



WCCCA NEWSLETTER

Q3



Welcome readers to issue 14 of our newsletter. We are now nearing the last quarter of the year with our Q3 Sub-Regional Trust meetings done and dusted and our Main Trust meeting scheduled for the 9th of

September. Those who have applications yet to be submitted, please make sure you get them to the finance team as soon as you can before the closing date on the 9th of October. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all shareholders to keep your postal address, residential address and contact details up to date with our Administration team by calling our front desk (number on page 4). Last year the Trust had sponsored the Clontarf Academy to help them create a base in Weipa integrating with the Western Cape College. This academy aims to improve the education, life-skills, employment prospects and many more positive attributes of young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander men; you can read all about it on page 2.



Hello everyone. 2021 has been a year of much activity. We have now officially settled into our new building at Achimbun and are looking forward to having more outcomes delivered

through the next 20 years of the Agreement. The Coordinating Committee has been working hard over the past few months. We have started a new subcommittee to support Mine Closure at East Weipa, already having our first two meetings for 2021. We are also working to develop a new Environment and Heritage 3 Year Plan with our partners Rio Tinto through a workshop within the next few months.

Both actions are very important as they will help us to work through strategies of what happens on country in the future. Knowing that our work will make a difference for generations to come keeps us keenly looking forward to our future. Please remain COVID Safe and we look forward to seeing you when we carry out our Community Visits!

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WESTERN CAPE CULTURAL CENTRE



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



WCCT UPDATE

WESTERN CAPE CLONTARF ACADEMY



Year 10 student Zaymie Gordon in the Clontarf office space.



Morning training at the Napranum waterfront.

The Implementation Team sat down with Christian Philpot, Director of the Western Cape Clontarf Academy to talk about the year 2021 for the newly established Western Cape Clontarf Academy. “This is the boys’ space for them to go to when they want and a space for them to look after” he said. “The students can then use the facilities in the room for their own uses such as doing their laundry, having a space to study etc.” Since their move up to the Western Cape, the Clontarf staff have been busy at work conducting before and after school activities with the students. With morning training occurring before school starts for all grades involved which teaches students the simple life skills of waking up early and being committed “It’s about consistency and persistence. alike to the skills needed to wake up early in the morning and go to work.” The staff have started a ‘Fish 4 A Feed’ program which takes the students out to Evans Landing after school to catch some fish. During one session the student became the teacher with a young student teaching Christian how to tie a hook onto a line! Clontarf have also been busy helping students obtain their drivers licences and helping them rack up the hours in their logbooks in partnership with PCYC’s Braking the Cycle program in Napranum. The work that is being done in this space is invaluable to our communities and we are very excited to see the positive growth of these young men for the many years to come.

Back in 2020 the WCCT signed into an agreement with Clontarf Foundation to extend their services to the Western Cape. Clontarf aims to help our younger generation of Indigenous & Torres Strait Islander males, from grade 5 to 12, grow into model citizens by working with them on their education, well-being and leadership skills just to name a few. Now with 150 students already enrolled into the program the academy has now officially opened their new Western Cape Academy Room at the Western Cape College campus. This room is fully equipped with showers, a laundry, a kitchen and a common room. The academy room serves as a safe space for the young men to go in before school to have their breakfast after morning training, during lunch times and after school.



From left to right: Joey Webb – Operations Officer, Christian Philpot - Director and Aaron Gemmill – Operations Officer standing in front of the new Academy room.

Year 5 & 6 boys playing in a touch football game



Senior students at the Rio Tinto Andoom mine site.



WCCT UPDATE

REHABILITATION MINE TOUR

Earlier this year, the Environment & Heritage Sub-Committee went out on a two-day mine tour to East Weipa and Andoom to take a look at the current stages of rehabilitation. Rehabilitation mine tours are a great opportunity for our members to gain a more in-depth understanding of the process of rehabilitating Country and raise any queries they have while out on the mine-site. Members were keen to see the failed sites of rehabilitation to know what steps are being taken to mitigate the issues as well as seeing the different years of growth on the successful rehabilitated blocks on the mine-sites. Feedback from this mine tour was very positive as there had not been a two-day mine tour for the two areas before and the information relayed to them during the tour was extensive. Big thanks to the Land & Rehab team at Rio Tinto for organising this two-day tour for our members.



Anna Horwood, Rehab & Closure Advisor, showing members rehabilitated Country.

Members standing at the edge of a buffer zone, looking at the natural slope.



Lachlan Johnson, Land & Rehab Superintendent, talking to the young rehabilitation block behind him.

Anna did an amazing job and was very well received as a rehab mine tour guide by the sub-committee members.



WCCT ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

THE LENGTHS THESE LADIES GO TO!



Our main printer broke down and so our Office staff Chelsie (left) and Elisha (right) were fixing the printer via video call with our printer technician. The dedication! Well done ladies!

NEW GRANT FUNDING GUIDELINES

The 2020-2022 Grant Funding Guidelines for the Central, Northern and Southern Sub-Regional Trusts have been finalised and sent out via post to all of our shareholders which you should have all received by now.

If you haven't received the new guidelines please make sure to call our front desk to update your postal address and contact details on (07) 4069 7945.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via our office number, just ask for a finance officer and they will be happy to help you.



ON OUR RADAR

Q4 MEETING DATES

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING – TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
 ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE – WEDNESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
 LAND RELINQUISHMENT & TRANSFER – THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER
 EAST WEIPA MINE CLOSURE – THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER
 CENTRAL SUB-REGIONAL TRUST – MONDAY 22nd NOVEMBER
 NORTHERN SUB-REGIONAL TRUST – TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER
 SOUTHERN SUB-REGIONAL TRUST – WEDNESDAY 24th NOVEMBER
 WESTERN CAPE CENTRE LTD – THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER
 INDIGENOUS DIRECTORS & MEMBERS – TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER
 COORDINATING COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER
 MAIN TRUST – THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER



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THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR ELDERS



CELIA FLETCHER
MPAKWITHI/TAEPADHIGHI ELDER

Name: Celia Fletcher
Born in: Mapoon
Lives in: Napranum

About: Celia is an Honorary Elder at the Western Cape Communities Coordinating Committee. She was born in Mapoon and has since travelled around Australia to study various industries such as hospitality, textiles and education.

Fun Facts: Whilst in Sydney for university she met Queen Elizabeth II and was also in attendance at the Grand Opening of the Sydney Opera House in 1973!
Goals: Celia would like to see her people gain a quality education where they can take their new knowledge back into the communities and use it to provide a positive input.

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