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WCCT News

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From the Executive Officer; Geoffrey Fahey.

Dear Readers,

The big news is that the Trust has awarded the contract for the new Administration Building at Achimbun and that construction will start mid September. We will be hosting a number of Elders for a first 'Sod' turn on site on Tuesday September 12th. The building is planned for completion in mid May 2018 and the official opening in July. We will keep you informed over the next newsletters on the progress of the build.

The Trust has also developed a new Website which will be up and running by Mid September and shareholders will be able to download funding application forms from the site. The website address is the same as it was previously.

The Sub-Committee of the Coordinating Committee that has been formed to work on land relinquishment and land hand-

back is working well with a plan now developed to progress the relinquishment of areas identified in the WCCCA that should have been relinquished to Traditional Owners within 6 months of signing the agreement. It is unfortunate that only 2 of the 11 identified areas have been relinquished and that 1 is sitting as un-allocated State land and the other 8 areas have had little or no work completed to relinquish them. At least now we have a Sub-Committee in place and a plan to address this important issue for Traditional Owners.

Shareholders may have heard that there has been a number of Cultural Heritage incidents affecting scar trees on different parts of the mining lease affecting a number of Traditional Owner groups. This is regrettable and we are working with Rio Tinto to ensure that this does not occur in the future. If any shareholders require any information please do not hesitate to contact the Administration Office.

In coming months once the Administration Building construction is underway we will be developing ideas on how best to redevelop the Cultural Centre at

Achimbun and develop the whole Cultural Precinct. The Trust is keen to have this completed by the time the PDR is bitumen from Cairns to Weipa as there will be a resultant large increase in the number of visitors to Weipa. We will update shareholders as these concepts develop.

I am looking forward to the next round of community visits which will include a visit to Injinoo. Our Community visits are important as it is one method of getting information out to shareholders on what the Trust, Coordinating Committee and Sub-Committees are working on. They also provide an opportunity for shareholders to seek assistance from the Finance Team on applications for grants. We therefore encourage as many shareholders to attend and at least have a chat and a sausage sizzle with us.

We congratulate the Ely Trust on 20 years of their agreement with Rio Tinto and wish them well for the next 20 years.

I hope to see as many shareholders as possible when we are in community.

Meet Our Cultural Centre Team

The team managing the Western Cape Cultural Centre currently consists of two part time employees. Sandi Atkinson and Kerry Callope.

Kerry is a Thanikwithi Traditional Owner whilst Sandi has spent many years working in Cape York in the communities of Coen, Napranum, Weipa and Aurukun.

Sandi says she feels privileged to be working for Traditional Owners at their Cultural Centre, and has learnt a lot from being able to meet a number of Traditional Owners and listen to them explain the information contained in the displays.

Kerry is enjoying being back in the workforce after taking a break to become a mum. Kerry enjoys interacting with visitors and sharing her Culture with the many visitors that come to the Cultural Centre.

Working at the Cultural Centre involves welcoming people to the centre and recording where our visitors come from and keeping the displays and facilities to a high standard. Time is also spent showing off the beautiful artworks created by Traditional Owners, and assisting with packaging when they are purchased.



Admin Section

Liz Foster, Office Manager



The WCCT Administration Team has been busy this quarter refining our processes, updating contact details and supporting the logistics around the CAT Capacity Building project, and booking management for the Western Cape Centre. The third round of quarterly meetings has been completed which provided a great opportunity for the team catch up with many of the Directors / Members.

At the time of printing the WCCT staff have been busy attending to the logistics for the next round of community visits we look forward to seeing you there. As we start preparing for the fourth round of quarterly meetings we ask that you keep your contact details up to date. To update your details contact us on 4069 7945 or send an email. reception@westerncape.com.au

Yo! Kunu kananga!
Aak ngampar!
Which way!
Welcome!



Finance Section

Kristina Carroll, Finance Manager

We would like to welcome Baressa Jackson to the Finance Team as Finance Administration Officer. Baressa is the first point of contact within the Finance Office for all grants related enquiries. Reporting for the 2017 Financial Year is now complete, and unqualified audits have been received for all entities.

Grant Applications

Letters confirming the outcome of grant applications from the August round of Sub-Regional Trust meetings have been issued. Applications for the November round of meetings must be received by 10th October 2017.

Education Bursary Grants

During the August Sub-Regional Trust meetings the Directors expressed their continued concern at the low school attendance

by many of bursary applicants. Poor attendance impacts on the benefit received by children from the school and the support of the Trust. Directors have resolved that they will pay much closer attention to this aspect of future applications for Education Bursary Grants, and where the Number of Days of Unexplained Absence is high, grant applications may not be approved.

In preparation for the 2018 school year we recommend that parents get their applications in for the November meetings. By doing this, parents have a much better chance to have the funding approved for their children before school starts. The first round of Sub-Regional Trust meetings for 2018 may not occur until March – which is quite some time after the school year commences.

Upcoming Community Visits



Napranum	Tuesday 3 October	9.30am-2.00pm
	Shire Council Conference Room	
Mapoon	Wednesday 4 October	9.30am-2.00pm
	Front of MASC building	
Injinoo	Tuesday 10 October	12.00pm – 3.00pm
	Injinoo Community Hall	
New Mapoon	Tuesday 10 October	4.00pm-7.00pm
	New Mapoon Community Hall	
Aurukun	Wednesday 18 October	10.00am - 2.00pm
	Outside the Council	

Apply Now for your Educational Bursaries for 2018

Did you know you can apply for your 2018 Educational Bursary now? That way approvals can be finalised ready for the start of the 2018 School Year.

Implementation Section

Lisa Stamm, Implementation Officer



Hello Hopevale

On Wednesday 19 July, members of the Trust Admin Team, Chair of the Northern Trust Michelle Kostecki, Main Trust Chair Loyla Chevathen and Chair of the Coordinating Committee, Corine Matasia participated in our annual Community Visit to Hopevale.

The team were kept busy assisting shareholders with applications for Bursaries, and whitegoods. Semah Hodges from the Rio Tinto Weipa Indigenous Training and Development team also joined us and was kept busy providing information about Ro Tinto Weipa LAP Traineeship opportunities.

We wish all applicants the best of luck with their applications.



Achimbun Contract Awarded



Looking over the Model of the new Administration Building are from left: Ernest Madua, Chair of the WCCT Investment Committee, Corine Matasia Chair of the WCCCA Coordinating Committee, WCCT Executive officer Geoffrey Fahey and Loyla Chevathen Chair of the WCCT Board of Directors.

Western Cape Communities Trust has awarded the contract for the building of Achimbun Stage one to Laurie Linder Constructions, a Far North Queensland Company.

Achimbun—Stage One is the new Administration Centre for the Trust. The Centre will provide a modern contemporary space for the Western Cape Communities Trust, the Western Cape Communities Coordinating Committee and the Sub-Committees that operate under the Western Cape Communities Co-existence Agreement.

The Trusts and Committees will continue to work to deliver development and employment opportunities, training and community assistance, community development and projects that enhance Aboriginal culture of the Western Cape Region.

Loyla Chevathen, Chairperson of the Western Cape Communities Trust Board said, "The new Administration Centre was designed by AECOM Australia to combine artwork and totems of the eleven Traditional Owner Groups involved in the Western Cape Communities Co-existence Agreement, and will provide office space for more than 15 staff, state-of-the-art board room facilities, an Elders room and storage area for important documents, photos and artefacts."

Laurie Linder Constructions has a longstanding reputation for building high quality commercial and residential projects, on time, on budget and often in remote locations.

Achimbun—Stage 1 is the largest construction project awarded outside the mining lease in Weipa for a number of years.

WCCT Executive Officer Geoffrey Fahey said, "The new Administration Building has been a long held aspiration of Elders from within the 11 Traditional Owner groups that I serve and I am delighted that we have been able to bring this to fruition.

I am also very glad to see this significant construction company with such strong ties to Far North Queensland and a commitment to working closely with Aboriginal communities."

Moving forward the redevelopment of the Achimbun area will provide a significant Cultural Precinct for all Australians that showcases Aboriginal Culture.

Future stages will include the upgrade of our Western Cape Cultural Centre, including a food outlet, retail shop, Aboriginal Arts Centre, Cultural Park and a new stage for Cultural Events.

Community News

Lisa Stamm, Implementation Officer



Welcome back to the third edition of the WCCT News for 2017. All WCCCA Shareholders were sent a copy of the second edition in the mail.

Thank you to all who gave us feedback as it assists us with our new communication strategy.

It is really important that we are kept up to date of your postal address so we can send you these publications and keep you informed.

Have you looked at our Facebook page recently?

The purpose of the WCCT page is to provide our shareholders with prompt information about our activities.

We hope that the Facebook page will be a great place for shareholders and stakeholders to get up to date information about WCCT activities and movements.

You will have noticed we have been posting on the page about WCCT events, vacant jobs, items for sale etc. Don't forget to share our posts with your family.

We will also start posting reminders about dates for funding applications.

Find our page at 'Western Cape Communities Trust—WCCT'.

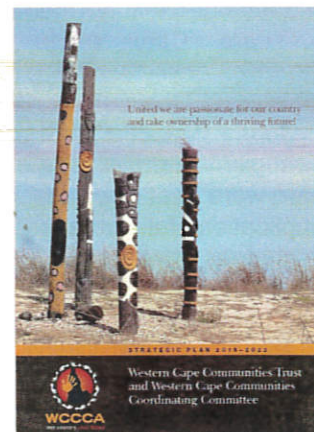


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If you would like to add anything to the WCCT newsletter or join our Information Sharing Database please contact myself on the details below or alternatively you can email me on

impofficer@westerncape.com.au

We would love to hear and see what's going on in your community.



Cultural Awareness Training-Capacity Grows



Our capacity to provide Cultural Awareness Training to the wider community has grown recently with several Traditional Owners attending Information Workshops recently.

Participants gave up their own time to come and find out about the Cultural Awareness Training Packages provided by the WCCL and how they can become involved.

Some of these participants have also observed the training *in action*, whilst it is being delivered by our current Facilitator Florence Charger, and our existing Presenters.

The focus for the remainder of 2017 is to grow and develop our Cultural Awareness Team (CAT Team) so that the ever increasing demand for Cultural Awareness Training can be met.

By the end of this year the aspiration is to have 4 teams of 2 Facilitators and 4 Presenters ready to deliver Cultural Awareness Training to Rio Tinto employees, and other businesses in 2018.

If you are interested in becoming involved contact the Implementation Officer on 0740697975.

Tune into Rebel Radio or Black Start Radio and keep an ear out for the community announcements, watch out for the flyers, or check our Facebook page for details about our next visit to your Community

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