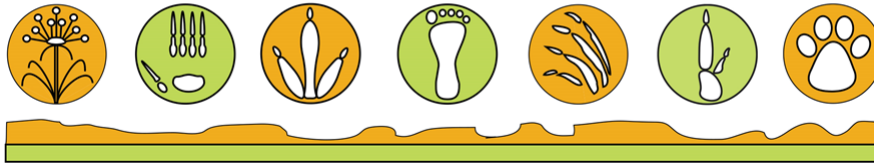


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First Circles honour for councillor

Councillor Timothy Price has been appointed by the Minister for Community Services Bess Price to be a member of the First Circles program.

Cr Price, who met with members of the Central Australian branch of the First Circles program in December, receives a year of mentoring, development and engagement with the NT Government.

Minister Price said the First Circles engagement program, which is aimed at supporting and mentoring upcoming indigenous leaders, will increase member's knowledge and understanding of government processes.

"It will also build the confidence of members to help them engage with community issues and improve the participation of the community in local decision making," she said.

First Circle members will put forward ideas they are passionate about and develop projects which will be supported by departmental staff to make concepts a reality.

"Members will develop leadership skills while being actively involved in decision making around indigenous issues and have the opportunity to attend one Cabinet meeting a year and work directly with Ministers, local authorities and government agencies," Minister Price said.

The First Circles December workshop aimed to ensure members understand the program, the importance of their role and prepares them for a Cabinet meeting in early 2015.

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