



# WCCT News

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**From the Executive Officer; Geoffrey Fahey.**



guidelines on the election process has been long overdue.

The New WCCT Administration building is coming along but the completion date has been delayed until late September or early October. Delays have been experienced from wet weather, problems with getting materials to site and issues with the construction company. Whilst the delay is regrettable the building will be well worth waiting for. Whilst it is not finished it is looking really impressive and once completed will be the most iconic building on the Cape if not north of Townsville.

The Sub-Regional Trusts are looking to increase the number of Community Development projects that they fund in Communities. The Northern Sub-Regional Trust is looking to assist the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council with fit out of the new aged care facility and the construction of a new church for Mapoon. Central Sub-Regional Trust is working with the Uniting Church to refurbish Saint Barnabas Church in Napranum and the Southern Sub-Regional Trust is also working with the Uniting Church to refurbish the Church in Aurukun and to build a residence for

the Church Minister. These projects will be of great benefit to all communities.

The Trust Administration Team is developing a new Customer Database for all records dealing with members. Once fully established all member records will be in one central location and this will make the processing of grant applications much faster. We are hoping that we will be able to reduce the cut off time for the receipt of applications and limit the time it takes for applications to be processed once grants have been approved by the Boards.

We are also working on a member portal through the new website that will allow members to lodge applications on line and also check the status of their applications. I will advise more on this as the project develops.

**Best wishes**

Dear Readers,

The WCCCA Elections are in full swing with nominations finalised in May. Many candidates that have nominated for the next term are previous Members and Directors, but there is also a good number of first time nominees. Voting began on July 2nd with the opportunities for members to vote in community and also to submit postal votes. The voting period closes on July 31st and counting will occur in early August with the elections being called in mid August.

The new Election rules for all entities have been utilised for these elections and despite a few issues have worked well. The Australian Electoral Commission and I are collating feedback and after the elections we will look to refine the rules, and submit them to the Trust Boards and Coordinating Committee for consideration. While there has been some issues encountered, having clear

## Then And Now



*"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*

# Cultural Awareness Training Update

Cultural Awareness Training Capacity building has been progressing well with each of the four teams delivering our Initial Training Package to new Rio Tinto employees. So far in 2018 the Initial Training Package has been delivered on 16 occasions, and each team has received lots of positive feedback from the participants.

Our valued casual team members have been an integral part of the successful delivery of Cultural Awareness Training this year. The willingness and ability to come to work at short notice and seamlessly fit into a team is not an easy skill. The casual team members are a critical part of ensuring that Traditional Owners can sustainably deliver Cultural Awareness Training Packages.

Moving forward the team will be even busier during the second half of this year as the schedule expands to the delivery of the required refresher training for all Rio Tinto Weipa employees who are on a shift roster.

The team is holding a workshop at the end of July to enable teams to be comfortable and confident in the delivery of the Refresher Package—Bush Foods.

During this year the team has been working on the content of this package to enable effective and enjoyable delivery and participation by all. During the workshops the team has also taken the opportunity to learn from each other and expand and develop their own knowledge and skills.

By the end of 2018 the Cultural Awareness Training Team will have delivered the Refresher Package to approximately 1000 employees, and the Initial Training Package to 288 new Rio Tinto Employees.

The Cultural Awareness Training Team is also in the process of developing a half day packages for delivery to other employers. This is important work to progress the sustainability of the delivery of Cultural Awareness Training packages to all employees who live and work of the Western Cape.



## Admin Section

Liz Foster, Office Manager



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The tourist season is well upon us in the Cape and the Cultural Centre is receiving many tourists through the doors. The Western Cape Centre has commenced tours with APT Out-back Tours where they take tour groups out on Country to Prunum and then a guided tour through the Cultural Centre. The tours have been a huge success with plenty of positive feed received.

The Western Cape Centre has also been receiving numerous venue bookings from local contractors and companies. Renovations to the venue rooms are now complete with new dividing doors, carpets and installation of TV/projector.

Landscaped gardens have also been an added edition to the WCC grounds.

The WCCT Admin staff have been updating all Shareholder contact details. It is important to keep this information up to date, if you have any changes please contact the office with your current details on, telephone 07 4069 7945 or email [reception@westerncape.com.au](mailto:reception@westerncape.com.au).

Don't forget to check out our website which provides dates of upcoming community events, [www.westercape.com.au](http://www.westercape.com.au) and remember to like us on Facebook to get all current updates for the WCCT!





## Finance Section

*Kristiana Carroll, Finance Manager*

**It's a Fact...** That the Finance Grants Team will accept applications for educational bursaries for the 2019 School Year as early as the next round of meetings!

### Educational Bursaries ~ Primary and Secondary

Bursaries are available for Primary and Secondary school students. To be eligible for funding, proof of enrolment and current attendance records must be supplied at the time of application.

Funding can be used to purchase book packs, uniforms, school fees and other school related equipment. School based extra-curricular activities are also covered. Secondary students may also be eligible for assistance with boarding fees and the purchase of a computer.

Don't leave it until the end of the year to submit an application for your kids future schooling.

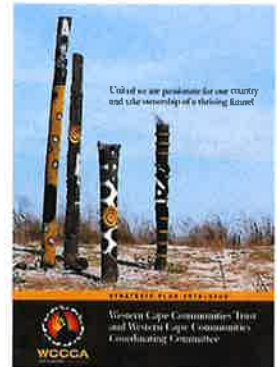
***Education is not preparation for life, but life itself!***

- John Dewey

Funding is also available for Tertiary Students, Please refer to our website or contact the office for further information.

Please refer to the website for further information or contact the Finance Grants Office.

Would you like to apply for funding?  
The next round of Grant Funding applications close on  
**Wednesday 10 October 2018**



## Implementation Section

*Chantal Binding Implementation Manager*



Welcome to the third quarter Newsletter of 2018. I have recently commenced employment with the WCCT and really look forward to working with the WCCT Team, Board of Directors, Members, Shareholders and Stakeholders.

I have spent the majority of the past 10 years working extensively across the Northern Territory in Indigenous Affairs comprising corporate governance, community development, Aboriginal and native title land matters, and environmental management, including 4 years working on jointly managed national parks with Traditional Owners.

I am very passionate about the long-term sustainability and advancement of Aboriginal people in supporting them in capacity building, training, employment and business development opportunities to strive for self-determination, empowerment and stronger communities.

During my first week with the WCCT it was lovely meeting members of the Coordinating Committee, they made me feel most welcome.

I also attended CAT on the Friday morning with Team 2 and really enjoyed the presentations from the Traditional Owners, especially some of the history of Napranum and being welcomed to country at the Cultural Centre.

It was great to join colleagues on the Community Visits to Mapoon and Aurukun, and meeting and talking with community members and stakeholders. I look forward to visiting all of the communities during the next round of Community Visits.





## Upcoming Community Visits

Hopevale	Tuesday 28 August	9.00am—1.00pm
	Council Training Room	
Napranum	Monday 10 September	9.30am-2.00pm
	Shire Council Conference Room	
Mapoon	Tuesday 11 September	10.00am-2.00pm
	Outside the Council Building	
Aurukun	Wednesday 12 September	10.00am - 2.00pm
	Outside the Council Building	
New Mapoon	Monday 17 September	4.00pm-7.00pm
	New Mapoon Community Hall	



## Key Election Dates

### Your Vote Counts

Voting Commences	Monday 2 July
Voting Closes	Tuesday 31 July @ 10.00am

**Results of Voting** Tuesday 14 August

To assist with ensuring you have all the information you need for the elections, please contact the office to ensure your contact details are up to date.

# Community Visits

Our second round of Community Visits has been completed and it was wonderful to see some new faces and catch up with everyone.

Community Visits are important as they provide the team with the opportunity to be available to answer your questions, and provide a personal update on our activities.

For many Shareholders it also provides a forum to share thoughts, ideas and understand how the Trust may be able to provide support that benefits the whole community as well as Traditional Owners.

Members of the Finance Team are always available on Community Visits to provide support in understanding the application and grants processes.

The Chairpersons of the Coordinating Committee, Main Trust and relevant Sub Trusts also are at our Community Visits to hear your concerns and answer any questions you may have.

If you haven't been able to make it to any of our Community Visits this year, we would value your participation at our upcoming visits in August and September.



As of June 30  
19,524 people have visited our website.  
Have you checked it out yet?

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