



WCCCA

NEWSLETTER

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS

WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE?



Dear Members and Directors,

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the achievements the Main Trust has accomplished in my time as Chairperson. We have had the pleasure of appointing an Executive Officer- Stefan Le Roux who has exceeded our expectations and to whom I extend my greatest appreciation. Our WCCT Staff has moved into the new building, which was what our Elders envisioned, and for that, I am grateful to be a part of. We have put a lot of effort into supporting the Western Cape Centre

Limited and as a Traditional Owner I am thankful to be a part of the process to ensure our Culture is respected.

I want to thank everyone who supported me throughout my journey here as Chairperson of the Main Trust, it has been so rewarding and we have had such great outcomes during my time here. I also want to praise those who, like myself, have become more confident and open as a Member and Director, our input is so valuable to the outcomes we want to see in our people and in our future. I wish everyone who is a nominee and those nominating the best of luck for the elections.

Thank you,

Marie Pitt – Chairperson, Main Trust

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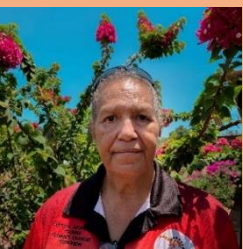
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Welcome all readers to the third quarter of the year. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. With our term coming to a close I want to thank all the members and staff who have helped me on my journey as Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee. I am grateful to have been present during the completion of the Local Aboriginal Persons Employment & Training Three Year Strategy, with the help from our partners Rio Tinto and our Employment & Training Sub-Committee members. I would like to report that the LAP E&T Three Year Strategy is now being implemented and we are already seeing so many positive results that extend out to support and benefit our families and for that, I thank everyone involved. We now have an Implementation Team

who are helping the committees to comply with the WCCCA and have been out in the communities helping our Traditional Owners with their Outstations which has been great to see. I would like to thank our Coordinating Committee Members and partners, our Sub-Committee Members and Chairs and our Executive Officer and Trust Administration Team for their commitment and support during my time as Chairperson. I encourage all members and shareholders to vote for who you think is the right person to represent your clan, good luck to all nominees.

Sincerely,

Florence Charger – Chairperson, Coordinating Committee



WCCT UPDATE

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE NAIDOC EXCURSION



The Grade 8's broke into a rush hunting for Bush Tucker and Medicines.



Gracie John and Florence Charger teaching the students and teachers of the rich bush tucker and medicines at Prunung.

The WCCCA Implementation Team had the pleasure to help coordinate and host the Western Cape College Grade 7's and Grade 8's NAIDOC Excursion out at Prunung and to the Cultural Centre. We were fortunate to have Linda McLachlan on board to speak to the rich history that travels through the Cultural Centre, painting a picture for the kids of what events have happened to get to where we are now. We had two Traditional Owners Gracie John and Florence Charger hosting the students and teachers out at Prunung. The students were learning about Bushtucker and Bush Medicines with Gracie telling stories of her old people searching for sugarbag and making the scarred trees we see today. The students had a hunt for Bushtucker out at Prunung, some even eating a whole bunch of Beer Nuts! It was a wonderful start to the week and we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it. Special thanks to Linda Nicol, Maree Baldwin and Rosselle Canilao for helping form the special partnership between Rio Tinto, Western Cape College and the WCCT that made this event possible.



Linda McLachlan sharing the history of the first recorded contact between Indigenous People and Europeans with the students at the Cultural Center.

Q3 COMMUNITY VISITS

THE TEAM AT WCCT WILL BE TRAVELLING TO ALL THE NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

**MONDAY 14TH SEP – AURUKUN
TUESDAY 15TH SEP – MAPOON
WEDNESDAY 16TH SEP – NPA
FRIDAY 18TH SEP – NAPRANUM
MONDAY 21ST SEP – HOPEVALE**





ELECTIONS

We are happy to advise that the nominations for the upcoming elections have now been finalised. Voting will be open from 1st September, 2020 to 30th September 2020. The election process will be the same as nomination process. It will all be done by post. You should receive your election paperwork in the mail soon. There will be a Return to Sender envelope in the pack which you should use to send your postal votes. Make sure you send your completed ballot papers back as soon as you can after the 1st of September. Please make sure that you do not send in your voting paperwork before the 1st of September, as this will mean your vote will not count. You will receive papers for your group if you need to vote in this election. If you have not received your paperwork for voting, contact the election agents. We wish all nominees the best with the elections.

FINAL NOMINEES

SUB-REGIONAL TRUSTS

CENTRAL SUB REGIONAL TRUST (1 MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED FOR EACH OF THE 5 CLAN GROUPS)

ALNGITH	MATILDA JOHN	THANIKWITHI	ISABEL HALL
ANATHANGAYTH	JAUQUELINE MALACOOOLA		ANNA MOTTON
PEPPAN	LEANNE GORDON		CORINE MATASIA
	MAURICE WOODLEY		CAROL YAMASHITA
	MELANIE WILSON	WATHAYN	ANITA YAMASHITA
	CHARLENE BOXER		LORRAINE COCONUT
	MARIE PITT		

SOUTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST (1 MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED FOR EACH OF THE FAMILY GROUPS)

WIK & WIK WAYA	LOYLA CHEVATHEN
	AMANDA WOOLLA
	RICHARD ORNYENGAIA
	ANDREA NGAKYUNKWOKKA
	PEARL MATTHEW

NORTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST (2 MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED FOR EACH OF THE 5 CLAN GROUPS)

ANKAMUTHI	CHARLES WOOSUP	TJUNGUNDJI	GERALDINE MAMOOSSE
	TERESA GIBSON		DAVID GREGO
	TRACEY LUDWICK	WARRANGGU	GERALDINE YORK
TAEPADHIGHI	BRUCE GIBSON		EDNA MARK
	CLARA DAY	YUPUNGATHI	PATRICIA MARK
	FLORENCE CHARGER		CONSTANCE PORT
	SUSAN KENNEDY		MICHELLE KOSTECKI
	LUCY MAIRU		

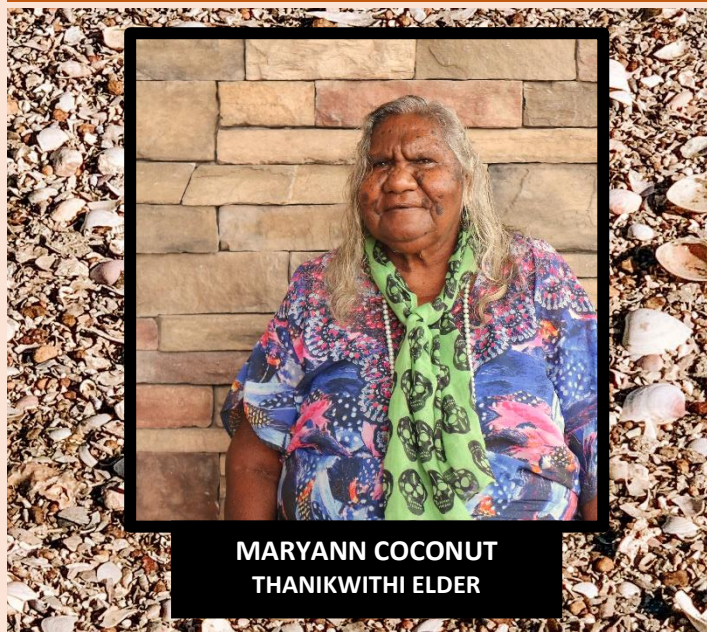
COORDINATING COMMITTEE (2 MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED FOR EACH CLAN GROUP)

ALNGITH	MATILDA JOHN	THANIKWITHI	ANNA MOTTON
ANATHANGAYTH	JAUQUELINE MALACOOOLA		ISABEL HALL
	LEANNE GORDON		CORINE MATASIA
ANKAMUTHI	MAURICE WOODLEY		CAROL YAMASHITA
	CHARLES WOOSUP	TJUNGUNDJI	ANITA YAMASHITA
	TERESA GIBSON		GERALDINE MAMOOSSE
	HAROLD LUDWICK	WARRANGGU	DAVID GREGO
	BRUCE GIBSON		EDNA MARK
PEPPAN	MELANIE WILSON	WATHAYN	PATRICIA MARK
	CHARLENE BOXER		LORRAINE COCONUT
	MARIE PITT	WIK & WIK WAYA	JIMMY COCONUT
TAEPADHIGHI	ALBERT BOND		LOYLA CHEVATHEN
	FLORENCE CHARGER	YUPANGATHI	CHRISTOPHER WOOLLA
	ALISON SAILOR		LINDA MCLACHLAN
			CONSTANCE PORT
			MICHELLE KOSTECKI



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THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR ELDERS



**MARYANN COCONUT
THANIKWITHI ELDER**

Name: MaryAnn Coconut

Born in: Weipa Mission

Lives in: Napranum

Passions: Loves to travel and wants to learn more

About: MaryAnn is an Honorary Elder at the Western Cape Communities Trust. She is the first feature interviewee for our Project: *Through the Eyes of our Elders* which aims to record and document the lives and history of our Elders.

Fun Facts: MaryAnn Coconut (nee Hall) was born in the Weipa Mission before bauxite was ever discovered. She learned stories from her Old People around the fireplace, which was how knowledge was passed on before technology arrived in the Western Cape. MaryAnn has a love of travel and has been to many countries around the world. She has even spoken at international forums and has gained a Bachelors Degree in Community Management at the Macquarie University, Sydney.

Goals: MaryAnn still wants to learn more and share her knowledge with others.

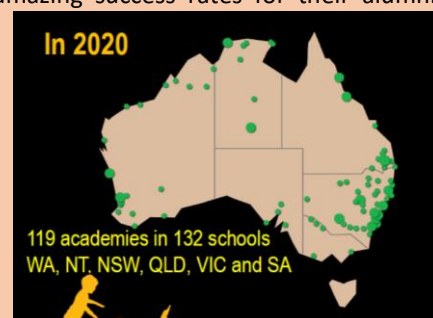
We are very proud to have her as part of the WCCT in her role as an Honorary Elder.

CLONTARF FOUNDATION VISIT

Clontarf Mission Statement

"The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so, equips them to participate more meaningfully in society."

On the 30th July, the WCCT hosted a visit by the Clontarf Foundation. The meeting included representatives from Rio Tinto, Western Cape College and Napranum Council. 119 Clontarf Academies are located all over the country and have been able to show amazing success rates for their alumni. Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from all walks of life are responding to the academies holistic approach to education and empowerment.



Clontarf represents a new option for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. It gives them structure and purpose, building confidence and true personal values that will help these young men long into their adult life.

Students are encouraged to participate however, enrolment in Clontarf is voluntary. All eligible young men should already be enrolled in school. Once a student expresses a desire to enrol, the parents of that student are contacted and will need to give permission for their son to participate. Students then sign a contract with the academy and are able to participate in before and after school activities, which include camps, sporting activities, and being encouraged to be active members of their own communities.

We are excited by this academy and support its bid to develop a base at the Western Cape College in Weipa. We are looking forward to seeing how this organisation can support our young men in positive ways that will ensure our communities future will be in good hands.