



WCCCA

NEWSLETTER

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2022 ELECTIONS: A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS



Hello to all Members and Shareholders. I hope this newsletter finds you well. The start of 2022 has been busy for those involved with the WCCCA and the Trusts and has seen an extension of term for

our Trust Directors of the Main Trust, Northern, Central and Southern Sub-Regional Trusts from 2 years to 4 years. This means that we will not be holding elections for Directors of the Trusts this year.

We are however fast approaching a very significant time of the year for our Coordinating Committee, where our Members will again have the right to elect new Members to the Coordinating Committee. I want to urge each and every one of you to participate in the elections and to nominate people who you feel will represent you properly in this forum.

If you want to be involved and have your say for the better of your community, then I invite you to nominate yourself!

This is an amazing opportunity for A Class Shareholders (Traditional Owners) to be involved with the workings of the WCCCA.

During my time as a Member of the Coordinating Committee I have learnt that all the work involving the Members is so critical. We need people who want to work for a better future for our people, our children, our grandchildren and generations to come.

If you have any questions, please call our staff at the WCCCA office who will be available to answer all your questions. Good luck to all.

Sincerely,
Marie Pitt - Chairperson, Main Trust



Welcome to all readers, I hope this newsletter finds all our families in good health and strong spirit. I am delighted announce that the bi-annual Coordinating Committee member elections will

commence in the next few months, with an election information pack being sent to all shareholders on the 18th April 2022. I ask all shareholders to ensure that the Trust Administration have your most current postal address to ensure you receive all correspondence during this important election time.

This newsletter will provide our shareholders with information on who, what, when and how to participate in this exciting opportunity. You will find an election timeline on page.4 indicating the crucial times to be checking your mail for this correspondence.

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 involved in the establishment of the East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committee during my term, working alongside our Traditional Owners to ensure correct implementation of the WCCCA and for our families to be properly informed and have input in decisions made.

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 Changer – Chairperson, Coordinating Committee

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ELECTIONS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

WHY?

Elections are held every two years to appoint the members of the WCCCA Co-ordinating Committee.

This process gives the community the opportunity to vote for the Traditional Owners they feel can effectively lead and represent their Traditional Owner Group on the Co-ordinating Committee.

WHAT?

The successful nominees that are voted in during this election will become:

- **Members on the Co-ordinating Committee** for the WCCCA, from where members may also be appointed to sit on each of the Environment and Heritage, Employment and Training, Land Relinquishment and East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committees.

WHEN?

Now is the time to be thinking of who you will be nominating or if you would like to nominate yourself. Regardless of what you decide, now is the time to get the word out and start talking to your families and clan groups to support the whole election process so that we get good candidates for the positions.

The official election notices will be sent out to you on the 18th April 2022. So, please make sure you check your mail as it will have all the information you need to understand the entire election process and instructions on what you need to do to nominate either yourself or someone else.

Please refer to page 4 of this issue where we have highlighted the most important dates and explain what you have to do at each stage.

WHERE?

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have again had to change how we do the elections this year.

In previous years the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) came out to community with ballot boxes, this year it will be different as you will again be receiving all correspondence through the mail.

Please make sure you check your mail during this time. You will also have to go to the post office and post your nomination forms and your voting forms using the reply paid envelope provided.

To make it simpler and faster, there is an email address provided within the nomination info pack where you can choose to email your nomination to instead of posting. If you choose to post, please return your nominations early in the month.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

- 1. CHECK YOUR MAIL FOR YOUR ELECTION NOTICE & PACKAGE**
- 2. POST YOUR NOMINATION FORMS AT THE POST OFFICE OR EMAIL NOMINATIONS USING THE EMAIL PROVIDED**
- 3. POST YOUR BALLOT PAPERS AT THE POST OFFICE**

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you want to nominate yourself or someone else during this election, you must comply with the following requirements:

1. You must be a registered **“A” Class Shareholder** as of the 14th of March 2022. If you are not an A Class Shareholder then you are not able to nominate or vote in this election.
2. As the role of the Coordinating Committee Members requires close interaction with the Communities and Traditional Owners who live in these communities, you must reside in the following post code areas to be eligible to stand for election:
 - 4874 – **Weipa, Napranum & Mapoon**
 - 4892 – **Aurukun**
 - 4876 – **NPARC Area**
 - 4895 – **Hopevale**
 - 4870 – **Cairns**
 - 4878, 4879 – **Cairns/Northern Beaches**
 - 4865, 4868, 4869 – **South Cairns Area**

WHO?

You will be asked to nominate and vote for the following Members:

- Two (2) Alngith Representatives
- Two (2) Anathangayth Representatives
- Two (2) Ankamuthi Representatives
- Two (2) Peppan Representatives
- Two (2) Taepadhighi Representatives
- Two (2) Thanikwithi Representatives
- Two (2) Tjungundji Representatives
- Two (2) Warranggu Representatives
- Two (2) Wathayn Representatives
- Two (2) Wik & Wik-Waya Representatives
- Two (2) Yupungathi Representatives

ON OUR RADAR

WELCOME TO THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER OF RIO TINTO WEIPA OPERATIONS



WCCT would like to introduce and welcome the new General Manager of Rio Tinto Weipa Operations. Ms. Shona Markham joins the community with her family after relocating from Rio Tinto’s Bell Bay Aluminum operations in Tasmania.

The new GM has been involved with Rio Tinto Pacific Operations for more than 18 years, including over 10 years in Gladstone, Queensland. We look forward to working closely with the new GM and focusing on the future of the community.

DID YOU KNOW?

IN 2021...

- **18,500 SEEDLINGS WERE PROPOGATED BY THE LAP PAID SCHOOL LEAVERS PROGRAM!**
- **498 HECTARES OF REGENERATION WERE COMPLETED!**

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SHAREHOLDERS REQUESTED TO UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS:

WCCT is seeking for all A Class Shareholders to please make sure their information is up to date (postal address) for the upcoming Coordinating Committee Postal Ballot Elections.

IF YOU THINK YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR DETAILS PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO reception@westerncape.com.au or call the WCCT office on: (07) 4069 7945

ELECTION TIMELINE

Monday 18th April, 2022	Election Notice, Information Kit and Nomination Form will be mailed to you via Australia Post
	Keep an eye out and check your mail. You will need to read the information provided to you and start spreading the word if you want to be nominated.
Sunday, 1st May, 2022	Nominations are open @9:00am
	Now is an important time. You will need to make sure that you nominate a person that you believe best represents your families and Traditional Owner group. You must make sure every nomination has been signed by <u>two eligible A Class Shareholders</u> within your Traditional Owner Group. There is also an email provided to you in the nomination information package that you can email nominations through without having to post. Remember- you only have <u>ONE</u> month to post or email these nominations back so please do that as soon as they are completed!
Tuesday 31st May, 2022	Nominations are closed @12:00pm
	Nominations are now closed. Now is the time to wait for the Ballot Papers to be posted to you. The Ballot papers will be in the post on the 13th of June 2022.
Monday 13th June, 2022	Ballot papers will be mailed out
	Please check your local post office this week as you will be receiving your ballot papers. You will receive the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one ballot paper, • a Reply Paid envelope - you should use this to post your ballot paper back to us without having to pay, • and the Declaration Envelope - this goes inside the Reply Paid envelope to be posted back to us. Remember, you must complete the declaration for your vote to be accepted
Friday 1st July, 2022	Postal Ballots Open @ 9:00am
	You will be able to post your completed ballot papers and you only have one month to do so. Please make sure your votes are clear and correctly marked. You only have <u>ONE MONTH</u> to get everyone voting and also get your own votes in as well!
Saturday 30th July, 2022	Postal Ballots Close @ 10:00am
	The postal ballot closes at 10:00am Saturday 30th 2022

RESULTS WILL BE DECLARED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE BALLOT CLOSING.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU KEEP UP TO DATE ON OUR WEBSITE AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR RESULTS.