



WCCCA NEWSLETTER

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRS

Dear Shareholders,

As we move through the year and approach the midpoint of 2026, it provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress made so far and the important work still ahead.

The first half of the year has seen continued engagement across our communities and ongoing efforts to ensure the Trust remains connected, responsive and focused on delivering positive outcomes for our people. Over recent months, the Trust has undertaken a series of community visits, providing valuable opportunities to connect directly with community members. Building on these recent visits, the next round of community visits is scheduled to occur during the second and third weeks of June, with visits planned for Hope Vale, New Mapoon, Mapoon, Napranum and Aurukun. I encourage everyone to keep an eye on our Facebook page for confirmed locations and times.

It has also been encouraging to continue supporting programs and organisations making a positive difference across our communities. The Trust remains proud of its ongoing support for the Napranum PCYC, the Clontarf Academy and Stars Foundation at Western Cape College. These programs continue to provide important opportunities for our young people through education, mentoring, wellbeing initiatives and community connection.

I would also like to remind community members that the upcoming deadline for grant funding applications is 10th July. I encourage individuals, groups and organisations considering an application to ensure submissions are lodged prior to the closing date.

Regards,

Loyla Chevathen

Chairperson - WCCT Main Trust

Dear Members,

Over the coming months, we will see the upcoming Coordinating Committee Elections take place across our communities. I encourage all eligible community members to participate in the election process and have their voices heard. The Coordinating Committee plays an important role in representing Traditional Owner interests and guiding discussions on matters affecting our people, Country and future generations. I thank all current Members for their dedication and service over their term.

There continues to be significant work occurring in the East Weipa space, with ongoing discussions surrounding mine closure planning, rehabilitation and future land use outcomes.

At the same time, we continue to work closely with Rio Tinto, Traditional Owner families and surrounding communities in relation to the proposed Kangwinan Expansion Project. Discussions remain ongoing regarding the potential impacts, opportunities and long-term considerations associated with the project and its connection to surrounding communities and Country. I would like to thank all Members, Elders, Traditional Owners, staff and stakeholders for their continued support, participation and commitment throughout the quarter. The work we undertake together is important for both our current communities and future generations, and I look forward to continuing this work together over the months ahead.

Regards,

Constance Port

Chairperson – Coordinating Committee

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Topsoil Trials

Members of the East Weipa Mine Closure Sub-Committee recently attended the East Weipa mine site to inspect and review a series of topsoil rehabilitation trials currently being undertaken by Rio Tinto as part of ongoing mine closure and rehabilitation planning. The current topsoil trials are investigating a range of rehabilitation approaches aimed at improving long term landform stability, vegetation establishment and overall rehabilitation success following mining activities.



2026 Annual Fire Management Workshop

Members of the Environment and Heritage Sub-Committee recently participated in the 2026 Annual Fire Management Workshop alongside representatives from Rio Tinto, Land and Sea Rangers and Environmental personnel to discuss planning and priorities for the upcoming burn season across the WCCCA lease. The workshop provided an opportunity for Members to review proposed fire management activities, discuss cultural and environmental considerations, and provide input into planned burning programs for 2026.

On Country Call Outs

Ahead of the 2026 Rio Tinto burn program, Traditional Owners have been undertaking important cultural safety activities through On Country Call Outs prior to planned burning activities commencing across the region.





CLONTARF UPDATE

Students recently travelled to Cairns to participate in the Year 12 Employment Forum Camp, taking part in a range of activities focused on future pathways, leadership and teamwork.

While in Cairns, students attended the Employment Forum where they explored career pathway opportunities, connected with industry representatives and gained valuable insight into employment and further education options available after school. The group also enjoyed a range of activities including cable skiing and team bonding exercises, helping to build confidence, resilience and stronger friendships.

Following the Cairns activities, students travelled to Old Mapoon where they took part in a camping experience together. The camp provided an opportunity for students to connect, reflect and enjoy time together outside of the classroom environment.



STARS UPDATE

Stars Foundation students from Western Cape College proudly participated in Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month activities this past May. Students decorated the Stars' bus with streamers and symbols before entering into the Napranum Community Float Program hosted by the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council.

The day also included community activities and a sausage sizzle, providing students with an opportunity to come together, show support and raise awareness within the community.

NAPRANUM PCYC UPDATE

The Young Guns touch football team are coming together during Wednesday night competitions, proudly wearing their new team singlets for the first time. The program continues to provide local young people with a positive opportunity to stay active, build confidence, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories within the community.





ELECTION POLLING DATES

The WCCT would like to advise shareholders that in person polling for the upcoming Coordinating Committee Elections will be held across the region during June 2026. Community Members are encouraged to attend their local polling location to participate in the election process.

Further information regarding polling times, candidate information and election procedures will be distributed to communities closer to the polling dates.

Community	Date	Location
Napranum	Monday 22 nd June	Susie Madua Room, Napranum Council
Mapoon	Tuesday 23 rd June	Mapoon Council Office
Aurukun	Wednesday 24 th June	Training Centre
New Mapoon	Thursday 25 th June	New Mapoon Hall

Q3 2026 MEETING DATES

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	MONDAY 3 RD AUGUST
ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE	TUESDAY 4 TH AUGUST
EAST WEIPA MINE CLOSURE	WEDNESDAY 5 TH AUGUST
ANDOOM MINE CLOSURE	THURSDAY 6 TH AUGUST
CENTRAL SUB REGIONAL TRUST	MONDAY 17 TH AUGUST
NORTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST	TUESDAY 18 TH AUGUST
SOUTHERN SUB REGIONAL TRUST	WEDNESDAY 19 TH AUGUST
INDIGENOUS DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS	TUESDAY 1 ST SEPTEMBER
COORDINATING COMMITTEE	WEDNESDAY 2 ND SEPTEMBER
MAIN TRUST	THURSDAY 3 RD SEPTEMBER

FUNDING APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR Q3 2026 IS FRIDAY 10TH JULY

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