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From the Executive Officer; Geoffrey Fahey.



Dear Readers

Well another year comes to a close and this is the end of my second year as your Executive Officer. Once again it has been a busy year with many achievements. The WCCT Administration building is moving along with a completion date of late May to early June weather permitting. The Trust now has a new world class website up and running and I would encourage you to take a look. It is proving to be very popular with over 900 visits in the last 30 days.

The Coordinating Committee and Sub-Committees gained real ground this

year and we now have a schedule for the addressing the relinquishment of the 8 remaining areas of the mining lease that were to be handed back to Traditional Owners soon after signing the Agreement. The Employment and Training Sub-committee is working to find new ways that we can increase employment for Local Aboriginal People (LAPs) and support them to remain in employment. A Focus Group of LAPs across the Rio workforce has been meeting to look at how we can support LAPs better.

The Sub-Regional Trusts have funded a number of Community projects along with Educational Bursaries, Sorry Business, Funerals and Tombstones and Medical Equipment.

We ended the year with the last round of meetings and the Christmas party for Directors, Members and Elders which was a pleasant evening.

This month I attended the unveiling of

the Scar Tree Monument at Andoom and the opening of the Traditional Owner area (Chivarri) at Amrun.

What we have achieved would not have been possible without the hard work of my Administration Team. I would like to thank shareholders, Directors, Members and Elders for their on-going support as I work to achieve the aspirations of Traditional Owners.

The WCCT Office will be closed from December 15 to January 2nd 2018. We will be available for any issues that are urgent.

My family and I send our best wishes to you all for a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to a great 2018 delivering on Traditional Owner aspirations.

Celebrating Our People

This year at the NAIDOC Ball held at the Weipa Golf Club, on Saturday 7 October, our Traditional Owner's celebrated the achievements of our elders past and present by inducting the nominated elders into the Elders Hall of fame.

The 2017 Inductees are;



- The late Ronald John Snr
- Annie Bandicootcha
- George Williams Snr
- The late Mavis Wilson
- Teresa Warusam
- Ronald Hall Snr
- Stephen Parry
- Patricia Mark
- Susie Coconut
- Alngith
- Anathangayth
- Ankamuthi
- Peppan
- Taepadighi
- Thanikwithi
- Tjungundji
- Warranggu
- Wathyn



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Ready Set Build



On Wednesday 13 September the first sod was turned on our new administration centre at Achimbun. Construction has begun and is due to be finished in May next year.

This project is poised to be the biggest non-mining development in Weipa since the Nanum shopping complex was built in the 1980s.

The site was visited on Wednesday by Elders and Traditional Owners from the region, who gathered with dignitaries from the WTA, Rio Tinto and Napranum for the sod turning ceremony.

There has been a lot of work completed prior to this event to get the site ready. Below are some photos of the current construction of our building.



Currently there are two Traditional Owners working on site as Trades Assistants: Jacob Barkley (Peppan), Alex Barkley (Taepadhighi), and Will Yam whose partner is a Thanikwithi Traditional Owner.



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