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WCCCA NEWSLETTER

Q3 2024

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS



MARIE PITT
CHAIRPERSON
MAIN TRUST



ISABEL HALL
CHAIRPERSON
COORDINATING
COMMITTEE

As we conclude our quarterly Sub Regional Trust Meetings, I am pleased to report we have had many strong applications and continue to support our shareholders and local communities. We thank the dedicated Finance Team at the WCCT who have been working hard and visiting community to assist with the completion of applications for funding.

This is also the time of year where we conduct our community visits. For the latest updates on dates and locations, please keep an eye on our Facebook page.

I am deeply grateful for your support during my term as Chairperson of the Main Trust. Although there is much work ahead, our commitment to supporting our shareholders and local communities remains. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our newly elected Directors for the Trust. We will see them take the seat in our next quarterly meetings.

In the coming months, we will be focusing on our partnership with Rio Tinto as we continue to develop a vision for East Weipa following the closure of mining operations. Please find more information on this at page 3.

Kind Regards
Marie Pitt
Chairperson – Main Trust

As we reach the end of our term, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported and contributed to our efforts under the Coordinating Committee over the past few years. Your dedication and hard work have been instrumental in advancing our goals and shaping our vision.

Together in 2024, we have worked diligently on crafting a forward-looking plan for East Weipa, participated in extensive rehabilitation tours, and held land and rehabilitation workshops to develop management plans for our environment and heritage. These efforts are important in ensuring that our land is preserved and nurtured for future generations.

As voting is now completed, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Members for the Coordinating Committee. The new Coordinating Committee will hold its first meeting in December. A list of our new Directors and Members can be found on page 5.

I look forward to seeing the ongoing progress and success that our collective efforts will undoubtedly bring.

Warm Regards,
Isabel Hall
Chairperson - Coordinating Committee

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RIO TINTO WEIPA UPDATE

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING



Rio Tinto Weipa’s Indigenous Employment and Development Team have been working closely with our local schools this quarter with programs including hosting numerous career expos, visiting signatory communities, conducting work experience programs with Western Cape College, Clontarf Academy, and Kluthuthu College as well as visiting our students based in boarding facilities in Cairns.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE



Earlier this year, Rio Tinto worked alongside the Mapoon Rangers on a highly successful program that will increase knowledge of threatened sharks and rays around Skardon River and Port Musgrave. During the program a 2.48m long Green Sawfish was captured and tagged, along with a number of other threatened sharks and rays including; Great Hammerheads, Tiger Sharks, Winghead Sharks, Eagle Rays and Giant Shovelnose Rays.



The Employment and Training Chairperson, Ms Patricia Mark held the honours in opening the IED celebration night on Thursday 25th July for Local Aboriginal Persons working at Rio Tinto who had recently completed their traineeships. We wish those who have completed all the best for the future.
(Pictured from left to right Marvin Bell and Patricia Mark)



The Cultural Heritage teams comprised of Wik & Wik Waya Traditional Owners have been covering large expanses of land around the Amrun future mining areas, inspecting country for items of cultural significance such as scarred trees and stone artefacts.
(Pictured from left to right Roseanne Karyuka, Kathy Owokran and Georgina Smith)

Employment and Training Statistics:

PERCENTAGE OF RIO TINTO WEIPA WORKFORCE THAT ARE LOCAL ABORIGINAL PEOPLE AT Q3:
17.5%

PERCENTAGE OF LOCAL ABORIGINAL PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A TRAINEESHIP AT RIO TINTO WEIPA FOR 2024:
96.23%

Did you know?

THE RIO TINTO COMMUNITY SEED COLLECTION PROGRAM COMMENCED IN MID-MAY AND HAS ALREADY COLLECTED 120KG OF NATIVE GRASS SEEDS FOR REHABILITATION. NEARLY 1,000KG WAS COLLECTED IN 2023.



RIO TINTO WEIPA UPDATE

EAST WEIPA MINE CLOSURE



Mining at East Weipa has now come to an end, marking the beginning of a sustainable new future for this culturally and environmentally significant country.

Discussions on closure with Traditional Owners are guided by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Rio Tinto and the Alngith, Anathangayth, Peppan and Wathayn peoples. The MOU was signed by members of the WCCCA East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committee in July 2022.

WHERE ARE WE AT?

In 2023, the East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committee members engaged a consultant to aid in the development of creating a vision for East Weipa, with a preliminary plan on the future potential use of the East Weipa mining land.

In January of 2024, the last ore was mined from the East Weipa mine site.

Rio Tinto are currently undertaking a Pre-Feasibility Study at East Weipa. The purpose of the pre-feasibility phase is to identify possible closure options and what might be required to deliver these. In addition, Rio Tinto Weipa is currently conducting a Social Impact Assessment for East Weipa (and Andoom) as well as developing a Strategy for Local Aboriginal Business Development and Regional Economic Development. The Social Impact Assessment study will look at the potential impacts on Weipa, and the surrounding communities, as a result of the mine closure and will include input from Sub-Committee members.

It is anticipated that these 3 bodies of work will be completed in 2025. The East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committee members continue to meet quarterly with Rio Tinto to discuss the future of their community.

WHEN WILL THE COMMUNITY BE CONSULTED NEXT?

At the conclusion of the Pre-Feasibility Study, Social Impact Assessment, and finalisation of the Strategy by the end of 2024, The East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committee and Rio Tinto will approach our wider community to provide a more in depth update on the future opportunities of the East Weipa Mine area.

We anticipate that the next consultation with community will occur in early 2025.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

CLONTARF



The Clontarf boys participated in a Local Employment Forum in early August alongside Hastings Deering and Rio Tinto Weipa.

PCYC NAPRANUM



Apunipima has been working alongside PCYC Napranum to deliver cooking classes for the Napranum youth.



The QLD Cup was a massive success for the Clontarf boys this quarter!



The Homework Club sessions have been well received as the youth participate in 'learning while having fun'.



Every Thursday the Clontarf team attend PCYC Napranum with many youth getting involved in the sport and a BBQ breakfast!



Naidoc celebrations were held on Friday 26th July and were a great success. The Central Sub Regional Trust are proud to continue sponsoring the PCYC Napranum and their fantastic events!



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

STAR FOUNDATION



The Stars Program recently opened its doors at Western Cape College and have welcome many new girls, excited to have a program for young First Nations women that support them at school.



Recently one of the Star Mentors Marda Pitt and her mother taught the girls aboriginal dancing for the opening and closing Naidoc ceremonies.



Some other activities that the students have enjoyed included coconut and banana leaf weaving.



The Year 12 Stars girls also enjoyed a trip to Townsville to be a part of the QLD Stars Futures Forum and had opportunity to speak with various businesses and organizations.

WESTERN CAPE COMMUNITIES TRUST



WCCT celebrated Naidoc Week with a morning tea at the Achimbun Building, honouring our Elders and their contributions. The theme "Keep the Fire Burning" highlights the importance of their wisdom and unity.



Gregory Coconut, Wathayn Traditional Owner, led a significant on-country call-out at Kwokkunum in July ahead of Rio Tinto's annual burn program.



WCCT joined the Napranum NAIDOC week opening, kicking off activities for the week!



Chairlady Marie Pitt and Executive Officer Stefan Le Roux met with KAP State Leader Robbie Katter to discuss the Coordination Committee's vision for post-mining East Weipa.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

ANNUAL LAND AND REHABILITATION TOURS



Ernest Madua Senior spotting the Red Goshawk and its nest at Amrun during the tour.

Our Environment and Heritage Sub-Committee held their annual rehabilitation tours with Rio Tinto Weipa operations in July and August. Over three days, members visited numerous rehabilitation sites and significant land and environmental areas across the Amrun, East Weipa, and Andoom mine sites. Highlights from the tour included viewing a rare Red Goshawk nest, an onsite presentation by the Land and Sea Management Program Team on infrastructure protection burns, and gaining some wonderful insight into local bush tucker from our attending Sub-Committee members. Thank you to all who participated, and for Rio Tinto in hosting a great few days on country..



Spotting Australia's rarest bird of prey through the monocular.



The Environment and Heritage Sub-Committee, Implementation Team and LSMP Team at the 3 year old rehabilitation site at Amrun.



Environment and Heritage members were joined by the new Rio Tinto Weipa GM during their Andoom rehabilitation visit.



Rehabilitation sites featured native species such as soap plants, red ash, milky pines, and bushmen's pegs.



ELECTION RESULTS

**Congratulations to our newly elected Directors and Members.
We wish you all the best during your upcoming term.**

SUB REGIONAL TRUST 2024 - 2028

CENTRAL SUB REGIONAL TRUST

ALNGITH	Ernest Madua Snr
ANATHANGAYTH	Maurice Woodley
PEPPAN	Marie Pitt
THANIKWITHI	Anna Motton
WATHAYN	Lorraine Coconut

NORTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST

ANKAMUTHI	Charles Woosup Teresa Gibson
TAEPADHIGHI	Clara Day Leon Bond
TJUNGUNDJI	Geraldine Mamoose Geraldine York
WARRANGGU	Patricia Mark Delora Nixon
YUPUNGATHI	Michelle Kostecki Constance Port

SOUTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST

WIK & WIK WAYA	Loyla Chevathen Andrea Ngakyunkwokka Richard Ornyengaia Kathy Owokran Amanda Woolla
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COORDINATING COMMITTEE 2024 -2026

ALNGITH	Ernest Madua Snr Colleen John
ANATHANGAYTH	Leanne Gordon Maurice Woodley
ANKAMUTHI	Tracey Ludwick Bruce Gibson
PEPPAN	Marie Pitt Melanie Wilson
TAEPADHIGHI	Albert Bond Julie Mairu
THANIKWITHI	Corine Matasia Anna Motton
TJUNGUNDJI	Geraldine Mamoose Geraldine York
WARRANGGU	Patricia Mark Delora Nixon
WATHAYN	Lorraine Coconut Jimmy Coconut
WIK & WIK WAYA	Loyla Chevathen Rhonda Woolla
YUPUNGATHI	Michelle Kostecki Constance Port



ON OUR RADAR

Q4 2024 MEETING DATES

CENTRAL SUB-REGIONAL TRUST AGM	MONDAY 14 TH OCTOBER
NORTHERN SUB-REGIONAL TRUST AGM	WEDNESDAY 16 TH OCTOBER
SOUTHERN SUB-REGIONAL TRUST AGM	TUESDAY 15 TH OCTOBER
EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING	MONDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER
ENVIRONMENT & HERITAGE	TUESDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER
EAST WEIPA MINE CLOSURE	WEDNESDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER
ANDOOM MINE CLOSURE	THURSDAY 7 TH NOVEMBER
CENTRAL SUB REGIONAL TRUST	MONDAY 18 TH NOVEMBER
NORTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST	TUESDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER
SOUTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST	WEDNESDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER
INDIGENOUS DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS	TUESDAY 3 RD DECEMBER
COORDINATING COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY 4 TH DECEMBER

FUNDING APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR Q4 IS FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024

OUT IN COMMUNITY



The WCCCA and Western Cape College have been working from the Napranum Council offices to assist shareholders with their 2025 Educational Bursary applications. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for any upcoming visits to assist with funding applications.



One of our honorary elders, Ms Lily York celebrated a milestone birthday in August. Turning 80 years old! We are blessed to have Lily still performing her duties for the WCCCA and hope she had a wonderful day.

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