / venues)	Alyson Brown, DoJ - Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy	April 2010	<p>Currently there is no good sports program operational in Katherine. DoJ is investigating the feasibility of running the program in Katherine. The Australian Drug Foundation have been requested to provide costing of an officer to service the Katherine region. 28/1/10</p> <p>No update 17/2/10</p>
DoJ	Apply to have the Victoria Highway road reserve declared a restricted area.	Mark Wood, DoJ - Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy	19/2/10	<p>On agenda for BCAC AGM 26/1/10.</p> <p>Community do not want road area to be made a dry area, as this will then give people no where to legally drink alcohol.</p> <p>Community would like an area to be exempt from restricted area. 26/1/10)</p>
DoJ / Katherine Police Katherine ITCG	Closer sharing of Intel between LRAS (school liaison program) and Kath police / Kath ITCG on the supply & sale of alcohol and cigarettes to under aged people.	DoJ - Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy	2010 school year	Licensing to provide update 3/2/10.
DOJ	Extend Alcohol Management Planning	Martin Clive-Griffin DoJ - Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy	2010	New DoJ alcohol strategy officer, Martin Clive-Griffin, started 11/1/0. First task is an Alcohol Management Plan for Borrooloola, then able to work with the Binjari community safety working group to develop an alcohol management plan for Binjari.

Transport and Road Safety				
NT Department of	Pedestrian warning signs be erected either side of the	Phil Harris Regional	March 2010	Phil Harris informed that works will begin

Lands and Planning (DLP)	Binjari intersection.	Manager Construction Division		some stage this year, when conditions are favourable 25/1/10. Works for a slip way appear to have begun 28/1/10. Pedestrian signs have been erected. Slip way constructed 12/2/10 Letter to the in Katherine of 17/02/10 to close down drinking area outside Binjari.
DLP NT Department of Education and Training (DET)	Develop strategies to ensure transport is available and there is uptake for Binjari children to attend school	Stuart Shearer Director, Public Transport Division, DLP Sandi McCue Director Schools North	22/1/10	Updated every ITCG. School Recommences 27/1/10. School transport to be monitored and evaluated ongoing.
Centrelink	Follow up on process to change Centrelink parenting payment to adult caring for children Centrelink place based services are going to follow up on clients receiving appropriate payments, and SEAMs.	Marshall Callaghan	January 2010	No update
Health and Wellbeing				
DHF Binjari Clinic	Addressing nutritional issues of community children	Binjari Clinic	January 2010	Nutritionist to start in February 2010 with DHF.
Wurli Wurlinjang Social and Emotional Wellbeing Unit DHF	Allocate counseling services to Binjari	Top End Mental Health	Immediate	Adequate referral process in place. No allocation for counselors on community required. 20/1/10
Community Amenity				
DoJ	Erect 'No Trespass' signs at strategic places on the	Mark Wood	19/1/10	On Agenda for BCAC AGM 26/1/10

DLP	Manbulloo station boundary.	Licensing, DoJ to pursue funding Herb Backers, DLP for sign & installation		BCAC passed motion for trespass system within Binjari community to trespass trouble makers from Binjari 26/0/10
Power Water Corporation (PW) Katherine Town Council	Improvement of local infrastructure particularly in regards lighting that will have an impact on disrupting identified patterns of unhealthy or unlawful behaviour.	CEO Katherine Town Council Anne-Marie Hayman PW	Ongoing	CPTED 9/2/10 12 new street lights recommended by CPTED audit.