

Bringing in the harvest: Centrefarm training pays off



Top: Carl, middle l-r Dwayne, Michael, bottom: Kimmy, Malcolm

There's no point in training without a job at the end of it.

Anmatjerre people in the Ti Tree region have been training in the horticultural industry this year and now they have been hard at work getting a crop of table grapes off the vines.

The training has been sup-

ported by Centrefarm, a company the CLC set up some years ago to develop horticultural opportunities in the CLC's region.

Centrefarm CEO Allan Cooney says the feedback they have been getting from the employers has been extremely positive, and by all accounts

the Ti Tree workers are a very welcome addition to the scarce labour resource.

The group are working in the area until March and then picking fruit in New Zealand.

They are being paid standard industry wages for their work.

Muru-warinyi Ankkul Rangers moving on up



Two Muru-warinyi Ankkul Rangers from the Central Land Council Tennant Creek office recently graduated from Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management through Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

Anthea Graham and Lisa Rex (pictured) received their certificates at a graduation ceremony in Alice Springs in September. After the ceremony both Anthea and Lisa said that were very proud to have completed the course and to have had the opportunity to attend the graduation ceremony.

Both rangers have since begun studies in Certificate III.

Bilbies found on Alyawarr Country



In October a group of traditional owners from Illeuwurru went out looking for bilbies and found them on Murry Downs nearby.

Well, they found everything to do with the elusive bilbies - short of pulling the bilby from its hole - four active burrows, fresh tracks, scats and diggings

This bilby population is highly significant as it is the first confirmed record of bilbies east of the Stuart Highway for at least 25 years and it is located at least 150 kilometres south-east of any other known bilby populations.

It is also one of only a few bilby populations known in the Northern Territory to occur in mulga country.

This survey was one of many undertaken in the CLC region over the last two years as part of the "Implementing recovery actions for the bilby and other key threatened species", funded by NHT.

The CLC has been recently funded to continue this work.