



The Warlpiri Education and Training Trust





Who we are

We are Warlpiri educators and traditional owners and together we control the Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT).

We know what is best for our people and invest income from our lands wisely to support our families

and communities. We help our people to help themselves.

The WETT supports partnerships for training and education so all Warlpiri people will have better knowledge through Warlpiri culture and two-way learning.



Kamparru kamparru nyanjaku (Our vision)

Our vision is for future generations to be strong in their knowledge of culture, country and language, to be strong role models and to stand up for our communities.

Our language, culture and decisions will be respected. Our voices will be heard. We will have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Our people will be confident, knowledgeable, disciplined, healthy and respected. They will have good roles and jobs, as will the generations to come.

What we do

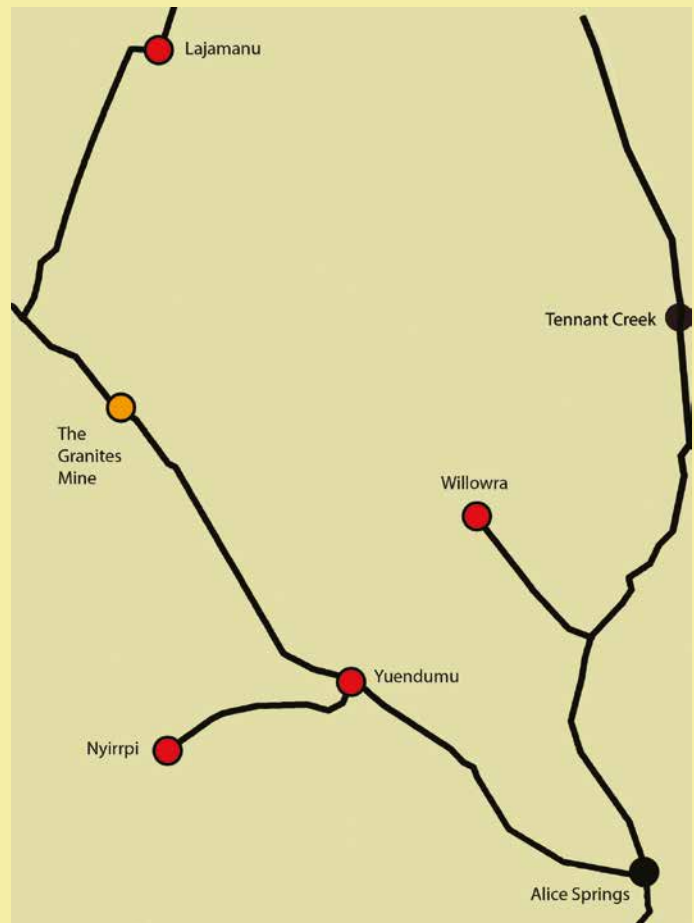
The WETT develops and funds partnerships and programs that support Yapa education priorities:

- Bilingual and bicultural education
- Youth leadership, training and development
- Employment
- Strong families
- Intergenerational learning
- Access to information and communications technology
- Support at boarding school
- Parental involvement in education
- Two-way early childhood education

Our history

Warlpiri teachers and traditional owners of the Newmont Tanami gold mine set up the WETT in 2005 to use royalties from the mine to improve education and training outcomes for Yapa (Warlpiri people) in the Tanami region. Residents of Willowra, Lajamanu, Nyirрпи and Yuendumu communities were interviewed about program ideas to meet Yapa aspirations for education and training. This has led to the five programs the WETT funds today.

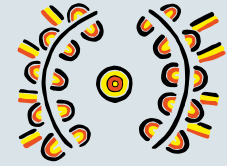
In 2016 independent researchers again surveyed Yapa to find out how the WETT programs are going. The review found that the WETT funded programs are highly valued by Warlpiri communities. It also identified further priorities for Warlpiri communities and challenges facing the WETT. Its recommendations will guide the future development of WETT partnerships and programs.



Our governance

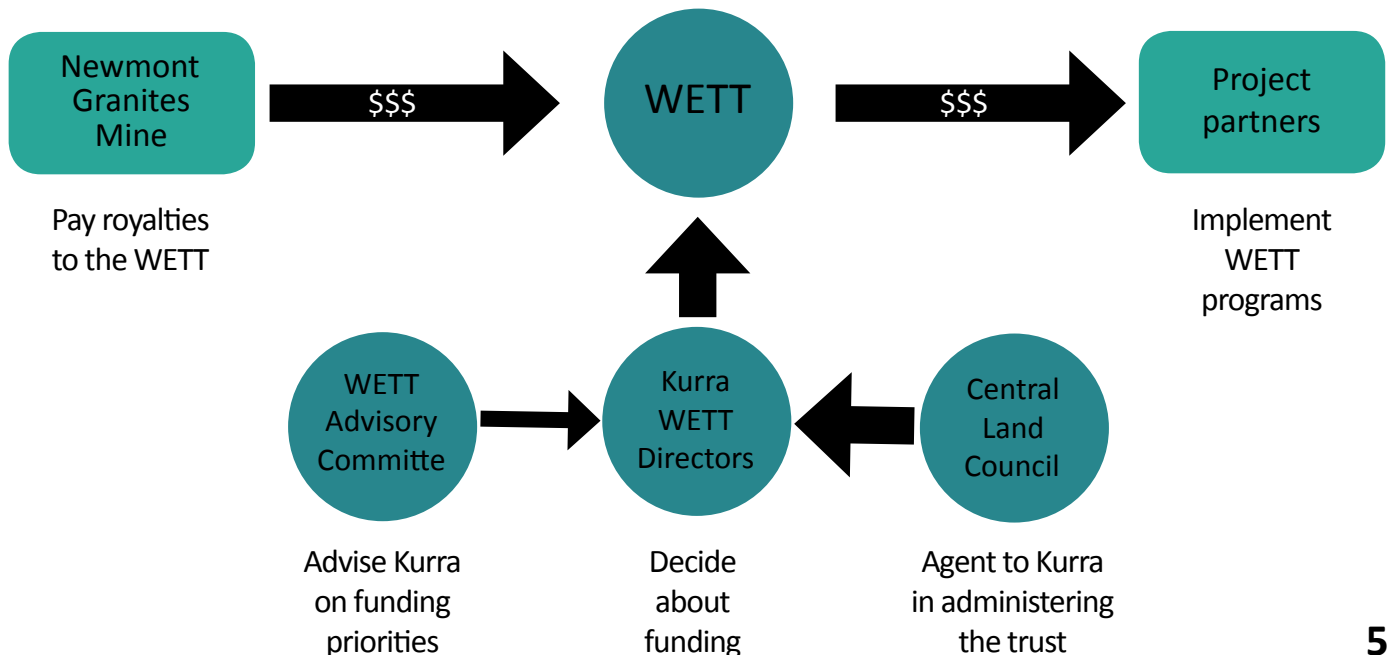
The Kurra Aboriginal Corporation, whose members are traditional owners for the mine site, is the trustee for the WETT. A committee of Kurra's directors meets twice a year to make funding decisions for WETT programs. The committee is guided by the recommendations of the WETT Advisory Committee, which is made up of four representatives each from the four communities, one representative from Newmont, one representative from the Central Land Council and an independent education expert. The committee meets at least three times a year to design, plan and monitor WETT-funded programs and make recommendations to Kurra about WETT funding priorities.

The CLC's role



Kurra has engaged the Central Land Council to administer the WETT. The CLC facilitates the trust's meetings and supports its governance, program planning and decision making. It also supports and monitors the WETT partnerships and programs.

How the WETT works







The WETT programs



Kurdu-kurduku manu warlaljaku Warlpiri padu-ku WETT children and families program

The WETT is improving the health and wellbeing of children aged 0-5 years throughout the four Warlpiri communities. The WETT, in partnership with the Batchelor Institute, runs a playgroup in Willowra. The playgroup helps children to develop confidence as learners and transition

successfully to school.

The WETT also provides support for training and development for Yapa staff throughout the four communities to manage the early childhood services and ensure strong local decision-making.



Dorris Jurrah and Yamurna Oldfield
at the Yuendumu preschool

Language and culture in schools program

Warlpiri communities want to maintain culture and support learning through and on country. The WETT funds Warlpiri language and culture teaching in the four community schools through the following:

- The country visit and elder payment program enables schools to take students on bush trips, organise culture days and pay elders to teach on country and in the classroom
- WETT School vehicles to facilitate these activities
- The Bilingual Resource Development Unit produces and distributes Warlpiri language books and e-learning resources
- Regular workshops support Yapa teachers to get together for professional development and to plan the teaching of the Warlpiri theme cycle (the curriculum which guides teaching of Warlpiri knowledge, language and pedagogy in the schools)



Elisah Robertson, Elizabeth Dixon
at the Yuendumu learning centre

Community learning centre program

The program supports adult learning and literacy for work, life and wellbeing. The WETT works in partnership with Batchelor Institute in Nyirrpi, Willowra and Lajamanu, and WYDAC in Yuendumu to run the learning centres. The learning centres are classrooms, libraries, internet cafes and service hubs rolled into one, offering daily

computer access, accredited and informal training, targeted workshops and Warlpiri language and culture activities. Yapa staff and local reference groups decide on the priority activities for each centre to make sure they meet the needs and aspirations of the community and can help individuals to achieve their life goals.



Zedricius King and Troydon Ross enjoy a bush trip with WYDAC youth leaders to Mission Creek

Youth development program

The WETT partners with the Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (WYDAC) to deliver youth diversion and development activities in the four Warlpiri communities. WETT funding has allowed WYDAC to develop the innovative Jaru Pirrjirdi (strong voices) leadership program. The program supports young people to

build confidence, take responsibility, get jobs, become strong parents and create a pool of positive young role models. The WETT also supports unique training and education opportunities for young people, such as regular bush trips with elders to teach Warlpiri culture, and the popular anti-bullying art workshops.





2016 Nyirripi school excursion to the Great Barrier Reef

Secondary school support program

The WETT funds interstate excursions for students of the four Warlpiri schools, providing a highly valued opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, represent their community, build confidence, visit boarding schools and enjoy a range of fun and educational activities. The excursions reward good school attendance and behaviour.

The WETT also supports secondary students living and learning outside the four communities. It funds family visits to students at boarding schools to prevent homesickness and celebrate achievements. It also pays for excursions, sport, music, laptops and more.

Colin Heenan-Puruntatameri from Yuelamu graduates from St Philips College in Alice Springs.





Nyrri students visit Rosebud Secondary College and participate in a science class



Robin Brown at the Yuendumu learning centre



Front page photo: Sheree Anderson with... at the Lajamanu creche.



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