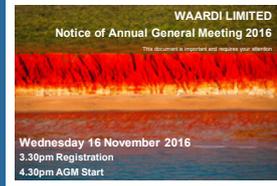


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WAARDI AGM

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 16
NOVEMBER 2016

VENUE: GOOLARRI MEDIA,
GIMME SHED

TIME: 3.30PM REGISTRATION,
4.30PM AGM START

All Waardi Members have been sent the AGM Notice. If your address details have changed, please contact the Waardi Office to update your details.

WAARDI COMMUNITY DIRECTOR POSITION

The Steering Committee has recently followed a selection and interview process for this position, which becomes vacant at the end of November 2016. The Waardi AGM Notice has more information who the new Director is.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE VACANCIES

The Steering Committee has an important role in 'steering' Waardi in the right direction.

In addition, the Committee is responsible for the selection of Waardi directors. Steering Committee members are selected by their Family Group beforehand or at a Waardi general meeting. The Steering Committee must meet at least 2 times a year but can meet more often if required.

The following Family Group's position become vacant at the Waardi AGM on 16 November 2016:

- Bernal;
- Wallai William;
- Milare;
- Chimbere Sitocay; and
- Paddy Roe

At the Waardi AGM Family Groups will have an opportunity to nominate their representative for the Steering Committee. Existing Family Group representatives can re-nominate and be re-elected. For further information regarding roles of the Steering Committee, please contact the Waardi office.



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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2016



Wednesday 16 November 2016
3.30pm Registration
4.30pm AGM Start

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LAND TRUST NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Following a public tender process, the Department of Housing (DoH) recently awarded the building of six single 4 bedroom 2 bathroom houses in Broome North to CWD Builders and Developers (CWD) for a total of \$2.5 million for the Land Trust. Guumbarr was involved in a thorough and professional tender selection process led by DoH.

The tender selection panel placed high value on choosing a builder with a high level of Indigenous employment (direct and or through contractors) and one that supported local suppliers. The total build price will vary due to Guumbarr rejecting some product options proposed by CWD and choosing to use products agreed during the design process led by the architects Masika Design.

CWD are about to start building the houses which they expect to finish them by early May 2017. We look forward to the build.

Lot 430 Sariago Terrace



FIVE HOUSES

At the time of the August Newsletter the houses for lots 430 Sariago Terrace and 471 Parris Way were just having the roof frames put up. Both houses are now complete! H&M Tracey handed over the keys to the Land Trust for lot 471 on 26 October and Brolga Developments handed over the keys for lot 430 on 14 October.

The keys for houses on lots 446 Tomarito Crescent and 492 Garfu Link are expected to be handed over early in November. The house on lot 478 Tomarito Crescent is due for completion in late November.

The Land Trust is currently in the process of renting out the houses. They need to be rented at market rentals, as the Land Trust is not in a position to offer Waardi Members other options at this point in time.

Lot 430 Sariago Terrace



THANK YOU.

Anthony Watson's term as Guumbarr Native Title Community Director came to an end in September.

Anthony's advice regarding the delivery of benefit programs to the GJJ people has been very useful. On behalf of the Waardi and Guumbarr Boards and Waardi staff, we'd like to thank Anthony and wish him all of the very best in his future endeavours.

ARE YOU THE NEXT GUUMBARR DIRECTOR?

NOTICE: One Guumbarr Native Title Community Director position will become vacant mid January, 2017. Director training is provided, so no previous experience is needed. There will be reminders about this position closer to the January date. Application forms are available on the Guumbarr web site. Start thinking now if you are interested in applying for the position.

2016 SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR – NATIONAL NAIDOC AWARDS

Layneisha 'Lay' Sgro



Layneisha 'Lay' Sgro is a young Jabbari, Bardi and Nyiyaparli woman who was recently named Scholar of the Year at the 2016 National NAIDOC awards in Darwin.

Lay spent most of her childhood in Broome and moved to Perth in 2011

after being awarded an Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) Scholarship to study and board at Presbyterian Ladies College. Lay recently graduated from Presbyterian Ladies College with an Atar of over 92, placing her in the top 8 percent of students in Australia. This score was the highest Atar obtained by an Indigenous Year 12 WACE student in 2015. For her achievement she was awarded the General Exhibition Award for Indigenous students from the Government of Western Australia.

During her high school years Lay was involved in numerous Indigenous advocacy and education programs such as the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy and the Indigenous Representative for National Youth Week.

In her final year of school she received a Future Leaders Indigenous Award and Future Footprints Academic Award,

as well being named Youth of the Year at the Kullarri NAIDOC Festival and Reconciliation Captain at her School.

Waardi provided much needed financial sponsorship in order for Lay to be a delegate for the UN Youth Australia Aotearoa Leadership Tour 2015 and has continued to support her through her transition to University.

She is currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Melbourne as a Chancellor's Scholar and is the recipient of a GradAustralia Scholarship and an Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarship. Lay is now residing at the prestigious Queen's College on a Queen's Indigenous Scholarship, and plans to study law.

Congratulations Layneisha, we look forward to following your career.

NATIVE TITLE

In late September Justice Anthony North from the Federal Court of Australia heard evidence in Broome from anthropologists and other expert witnesses. In March 2017 Justice North will hear the final arguments from lawyers.

It is expected Justice North will take six months or more come to a decision. If you need more information about this process, please contact the Kimberley Land Council or the lawyers for the different Native Title claims.

When Native Title is determined over James Price Point, then the State of WA will pay \$20 million to an Indigenous Housing Fund and \$10 million to an Economic Development Fund.

In addition, membership eligibility will change which will effect who is able to receive benefits from the Jirrajun Trust.

To help make changes that will be triggered by Justice North's decision Waardi and Guumbarr are working, in consultation with the Native Title parties, to help make the change process as smooth as possible.

Some changes can happen before Native Title is determined while others will happen once a determination is made and before the Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) is established. There are some changes that can happen only after the PBC is set up.

Apart from developing the plan, Waardi and Guumbarr will work on things that can happen before Native Title is determined. This includes:

FOR THE INDIGENOUS HOUSING FUND

- Talking with the State to ensure the \$20 million can go into the existing Land Trust, rather than set up another trust; and
- Developing housing options around how the funds can be used. These housing options will remain drafts, until they are approved by the determined Native Title body.

Unfortunately until the Land Trust receives the \$20 million, the Trust is not in a position to be able to provide any housing options to Waardi Members, such as subsidised rental, joint equity home loans or other housing services.

FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

- Talking with the State to ensure \$10 million can go into an existing trust, rather than set up another trust; and
- Developing options about how the funds can be used. These options will remain drafts, until they are approved by the determined Native Title claim group.

Waardi Members will be updated as things develop over the next 12 or more months.

EARLY LITERACY

In August both the Waardi and Guumbarr Directors agreed at their joint board meeting to continue funding the:

- Kimberley Reading Recovery program for 2016, but not for 2017 onwards;
- Literacy Acquisition for Pre-primary Students (LAPS) program, including expanding the program in 2017 and onwards; and
- Building Babies Brains (B3) (working title) project from the research stage to development and implementation.

While we are applying for funding grants for both the LAPS program and B3 project, it is estimated, that with current funds, Waardi will be able to deliver LAPS and B3 until the end of 2020.



YARNING WITH BABIES

Babies need to have lots of yarning before they turn 3, as the first 3 years of a baby's life is when their brain is in its **'powerful learning mode'**. This is when a baby learns the most about language. Babies can also learn lots of languages before turning 3.

After the age of 3 a baby's brain starts to slow down its language learning. Kids can still learn language, but this learning will be much slower.

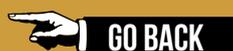
It is important to yarn a lot with baby before they turn 3. Kids that have lots of conversations with adults before they are 3 usually talk more. Kids that are good at talking by the age of 3 usually do better at reading and writing. TV and iPads can cut back kids talking. The more baby talks with an adult back and forth, the more their brains fire up.

TARRAN TEASER

Can someone help Mary put this into English: **Gadjang midjed ga**



Somebody helped Mary by explaining that: **Neg ang midjed** means **'go backwards / reverse'**



JIRRAJUN TRUST

PROGRAM CHANGES

Recently, the Guumbarr Directors reviewed the Education Program funding rules about school lunches.

School lunch related expenses are covered by a combination of gift cards, payment to the canteen and / or reimbursements to the applicant.

- For students in Pre School to Year 6, the maximum for school lunches remains at \$300 per semester, with the maximum total funding per year remaining at \$500.
- For students in Year 7 to Year 12, the maximum for school lunches remains at \$300 per semester, with the maximum total funding per year remaining at \$2,000.
- For students in the equivalent of first year University, the maximum for food related expenses increases from \$300 to \$600 per semester, with the maximum total funding per year remaining at \$15,000.
- For students in the equivalent of second year University or higher, there is no longer a limit for food related expenses or any other expenses. The maximum total funding per year remains at \$15,000.

NATIVE TITLE FUNDING

At the May 2013 Waardi AGM, Waardi Members voted in favour of a GJJ Native Title Party request to set aside a total of \$3 million of Jirrajun funds to help fund the determination of the Goolarabooloo and the Jabirr Jabirr Native Title claims.

After the funds were received from Woodside in September 2013 Guumbarr entered into detailed funding agreements with both of the claim groups.

Over the last three years funds have been released to both claim groups as they acquitted their previous release of funds. Both groups have spent the funds allocated from Jirrajun Trust.

Both Waardi and Guumbarr are looking forward to Native Title being determined and have appreciated being able to help fund both claim groups through the process.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Jirrajun Trust has been funding programs that benefit Waardi Members and eligible persons for just over two and a half years.

Based on current estimates and program spending it is expected that Jirrajun Trust

will be able to continue to fund these programs until the end of 2019.

A Native Title determination will impact on the number of people that can apply for program funding which will also impact on the life of the Jirrajun Trust programs. When Native Title is determined the programs will be reviewed and the estimated life span of the Jirrajun Trust will be revised.

The table below sets out the funding provided by each of the Jirrajun Trust programs over the last two & a half years:

JIRRAJUN TRUST PROGRAMS	2014		2015		2016
	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun
EDUCATION PROGRAM					
Pre-school	\$7,849	\$4,229	\$5,083	\$5,314	\$8,493
Primary school	\$16,961	\$37,777	\$31,513	\$39,513	\$39,041
Secondary school	\$51,753	\$95,969	\$97,948	\$89,451	\$97,208
Tertiary education	\$50,715	\$63,716	\$73,988	\$81,180	\$61,005
Gifted and talented student	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional education support	\$2,962	\$1,152	\$9,400	\$10,570	\$11,900
	\$130,240	\$202,843	\$217,932	\$226,028	\$217,647
SPORTING AND ART PROGRAM					
Youth	\$39,738	\$49,801	\$83,132	\$43,773	\$114,702
Gifted and talented	\$7,050	\$4,435	\$4,492	\$14,045	\$10,724
	\$46,788	\$54,236	\$87,624	\$57,818	\$125,426
FUNERAL PROGRAM					
Funeral program (including significant funerals)	\$29,701	\$10,998	\$24,789	\$0	\$21,600
ELDERS PROGRAM					
Elders (over 60) benefits	\$130,252	\$187,623	\$53,780	\$199,205	\$47,531
Elders (over 55) benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$43,785	\$15,157
	\$130,252	\$187,623	\$53,780	\$242,990	\$62,688
HEALTH CARE PROGRAM					
Health care	\$26,027	\$41,120	\$33,099	\$56,083	\$50,393
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM					
Mens Business	\$0	\$6,622	\$17,282	\$14,572	\$18,308
Womens Business	\$0	\$0	\$25,708	\$1,763	\$16,379
Preservation of Culture			\$4,500	\$500	-
	\$0	\$6,622	\$47,490	\$16,835	\$34,687
TRAINING PROGRAM					
Training	\$23,702	\$8,588	47,398	\$46,481	\$23,929
TOTAL FUNDING	\$386,710	\$512,030	\$512,112	\$646,543	\$537,033



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