

#### WCCCA NEWSLETTER

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#### 15 JUNE 2021 - ACHIMBUN ADMINISTRATION GRAND OPENING DAY







The Western Cape Communities Trust held the official Grand Opening Day of the Achimbun Administration Building on the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This year also marks 20 years since the signing of the Western Cape Communities Co-Existence Agreement (WCCCA); two very significant milestones for all Traditional Owners who are signatories to the WCCCA. Due to COVID restrictions we have been unable to hold such a large gathering of people outdoors, until now. It was so great to see all our Directors and Members, our partners and shareholders come together to celebrate this historic event. See page 2 to page 5 for pictures of the remarkable day thanks to our photographer Nicolas Tanguy.

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A Special Thanks



From top left to right: The Napranum Dance Group; Alngith Representative for the Coordinating Committee, Matilda John performs a Welcome to Country; Chairperson of the Main Trust, Marie Pitt; Reverend Tevita Niurua blessing and opening with a prayer, All smiles under the Indigenous Directors & Members tent; The Master of Ceremonies, Mick Baker.













Top row left to right: Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee, Florence Charger; Wik-Waya Elder, Stella Owokran. Second row left to right: Mayor Janita Motton, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council; Deputy Mayor Cameron Hudson, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council; Councillor Kemuel Tamwoy, Aurukun Shire Council; Councillor Eric Cottis, Northern Peninsular Area Regional Council. Third row: Young Traditional Owners from New Mapoon preparing to perform their traditional dance.









Top photo left to right: Our four Honorary Elders of the Coordinating Committee, Lily York, MaryAnn Coconut, Beatrice Gordon and Celia Fletcher. Bottom left: A Sea of Hands: Each hand representing a signatory of the Western Cape Co-Existence Agreement (WCCCA) who has passed away, acknowledging their efforts that has helped the Traditional Owners reach the 20 Year milestone since the signing of the WCCCA. Bottom right: Chairperson of the Cape York Land Council, Richie Ah Mat.











Top row left to right: The New Mapoon Dance Group; Signatory Jean Little OAM and her beloved Prince Harry. Second row: The New Mapoon Dance Group crawling like a crocodile. Third row: The Western Cape College Choir performing; Acting Managing Director, Rio Tinto Pacific Operations, Dan Van Der Westhuizen speaking on behalf of Rio Tinto Weipa.















From top row left to right: General Manager of Bauxite Operations Rio Tinto, Michelle Elvy; the Aurukun Dance Group. Second row left to right: Alngith Representatives Ernest Jnr Madua, Matilda John and Trevor John unveiling the plaque for the building; Acting Executive Director, Infrastructure & Coordination, ATSIP, David Faulkner. Bottom right: David Hudson provided the musical entertainment













Top row left to right: The New Mapoon Dance Group; Warranggu Elder Lily York and Taepadhighi Elder Celia Fletcher cut the Northern ribbon. Second row left to right: Thanikwithi Elder MaryAnn Coconut and Wathayn Elder Beatrice Gordon cut the Central ribbon; The Mapoon Dance Group. Bottom row left to right: The Aurukun Dance Group; Wik-Waya Elders Tony Kerindun and Stella Owokran cut the Southern ribbon.



#### THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following people and companies that made this amazing day possible, it is with your continued support that we could hold such an unforgettable celebration.

Our Elders, Directors & Members
Marie Pitt, Chairperson of the Main Trust
Florence Charger, Chairperson of the Coordinating
Committee

Building Steering Committee
Reverend Tevita Niurua
Clarke & Prince Pty Ltd – Mr Steve Cahill
Aecom – Mr Scott Pearson
Laurie Lindner Constructions
Joel Sam

Brian Robinson Rio Tinto Weipa

Napranum, Mapoon and Aurukun Shire Councils
NPARC

Cape York Land Council

Darrin Savo and his team at Northern Haulage &

Diesel Services

Carpentaria Contracting

Carpentaria Contracting Hambell Plumbing Services Sodexo
Goodline
Frank and Kathy Fell and their team
Weipa Cabinets and Building
Kukunathi Services Pty Ltd
Principal & Deputy Principal of Western Cape
College
Weipa Taxis
Events NQ

Australian Indigenous Security Services
Rio Tinto Community Relations – Media Crew
Mast of Ceremonies – Mr Mick Baker
Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun and New Mapoon
Dance Groups
Western Cape College Choir
Mr David Hudson
WCCT & WCCL Administration Staff

#### **WESTERN CAPE CULTURAL CENTRE**



WCCL Chairlady Patricia Mark (left) presents WCCL Cultural Awareness Coordinator Florence Charger (right) with the keys to their new vehicle. This vehicle will be used to conduct the activities for both WCCL and the Western Cape Cultural Centre.

#### The Western Cape Cultural Centre is open for 2021!

Spoil yourself with a coffee and light refreshments which are available for purchase. Sit and enjoy our waterfront views. Original artworks created by Traditional Owners located in the gallery are also for sale.

Opening hours: 10:00AM to 2:00PM – Monday to Friday Admission to the centre is free.

