



IBN WANGKA

Newsletter for the IBN Community

December 2019

IBN General Meeting

The day dawned hot and the flies certainly were friendly but that didn't stop a strong turnout at the General Meeting in South Hedland on Saturday November 23. There was some lively discussion and some great feedback, and we'd like to thank everyone for making the time to come along and hear from the Board.

We also heard from Yarlalu Thomas, an inspirational young Aboriginal man and medical student Australian of the Year, about the 'Pilbara Faces' project. Working cross the Pilbara, the project is creating the world's first 3D photo library of Aboriginal faces that will provide an important medical resource for doctors to understand the syndromes and diseases affecting Aboriginal people. Contact Yarlalu at yarlalu.thomas@health.wa.gov.au if your family would like to be involved.



CEO's Comment

Thanharu and Happy Christmas!

It's been another busy year at IBN, we have seen our organisation grow and there has been great change.

With the combined efforts of all IBN Directors and Staff we continue to be able to deliver long lasting benefits to IBN communities. Many people have worked hard for these changes over many years and I congratulate everyone on their efforts

Over the last year we have offered even more support for education with assistance for early years learning now available. IBN's also continues to strengthen its partnerships with other Pilbara NGO's and service providers with over 200 people attending our first community NAIDOC week event.

We anticipate that the rebalancing schedule will conclude within the next few months, which means IBN can now concentrate on its role as a Charitable Foundation. Our current Strategic Plan will come to an end in 2020 and planning for the next phase already underway. Our focus will be on significantly increasing our targets to address health, housing education, employment and training. The timeline for consultation with the community and the Representative Corporations will be announced soon.

Our Representative Corporations all held their Annual General Meetings (AGMs) this year with new Directors appointed. A number of Governance workshops will be held in the coming year. Good governance and strong leadership are essential for reducing poverty and inequality. Strong leadership and good governance leads to self-determination and economic independence.

The Elders Council, an important part of the future development of our organisation, have finalised their terms of reference and completed a draft Strategic Plan, and we look forward to their valuable input. The next date for the Elders Council Meeting has been scheduled for February 2020. Meeting notifications will be sent out early next year.

Following the Community Consultations earlier this year we made many positive changes to our programs to enable IBN to provide even more assistance to the IBN Community. We will commence our next round of consultations early next year.

IBN, through our labour hire and recruitment business, Indigenous Mining and Marine (IMMS) secured a major BHP contract this year, which has resulted in a significant increase in the number of jobs available in and around Hedland. A new contract with Austrak is also currently underway, and congratulations to all new employees.

I am also proud to report that IBN has maintained our high level of Indigenous employment across the organisation, currently sitting at over 50 per cent. As I come to the end of my first year as your CEO I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and look forward to what we can achieve together next year.

Lorraine Injie.
CEO, IBN.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

IBN offices will be closed from 12noon on Tuesday December 24, 2019, and reopen on Thursday January 2, 2020. The Team at IBN would like to wish you and your family a safe, and happy Christmas!



2019 Round up

A few snaps of what's been happening across IBN this year...

NAIDOC Celebrations

Hundreds of people gathered at the IBN office in South Hedland to celebrate NAIDOC and enjoyed great entertainment, dance and song, food and yarning with family and friends.



IBN was proud to support young Nyiyaparli man, and a super talented rapper and producer, Izzar, to deliver a deadly live performance and a song writing and beat making workshop for kids.



The Karratha team join in the NAIDOC celebrations with a community BBQ in partnership with the Department of Corrective Services and Pilbara Community Legal Service at the Vicinity Centre.



Hedland Kaiin Thithui Torres Strait dancers gave a stirring and heart felt performance to kick off the day.



The IBN Services crew achieved some great things this year, completing commercial contracts across Hedland and crew members being awarded certifications in horticulture and other job ready skills.



Fast becoming a regular at IBN events, the wonderful Jose Alec performed a few of her beautiful songs about country and spoke about the importance of the 'voice, treaty, truth' message that's the NAIDOC theme this year.



Flu vaccination clinics

IBN joined forces with Population Health to help as many members as possible access free meningococcal and flu vaccinations this year, and over 450 people took the opportunity to be vaccinated.

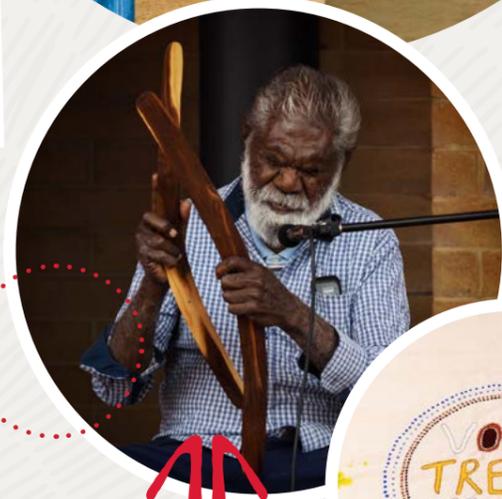


IMMS

Indigenous mining and Marine (IMMS), IBNs labour hire and recruitment business, snapped up some big contracts this year including maintenance for all BHP homes and properties across Hedland.



IBN sponsored the Karijini Experience again this year and our Elders told their stories in the yarning tent and shared traditional knowledge with visitors.



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