



### A MOMENT SILENCE

- Remembering the family members just recently passed away

### SUNRISE OVER NGUKURR

- Through our research finding new ways for electoral engagement and participation in the community

Working with community, and NT government, to help changes happen.



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When working with the community, local people are to be involved

- Local people working in the community
- With electoral groups
- To make change happen

Going to community and sitting down and listening to them



Our work at Ngukurr

- Sitting with families
- Listening to them
- Hearing their thoughts, their feelings going through this election process

## Community voices

“Should have Kriol speakers, Kriol hand outs”

“People inside Ngukurr can give information. Talk in Kriol. Not big words. People will understand”

“Need to explain numbering – some just know from school time go from top to bottom”

“We just go and put something in the box and pretend that person will help. No story behind those names”

“You put the numbers in the boxes if your party lost you feel like you didn’t do the right thing”



### Hearing from the community

- Important that information is in Kriol
- Kriol speakers in the community can help others
- Giving more meaningful information to communities

## Community voices

"My granddaughter didn't turn up for election because she was too shy. She told us I don't want to go because I don't know how to vote"

"At school can practice task so people can be confident when the time comes"

"Social media is the best way to engage with young adults and teenagers. Can't get their attention by talking. Has to be on the screen"

"Our people don't really understand the groups, the parties they are voting for"

"Some local elder people can guide because that is culture way"



Also important to support the young people

- New ones who haven't voted yet
- Between 16-18 years

Information from community that can get into  
electoral commission and political area



People really trying to be involved, but don't know the meaning of why they will be involved

What we were talking about when sitting down

- How to get that understanding for people
- And from politicians and electoral commission

How to go forward?  
Electoral commissions and government



Further educational program

- Have seen this in the school already
- Practical learning

This is a MUST because then people have meaning and purpose of why they are voting

Also, get involved with community groups – coordination

- So when election comes community puts an effort into this area and people are ready

## Partnerships? Local people working with Ngukurr community for elections



We have already been doing successful partnership. We have already done this partnership with CDU and NT government, through Gumbula Consultancies

- Can be more partnership with community groups





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