

## Question on Notice

No. 834

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**MR J LANGBROEK** ASKED MINISTER FOR TREATY, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the ‘\$1.5m in 2022-23 to support local communities with their Alcohol Management Plans focused on addressing sly grog and homebrew and implementing local programs and services’— Will the Minister provide an update on programs and services implemented and outcomes achieved to date?

### ANSWER:

Five communities (Mornington Island, Aurukun, Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama and Lockhart River) are being supported to implement community-proposed activities that address the negative impacts of sly grog and home brew through locally developed Community Safety Plans to promote a positive alcohol culture. The following are examples of activities being delivered:

Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council is implementing the *Sly Grog Go Away* initiative which addresses harm minimisation and improves community health including trauma-informed, culturally appropriate messaging and social impact community education activities. Over 500 health checks were undertaken in partnership with Deadly Choices at community events.

Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council is implementing the *Don't Buy Sly* initiative which includes the design and delivery of *Don't Buy Sly* collateral to support demand and harm reduction. There is also a focus on local youth engagement through collaboration with Deadly Sport and Recreation to increase youth participation in healthy recreational activities. A local Youth Summit and local youth engagement activities have been delivered to support demand and harm reduction and empower local young people in their culture and identity, with 113+ local young people engaged.

Aurukun is delivering the *Healthy Lifestyle and Better Choices* initiative which will draw upon the Wik Kath Min Community Values to promote community health, empower youth through activities and promote community reporting on sly grog to support supply reduction. This approach will focus on empowerment through cultural connection, harm minimisation and community engagement.

These initiatives demonstrate the Queensland Government's commitment to shared decision making under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and supports socio-economic targets that impact on life outcomes in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.