



ELY TRUST
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NEWSLETTER

June 2026

Shifting our focus towards the well-being of communities



Message from Ely Trust Chairperson, Rex Burke

Dear Community Members,

I hope this Newsletter finds you and your families in good health.

This month's newsletter shares updates on future Ely Trust meetings including the next yarning sessions with community, grant applications and the NEW Ely Trust website!

Ely Trust Meetings Update

Since the last Newsletter we have continued to hold our monthly Directors Meetings and in May the Directors were joined by the Shareholders in Cairns. There were positive discussions held and it was clear that there is a real focus on the future of the Trust, with sustainability being a key focus.

Rio Tinto joined the meeting, and shared their plans and talked to us about opportunities that are ahead. It's fair to say that we have exciting times on the horizon for the Trust, and all its beneficiaries.

The Directors also got to review the latest updates to the Ely Trust Website! Read on for more exciting news regarding its features!

Grants

Looking at the data, it is clear to see that there has been a steady increase in applications under the Individual Projects Fund. This shows that the Trust is making a difference for individual beneficiaries, which is what it was set out to do. More on grant applications further into the newsletter.

A yarning session was held in New Mapoon on Tuesday 14 April, with the next one planned for Thursday 30 July. Weipa and Mapoon communities are planned for a September catch-up. These community information sessions are a great opportunity to come together, share your thoughts, ask questions and hear from the Directors face to face.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there that can make it.

See you there and god bless

Rex

Message from Ely Trust Financial Controller

Finance Update

- End of financial year 30 June 2026 is approaching fast. All accounting is up to date.
- July 2025 – May 2026 financials are up to date and within budget.
- All statutory obligations are up to date.

July 2025 – May 2026 Ely Trust has paid the following grants:

- Business Development Grants (BDF): \$905,318
- Community Projects Grants (CPF): \$292,090
- Individual Projects Grants (IPF): \$318,985



July 2024 to 23 June 2026	Grants Applications Received	Grants Funded/Pending	\$ value funded/pending
BDF Grants	79	39	\$2,151,348
CPF Grants	29	20	\$1,174,089
IPF Grants	136	114	\$337,033

Resources and Support

Website

The new Ely Trust website is now live!

Please visit elytrust.org.au and explore all the latest updates from the Trust. Your new website includes a library of Trust information and resources including the history of the Trust, governance documentation, Trust meeting dates and events, newsletters and the most up to date grant information including new application processes, application forms, policy and procedure documentation.

On the Contact page, please send the Trust a message if you require further information.

Additionally, for general enquiries please email admin@elytrust.com.au. For grant information please email elygrants@elytrust.com.au.

Stayed tuned for further updates and exciting news coming to the website soon!!

2026 Trust Meetings & Application Submission Dates

Board Meetings

Directors Meeting

 24 June 2026

Directors Meeting

 29 July 2026

Directors Meeting

 26 August 2026

Directors Meeting

 16 September 2026

Directors Meeting - Via Teams

 28 October 2026

Grant Application Submission Dates

Directors Meeting

 03 June 2026

Directors Meeting

 08 July 2026

Directors Meeting

 05 August 2026

Directors Meeting

 26 August 2026

Directors Meeting

 07 October 2026

All 2026 Trust Meeting dates are available on the new Ely Trust website elytrust.org.au.

Grant Applications Update

The Trust is excited to announce the following grant applications are now available on the new Ely Trust website. For each grant application category; Business Development Fund (BDF), Community Projects Fund (CPF) and Individual Projects Fund (IPF), the website will provide an overview of the application process, grant application form, procedure and policy documentation. Please visit the new website elytrust.org.au for more information.

Please note, there is a new application process for the Business Development Fund (BDF), please visit the Trust website for a complete step by step guide of this process.

If applying for a Business Development Grant, all BDF applicants will be required to meet with the Business Foundations Advisor at the start of the application process. Please contact Kiri Tabuai from Business Foundations with your Expression of Interest (EOI), details below.

Kiri Tabuai Business Foundations



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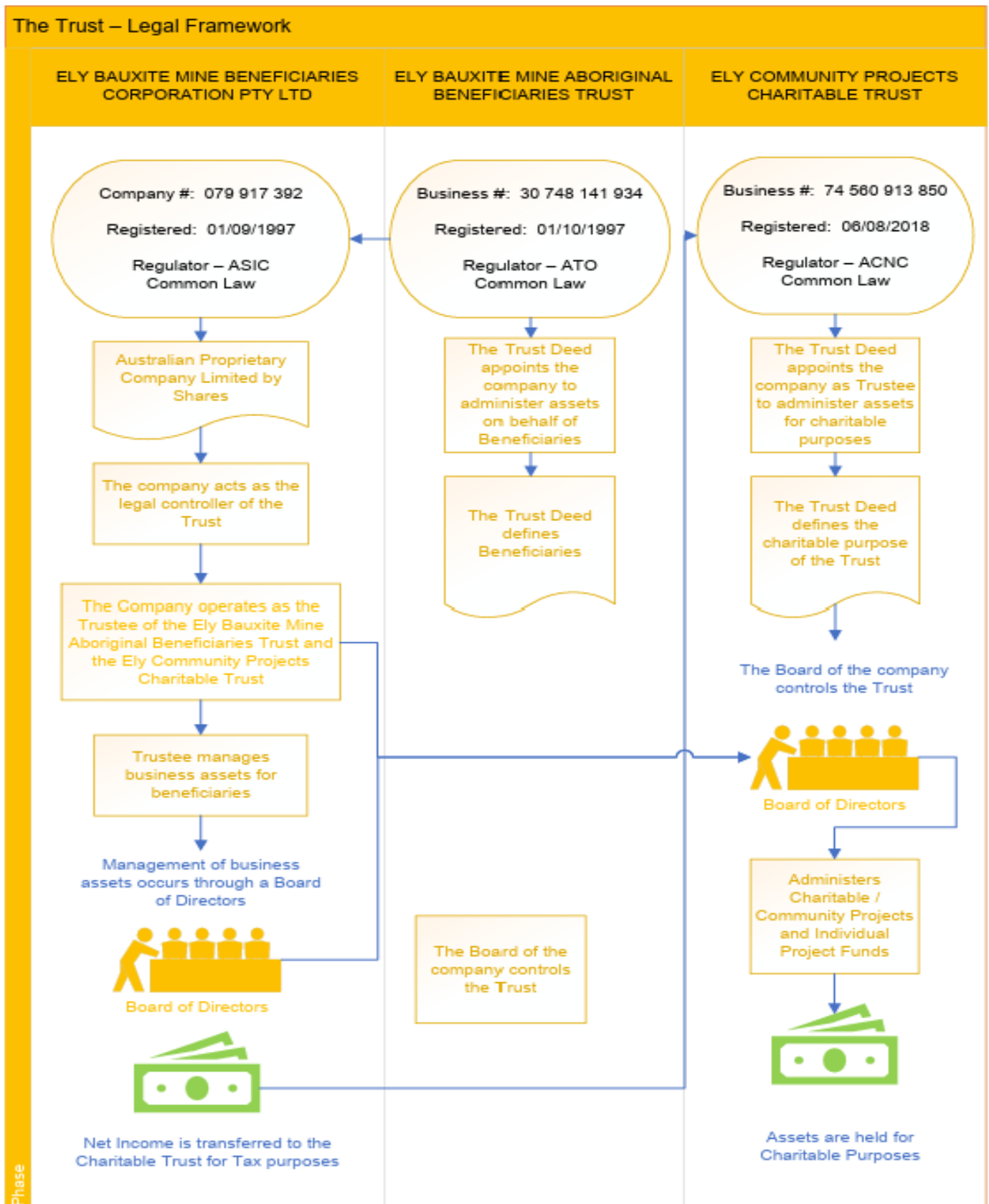
The service is free to access for beneficiaries.

If require any information regarding the application process, please email the Trust at elygrants@elytrust.com.au.

Structure of the Trust

The structure of the Ely Trust has been raised at community information sessions. For ease of reference, the Trust is made up of 3 entities – the Main Trust, the Charitable Trust and the Corporation which acts as the Trustee.

We look forward to walking through the business model with you at upcoming community information sessions.



2026 Community Information Session

Plans are underway to hold our next yarning session in New Mapoon on 30 July 2026 in line with a proposed Directors meeting.

Ely Trust invites you to join us at the following Community Information Session.

 **New Mapoon Community Meeting**

 **Tuesday 29 July 2025**

 **9.30am – 12.30pm**

 **Nai Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corporation Conference Room,**

42B Langie Draha Street, New Mapoon, 4876.

Morning tea, lunch and refreshments provided.

If you would like to share feedback, have any questions or if there are topics you would like to see covered at the next Information Session, please let officers of the Trust know via email on: admin@elytrust.com.au.

Thank you for reading.

If you have feedback or would like to contribute to the next newsletter, we welcome your ideas.

For questions about the content mentioned in this newsletter, feedback, or other matters, please reach out to your local Directors: Rex Burke (Chairperson), Gina Nona, Linda McLachlan, Sandra Woosup, Irene York and Gwen Toby or via email admin@elytrust.com.au.

For grant related matters please email elygrants@elytrust.com.au.



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