



WCCCA NEWSLETTER

Q4 2019
FEI KOFE



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR WESTERN CAPE COMMUNITIES TRUST CHAIR AND WCCCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR



We have had a very productive year for the Main Trust since I started as Chairperson in December 2018. There was definitely a learning curve with this position but we have started a new chapter with our new Executive Officer, Stefan Le Roux; who has assisted me with employing new staff as most of you may know. With most of our positions at full capacity and the Achimbun building at practical completion, we are now making plans for the move in, ready for action in the new year. In addition, we have also restored the WCCL to full capacity with wonderful staff who are excited for the future. Speaking of the future, the year 2020 comes with many exciting events, such as the Grand Opening of Achimbun during our first quarter of the year! With 2019 coming to an end, I would like to express my gratitude and many thanks to all the staff working hard in the background, to our Executive Officer who we are very grateful for, all our members for your continued support and last but definitely not least, our Elders- past and present, who have paved the way to where we are today. May you enjoy a safe and happy Christmas & New Year!

*Marle Pltt
Chairperson of the Western Cape Communities Trust*

As Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee, I have to say, we have had a very successful year! Our Coordinating Committee and Sub-Committees are working together to ensure we are abiding by the Agreement and are now developing a 3 Year Strategy for both the Environment & Heritage Sub-Committee and Employment & Training Sub-Committee. The focus on both strategies will incorporate all the aspirations from our Traditional Owners as is it stated in the Agreement. With 2019 coming to a close, we have been looking forward to what is to come in 2020. One of my goals for the new year is to focus on our Permit System. It will be our priority to get the permit system in place to help protect our land with the way we use it. Lastly a big thank you to our CC Members, we have worked well alongside each other, and with our families to achieve better ways forward towards a successful future. I commend your diligence. We wish you all a very joyous and safe festive season and a very happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to catching up with everyone through our Community Visits in 2020.

*Florence Chagger
Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee*



ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE

Q4 UPDATE

With the year 2019 coming to an end, let's take a look at the highlights from the Environment and Heritage Team at Rio Tinto! Further research has gone into the study on the Red Goshawk. After one Goshawk was successfully captured and fitted with a GPS tracking device in October we will be expecting a lot more amazing information coming from this study. Well done to the team at Rio Tinto who are working alongside the University of Queensland, Australian Wildlife Conservancy and the Queensland Department of Environment and Science; all of which help discover new incredible information about this wonderful bird of prey! Another bird in the sights of this team is the Palm Cockatoo! With multiple active nests being currently monitored with nest cameras installed inside (amazing!), we got to witness first ever footage of a Palm Cockatoo laying an egg, the chick hatching and then-

-maturing and almost fledging! Another great highlight from this year would be the increase of our Northern Quoll population. Data has shown all populations increasing into 2019! With the cat-culling program cutting back the predator pools, the quolls are able to flourish freely in their natural habitat! More studies are being conducted by a PhD student, Gavin Trewella from Charles Darwin University who is undertaken this research full-time- thank you Gavin! A survey regarding our local dolphins was conducted in October with one further survey required for the next 10 years as part of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Approval. The team doing the survey successfully identified a large number of dolphins all the way from Weipa to Aurukun! So much good news to report on this year with the team recording a significant reduction in turtle nest predation! A total of 38 nest successfully hatching so far and 850 pigs eliminated through ground and-



Palm Cockatoo watching close by. Look at those beautiful red cheeks!



Tagging a Red Goshawk with a GPS tracker! Amazing work.



Trapped a Northern Quoll! So cute!



Baby Turtles hatching from their nest! Success!



Suzie from Ecotone teaching E&H Members about Palm Cocky research!

-aerial shooting programs. Wow! The team is also training the LSMP group on how to identify turtle tracks and nest identification. So many great opportunities arising for our Traditional Owners to care for our native wildlife! We also had the pleasure to attend a mine tour led by RT Weipas' Acting Land & Rehabilitation Superintendent- Lachy Johnson, who showed us some rehabilitated areas on the mine. Suzie Adamczyk from Ecotone was kind enough to tell us about all of the amazing Palm Cockatoo research they have conducted and showed us a nest camera they installed inside a nest! It was so great to hear someone so passionate about our surrounding environment and the wildlife that resides within it.

A special mention to both Baressa Jacksonia and Billy Motton, who are both, finalizing a traineeship to progress into their specific fields of interests! Baressa is advancing into an Undergraduate degree in Archaeology! In addition, Billy is moving forward into a Diploma/Cert 3 in Land Management/CH Management! Wow! This is such great news for us to hear at WCCCA and we are so excited on these big achievements!

North of Weipa Study

RT Weipa will now be moving forward with the North of Weipa study and plan to seek approval from their investment committee for the prefeasibility study. The North of Weipa – North study will now be the main focus moving forward. The prefeasibility study for NoW North plans to be over a period of 18 to 20 months; this will determine if it is suitable environmentally and for the community. A significant amount of cultural heritage work is scheduled for the new year; with teams in Brisbane overlooking the environmental engineering for this study. Our Traditional Owners have a lot of work to look forward to for the year 2020!



FAST FACTS
5 NOVEMBER 2019

14%

LAP PARTICIPATION
(INCLUSIVE OF
WORKPAC)

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING Q4 UPDATE

BURSARY VISITS

BY KAYLENE JAWAI

The Western Cape Communities Co-Existence Bursary offers work experience opportunities to students who are in Years 10/11/12. WCCCA organizes this program, which Rio Tinto hosts during the final week of Term 3 every year.

This year's students were hosted by:

- **RTW – Andoom & EW HQ**
- **Cultural Heritage & Environment Teams**
- **Cape Kids Daycare Center**

During the week of the 16th – 20th Sept we had the opportunity to visit and meet with some of the WCCCA Bursary Experience students at their nominated work places.

It was great to see the students engaging with their supervisors and learning hands on. The feedback from both students and supervisors were positive and rewarding. This also gave us a good opportunity to see how we can better support the program in the future.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rosselle Canilao (School Engagement Advisor) and Fiona Marshall (WCC) for all the hard work and support from the start to the end of the program.

Also a big thank you to the supervisors and their staff at each of the sites.



Alfreda Wasiu teaching students how to conduct the water monitoring, so cool!



All smiles from some of the team from RT Weipa, Cape Kids and WCCT with the bursary students.

232

LAP HEADCOUNT

7%

LAP TURNOVER

197

LAP FTE EMPLOYEES



COMMUNITY EVENTS

WCCL NPA VET TRAINING

BY LINDA MCLACHLAN

A group of students came down from the Bamaga Senior Campus to participate in a Vocational Education Training program held at the Western Cape Centre. The group was a mixture of Year 11 and Year 12 students, with the teacher in charge, Josh Slocombe and Teacher-Aid, Bertha Sepon. They undertook a Certificate II in FSK (Foundation Skills for Work).



Tallebudgera Outdoor Education Centre was the Registered Training

Organisation who provided two trainers Phil Breslin and Garry, who came up from Brisbane and ran the one-week course. All students were successful in gaining the certificate and earned 4 credits towards their QCE. All students agreed that it was a fantastic experience and that they learnt a lot and really appreciated their trainers and their eye-opening visit to Weipa, Napranum and Mapoon!

WCCCA OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSING HOURS

- Friday 20th December – 8am to 12pm
- Monday 21st December – Closed
- Tuesday 22nd December – Closed
- Wednesday 23rd December – Closed
- Thursday 24th December – Closed
- Christmas Day- Closed
- Boxing Day- Closed
- Friday 27th December- Closed
- Monday 30th December - Closed
- New Year's Eve 31st - Closed
- New Year's Day 1st - Closed
- Thursday 2nd January - Closed
- Friday 3rd January - Closed
- Monday 6th January – 8am to 5pm

Open as per normal operations, closed during public holidays.

COME SAY HI TO THE PCYC TEAM OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!
[FB.COM/WESTERNCAPCOMMUNITIESTRUST](https://www.facebook.com/westerncapecommunitiestrust)



Every Day Counts! If you see this friendly face, go and have a yarn!

PCYC OPENING HOURS

11am to 7pm
every day except public holidays

Sergeant TJ Baker Branch Manager PCYC Napranum commenced in official capacity as of 4th November 2019. He was the Branch Manager of PCYC Mornington Island prior to moving to Napranum. With a background in youth work and management prior to joining the Qld Police Service in 2010, he also has a keen focus on fitness and boxing! The Trust would like to welcome Sergeant Baker to the community and we look forward to working with you and your team in the future!

“PCYC Napranum is for all ages, we have our doors open to all of community, please feel free to drop in and say hello to the staff and myself and if you have time stay for a tea or coffee and enjoy some activities. Look forward to seeing you at PCYC Napranum!”

– Sergeant TJ Baker

XMAS MESSAGE FROM THE WCCCA OFFICE

We would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We move into the new Achimbun building on the 11th of December to settle in for a fresh start on the 6th of January 2020. We look forward to seeing you all there!