



KRED Enterprises Newsletter

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KRED attend Native Title Conference in Darwin



KRED's CEO Wayne Bergmann and KRED Legal Director Zoe Ramsay attended the National Native Title Conference in Darwin last week, both nailing presentations on land tenure reform.



Ambooriny Burru Foundation Independent Director Jim Hughes on board



I am very pleased to be a new independent director of the Ambooriny Burru Foundation and KRED Enterprises.

The Ambooriny Burru Foundation's strength lies in the fact that it is owned by eight native title groups in the Kimberley. Although it has only been operating for five years, there has already been a significant contribution to the regional economy and numerous new jobs created for Kimberley Aboriginal people.

Looking ahead, we are hoping to create more employment opportunities for our members and to extend our start-up support for Prescribed Body Corporates. It's our aim to become a centre of business expertise—a place that provides quality business, legal, and provide financial services to clients Australia-wide. I feel very privileged to be involved with the Ambooriny Burru Foundation and look forward to contributing my skills to assist its mission to create independent Aboriginal economic development.

KRED runs media workshops for kids in the Great Sandy Desert



In early May, KRED Enterprises and the Kimberley Land Council media crews teamed up to run joint media workshops at the Ngurrara Cultural Camp at Kurlku. We travelled three hours into the Great Sandy Desert to work with students from Yakanarra Community School, Fitzroy Crossing District High, Wulungarra Community School and Djugerari Remote Community School.

When the kids weren't making spears and boomerangs, painting, dying their hair, or sampling traditional foods, they were with us participating in media workshops. We looked first at the principles of photography—the rule of thirds, composition, the aesthetic appeal of patterns—and then it was hands on. Students packaged, shot, did voiceovers and produced short video postcards, which were projected onto a big screen under the stars. We've posted some of the videos here, and some photos of the camp for you to have a look at. This is part of the wrap-around media service KRED offers to PBCs. For full details about the camp, you can check out the Yanunijarra website.



Ice water has never tasted so good...



Year 10 student Jack Burgess - Pincini head out with our Environmental Heritage and Social Impact (EHSIS) team on work experience. And it was hot !!

I've just spent 6 days in the Kimberley studying Aboriginal culture. Well, completing work experience on a heritage survey. What?? I worked for EHSIS, an environmental & heritage survey company, investigating the cultural significance of country in the care of Traditional Owners.

We were assessing the land to protect culturally significant sites within a mining proposal. This involved heading out into thick bushland with Traditional Owners and an anthropologist to map the heritage sites within the land mass, and accurately create a topographical map of the area. It was very hot. 41 degrees every day! But it's the humidity that can get ya! Ice water has never tasted so good. Each night we would return to base camp with our recordings of the day's work.

My worst moment was the loss of the G.P.S . . . momentarily. It was enough for sheer panic to set in. By retracing my steps up a rock wall I found it blazing hot in the sun. Phew, that almost stuffed it! It was quite an experience—camping and then working each day, so removed from “civilisation.” The map and identified sites we produced over the 6 days now plays a significant role in protecting this area for the future for the Traditional Owners and the broader community.



It was learning about the balances between mining and indigenous interests that I found so fascinating.

Secondee shapes future for community stores



KRED Enterprises had a secondee on board from the SunCorp Group. Charlene Goh is a senior manager of four years in strategic development in the company's risk area.

Charlene came to KRED Enterprises to undertake a strategic planning project to help progress the Aboriginal community stores initiative. The idea behind the initiative is to give the stores access to modern facilities, and communities access to fresh, affordable food. It will provide many community benefits, including employment, new skills, improved community infrastructure and greater convenience.

"I am interested in understanding more about Aboriginal culture, history, the way of life and also about getting a better appreciation of the current situation and challenges faced by Aboriginals in Australia," says Charlene.

"KRED Enterprises is different to other Aboriginal organisations and does not received regular government funding to operate. KRED has a lot of potential, good expertise, and the right relationships, to successfully execute the plan. This would be a very exciting project for remote communities in the Kimberley, Western Australia."

Inspired by the Indigenous leaders, elders, Traditional Owners and other Indigenous people, the journey has been truly a unique and an amazing experience. Charlene says she has learnt so much, in such a short time, and that the experience has given her a different perspective on life.

"I hope to return soon," says Charlene.

News flash!



Karajarri Traditional Land Association (KTLA) has officially opened their doors to welcome visitors on to their country for recreation, education and general enjoyment. Obtaining a permit will now be necessary for anyone wishing to access the Indigenous Protected Area (IPA). All funds received, will help Karajarri to better protect and look after country.



May we farewell Scott Cox, one of our EHSIS staff members. Scott's been on board for over four years and has done extraordinary work out in the field on country. We wish you all the best for your future and look forward to seeing you make eight seconds in the next bull ride!



The Kimberley Land Council's Chairman Anthony Watson is pictured here backing Labor senator Pat Dodson. Mr Dodson says, "I want to ensure people in the remote and in the northern areas of Australia are also able to enjoy the services and the quality of those services that we can enjoy in cities and other places."



The Gelganyem/Kilkayi Trusts in Kununurra have just issued a fresh newsletter and it's an interesting read, especially in relation to the proposed closure of Argyle diamond mine in 2021. They are looking at how they can work with business and community to ensure the community stays strong after the closure of the mine.



A significant Indigenous site of ice-age artefacts has been discovered by archaeologists on a Rio Tinto mine site on Eastern Guruma country in the Pilbara. Glen Camille, the Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation Chairman said, "This is a very significant site to the eastern Guruma peoples and we need to ensure that it is protected and left alone."



WA Greens Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, Robin Chapple MLC, last night tabled a draft of the “Prevention of Forced Closure of Remote Aboriginal Communities Bill 2016” . It aims to provide surety to Aboriginal people living in established remote communities that they will not be forced to move off country, either directly or through a limitation of the municipal and essential services provided by the state government.



Do you like working on cattle stations? Do you want to be a part of a new Aboriginal business working on stations in the Kimberley?

The Kimberley Agriculture and Pastoral Company (KAPCO) is on the hunt for station hands to work on Mt Anderson, Frazier Downs and Bohemia Downs. For more information, please send your contact details to Cindy ... cindy@kred.org.au.



Biodiversity protected by traditional knowledge - Nyul Nyul, Karajarri and Bardi Jawi Oorany ranger groups have been taught to collect, store and propagate culturally significant and endangered plants so their genes can be stored forever. The project is being facilitated by the conservation group Environs Kimberley.



An investment fund run by former Elders executive Dale Champion and Shanghai-based Michael Wadley has bought Moola Bulla, Mt Amhurst, Beefwood Park and Shamrock Station. Mr Champion, whose firm Agrify manages the fund on behalf of international investors, said they were comfortable with the tenure provided by pastoral leases in WA and not put off by proposed changes to the Land Administration Act. “If we thought there were major issues with it, we wouldn’t have made the acquisition,” he said.



The Pintubi peoples of Kiwirrkurra community in the Great Sandy Desert hunt ferals cats for food. This is now recognised as a way to protect Australia’s rarest native animals!

Nipper Tabagee Scholarships



Jaru students build a bright future in the Pilbara

From the East Kimberley Jaru clan, Kirwan and William Vincent are building a bright future for themselves in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

They both attend Hedland Senior High School, which is based in South Hedland, and have applied for the Nipper Tabagee Scholarship from KRED Enterprises to assist them with their education and studies.

As part of the school curriculum, 17-year-old Kirwan is completing a Vocational Education and Training (VET) construction course at South Hedland TAFE. It's his dream to become a professional construction worker/ builder.

His younger sibling, William Vincent, who's 14 years of age, wants to be a qualified and professional mechanic so he can work on cars, boats and motorbikes. He is already learning from his father, who is a qualified mechanic.

The boys used the Nipper Tabagee scholarship to purchase a laptop, which means they can complete assignments and projects at school and at home. This will enable them to achieve good grades and success!

The boys said, "We would like to say a big, thankyou to KRED Enterprises for awarding us the Nipper Tabagee Scholarship and for giving us the opportunity to achieve our goals."

The Nipper Tabagee Scholarship is available to all of KRED's members. That is: Jaru, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation, Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation, Karajarri Traditional Lands Association, Koongie Elvire, Bardi Jawi and Tjurabalan. We support the educational aspirations of our members, particularly students like William and Kirwan, who have a clear vision about their future employment.

Nipper Tabagee Scholarships

Specky Dreaming Project



KRED Enterprises has been proud to support the Specky Dreaming Program, a project based around teaching young people the skills and fundamentals of football.

It involves a strong hands-on football focus, as well as a broader social focus, aiming high to inspire and encourage youth to make positive decisions, reflect on personal values and principles, and achieve healthy personal goals in life.

Students at Looma and Fitzroy Crossing had the opportunity to meet a hero of the Australian Football League, Bradley Dick. Bradley, a former AFL player, was part of the project as a guest speaker and a role model for the young community. He spoke about the strength needed to move away from family and country, and about the difficulties of living in two worlds.

Some of the activities the students were involved with, included a bin-kicking challenge, an agility circuit, goal kicking, and a weight and strength circuit on and off the field.

Confidence and self-esteem were boosted and students could rub off the “shame” attitude, asking questions about what it would take to fulfil their dreams and aspirations. It was an enjoyment for all kids involved, and this sort of participation is the first step toward helping kids engage in competitive sport. The program also promoted good nutrition, fitness and mental health—a winning combination for a good lifestyle!

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Report from Yanunijarra's new chairwoman Marmingee Hand



It's a privilege to be elected as chairperson for Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation. It means some of our people have seen positive qualities in me, which is an honour.

My background has been mainly in education and I've worked across the whole spectrum, from primary to adult education. These days, my focus is encouraging girls in years 7 – 12 to keep engaged and to keep up their school attendance. I admire these young girls, because in the communities they come from, there's so much going on. It's a reward to see the light bulbs switching on and the potential. But I think for all of our young people—both boys and girls—the challenge is in retaining the cultural connection to country and family.

Language and culture are very important to me and I hope to bring an emphasis on both in my new role as Chairperson of Yanunijarra. I also think good governance is crucial to the successful running of a corporation. It's important to make clear decisions, to be fair and equitable, and to put in place good planning with measurable outcomes.



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The great strength of Yanunijarra, is that we have had such strong cultural leadership and cultural advice from our old people. Just recently, we travelled to Kurlku in the Great Sandy Desert for the Ngurrara 2-Way Learning Cultural Camp. This camp involved young people from four schools in the Valley, old people and outside stakeholders, who all came together in the best interests of Ngurrara. This camp was important, because it created a classroom on country where young people could learn from old people.

The camp was also in honour of Shell Australia who have sponsored a water monitoring project. The project has involved our rangers, Traditional Owners and our schools, and for five years now, we've been placing our footsteps side-by-side as part of this project. Water monitoring—understanding our water, becoming scientists for our own people—means Yanunijarra can make sustainable decisions regarding development on our country for future generations. The project combines Western science with the traditional knowledge of Ngurrara people, and is consistent with our belief that we need to walk in two worlds.



Ngurrara Cultural Camp: black soil, spear-making and stories about water



It rained out at Kurlku when Shell Australia visited for our cultural camp in May. Nothing too serious where we were camped—just enough to take the bite out of the heat and make for three nights of good, deep sleeps on country. The road back to Fitzroy on the Friday was a little tricky, with boggy black soil, but on the whole, the Ngurrara 2-Way Learning Cultural Camp was a success.

There were a couple of key purposes for the camp. The first was to celebrate the Shell 2-Way Learning Project, which has been running now across different phases for over five years.

The project's about water monitoring, and Shell has been sponsoring our rangers to check the water at our significant jilas. They're gathering baseline data against which we can measure any impacts on our water from development, climate change or feral animals. The rangers have also been running workshops in the schools.

As part of the project, we're hoping to encourage a two way learning about water that encompasses traditional knowledge about water from our old people, and western scientific knowledge. The camp was a space where old people could pass on some of these stories to the young people, including at two significant jilas. All visitors were welcomed to country at Purluwarla, and then travelled on to Pirnirni, the site where the Ngurrara Great Sandy Desert Canvas was painted.

Knowledge exchange also happened during the workshops. Students from Yakanarra Community School, Fitzroy Crossing District High, Wulungarra Community School and Djugerari Remote Community School had a go at spear and boomerang making, painting, traditional hair dying, and the sampling of traditional food, like the bush onion and coconut.

Yanunijarra CEO, Peter Murray, says, being out on country—away from the distractions of television, internet and video games—meant the young people could properly engage with these activities, on their traditional lands.

“When you’re running workshops on country, you notice the difference with the kids. They’re motivated, connected and there’s been no bad behavior. We had multiple organisations at the event, all working together for the benefit of Ngurrara people,” Mr Murray says.



The camp was also a gesture of appreciation to Shell Australia, who have, over a number of years now, sponsored the 2-Way Learning Project, and who sponsored the camp. The Shell mob said something key to their business was really understanding local communities and sharing mutual respect. They hoped to pass this knowledge on to their colleagues.

VP Production Manager David Bird, says, “In the corporate world, there can be a lack of awareness and appreciation of indigenous culture. We like our employees to be ambassadors, demonstrating respect where appropriate ... [and] we’re hoping to develop a common language with Ngurrara Traditional Owners, so we can both move forward together.”

Senior Exploration Geoscientist Jason Roberts agrees, adding that respect is also crucial to a long-term relationship.

Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation would like to thank the Bent family, Shell Australia and all other stakeholders who supported the camp, including: The Yiriman Project, Eight Mile Catering, the Ngurrara Rangers, KRED Enterprises, the Kimberley Land Council, Mangkaja Arts, Ngurrara Canvas Committee, Nindilingarri Cultural Health, Garnduwa, Marra Worra Worra and all Traditional Owners and schools.



Farewell Foxy!

After four years of hard work for the Ngurrara Traditional Owners, rangers, and Yanunijarra Aboriginal Corporation, Brendan Fox is taking off for a new challenge ... He's not going too far, he'll be working with Bunaba, but YAC is really going to miss him! Thank you so much Brendan for the long hours and all your tireless work for Ngurrara.





Ranger on board in the Great Sandy Desert



Ranahl Yungabun, skin name Jakarra, is a young Ngurrara Ranger of the Great Sandy Desert. He's been working for over two years as a ranger, since the age of nineteen.

He speaks the Walmajarri language and has connection to the Wankatjunka/Walmajarri clan, southeast of Fitzroy Crossing, and lives in Djugerari Community. Going out on country, seeing different places and meeting other people, is what Ranahl loves about being a Ngurrara Ranger.

He has achieved many things as a ranger in fencing, quad bike training, water testing on country and also weed training at Broome TAFE. He's also learnt of the two ways of living; in a science-based western world and a traditional knowledge world.

The message he would like to send out to his generation is, "Come along on trips with the Ngurrara rangers and if you are interested in what we do for and on our country, then join the team."

He would love to share some of his favourite bush tucker such as the bush turkey, kangaroo, emu and the black-headed python, and also show you how and where to hunt good tucker in and around his country.



A long-lost grave

The Ngurrara rangers and a Traditional elder Harry Yungabun have helped locate a long-lost grave. Geoffrey Hill was an Adelaide-born stockman who worked out on Cherabun Station as a teenager. In 2015, his family, travelled to the grave to erect a marker. My Hill's niece Jenny Clements says, "He waited for us to come out here; he wanted us to find him."



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What do virtual reality and healthy country have in common?

Imagine exploring Nyikina Mangala country from the comfort of a lounge room in Broome, or in Perth, or even in Paris ... Discussions are currently underway between The Nature Conservancy, Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation (WAC) and the Kimberley Land Council, around the development of a virtual reality (VR) project. The idea is to make people aware that Traditional Owners have a complex and sophisticated relationship with country, and to change the narrative around indigenous land management so there's a focus on the criticality of our role in achieving sustainable solutions. VR might be a good way to do this, as an immersive video platform can evoke greater empathy and connection with the subject of the film.

But this isn't all ... WAC have received funding from the Nature Conservancy to develop a Healthy Country Plan, which will provide a blueprint for the conservation and management of Nyikina Mangala country. Additionally, The Nature Conservancy are working with us on developing a world-first variation on the 'Development by Design' tool. Generally, 'Development by Design' assesses the impacts of future developments on natural systems, and offers solutions for ensuring their health over the long-term. Walalakoo are working with the Nature Conservancy to add an additional function to the tool—the ability to measure the impacts of development on cultural values. This project is happening in tangent with the Healthy Country Plan.



Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation General Meeting 27th April 2016



An Annual General Meeting was held at the Derby Hall for members of the Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation. WAC CEO Damien Parriman gave an update on Nyikina Mangala people, community and country, and resolved to accept the record of the minutes to the AGM on the 18th November 2015.

The results of the Walalakoo election are as follows: **Wayne Bergmann** - Chairman; **Cyril Archer** - Deputy Chairman.

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Anthony Watson
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Pandanus Park and Bidun
Tina McMahon
Rona Charles

Looma and Mowla Bluff
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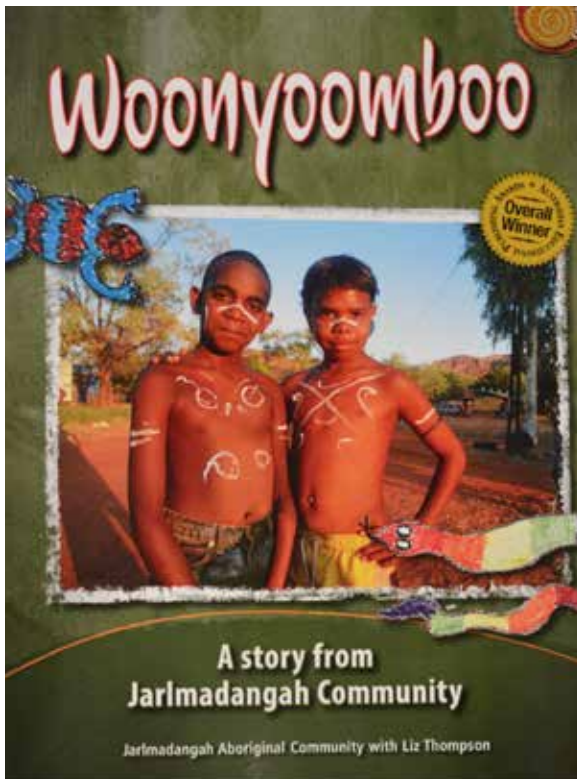
Rosita Shaw - Director

Annie Milgin

Jeanie Warbie

Annie Narda





Woonyoomboo is a story from Jarlmadangah Community. Woonyoomboo is the main Creation Ancestor for the Nykina people. The story is traditionally told in the Nykina language, and has been translated into English for *Sharing Our Stories*.

Membership application via our Walalakoo Aboriginal Corporation



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