WINUN NGARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

WINUN NGARI

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NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE CEO

WELCOME

It's September already! These months seem to be flying by quicker than we can all keep up with.

You'll see a real focus on our Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) in the following pages as they've really stood out, displaying their incredible team efforts to re-engage local disengaged school children and to support them as they find their feet and find their joy in schooling once again. With the dedication shown by the whole team, the program is beginning to thrive and exceed all expectation. I can't wait to see what the RSAS team will accomplish in the coming months.

Our Driver Training Access Course, led by Davin Shadforth and with the support of Rocci Zito, has allowed the people of Derby to have access to driving lessons. The car is provided by the Training course under the supervision of Davin who is an accredited driver trainer. Davin has proven excellence as a driver trainer with multiple successful applicants who now have their license and have gone on to be fully employed in a range of jobs.

Due to Davin's efforts this year, Davin was nominated and won the NAIDOC award for education. Well done Davin!

We are currently looking at expanding our driver training team so that we can build on this amazing program and continue to help those looking to gain their full license.

On Friday the 26th of August, together Winun Ngari and DAHS hosted an event to celebrate "Wear It Purple Day". Wear it Purple Day is about showing LGBTIQ+ young people that they have the right to be proud of who they are. It is about creating safe spaces in schools, universities, workplaces and public spaces to show LGBTIQ+ young people they are seen and supported.

The Winun Ngari Arts studio has had its first official open day with the aim to further re-engage CDP participants due to the recent changes to the CDP activities. The studio is a place for women on CDP to come together to work alongside each other to express themselves and be paid for what they create. Some of our artists were at the open day and discussed their work and the process with interested women attending.

It's worth the visit to Winun Ngari Arts to check out the product for sale in the shop, designed and created by local artists in the studio. Be sure to check out the brand new Winun Ngari Arts sign above the entrance of the studio.

LETTER FROM THE CEO

The follow on from COVID has seen not only Winun Ngari, but most of the Kimberley feel the strain of COVID.

Lack of staff has been quite a serious issue across multiple jobseeker areas however the staff of Winun Ngari have pulled together in these tough times and continue to impress me with their resilience and strength and dedication to everything they do.

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WINUN NGARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

OUR VISION

People, Families and Communities lead strong cultural, spiritual, social and economic lives

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TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINING

WEST KIMBERLEY LABOUR HIRE SEE RECORD NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The best thing about Traffic Management Training is when there's a position available, these boys can fill it straight away.

Our traffic management training provides extensive practical experience and knowledge and the boys are skilled!

154 CLIENTS EMPLOYED

44 CLIENTS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR LONGER THAN 26 WEEKS

30 EMPLOYED WITH WINUN NGARI'S WEST KIMBERLEY LABOUR HIRE

NOTRE DAME MED STUDENTS AT BAROOLOO ARTS AND WINUN NGARI ARTS OPEN DAY

MEDICAL STUDENTS ENGAGE IN KIMBERLEY IMMERSION PROGRAM AT BAROOLOO ARTS

Winun Ngari's, Barooloo Arts hosted a workshop for Notre Dame medical students as part of their annual Kimberley Immersion Program. They were held in thrall by the simple yet engaging processes involved in developing and screen-printing artworks onto t-shirts. They also got to learn about how our program trains and supports local artists in building new opportunities from their art and designs. The students and lecturers had an absolute blast! Their printed tees were envied by all their peers back at camp.

OPEN DAY AT WINUN NGARI ARTS FOR CDP PARTICIPANTS

Winun Ngari Arts held an open day with the aim to re-engage CDP participants and share the opportunity to express themselves creatively and be paid for what they create.

REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY (RSAS)

WE SUPPORT PARENTS, THE SCHOOL, COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND PROVIDE REWARDS AND RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Winun Ngari's Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) program supports families to give children a good start in life through improved early-childhood care and development, school readiness and education to support successful transitions to further education and work.

Designed in close consultation with teachers, local agencies, and families, RSAS services are tailored to respond to the diverse needs of children and families.

Services range from community-based education and advocacy; practical support (such as driving children to school) through to working with schools to monitor attendance and follow up on student absences – offering support to families and providing specialist support services where needed.

Check out our school holiday fun, basketball competition and other event's we have supported. The most recent is Clean Up Australia Day at the Derby Jetty.

REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY (RSAS)

A basketball competition was held in July at the Rec Centre. The competition was a part of our school activities programs and for the kids to have something to do on the holidays.

"RSAS actually put together these activities ourselves but this time we also had environmental health workers Susan and Isaac as well as one of RSAS ex-employees, Wayne who came down and volunteer umpiring for us and got involved. It was great!
We also gave out prizes to those who where the most overall best player boy and girl." Rohoni McCumstie (Supervisor)

RSAS STAFF HIGHLIGHT AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES GETS A SPECIAL VISIT

ROHONI'S GOT DRIVE AND DEDICATION!

"With much drive and dedication to her role and this community, Rohoni has assisted in the enrolment of a number of students to DDHS, re-engaged students that would not otherwise have attended school and been a beacon of light in the RSAS office. Rohoni's enthusiasm towards work is an utter delight to be around, and the passion for her work is an inspiration. RSAS is lucky to have her." Taite Zitto, RSAS Manager.

GEMMA AND TAYLOR'S SPECIAL VISIT

Gemma and Taylor previously left us to have babies. What a surprise when they both brought their babies in to visit. It was so lovely to meet Finlay and Tia and Aunty Tina and Mel loved having a cuddle.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Ashlee Dunn
Executive Assistant

Jon Kneebone
Manager

Taite Zitto
RSAS Manager

Danny Buaneye
Looma Field Officer

RAAF'S PITCH BLACK COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

EXCERSISE PITCH BLACK 2022 PRESENTS SUSAN MURPHY WITH AWARD AT COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

The Pitch Black team had the Panther Aircraft Fire Truck, G Wagons, Weapon Systems, Body Armour and the Military Dogs on display at the Excersise Pitch Black Community Open Day. The team responsible for making this happen, including our own, Susan Murphy, were presented with acknowledgements for their valued contribution.

EXERCISE PITCH BLACK 2022

Key dates for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley

Monday 22nd- Thursday 25th August 2022
Flying activities throughout all areas within the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley please be aware of **loud noises** between 8am-3pm everyday

Wednesday 24th August - 230pm Start
F-35A Lightning II aircraft flying display. Marsh foreshore between Dinner Tree and the Southern end of Jetty road

Sunday 28th August 330pm - 530pm
Community Open Day at the Derby Turf Club
All welcome to meet the team behind the Exercise Pitch Black and the equipment they use

DUMBARA BURRU CARAVAN PARK RAISES MONEY FOR CHARITY

GUESTS ENJOY CHARITY FUNDRAISER AT WINUN NGARI'S DUMBARA BURRU CARAVAN PARK

The Phil Inn Duo entertained guests as part of The Blue Tree and Black Dog Tour. The fundraiser was in aid of mental health awareness and recovery. Guest gathered to hear the duo play and enjoy a delicious BBQ.

Below: (Left) The Phil Inn Duo, (Right) Manager, Colin cooking up a feed on the park BBQ (right)

DERBY LICENCED POST OFFICE RECEIVES RETAIL AWARD

POST OFFICE AWARDED PRODUCT CHAMPION - HOME AND OFFICE

A very big congratulations to Derby Licenced Post office for receiving a Certificate of Achievement: Product Champion - Home & Office.
Well done to the team, well deserved!

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

WINUN NGARI AND DERBY ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE (DAHS) COLLABORATE FOR WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

On the last Friday of August, Wear it Purple Day is celebrated. A yearly awareness and visibility campaign, it's a chance for the whole community – LGBTQIA+ folks and straight allies – to celebrate the spirit of LGBTQIA+ youth. It's a day of fundraising, events, fun, LOTS OF PURPLE, and building each other up. Especially queer young people. This year we wanted to show our support and, together with DAHS, we held a BBQ with information stalls for community participation.