



WCCT News

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From the Executive Officer; Geoffrey Fahey.



Dear Readers,

2018 has started with a flurry. The new Administration Building is taking shape and despite delays with rain and with getting materials on site we are still hoping to have the build completed in May with an official opening in July. This building will be one of the most appealing buildings on the Cape, if not in Queensland and will feature Totems of the 11 Traditional Owner Groups along with other Cultural aspects which will differentiate the building from just a building to a centre owned by and for Traditional Owners.

We are developing plans to develop the whole Cultural precinct at Achimbun with a new Cultural Centre, retail shop, food outlet and Aboriginal Arts Centre. This Traditional Owner Cultural Precinct will be a place to showcase the Culture of

the Western Cape where non-Aboriginal People can come and learn about Culture and this will hopefully assist in changing attitudes. The precinct will also deliver significant job opportunities for Traditional Owners and be a place of enrichment and enjoyment for all Australians. I am hoping to have an overall concept plan for the Cultural Precinct by the middle of the year for the Board to consider and once approved begin development of this area.

We commence our first quarter round of community visits this month and we will be encouraging as many shareholders as possible to be involved in the election process as outlined below. We are investigating ways that we can streamline our grant application and approval process and we are engaging with the relevant community Councils on how the Sub-Regional Trusts can better assist with projects of benefit to each community.

In addition we will be placing signs on many of the projects that the Trusts have funded in the past as the Trusts have not received the recognition that they should have and indeed many

shareholders would not be aware of the projects that the Sub-Trusts have funded. The Main Trust and Sub Trusts are here to provide Community benefit for current and future generations so that they will benefit from mining activities on country long after mining has finished and so that the Trusts can continue to assist Traditional Owners that need help now and for future generations.

All shareholders should be very proud of what is achieved by the Sub-Regional Trusts and the Main Trust, and the impacts that these projects have on Community and on the preservation of Culture, in assisting with poverty alleviation, the furthering of Education for children and assistance with sorry business, funerals and tombstones.

This year will be a busy and an exiting one as we realise many long term projects that are key aspirations of Traditional Owners and which as your Executive Officer, me and my team are delivering for you.

I look forward to chatting with shareholders in Community as we deliver on these projects.

2018 Elections

This year is an election year and the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) will be conducting the election process for the three Sub-Regional Trusts and the Coordinating Committee. We have developed a formal set of Election Rules that will be approved by the Sub-Regional Trusts, The Coordinating Committee and the Western Cape Communities Trust or Main Trust.

These rules set out the election process including eligibility to nominate, to stand for election and what are the criteria for Directors and for Members of the Coordinating Committee. In addition we have streamlined the process and brought the dates forward so that the Elections are not rushed as they have been in previous years. Nominations will open on May 1st and close on May 31st with voting opening on July 1st and closing on July 31st. We will be using a postal vote system and also polling booths in Aurukun, Napranum, Weipa, Mapoon, New Mapoon, Hopevale and Cairns so there will be ample opportunity for shareholders to vote. The timing will not affect the appointment of new Directors and members as it will be the same.

The full election policy will be available on the Trust website from the middle of March and from the Trust Office and we will be discussing the policy on our community visits. We encourage all shareholders to consider standing for election and also to vote as this is your chance to have your say and represent your traditional Owner group. I am also available to talk to Traditional Owner Groups or family groups if required. **Cheers Geoff Fahey, Executive Officer.**

"We recognize, honour and respect our past and in unity we seek sustainable advancement and development for the future of our communities." Western Cape Communities Trust Vision

Did you know.....

I am often dismayed and disappointed when I meet some shareholders in community and I hear "well no one benefits from that WCCCA"

This is simply not the case. Monies received from Rio Tinto and the State of Queensland through royalties and returns that are received from the investments of the Main Trust are then allocated in a formula set by the agreement to the three Sub-regional Trusts (Northern, Central and Southern) for Charitable purposes in Community. When the Agreement was signed each Trust had a Trust Deed drawn up which clearly states what proportion of money is to be allocated to three main areas. These broad areas are Community Development, Community Support and Support for Traditional Owner Groups.

The intent of those that signed the agreement was that the major beneficiaries of mining royalties would be the four Communities as a whole through Community development projects and Community support projects. In addition individuals that need assistance would be helped through monies allocated to Traditional Owner Groups. It was not the intention of the Trusts to support individuals that do not need assistance because they have sufficient income from their jobs etc.

Community Development Projects

Funds for Community Development are for the benefit of the whole Community. For example in Napranum the Central Trust Sub-Regional Trust has spent over \$1 Million on improvements to the Napranum Sports Centre, nearly \$400 000 on the Community centre and other projects such as the War Memorial, Old Cemetery fencing, Ruchook Grounds upgrade, as well as 4 outstations within the Central Trust area.

Northern Sub-Regional Trust has funded the Nai Beguta Agama Building Extension, the Historical Centre and the New Mapoon Aboriginal Corporation Building Extensions in New Mapoon. In Mapoon the Trust has funded the First Contact Memorial, Community Centre Equipment, the Community sign outside the Council Building as well as the recently completed Vrilya Point Outstation.

The Southern Sub-Regional Trust has funded New Cemetery Fencing, the Wik and Kugu Arts Centre refurbishments, the new Cemetery extension, the Ambam Outstation and other projects in the Aurukun Community.

The annual Christmas celebrations in the communities, disability assistance, Community events, Community Sporting Clubs and Community Sporting Activities and Training Camps on Country are also areas funded by the Trusts under Community Development.

Community Support

Funds allocated for Community support include support for Rangers, Community Education Programs and projects that protect and promote Cultural Heritage such as the Mapoon Graves Project.

Traditional Owner Groups

Funds allocated under this area are for Individuals and need to come under the 4 pillars of Charitable purposes as set by the Australian Government which include Relief Of Poverty (White Goods and Household Goods assistance), Advancement of Education (Educational Bursaries Prep to Tertiary), Advancement of Religion and Culture (Sorry Business, Funerals, Tombstones and House Openings) and Relief of Sickness or Distress and issues associated with old age (Mobility Scooters, Therapeutic Beds, Walkers etc). Most of these Funding grants are not means tested except for White Goods and Household Goods, Disability and Outstation Assistance, where the recipient must be of no or low income.

In the 2016/17 Financial Year the Three Sub Trusts Collectively funded under the Traditional Owner Group area whitegoods and household goods for 255 people, 439 Educational Bursaries, and in excess of \$450 000 for Funerals, Tombstones, Sorry Business and House Openings etc with a total expenditure of over \$2.2 Million.

Total expenditure on all areas by the three Trusts in the same period was over \$4.1 million.

So as you can see, to say that no one benefits from that WCCCA is a myth.

In the next Edition of the WCCT news I will describe the investment strategy of the Main Trust and what are the long term objectives.

Geoff Fahey
Executive Officer

Admin Section

Liz Foster, Office Manager



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Welcome to 2018! The WCCT Admin Team are looking forward to a busy and fulfilling year ahead.

The Admin Team ended the last quarter of 2017 with the sod turning at Achimbun, CAT Workshop, NAIDOC Ball and the final round of quarterly meetings.

Our final 2017 Newsletter and Christmas Card were sent containing our 2018 magnet calendar which lists all meeting dates and Funding Application Close dates, the calendar is such a useful reference for our Shareholders.

The Admin Team are now well underway attending to the logistics for the Director's Worksop, first round of quarterly meetings, CAT Workshop and upcoming Community visits.

We look forward to seeing you at the meetings and Community visits and ask that you keep your contact details up to date. To update your contact details either see us at Community visits, contact our office on 07 4069 7945 or email reception@westerncape.com.au.

Don't forget to check out our website which provides dates of all upcoming events and where our Application Forms can be downloaded for your convenience, www.westerncape.com.au.

Remember to also like us on Facebook



to get all updates for the Trust.



Finance Section

Kristina Carroll, Finance Manager

What's New?

The Finance Team has some new faces, with two new Finance Administration Officers joining us in February 2018. We ask for your support during this transition.

Grant Applications

Applications for the May round of Sub-Regional Trust meetings must be received by 10th April 2017. Due to the increasing number of applications, the Finance Grants Team will be enforcing this closing date for all future applications. To ensure that applications are included in the next available meeting, please ensure that applications forms are completed in full and that all required supporting documentation has been submitted at the time of lodgement.

Whitegoods and Household Goods

To assist the team to continue prompt processing of payments, it would be greatly appreciated if purchases could be completed in one transaction per supplier. The Finance Grants Team have observed an increase in the number of Whitegoods and Household Goods grant recipients purchasing multiple items from one supplier over several transactions. This creates a lot of extra work for the team and increases the time taken to process payments.

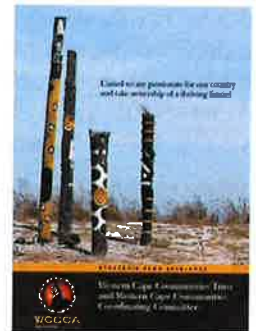
Grant Funding Guidelines

In late 2017, a review of the Grant Funding Guidelines was completed in response to ATO ruling TR 2015/1. This requires 100% compliance with our constituent documents (including the Grant Funding Guidelines, the Trust Deeds and the WCCCA) and in the use of the income and assets of the Trusts. This review has resulted in some minor changes to the structure of the Guidelines and grant funding eligibility requirements.

Funds must be used for the charitable purposes specified in the relevant Definitions in the WCCT and the Sub-Regional Trust Deeds. Within the Grant Funding Guidelines, each category of grant has been allocated to one of three components as per the Deeds: Community Development, Community Support Benefits, and Qualifying Traditional Owner Groups. For grant funding to be for a charitable purpose, it must fall under at least one of the four pillars. Eligibility requirements have been reviewed to ensure 100% compliance. Medical and Outstation Equipment grants are now required to meet the 'Relief of Poverty' purpose, in addition to previously existing requirements.

If in doubt please access our Grant Funding Guidelines on the Trust Website or contact the Finance Team for advice.

Would you like to apply for funding?
The next round of Grant Funding applications close on
Tuesday 10 April 2018.



Implementation Section

Lisa Stamm, Implementation Officer



2018 Bursary Work Experience Program Opportunity

During September 2017 students from Years 10,11,12 who attend school outside Weipa participated in the Bursary Work Experience Program for 2017. The five students who completed the program came from as far north as St Paul's Community in Torres Strait and south to Innisfail. For four of the students it was their first visit to Rio Tinto Weipa.

Special thanks to the Sub-Regional Trusts for funding flights for students to attend, the WCCT Admin team for organizing flights to and from Weipa, and Rio Tinto for providing the opportunity to our students.

Students had the opportunity to see and understand the whole mining process, prior to going into their chosen work areas. This enables the students to understand the importance of different roles and career pathways.

Why is this important? Opportunities like this allow our students to explore their options and get a taste of being in the workforce.

The opportunity will be offered to 10 of our Year 10,11,12 Bursary recipients who do not attend school in Weipa this year. (Weipa students will have another opportunity)

Watch the Facebook and Webpage under Employment Opportunities for more information.



Community News

Lisa Stamm, Implementation Officer



Upcoming Community Visits

Mapoon	Tuesday 27 February	9.30am-2.00pm
	Front of MASC building	
Napranum	Thursday 1 March	9.30am-2.00pm
	Shire Council Conference Room	
New Mapoon	Monday 19 March	4.00pm-7.00pm
	New Mapoon Community Hall	
Aurukun	Thursday 22 March	10.00am - 2.00pm
	Outside the Council Building	

Come along and join us for a sausage sizzle for lunch.

It's a great opportunity to update your contact details ready for our 2018 Elections

We look forward to seeing you there.



Our Website

The Trust's webpage has been up and running for a few months now and so far there have been over 6,000 visits to the site.

The purpose of the site is to make as much current information as possible available to our shareholders.

The types of information available on the site include;

- Strategic Plan
- The structure of the trust
- Staff profiles, so that shareholders know who is working for them and where
- 2018 Calendar and upcoming dates
- Newsletters
- Funding application due dates
- Elders Hall of Fame
- Cultural Centre
- Recent photos of our activities
- Media Releases
- A link to our Facebook page on which we share employment opportunities, and links to other community activities.

The website is live so it will constantly be updated.

Cultural Awareness Training Update

Our latest CAT workshop was held on Monday 27 November at the Western Cape Centre. The purpose of the Workshop was to begin to prepare to meet the needs of our customers in 2018.

The group works on dividing themselves into four teams. Considerations the group made when doing this included considering the strengths of each team member, ensuring there was a good mix of Traditional Owner Group's across the four teams, and deciding who would take on the facilitation role in each team, and also identifying and areas teams would need support, in order to make their team stronger.

The team also discussed how the use of a rotating roster might be an effective and fair way to involve all team members and what the training commitments for the team are for 2018 so far.

The two teams have completed their first training sessions on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 January and Thursday 8 and Friday 9 February 2018. The teams presented the initial training package to groups of new Rio Tinto employees. The Teams have been doing a fantastic job. Some of the feedback from new Rio Tinto employees participating in the training is as follows;

"I enjoyed learning about the history of the Western Cape and the importance of looking after country."

"The training was very interesting and informative. I loved going and getting Bush Food and finding out about the medicinal properties of some plants."

"Great to learn about the local history and its Traditional Owners"

"Great learning experience for new people moving to Weipa."

"Thankyou for sharing your culture with me."

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