

Community Development NEWS

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WETT 10 YEAR BIRTHDAY - A PIECE OF CAKE!

Cutting the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) 10 year birthday cake was a team effort for Warlpiri members of the WETT Advisory Committee.

The group gathered with current and former program partners Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC), Batchelor and World Vision and staff of the Land Council to celebrate the many education and training benefits WETT has delivered to Warlpiri across the Tanami Desert.



Hamilton Morris cuts the WETT cake.

WETT was set up in 2005 by the Kurra Aboriginal Corporation after a group of Warlpiri educators asked David Ross, the Director of the CLC, to help them find a way to get some mining royalties set aside for education and training projects.

“THE IDEA FOR WETT CAME FROM MEETINGS BETWEEN THE WARLPIRI SCHOOLS. WE GOT TOGETHER AND TALKED ABOUT WARLPIRI EDUCATION. THAT’S WHAT WETT IS” SAID LONG TERM WETT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MARLKIRDI ROSE.

Ten years on WETT is going strong. WETT programs are providing support to Yapa from early childhood, through primary and secondary school, plus there’s a lot of support for adults through meaningful education, training and employment opportunities. WETT funds are also being used for Warlpiri language and culture programs that support Yapa to keep their culture and language alive and strong.

With many more years of operation forecast for the Granites mine WETT is in a great position to keep supporting education and training for all ages right across the Tanami region. Marlkirdi agrees saying, “WETT is for all Yapa, everyone. It’s not only for school people. It’s for the whole Warlpiri nation.”

WARLPIRI SHARE EDUCATION MESSAGE WITH THE WORLD

Yuendumu’s Barbara Martin and Enid Gallagher have taken lessons from two successful Warlpiri programs to New Zealand to share them with educators from around the world.

Barbara, a member of the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) Advisory Committee and Enid, from the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC), travelled to the Language, Education and Diversity Conference in Auckland in November.

Barbara explained to educators and academics from New Zealand, the US, Canada, Norway and Hawaii how the Warlpiri schools teach their own language and culture.



Enid spoke about how WYDAC’s youth programs keep language and culture strong. “Lots of people came to hear our presentations. I felt strong and enthusiastic about sharing our stories and our teaching with other people from other places. We are similar in many ways,” Barbara said.

“PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN HOW WE USE WARLPIRI MONEY TO SUPPORT WARLPIRI LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, AND ABOUT WETT. WE TOLD THEM HOW WE INVEST WARLPIRI MONEY OURSELVES” BARBARA SAID.

Barbara said she really enjoyed learning from teachers from other cultures. She saw parallels between Warlpiri and Basque (part of Spain) education presented by Jasone Cenoz.

“She was talking about the ways that children can learn lots of languages in school and at home or in the community in Spain and in Africa. It’s like when children learn



Pitjantjatjara and Luritja and Warlpiri and Anmatjere”.

Barbara also exchanged ideas with a teacher from the Hopi Tribe from Arizona.

“It’s dry country there. She talked about planning their Hopi language program by the seasons, so we could share about how we teach themes to catch all that knowledge – plants, animals, ceremony, songs. We shared about how we organise our programs and she wanted ideas from us about themes. She learned something from us”.

The Community Development News gives Aboriginal people a chance to talk about the many outcomes they are achieving as part of the CLC’s Community Development Program.

This newsletter keeps CLC constituents up to date on some of the social, cultural and economic projects Aboriginal groups are planning and funding with their

own money across Central Australia. If you would like more information on this work please contact the CLC on 8951 6367 or visit www.clc.org.au

Children read ‘Palka Kaninjarni’ and learn about different parts of the body with Assistant Teacher, Nancy Collins, Yuendumu School.



WARLPIRI STRENGTH KEY TO EDUCATION SUCCESS

Graduating Year 12 is a real achievement for any young person, but it is even more impressive when it involves leaving your family and community to go to school thousands of kilometres away.



Colin Heenan-Puruntatameri (right) and Anthea Joe (below) at their Year 12 Graduation, and Colin performing (below).

Three Warlpiri students from the Tanami region achieved this milestone in 2015. Anthea Joe from Tennant Creek, Colin Heenan-Puruntatameri from Yuelamu and Montana Matthews from Lajamanu all finished Year 12.

With help and support from her family and the Ti Tree community Anthea Joe was very proud to graduate in front of family members at Meriden School in Sydney. Anthea said,

“They have all been a part of this journey and so they needed to be at my graduation. The graduation ceremony was the best highlight of my high school years. It was a journey for me being away from families and starting a new life in Sydney. I’m so proud to be the second Indigenous person to graduate at this school and to be a role model to younger students who are following in my footsteps.”

Colin Heenan-Puruntatameri boarded at St Philips College for six years. Colin remembers leaving Yuelumu and his first day at high school. He said, “I felt alienated, I was now stepping into a whole new world.”

But he has a strong message for other Warlpiri students thinking about leaving their communities to go to boarding school:

“THE FEELING AT FIRST IS SCARY, IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR YOU TO ADJUST, BUT TRY REALLY HARD TO NOT WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING. WHATEVER YOU LEARN AT SCHOOL WILL HELP US YAPA MOVE FORWARD. WHEN YOU DO LEARN SOMETHING NEW, GO BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY AND TEACH ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS SO US YAPA PEOPLE CAN GROW EVEN STRONGER.”

Two of these students had funding support from the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT).



Warlpiri Education and Training Trust Facts

The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT) was set up in 2004 and Kurra Aboriginal Corporation, the trustee, puts over \$1 million of mining royalties into it each year to support education and training for Warlpiri people.

WETT is supporting four major regional programs: Language and Culture Support in Schools, Youth Development, Learning

Community Centres and Secondary School Support. WETT is also supporting early childhood in Willowra.

WETT and the CLC have built strong partnerships with Warlpiri community schools, the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation and Batchelor Institute to deliver these programs.

In 2014 the Kurra WETT Directors approved a further \$2.5 million for these programs.



THE PRINTERY: KEEPING STORIES AND LANGUAGE ALIVE

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Barbara Martin with pages from Jajirdirli-kirlu manu Janganpa – kurlu.

Literacy worker Barbara Martin is working on a new children's book at the Printery, a Warlpiri education resource centre based at Yuendumu School.

"Jajirdirli-kirlu manu Janganpa – kurlu" tells the story of a fight between two ancestral beings, a spotted cat (quoll) and a possum. "In the story there are lots of quolls and lots of possums and they're having a big war - with boomerangs and spears and shields," says Barbara. "Their blood is all dripping down from fighting and when the blood drips down, the rock turns into red ochre."

Possums and quolls have long been absent from Central Australia but their stories live on. Barbara explains that the fight between the possums and the quolls happened at Yurrapajipi, a swamp south of Boundary Bore. "The mulga trees in the swamp are the possums and the ghost gums to the south are the spotted cats coming," she says. "Blood from the spotted cats made the red ochre near Boundary Bore. The spotted cats left and the possums had a ceremony near Boundary Bore, where people used to have ceremonies."

The Printery, also known as the Bilingual Resources Development Unit (BRDU), has been producing books, posters and charts in the Warlpiri language since 1974, the year that bilingual education began in the NT. The materials are aimed at children from pre-school age right through to Year 12. Another former teacher, Wendy Baarda also works at the

Printery and is helping Barbara put together the new book. Wendy says in terms of language retention, the Printery is one of the most important projects supported by the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT).

Although children in Yuendumu speak Warlpiri both at school and at home, Wendy says that language is threatened when animals connected to dreaming stories are no longer present in the landscape. The end of traditional lifestyles also plays a part.

"YOU CAN LOSE A LOT OF VOCABULARY AND A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE TOO, BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN CONSTANT USE [ANYMORE]. PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER NOMADIC HUNTERS AND THEY'RE NOT GETTING AROUND SEEING [CERTAIN ANIMALS] ALL THE TIME" SAID WENDY.

Last year 16 new books were produced at the Printery, along with a range of other worksheets, posters and educational games. They will be used in Warlpiri schools including Yuendumu, Nyirrpri, Lajamanu and Willowra. "We want our kids to learn to read in their first language, Warlpiri," says Barbara. "These books are important so we can keep that dreaming story going."



LEARNING IS WILLOWRA'S BRIGHT FUTURE



Angela Zacharek, Gwenda Turner, Judy Long, Anthony Egan, Bradley Forrest.

The WETT funded Willowra Learning Centre is well used by the community and extra local staff have been employed to assist with the day to day running of the Centre and to keep it open for the community to access while the coordinator is away.

The Centre houses an early childhood facility, computers with internet access, a large meeting space, training rooms, a library and an outdoor movie screen.

Judy Long, a staff member, said the Centre was bringing young people and teachers together to the benefit of all in the community. "I like working with the young girls every morning," she said. "I like training them on how to use cameras. Everyone's working together now, sharing."

On Wednesdays and Thursdays Gwenda Turner helps a group of girls aged 14 to 16 who are working on literacy and numeracy. The girls do activities as part of the government's work for the dole program. Lately they've been learning video editing and production skills, filming

around the community and out bush then broadcasting the results on the Centre's screen.

Gwenda also keeps an eye on children using the Centre. "It's an easy job," she said. "We tell them in language. We watch what they do and if they do the wrong thing we send them away. It's a good opportunity to do a lot of things like that. To encourage young people to do the right thing".

Having worked at the Centre for just three months, Anthony Egan can already see a bright future for the students and the staff involved.

"I ENJOY TEACHING THE YOUNG PEOPLE; UPGRADING THEIR ENGLISH SKILLS, MENTORING THEM"

ANTHONY SAID.

"Angela [the coordinator] writes down things we should do when she's away. She's teaching us to run the Centre in our way. Maybe in the long term we might run the show".

YAPA JOBS KEEP ART AND CULTURE STRONG

The Warnayaka Art Centre is keeping culture strong in Lajamanu by employing more local people and bringing different generations together through art.

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Warnayaka Art Centre in action.

GMAAAC funding is paying for up to five Yapa casual art centre assistants who fill in when other staff are away and during busy periods. They do a wide range of jobs from database management to caring for artists and sometimes travel to art fairs and exhibitions in Australia or overseas. The employees are learning a range of useful skills and helping the Art Centre to grow and continue to support Warlpiri culture.



Art Centre Manager Louise Erglis and Director Neil Jupurrula Cooke.

Neil Cook, one of the Yapa staff members, plans to keep working to support culture through the Centre into the future.

“I’D LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT HOW TO GET ALL THE STORIES AND PUT IT IN THE COMPUTER, TO KEEP THE ART CENTRE STRONG. WE WANT GOVERNMENT TO KNOW THAT THIS ART CENTRE IS GOING STRONG AND KEEPING US BUSY GIVING US UNDERSTANDING TO DO WHAT WE DO” NEIL SAID.

The Art Centre brings the young, the old and everyone in-between in the community together. “Kids come from school to learn culture to keep Jukurrpa strong, they come to do their painting,” said Neil. “I ask my father (Henry Cooke) or Jangala (Jerry Patrick) to teach me and make me understand my father’s Jukurrpa.”

Jerry Jangala Patrick, an artist and senior man in Lajamanu, said the Art Centre is very important to senior community members. “The work they do here is really good. We make that Jukurrpa story in all these paintings. We teach people here. These artists here are doing a good job and they have been doing it here for a long time.”

The Yapa staff are hoping their jobs will become permanent with funding through the NT jobs package.



GMAAAC Project Facts

The Granites Mine Affected Areas Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) was set up to benefit nine Tanami communities affected by the Granites gold mine.

GMAAAC projects improve

housing, health, education, employment and training, and essential services. They also promote Aboriginal self-management.

Community committees are elected every three years to plan and allocate GMAAAC funds to projects annually.

GMAAAC Directors are also chosen every three years from the committees and they meet

annually in Alice Springs to oversee GMAAAC.

The CLC’s CD Unit works with the community committees in Yuendumu, Lajamanu, Willowra, Nyirripi, Yuelumu, Tanami Downs, Balgo, Ringers Soak and Billiluna to plan projects and oversee partner organisations to implement them.

SOLAR POWER SAVES UTJU STORE

A new solar power system is helping the Utju store stay afloat. Rising power costs were forcing up store prices and increasing general operational costs so that the store was no longer able to make a profit.

Worried the store might have to close, the Areyonga Store Aboriginal Corporation decided they needed a solar power system to decrease their bills.

In 2015 the Utju working group for the Community Lease Money Project worked with the Areyonga Store Aboriginal

Corporation and funded a contractor to design and install a 24.96 kilowatt grid connect solar system that can feed electricity back to the grid.

Gordon Tiger, a store committee member, said the lower costs ensure the store can continue to operate.

“Now there’s less power bills which helps the community store keep going,” he said.

Tarna Andrews, who is a working group and store committee member, said the whole community worked together to get the project going.

WE GET TOGETHER AND MAKE GOOD DECISIONS FOR ALL OF US.

SOMETIMES IT’S HARD. FOR FOUR YEARS WE HAVE BEEN PUTTING OUR TIME IN AND NOBODY WALKED OUT. THESE PROJECTS WILL LAST FOR A LONG TIME” TARNA SAID.

Ongoing repairs and maintenance costs will be paid for from store income.



Newly installed solar panels on Utju Store.

Community Lease Money Project Facts

The Community Lease Money Project started in 2012, after two new income streams started to flow:

- Five year lease money: the one off compensation payment the CLC negotiated with the Commonwealth for the compulsory leases it took out over communities during the five years of the Intervention.

- Other lease money: organisations now pay annual rent for the blocks they lease in communities.

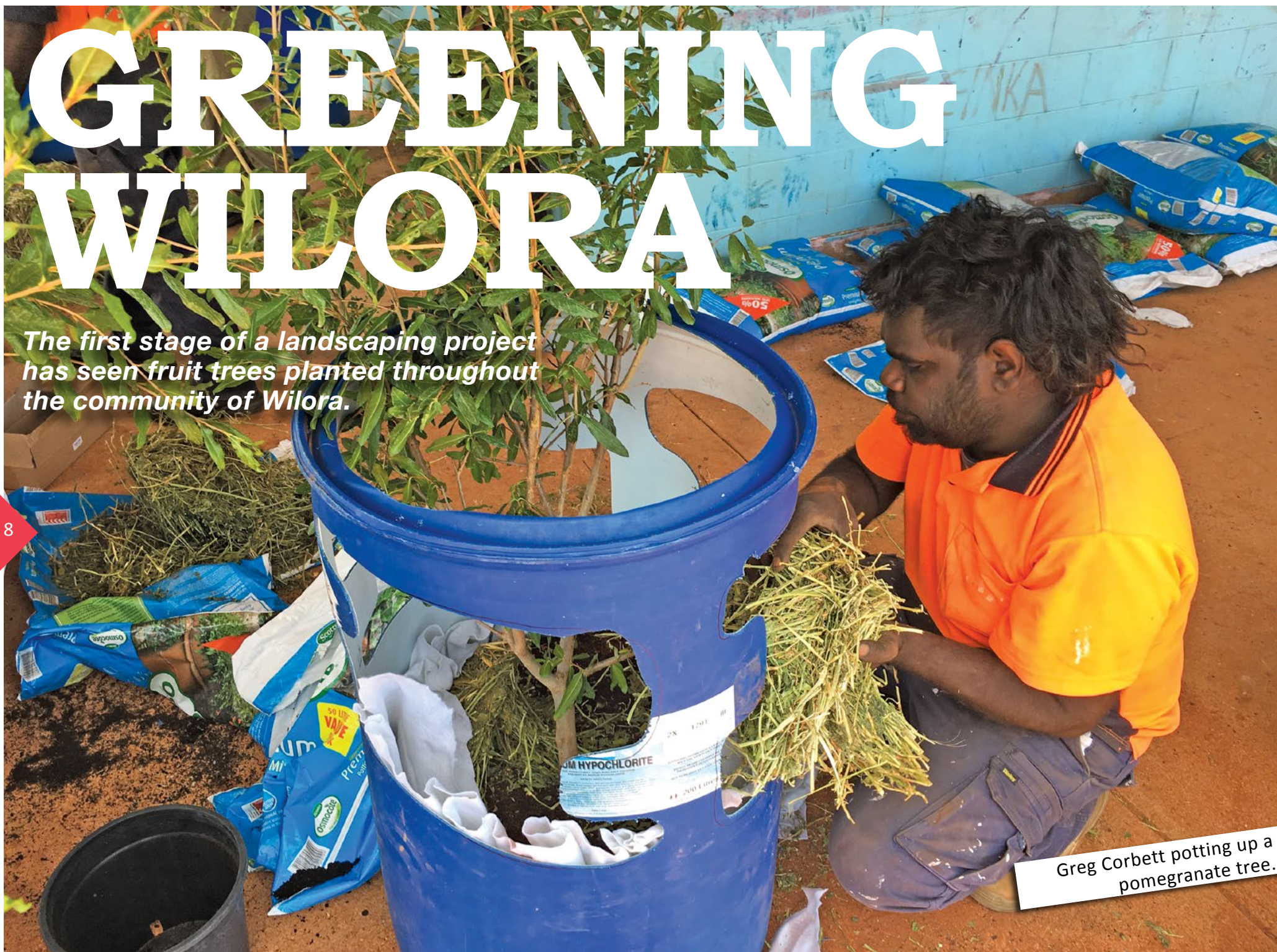
31 communities across the CLC region are involved in the Project and most have set up working groups to plan community benefit projects. Over \$10 million of the five year lease money has been approved for a wide range of social, cultural and economic projects.

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GREENING WILORA

The first stage of a landscaping project has seen fruit trees planted throughout the community of Wilora.

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Greg Corbett potting up a pomegranate tree.

The Wilora Landscaping Project provided interested households with fruit trees in blue barrel wicking beds, which are affordable water-efficient portable garden beds. Some were also put in at the Women's Centre with the idea that the fruit will be shared by the whole community.

Wicking beds have water reservoirs under the soil, meaning they do not lose much water to evaporation and don't need to be watered as much as normal garden beds.

Hilda Nambula, a Wilora resident, said local young people got jobs as part of the project.

Andrew Dinnie, Mark Corbett, Kirsten Corbett, Greg Price, Aaron Club, Jason Daby and Greg Corbett at work on the landscaping project.

“IT’S GOOD BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD WORK, I GOT AN ORANGE TREE FOR MY HOUSE...I WATER MY TREE EVERY DAY LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, I HOPE TO GET SOME ORANGES” SAID HILDA.

Local residents Gregory Corbett and Shamus Nelson worked with project partner Arid Edge Environmental Services to build the blue barrels and give out the trees. They both

enjoyed doing work that was received so well by community members.

“We put these fruit trees for the kids, so they can have good food. There are orange, lemon, mandarin, mulberry, apricot,” said Gregory. “It was good fun doing the work,” said Shamus. “Everybody was happy to get some fruit trees.”

So far the CLC and Arid Edge have held three meetings to plan the next stage of the community's landscaping, which will be done in partnership with the Central Desert Regional Council.

The aim is to increase shade, and reduce wind and dust whilst also beautifying the community. Future plans include the design of a meeting place in the middle of the community with a shade park, a bush medicine garden and a barbecue area.



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TRADITIONAL OWNERS INVEST IN YUENDUMU POOL

The much loved swimming pool at Yuendumu has funds for another two years thanks to the generosity of traditional owners.



Donald Martin enjoying the pool.

Yuendumu traditional owners have allocated \$230,000, half of their 2015 leasing income, to cover operating costs for the pool. Traditional owner Walter Lechleitner said the decision to direct the funds to the community, rather than distribute it privately, made him feel proud. "It made me a little bit proud to give half of our money towards the pool," he said. "All the children like the pool when it's hot...and all the visiting neighbours from every other place, they come and use the pool too."

Nobody knows this better than Valerie Martin, who works as a cultural adviser at the swimming pool. Under her watchful eye, children from communities including Mt Allan, Willowra and Nyirrpri mingle with the local kids – all enjoying what she describes as a 'really happy place'. "I was on cloud nine, really, when the traditional owners all agreed," she said. "Where would we get the money that could keep the swimming pool going?"

"IT GIVES US THE CHANCE TO KNOW THAT WE'VE GOT STABILITY FOR EMPLOYMENT, FOR PROVISION OF THE SERVICE AND THAT WE'VE GOT TIME TO GO AWAY AND KEEP BANGING ON THOSE DOORS WITH GOVERNMENT SO WE CAN TRY AND SECURE LONGER TERM FUNDING FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE AS WELL"
SAID BRETT.



The pool is operated by the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC), formerly the Mt Theo program. It receives a small amount of funding from the NT government but it's been affected area money from the Granites Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) Project which has kept it operational in recent years. WYDAC General Manager, Brett Badger, says receiving lease money on top of GMAAAC funding means the pool now has the greatest stability it's had since it opened. "To get [further funding] through the lease money was such a massive surprise.

Along with Borroloola Pool, the Yuendumu facility is currently on track to be a fully accredited swim school through the Royal Lifesaving Society – a first for any remote pool in the Territory. Last year, the facility recorded 14,000 visits and over 200 'agency sessions' organised visits by schools, childcare organisations and other local bodies. For pool manager Neil Hummerston, the numbers come as no surprise. "I just don't know what the kids would do to be honest, if the pool wasn't here," he said. Valerie Martin agrees. "Now we've got a pool which is clean, [it] cleans their eyes, and ears, which is great," she said. "It's important and the whole community is really proud of it, especially the little kids...they love coming here, we can't get rid of them sometimes."



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HOMELANDS PUSH IN YUENDUMU

Steven Nelson, John Bauer,
Josh Brown, Connall Stevens
(front), Chris Robertson,
Malcolm Wall.

A new Aboriginal-owned outstation organisation is causing a bit of a stir in Yuendumu with many hoping the venture will be the beginning of a new homelands movement.

Now more than six months into operation, the Yapa Kurlangu Ngurrara Aboriginal Corporation (YKNAC) has 28 outstations on its books, 19 staff and plenty of work.

CEO of YKNAC Malcolm Wall said people are keen to get back out onto their outstations and they see the new resource centre as an opportunity to make that happen.

"I get people fairly regularly coming to me saying we want to move back, can you put us on the list," he said.

"Some of these places have been set up before and some places all we're doing when we go there is checking existing infrastructure and giving it a clean-up and then people can move in, other places have nothing."

The outstations range from just a few kilometres away, to several hundred, and only five are funded by the NT government. One of the few government funded outstations, Yartalu Yartalu, is about 270 kilometres from Yuendumu near the Granites goldmine.

Though some may be in remote locations, Malcolm says more families are close to moving back out to their homelands.

"We've got a lady and her family from Ali Curung who have moved

back to Yuendumu who are going back to an outstation south of us here," said Malcolm.

"We're also waiting on a generator to be fixed on another outstation just south of us, once that's fixed the family that live here will be moving back."

The Yuendumu Community Lease Money Committee worked with the CLC's Community Development Unit to set up and fund YKNAC with half a million dollars of five year community lease money. The payment was compensation for compulsory leases taken out during the Intervention.

"We're lucky the lease money came along," said Tommy Watson, a member of the YKNAC board.

"We were battling really hard to get our outstation movement back but we didn't have any money."

"[Now] we've got to work together as a team, just like a football team, we've got to work together strong."

Tommy has an outstation about 150km away from Yuendumu that was set up in the early 1980's.

"THAT'S OUR LAND, IT'S NOT JUST FOR LIVING, IT'S CULTURAL LAND, THAT'S WHERE IN THE EARLY DAYS THINGS STARTED, THE OLD PEOPLE WHO STARTED UP THE OUTSTATION MOVEMENT, THEY'VE ALL GONE AND THEY'VE LEFT IT UP TO US, TO TAKE IT ON, FOR THE NEXT GENERATION" TOMMY SAID.

YKNAC plans to rely on existing contracts with two local businesses it is funding as well as government funding for five of the outstations.

It has also used Granites Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) money related to Newmont's Tanami operations to buy a new bobcat to grade the roads, as well as a tow truck for vehicle recovery.

In addition to providing building and maintenance services to a range of agencies in the region, the corporation has found new income streams, including rounding up and selling unbranded cattle.

"The muster has been a real success for us," said Malcolm. "We were able to get rid of a heap of feral horses and maybe a hundred and fifty head of cattle...it was a very hectic ten days but it was a good time."



Graham Beasley presenting on the multimedia project at the CLC Council meeting.

SHARING STORIES AT SNAICC

In September 2015 the Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) held their sixth national conference in Perth. The conference is the largest annual gathering of people working for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

Over 1,000 people attended in Perth, including traditional owner and Alekenge Community Development working group member Graham Beasley and Dave Howard from the CLC's Community Development Unit. They presented on the work that Alekenge's Community Lease Money project has been doing to help vulnerable young people in the community.

Graham spoke about a multi-media project they designed and funded to get young people writing and recording their own songs and making film clips to go with them. Graham also presented at the CLC Council meeting in Alparra in November 2015.

"THAT PROJECT WAS IMPORTANT, IT CONCERNS THE COMMUNITY AND HOW WE'VE SPENT OUR MONEY, GETTING THE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED AND LEARNING CULTURE. I WAS REALLY PROUD TO TELL THAT STORY TO PEOPLE FROM ACROSS AUSTRALIA" SAID GRAHAM ABOUT THE ALEKARENGE MULTI-MEDIA PROJECT.

Graham and Dave were excited to share the story of Alekenge taking action to make life better for young people. Graham summed up his experience at the conference by saying "I've learnt a lot and seen a lot in my time and I like to share that with other people".

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DIALYSIS PATIENTS RETURN HOME

Dialysis patients living in Alice Springs for treatment recently got to travel home for significant cultural events thanks to the mobile dialysis unit.



Above; Janie Miama and family. Below; Purple Truck in Docker.

The Purple Truck is specially fitted-out with two chairs and all the medical equipment needed to provide dialysis for up to a week. Two renal nurses travel with the truck, which is managed by Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Aboriginal Corporation.

In September and October the truck was at Docker River so patients could attend an important funeral and the Katiti Peterman Indigenous Protected Area celebration at Tjitjingati.

It then moved to Mutitjulu to provide the same service for people attending the 30 year Uluru Handback Celebration. In total, six week-long trips were conducted.

Janie Miama, an Uluru Kata-Tjuta traditional owner who lives in Alice Springs for dialysis treatment, said it was so important for dialysis patients to have access to their home communities.

"Dialysis is important, cause I spend all year here [in Alice Springs], sittin' down. We wanna go back and spend our money on family, children, grandchildren" she said.

The Purple Truck took Janie to Docker River for a funeral and for the IPA declaration, at which she addressed a crowd of locals and government officials.

She says the next step is to set up dialysis units in communities so that

patients can move home permanently.

In 2015 the Federal government announced it would provide funding for the NT government to build a dialysis unit and infrastructure in Docker River.

Traditional owners and community members are now waiting on the government to deliver on this important health service.

"WE NEED TO GO BACK FOR OUR CULTURE, DOING CEREMONY, WE REALLY MISS HOME, WE NEED TO GO HOME, THAT'S WHERE OUR SPIRIT HAS GOTTA BE," SHE SAID. "IT'S GOOD [THE TRUCK], BUT WE NEED THAT CHAIR IN DOCKER, SO WE CAN STAY."

Traditional owners of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park planned these six weeks of visits using some of the income from the Uluru Rent Money Project.



Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park Rent Money (URM) Project Facts

The URM Project started in 2005. Each year traditional owners spend a big part of their share of the park rent on projects that help their communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.

Traditional owners meet twice a year to discuss progress and make decisions.

Many local and regional projects have been done like fixing up outstations, building and running the Mutitjulu Pool, renovating the Imanpa Store and supporting renal dialysis.

TRANSFORMING NGUYARRMINI

People in Nguyarrmini have been busy at their outstation recently after the Davenport Range National Park traditional owners turned the focus of their NT Park Rent Project to building new infrastructure at Nguyarrmini.

The traditional owners partnered with the Tennant Creek Muru-Warinyi Ankkul Ranger Group to put in a boundary fence with cattle grid and conduct some erosion control works. They also worked with Tangentyere Constructions to build a meeting place with toilet and shower block, install an equipment shed and put in a new 22,000 litre water tank.

Nguyarrmini traditional owner Pat Murphy said “We wanted to do something to keep the young fellas working and we needed a proper place for meetings. We were like kangaroos before, chasing the shade around. We also needed a place for visitors that come for funerals to camp, with a shower and toilet”.

Over the past four years Davenport Range traditional owners have spent over \$685,000 supporting outstations and recently decided to help Nguyarrmini residents carry out these much needed infrastructure upgrades.

Eight Nguyarrmini residents were employed by the Rangers and Tangentyere Constructions during the works and local man Kingsley Corbett was happy to talk about his experience working with Tangentyere.

“I LIKED WORKING ON THE CONSTRUCTION, IT’S IMPORTANT TO DO THINGS FOR THE COMMUNITY. I FELT PRETTY GOOD ABOUT THE WORK AND I’M HAPPY WITH THE SHED. WE ALSO PLANTED LEMON AND ORANGE TREES SO WE’LL HAVE SOME FRUIT”
KINGSLEY SAID.



Absalom Murphy, Geoffrey Murphy and Kingsley Corbett all worked on the project.

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The entire project at Nguyarrmini cost over \$188,000, of which \$162,000 was put in by the Davenport Range traditional owner group and the other \$16,000 contributed by Nguyarrmini from their Railway Community Development Fund.

Thinking about all the work they have done, Nguyarrmini elder John Duggie said “a lot of people have come through Nguyarrmini and say ‘you mob have done a lot of good things here’”.

Northern Territory Parks Rent Money Project Facts

- 16 national parks and reserves across the CLC region have been handed back to traditional owners by the NT Government and are under Joint Management arrangements.
- In 2015 the groups planned and allocated funds to 40 projects totalling \$1.9 million.

- This very big project involves all 16 traditional owner groups using the park rent they get from the NT Government for community benefit projects.
- The CLC is working with each of the 16 groups to support planning and decision-making on projects that traditional owners prioritise for their group and region.

NT PARKS

UPGRADES FOR ULPANYALI

A new boundary fence has increased security at Ulpanyali outstation, and new solar hot water systems have improved residents' skin health

Local young men were among the workers employed by Tangentyere Constructions to erect the 2km boundary fence after feral camels had damaged the old one.

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"Some fellas just came back from school down south, they wanted to do something, and they got work building the fence. They got to do something for the community, it was their one opportunity, they also got some experience, how to get into work, got some skills for it," she said.

Arnold Limbiari, Winston Clyne and Christopher Swan, all residents of Ulpanyali, received valuable training in planning, using equipment, occupational health and safety requirements, and maintenance.

The new fence has brought some peace of mind to Julie's family.

"I WAS WORRIED ABOUT SECURITY. WE PUT A NEW FENCE UP, KEEP THE PLACE SAFE FROM THE CAMELS, AND LET PEOPLE KNOW THIS IS OUR PLACE, STOP THEM COMING IN WHEN WE ARE NOT HERE." JULIE SAID.

Meanwhile, the new solar hot water systems, installed in December last year, have already had a positive impact on the skin health of the children on the outstation.

"Our family really wanted the hot water for the kids' health," said Julie. "So they could clean their skin properly, some had sores. It has helped the kids' skin, making it better, and the adults too!"

The project was funded by traditional owners of the Watarrka National Park from the NT Parks rent income they receive.

Arnold Limbiari repairing the boundary fence.

SELF SUFFICIENT IN URLAMPE

Ilarte traditional owners recently made the most of some local oil and gas exploration to carry out a range of improvements at Urlampe outstation with nearly \$300,000 paid to them under an Indigenous Land Use Agreement. The group, with support from Central Land Council, made a plan to improve their outstation so it's a better place to live.

The most significant issue facing residents at Urlampe was the poor water supply at their remote outstation. Urlampe resident Shirley Dempsey said “we had big problems with water quality and pressure, so it was really important to get that fixed”.

People in Urlampe wanted to make their outstation more efficient and self-sufficient and they got Tangentyere Constructions involved to help make that vision a reality.

As well as making much needed improvements to water pressure and quality, the residents took measures to cool down their houses by installing whirly bird ventilation and painting their roofs with heat reducing reflective paint. Shirley said they've really appreciated this over the hot summer months.

The local shed used to have a dirt floor but now it's been concreted and a proper

workshop has been set up that includes a tyre changing machine, arc welder and a whole range of tools. This means people at Urlampe can now carry out their own repairs and maintenance and are less reliant on others to do things for them.

While Tangentyere Constructions managed the project, it was the local Urlampe residents that provided most of the labour.

**“IT WAS IMPORTANT
THAT WE DID THE
WORK OURSELVES
AND THAT ALSO
PROVIDED SOME
INCOME FOR US
HERE” SHIRLEY SAID.**



Josh Rankine, John Rose and Lucas Punch all worked on the project.

MEET THE DECISION MAKERS

All of the great community development projects that happen across the CLC region are due to the hard work of traditional owners and community members who plan and develop projects that will benefit their communities. These are just some of the groups that are making all planning decisions, big and small.



Alekarenge Working Group members - Peter Corbett, Graham Beasley, Sabrina Kelly, Dyllis Wilson and Linda Lane



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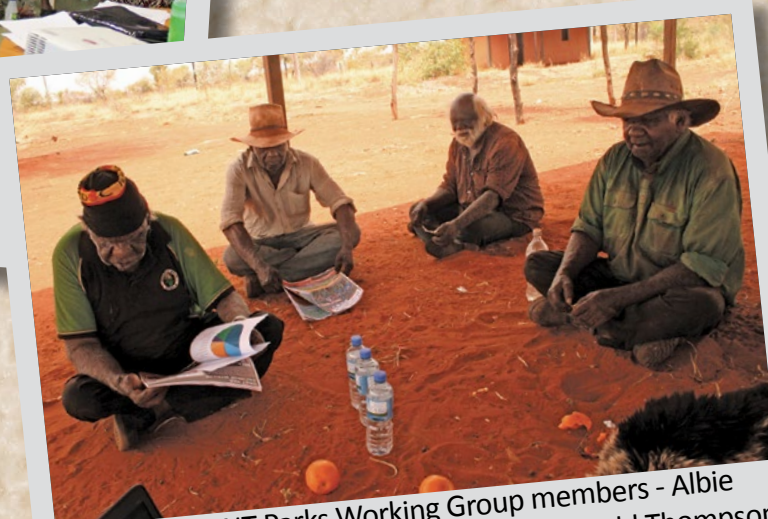
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KURRA WETT Directors - Hamilton Morris, Teddy Gibson, Roger Jurrah, Daniel Rockman, Sabrina Raymond, Kenneth Martin Jurrah, Freda Jurrah, Robyn Lawson and Rita Brown



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