



WCCCA NEWSLETTER

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS

Dear shareholders,

Welcome to this quarter's newsletter. In the coming months, our annual general meetings (AGMs) for the Sub-Regional Trusts will take place. All shareholders will receive official notices by post with the dates for their respective AGMs, and we encourage all shareholders to attend.

During Q2, the Trust updated its Grant Funding Guidelines, which are now available on our website along with revised application forms.

Our Finance Team have also been working closely with the Western Cape College to assist shareholders with Educational Bursary applications and will continue this support throughout the year. The team is available every Wednesday afternoon at the Napranum Council offices to help with forms or answer questions. Please note, the next bursary application closing date is 10 October 2025, with applications to be reviewed at the Q4 Sub-Regional Trust meetings in November.

Looking ahead, our Executive Team is preparing for Q3 community visits to Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun, Hope Vale and New Mapoon. We look forward to meeting with community members to discuss important matters and to continue building strong connections.

*-Loyla Chevathen
Chairperson, Main Trust*

Welcome readers,

The past quarter has been an eventful one, marked by the official notification of the Kangwinan Project—the planned expansion of the Amrun Mine towards Norman Creek, conducting final feasibility studies before planned construction in 2026.

The WCCCA has been working closely with our partner Rio Tinto to ensure that Traditional Owner visions and priorities remain central throughout this process.

In late August, the Environment and Heritage Sub-Committee took part in their annual land and rehabilitation tour across the WCCCA and Rio Tinto mining lease areas. This tour will provide important updates on rehabilitation progress, turtle monitoring, coastal rejuvenation projects, renewable energy initiatives, and weed management efforts.

I also look forward to visiting our signatory communities in September to hear directly from Traditional Owners and discuss matters that are important to them. I encourage everyone to follow our Facebook page, where we will share the finalised dates for these visits.

*-Constance Port
Chairperson, Coordinating
Committee*

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LAND AND REHABILITATION UPDATE

Beach Clean Ups: Ahead of the Turtle Management Program the Land and Sea Team joined with some of the Mine operators to conduct a beach clean up at Amrun. A full skip bin of rubbish was removed during their efforts.

Turtle Management Program: Starting in late August the Rio Tinto Land and Sea Team will begin an intensive 6 week campaign across all beach sections South of the Embley monitoring laying events, turtle species, nest predation and hatching events.



KANGWINAN PROJECT UPDATE

The Kangwinan Project continues to progress under a feasibility study, with construction potentially beginning as early as 2026. The Environment and Heritage Sub-Committee alongside Traditional Owners continue to meet with Rio Tinto to discuss infrastructure locations, cultural heritage impacts and employment opportunities surrounding expansion.



EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING UPDATE

School Engagement: Over the past quarter, the Indigenous Employment and Development team has actively engaged with the community, participating in a range of events. Highlights include a Weipa Site Visit and Hands-on Trade session, AFL House Presentations, the Clontarf Careers Expo, the WCC Careers Expo, and a presentation at NPA College.





CLONTARF UPDATE

Over three days in Cape York, the Western Cape Clontarf Academy hosted 13 partners for a hands-on Partner Experience. Travelling from across Australia, guests joined students for academy tours, cultural activities, and camping at Pennefather. Highlights included fishing, sunset buggy rides, a PE lesson delivered by Year 9 students in Mapoon, and an alumni dinner with graduates and Year 12s. The trip concluded with a sunrise training session at Napranum PCYC, leaving partners with a stronger understanding of the Academy's programs and the connection between students, culture, and community.



NAPRANUM PCYC UPDATE:

During August, the Napranum PCYC celebrated National Student Volunteer Week, recognising the incredible contribution our young people make to the Napranum PCYC and the wider community. This year's theme, Powered by Purpose, highlights the passion and drive that inspires youth to give their time and skills to help others. To mark the occasion, students enjoyed a relaxed sunset walk and yarn, followed by a shared dinner at Barramunchies in the Weipa Camping Ground.



STARS UPDATE

The WCC Stars Girls had a fantastic Term 3, kicking off with their Inaugural Touch Competition. The event brought together strong community support from PCYC, Weipa Community Care, WCCCA, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council and Clontarf, with plenty of fun on the field and great food to share. The following week, eight Stars Girls joined a convoy to NPA for the Angie Nadredre & Chris Johnson AFL Cup, alongside AFL Cape York and Stars teams from Cairns. After weeks of dedicated training, the girls proudly claimed victory, taking out the 2025 Angie Nadredre Cup Grand Final!





2025 NAIDOC MORNING TEA

The WCCT was proud to host our annual Elders Morning Tea for NAIDOC 2025, celebrating this year's theme, Next Generation. The theme recognises the important role of passing culture, knowledge, and traditions to future generations, ensuring they remain strong and connected to Country. We extend our deepest respect and gratitude to our Elders for their strength, wisdom, and guidance, and for the way they continue to share their stories and knowledge with us all.



2025 SUB REGIONAL TRUST AGMS

All Shareholders will receive postal notification of the upcoming 2025 Sub-Regional Trust Annual General Meetings this month. We kindly ask that all shareholders advise the WCCT Administration if your postal address has changed recently.

Q4 2025 MEETING DATES

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	MONDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE	TUESDAY 4 TH NOVEMBER
EAST WEIPA	WEDNESDAY 5 TH NOVEMBER
ANDOOM MINE CLOSURE	THURSDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER
CENTRAL SUB REGIONAL TRUST	MONDAY 17 TH NOVEMBER
NORTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST	TUESDAY 18 TH NOVEMBER
SOUTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST	WEDNESDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER
INDIGENOUS DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS	TUESDAY 2 ND DECEMBER
COORDINATING COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY 3 RD DECEMBER
MAIN TRUST	THURSDAY 4 TH DECEMBER

FUNDING APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR Q4 IS FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025

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