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WCCT News

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From the Executive Officer; Geoffrey Fahey.



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the first edition of the new WCCT news. We hope to complete at least three issues per year. This is part of our new communication strategy which includes the setting up of a Facebook page, update of the WCCCA Website and restarting our community visits which we plan to commence in April.

Our aim is to better inform shareholders and stakeholders of what we are doing and how you can access assistance from the WCCCA.

I have been the Executive Officer for just over three months and am still finding my feet but I am starting to address many of the aspirational projects that our Traditional Owners

wish to achieve. The most important project is the new WCCT Administration centre at Achimbun (Evans Landing).

In the last two months we have made good progress and I am hopeful that we will secure the land at Achimbun which includes the Cultural Centre by April. If this is achieved we plan to begin construction in the second half of 2016. The design of the building is in line with those that our Elders agreed on in 2008.

The site will become an important precinct for our Traditional Owners and indeed the whole community with the WCCT Admin building, Cultural Centre and the park within the area.

I am very thankful of the support from North Queensland Bulk Ports, Rio Tinto and the Weipa Town Authority who have all thrown their support behind this project and want to see it finally come to fruition.

As the project progresses we will update you on the progress.

We plan to have the long awaited WCCCA Strategic Plan finalised by March so that we can deliver this to communities at our community visits in April. I am very keen to spend as much time in communities to learn and to listen to community needs so that we can make a real difference for the communities we serve.

I am very proud to lead the WCCT Admin Team and my aim is to coach the team so that we are the best management team of Indigenous Charitable Trusts in Australia and that we have the correct governance and policies to provide real benefit for current and future generations of Traditional Owners.

Best wishes for a great 2016 for us all.

Meet a WCCT Team Member



Meet Mrs Maria Kaigey, Administration Officer within our WCCT Admin family. She has been working for the Trust office since 2014 and has loved every moment of her time here. In 2015 Maria won the Trainee of the Year Award via the Western Cape Skill360 Award Night.

Maria was supported by her colleagues, friends and family during her victorious win from which she then proceeded to compete at the

State Award night down in Cairns where she claimed the State Title for the High Achiever Award. Maria is now working towards a Certificate IV in Business Administration. Maria credits her manager for her success due to the support and encouragement Ms Ah Mat provided.

Maria also thanked the Traditional Owners for the opportunity to further her business studies. Maria believes

its a privilege working for the Traditional Owners of the Western Cape and has learnt much from them culturally and emotionally. She has also made life long friends not only with her colleagues but also shareholders, Directors and Members. Maria believes the key to success in the business industry is having a good "home/work life balance".

This is also her advice to the indigenous youth.



Photo: Courtesy of the Western Cape Bulletin—Matt Nicholls

Admin Section

-Dianne Ah Mat, Office Manager



The Trust Administration Team each year in December posts Christmas Cards to each Shareholder of the WCCCA.

The 2016 Christmas Cards were sent along with a fridge calendar magnet with all meeting dates and when funding applications close for 2016. This is a very handy reference so it is important that Shareholders provide their correct postal address for Admin team mail-outs as we had many returns. If your postal address is not up to date please contact the WCCT office to update your address.

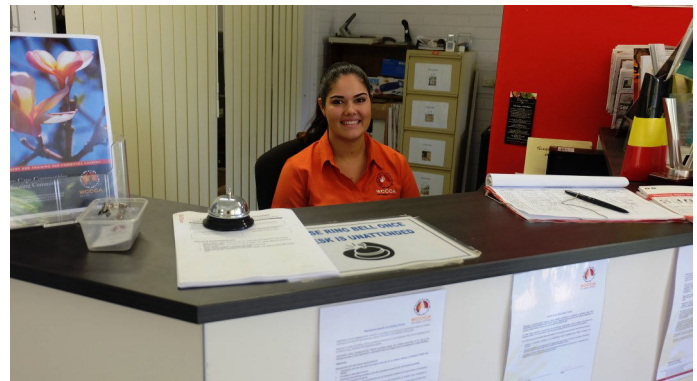
The 2015 round of meetings were successfully completed and the Administration Team is gearing up for another year of scheduled meetings in 2016 with the first round of Q1 meetings commencing in February/March 2016.

WCCT Office Manager Dianne Ah Mat and her team have been busy tidying up the front Office as a result of the newly renovated extension. This has provided more room for the Administration team. The new extension will also ensure the whole Office is running in a smooth and efficient manner without the issue of crowded spaces. In addition we have now been displaying artwork from young local artists from Napranum within our newly renovated office. These pieces of

art are for sale through the Administration Department. Please contact the Office Manager if you are interested.

The Administration Team has a new staff member Zia Fuller who replaces Jennifer Motton-Sigai as the WCCT Admin Receptionist. Zia is a local girl and grew up in Weipa and is of Aboriginal heritage and graduated from the Western Cape College in 2014.

Zia will be a very friendly first contact for visitors to the WCCT Office and will be a great asset for the team.



Finance Section

-Don Geyer, Finance Manager

The Finance Section of the WCCT Admin Team is looking forward to a very busy 2016. The Grant Funding Budget Workshops for the three Sub-Regional Trusts were held on 1-2 February 2016.

At these workshops, the Grant Funding Guidelines, Budgets and the associated rules were established for 2016.

Now these workshops are completed, copies of the Grant Funding Guidelines that will apply for 2016 will be posted to all A Class shareholders in each of the three Sub-Regional Trusts. New application forms will be prepared based on the new Guidelines and budget. These must be used when applying for grants under the 2016 Guidelines. New forms will be available from the WCCT office and they will also be available on the website. You can also request for applications to be sent to you via our Facebook Page. Please make sure that all applicants are using the new 2016 forms when applying.

Grant application closing dates:

All grant applications must be received by the Finance Team by the 10th day of the month prior to the Sub-Regional Trust Board meetings. Please refer to the cal-

endar on the left for cut off dates.

Applications for the Q1 meetings to be held in February 2016 have already closed. Applications for the Q2 meetings held in May 2016 will close on 10 April 2016.

Applications for the Q3 meetings held in August 2016 will close on 10 July 2016. Applications for the Q4 meetings held in November 2016 will close on 10 October.

If you have any queries or need any assistance regarding eligibility or filling in application forms for grant funding, please do not hesitate to call the Finance Team at the WCCT office.

WCCCA CALENDAR 2016

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- Sub-Committees (E&T, E&H, SoE)
- Sub-Regional Trusts (CSRT, NSRT, SSRT)
- Indigenous Directors & Members
- Co-ordinating Committee
- Main Trust/Property Trust
- Investment Committee
- Western Cape Centre Ltd
- AGM's (CSRT, SSRT, NSRT, MT, PT, WCC)
- School Holidays
- Public Holidays
- Funding Applications Close



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WCCT FINANCE FACTS

Did you know.....

The 3 Sub Regional Trusts approved \$1,721,761.00 in Educational Bursaries over the 3 regions in 2015.

This is a huge boost for advancing the education of the children of our 11 Traditional Owner Groups.



Implementation Section

-Margaret Barnes, Deputy Executive Officer



The Implementation Team is a dedicated team within the WCCT Administration to manage the business of the Coordinating Committee and the three Sub-Committees (Employment and Training, Environment and Heritage, and South of the Embly).

The role of the Coordinating Committee is to ensure the monitoring and implementation responsibilities of the agreement are occurring and all parties are meeting their respective obligations under the Agreement. The role and responsibilities of the Sub-Committees are to consult, review and provide advice and recommendations back to the Coordinating Committee. Some of the key areas and duties include:

- Environment and Heritage programs,
- Cultural Site Protection,
- Employment and Training programs,
- Training and Work Experience programs for Local Aboriginal People (LAP),
- Traditional Owner engagement and consultative activities,
- Cultural Awareness,

The Sub-Committees and the Coordinating Committee hold a meeting each quarter and the Implementation Team provides support to these meetings and the Committees.

The Implementation Team looks forward to working with the Traditional Owners, Communities, Rio Tinto and other stakeholders to progress the work in 2016.

In each WCCT Newsletters the team will provide an update and focus on more detailed information in particular areas of business. This newsletter we will focus on

the upcoming WCCCA elections however should you have a particular topic of interest please contact the team.

2016 WCCCA Elections

Two representative from each of the 11 Traditional Owner groups that are signatory to the WCCCA are elected every two years to sit as Members on the Coordinating Committee.

This year the WCCT will be conducting elections again to vote in the Members for the Coordinating Committee and the Directors for the Sub-Regional Trusts. The WCCT engages the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) to oversee the elections. For elections this year voting will commence in August 2016 and be finalised by the Annual General Meetings held in October 2016. The new Committees and Boards will commence their term in October 2016 and will continue for the two year term to October 2018.

Election notices will be published and the AEC will post an information pack to each of the registered shareholders advising them of the election, the process and timetable. Included in each letter will be notification on locations, venues and times of the various polling booths, and a nomination form for any interested registered shareholder to nominate for election.

Once nominations close and are finalised by the AEC, the ballot papers will be prepared and if a position is contested then shareholders will vote via postal votes or at their respective polling booths.

At the closing time of the election process, AEC will then finalise all the votes

and advise the WCCT of the election outcomes.

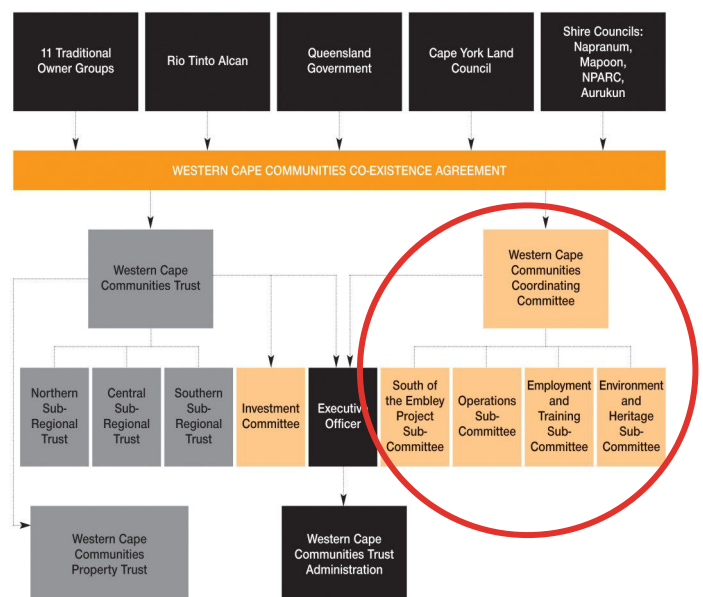
To nominate for the WCCCA election you **must be** an approved "A Class Shareholder" and registered on the WCCCA database. The database of all the eligible shareholders will be provided to the AEC at the start of the election process. If you are not on the shareholders database you will **NOT** be able to nominate or vote in the WCCCA elections.

If you are a Traditional Owner of one of the 11 Traditional Owner groups of the WCCCA and not registered as an "A Class Shareholder" but would like to register, please do so as soon as possible. To register you need to complete the A Class Shareholder application form which is then forwarded to your respective Sub-Regional Trust Board of Directors for consideration and approval. You can either call into the WCCT office or phone the office and we will post you the application form. Alternatively the form is also available on the WCCCA website and Facebook page.

In order to meet the WCCCA election date you will need to have your A Class Shareholder application forms lodged with the WCCT office by either the 10 April 2016 or the 10 July 2016.

You will receive sufficient notice of the WCCCA election dates by the AEC, the WCCT office, public notices in the Communities, on our website, Facebook, etc.

We encourage all Shareholders to take an interest in the WCCCA elections and ensure that you are registered and provide any updates to your mailing address and phone number to the office. The correct up-to-date information is important so that the database provided to AEC is right. The team will be conducting a number of meetings in the Communities over the next five months. We would like to see you then or if you have any questions regarding the election please call our office on 4069 7945.



Community News

-Amelia Sam, Community Relations



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First of all let me just say a big HAPPY EASTER to all the families around the Cape. I can't believe the Easter Bunny is already on its way for 2016. I hope you all had a safe Christmas and New Year. In this section of the WCCT Newsletter, I will be writing and displaying articles of events and activities that may be happening in or around the local communities on the Western Cape. It's a good opportunity for all of

us to keep updated on local information and also know what's happening in your local area/community. And boy has a lot been happening!!! The WCCT Administration Team has been trying a new approach to get the important information out there, so naturally we have gone social media friendly and will be starting an Information Sharing Database. This database will receive up to date emails from our of-

fice every time for WCCCA meetings, activities, news and events. In coming weeks we will be looking forward to updating our new 'look' for our website design, we have created our Facebook page and of course we have restarted our WCCT newsletter. We hope that this will be a more effective way of communicating and updating information with our Shareholders.



Amrun (SoE) Project

2015 was a year of anticipation with the Weipa Township waiting to hear if the Rio Tinto Board would approve the Amrun (South of the Embley). The project's approval was announced at a function on the grounds of State Parliament in November with the Premier, The CEO of Rio Tinto and a delegation of Traditional Owners. The project secures the future and further development of Weipa and Aurukun. The

project will provide the Aurukun community, Weipa and surrounding areas with further employment opportunities which is a great endeavour for our young Traditional Owners to embark in. We definitely encourage those who are interested in job opportunities for the Amrun Project (South of the Embley) to keep an eye out on the Rio Tinto website for information on job opportunities. For more information regarding the project visit www.riotinto.com/australia/amrun

WCCT Community Visits

The WCCT Admin Team will be re-starting Community Visits in April 2016. The office will advertise these visits via the local paper, on our website, our Facebook page, local council notice boards and flyers may be put up in and around local communities.

The WCCT Admin Team will be travelling to the communities to hear your voice! Rio Tinto Weipa will also be joining us on our trip around the Cape. In April we will visit the Aurukun, Napranum, Mapoon and New Mapoon communities. Please drop

in to see us when we are around and voice your concerns, opinions or receive an update about an application you have pending. We are always looking for feedback to improve our procedures and processes so we can provide our shareholders with the highest level of service.

The WCCT Finance team will also have applications on hand for those Shareholders wanting to apply for funding or following up on an application. So bring your family down and enjoy the light refreshments our WCCT team will provide. We look forward to seeing you all!!!!

WCCCA Community Visits

Council Conference Room, Napranum—11 April 2016

Front of Aurukun Supermarket, Aurukun—12-13 April 2016

Community Hall, Mapoon—14 April 2016

Council Conference Room, New Mapoon—18-19 April 2016



Photo: Mapoon Rangers with Florence Charger, Loyla Chevathen and Annalise Jennings



Photo: 2014 Aurukun Community visit

If you would like to add anything to the WCCT newsletter or join our Information Sharing Database please contact myself on the details below or alternatively you can email me on cr@westerncape.com.au. We would love to hear and see what's going on in your community.

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