



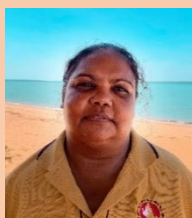
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NEWSLETTER

Q3 2023

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS



Hello Readers,

Quarter three is nearly done and dusted and we have made good progress working with our partners. PCYC Napranum have been running numerous initiatives all aimed at helping our younger generations obtain a brighter future. A special one to mention would be the Braking the Cycle program which helps our young ones complete their 100 hours of driving needed to obtain their provisional license. This is one of the biggest hurdles we face for full time employment. I'd like to congratulate all of those who have obtained their provisional license in the past quarter and the mentors who devote their own time to volunteer and help these kids. While all this positive work is happening over at PCYC, Clontarf at the Western Cape College have been instilling positivity into our young fellas and ensuring they have the capability and confidence to obtain full-time employment after graduating. We have also been liaising with the Star Foundation which is a foundation that aims to improve the futures of our young indigenous girls. Representatives of the Trusts visited the Star Foundation campus in Townsville and came back excited and with only positive things to say. We are very eager to see what they have in store for us here in the Western Cape Region. Here at the WCCT, we have a strong focus on the futures of our younger generations to ensure they have the strong foundations they need to build a positive future for themselves and the generations to come.

- Marie Pitt, Chairperson, Main Trust, WCCT



Dear Readers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits. Firstly I'd like to acknowledge all the families in our surrounding communities who are currently going through sorry business. Sending my condolences to all the families during these tough times. In our recent quarter, the Coordinating Committee has been keeping busy with multiple engagements occurring and continuing to monitor progress in relation to our obligations to the Agreement. We had the pleasure of hosting both U.S. and Australia's Department of Defence and conducting a Welcome to Country. Auntie Beattie Gordon also offered to bless members of the Defence force if they wished and so all were blessed as well. The WCCL Staff and I had the honor of hosting the Governor of QLD, Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM while she visited Weipa. We invited her to the Western Cape Cultural Centre where we spoke about the history of the town and our people of the Western Cape. We'd like to thank all those who helped in the background with all the engagements and are looking forward to another quarter of meetings and positive outcomes.

- Florence Charger, Chairperson, Coordinating Committee, WCCT

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Q4 FUNDING APPLICATION CLOSING DATE:
FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2023



Q3 ENGAGEMENTS

EAST WEIPA MINE CLANS INFO SESSIONS

It has been a busy Q3 this year for our staff and the Traditional Owners. On the 3rd of June the Traditional Owners of the East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committee decided to conduct an East Weipa Mine Clans Information Session at the Achimbun Administration Building for their families. This session provided the Alngith, Anathangayth, Peppan & Wathayn families with an update on the progress of the East Weipa Mine closure works. Following this session, another was held in Cairns on the 8th of July for the families that were unable to attend the Weipa session. Feedback from the families was positive and very well received for both sessions held.



Above: East Weipa Clans Information session at the Achimbun Administration Building.

Right: East Weipa Clans Information Session held at the Hambledon House in Edmonton, Cairns.



DEFENCE FORCE MORNING TEA



The WCCT was honoured to host a morning tea on the 13th July for a number of members of U.S. and Australian Department of Defence who are currently in Weipa conducting an operation named Exercise Talisman Sabre. We'd like to thank the members of the Departments of Defence for taking the time to attend and receive a Welcome to Country presented by our Alngith and Peppan



Q3 ENGAGEMENTS cont.

ANDOOM MINE TOUR

On the 19th July, members of the Andoom Mine Closure Sub-Committee and some of their family members were taken on a tour of the Andoom mine site hosted by Rio Tinto Weipa. Traditional Owners were taken to different areas across the site where the team at Rio Tinto spoke about where they were up to in relation to closure and what opportunities may arise for the Traditional Owners post-closure. The group had a wonderful lunch by Bouchat Swamp, where a lot of them have never been. It was great to see Members and their families excited about closure and what it could mean for themselves, their families, and future generations to come. The WCCT want to thank the team at Rio Tinto for making this tour happen and also wants to thank our Members and their families who attended.



Above: We visited the Lanji Tailings Storage Facility where discussion was held on possible post mine land use options.

Below: Lunch was held at the beautiful Bouchat Swamp. This swamp feeds into the Pine River and is also known as a Barramundi breeding ground.



Above: The beneficiation plant which will be decommissioned if the Traditional Owners do not wish to use post closure.

GOVERNOR OF QLD VISITS CULTURAL CENTRE

On July 26th, the Western Cape Centre Ltd had the honour of hosting Her Excellency, the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland as part of her official travel to Weipa, on Friday 21 July 2023. The Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM was accompanied by her partner Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD, her Deputy Official Secretary, Ms Yolanda Yorke, her Aide, Tahnee Odorico and Organisational Support Officer, Mr Paul Bagnall. Our Centre Manager and Chair of the Coordinating Committee, Ms Florence Changer, the Chair of the Main Trust Ms Marie Pitt, the Chair of the Western Cape Centre Ltd, Ms Patricia Mark, and Mr Richard Barkley our Cultural Custodian, provided Her Excellency with a guided tour of the Western Cape Cultural Centre.





WHAT'S ON OUR RADAR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

CENTRAL SUB REGIONAL TRUST	MONDAY, 16 TH OCTOBER
SOUTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST & WESTERN CAPE CENTRE LTD	TUESDAY, 17 TH OCTOBER
NORTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST	WEDNESDAY, 18 TH OCTOBER
MAIN TRUST & PROPERTY TRUST	THURSDAY, 19 TH OCTOBER



Q4 2023 MEETING DATES

EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING	MONDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER
ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE	TUESDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER
EAST WEIPA MINE CLOSURE	WEDNESDAY 8 TH NOVEMBER
ANDOOM MINE CLOSURE	THURSDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	TUESDAY 14 TH NOVEMBER
CENTRAL SUB-REGIONAL TRUST	MONDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER
NORTHERN SUB-REGIONAL TRUST	TUESDAY 21 ST NOVEMBER
SOUTHERN SUB-REGIONAL TRUST	WEDNESDAY 22 ND NOVEMBER
WESTERN CAPE CENTRE LIMITED	THURSDAY 23 RD NOVEMBER
INDIGENOUS DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS	TUESDAY 5 TH DECEMBER
COORDINATING COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY 6 TH DECEMBER
MAIN TRUST	THURSDAY 7 TH DECEMBER

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