



# IBN WANGKA

Newsletter for the IBN Community

August 2018

## NAIDOC Week 2018

IBN celebrated NAIDOC Week this year with a different event each day including a kids craft day, BBQ's and damper making. We even joined forces with the South Hedland police to cook up a tasty feed in South Hedland Town Square.

This year's theme "Because of her, we can!" recognised the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made, and continue to make, to our communities, our families, and the nation. As leaders, trailblazers, politicians, activists and social change advocates, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women fought and continue to fight, for justice, equal rights, rights to country, for law and justice, access to education, employment and to maintain and celebrate Indigenous culture, language, music and art. The IBN workforce is made up of nearly 70 per cent women and they truly are the backbone of our organisation.

We hope you enjoyed your NAIDOC Week and spent a few moments appreciating the special women in your life.



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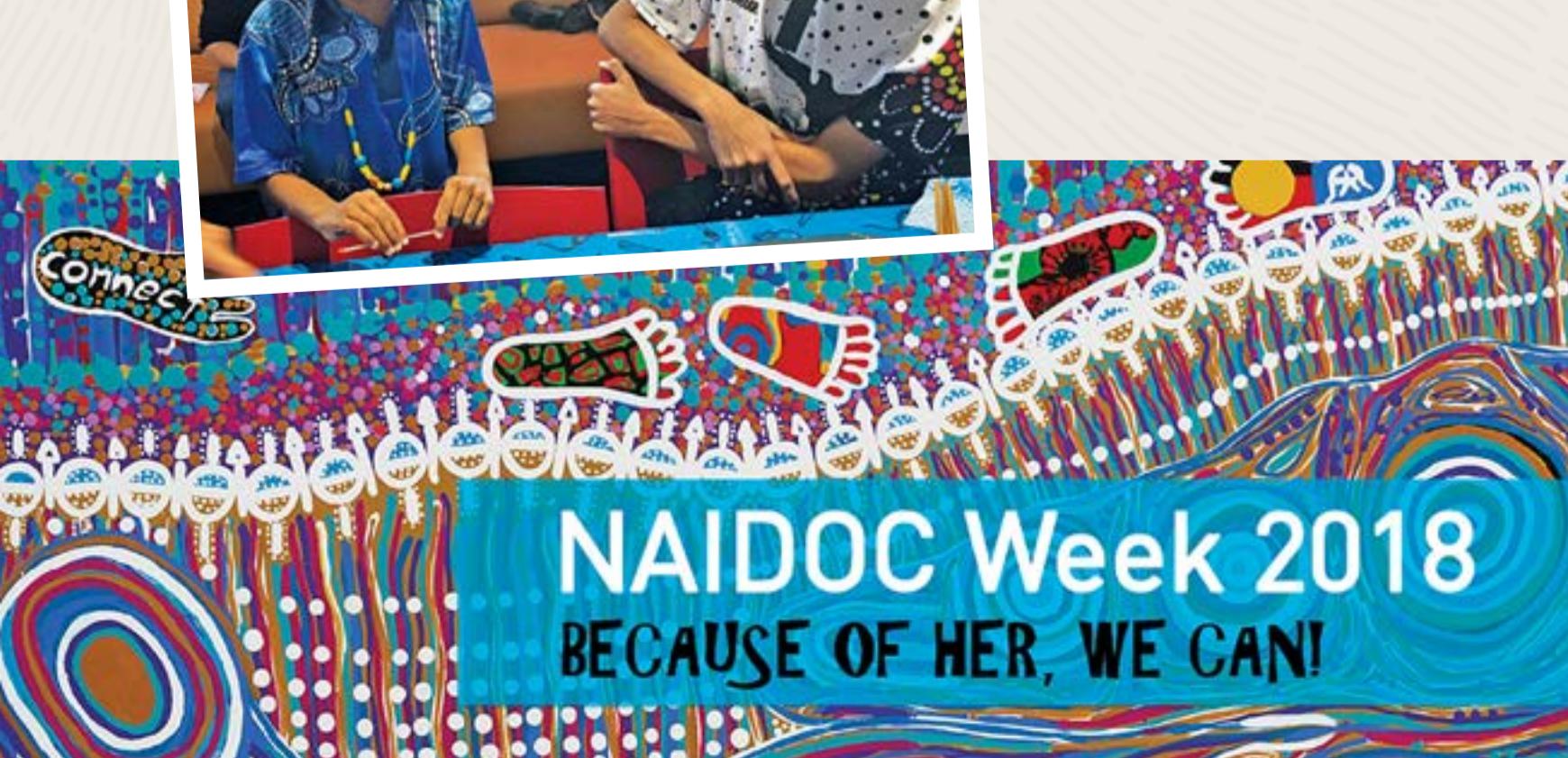
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# What is happening at IBN Services?

**Update from Evelyn Kroczek, Senior Coordinator, IBN Services.**

*IBN Services provides training and employment opportunities in horticulture, construction, carpentry and landscaping to IBN people in Port Hedland.*

It's full steam ahead at IBN Services with our biggest crew so far working on several new contracts across Port Hedland. We are currently training 18 Aboriginal workers in horticulture and maintenance and are expanding into carpentry.

The crew have been learning on the job working at Osprey Village each week taking care of garden maintenance and landscaping, and completing vegetation works along BHP's diesel pipeline at Finucane Island. BHP are so pleased with the crew's hard work we are quoting on two new contracts.

Our contact with the Watercorp to maintain their Hedland properties is continuing and we recently headed out to Tjalka Boorda Community for the Department of Planning to do a big clean up. Our native plant nursery is still pumping out the goods and we recently supplied FMG with over 11,000 native tubes stocks for use at their Anderson Point operations.

Our locally grown natives have also been used by the City of Karratha to beautify the town centre and verges, and Pardoo Station have planted them around new accommodation built to support their venture into the wagyu beef market.

As our crew numbers and capabilities increase so do our opportunities to bid for new work. We are currently quoting on jobs for Austrak to clean up their yard, and further work for BHP and MGM.

I think it's important to remember the reason we set up IBN Services, and to reflect on how it's helping our mob. Our goal was to build a commercial business, but to also give our members confidence and pride. We wanted to give them the boost they need to get into work, and to support their families. It makes me proud to see our crews headed out to jobs, looking deadly in their work gear and ready to have a go. It's been a long road, let's see where tomorrow takes us...

**To register to join the crew contact**

**Indigenous Mining and Marine (IMMS)**  
2 Wedge Street, Port Hedland  
[www.imms-net.au](http://www.imms-net.au) or call Kara on  
1300 368 865



## Language, Culture and Heritage

*Update from Annie Edwards-Cameron, IBN Linguist.*

It has been a busy year so far for the Language, Culture and Heritage team and we have completed some great resources to help to preserve our traditional languages. The *Wangka Maya Banyjima dictionary* has been published and special thanks goes to Wangka Maya Language Centre, the Banyjima people and all who have worked on the Banyjima database.

We have also finished a project that documents and maps significant placenames on Yinhawangka, Banyjima and Nyiyaparli lands. Titled *Pakarra Pakarra Yinithunpalkurta 'We Call the Country Name'*, this special project was partly funded by the Pilbara Development Commission. The result is a printed wall map and public digital map which will be displayed at the IBN offices. Placenames work will continue as part of the IBN languages and archive project.

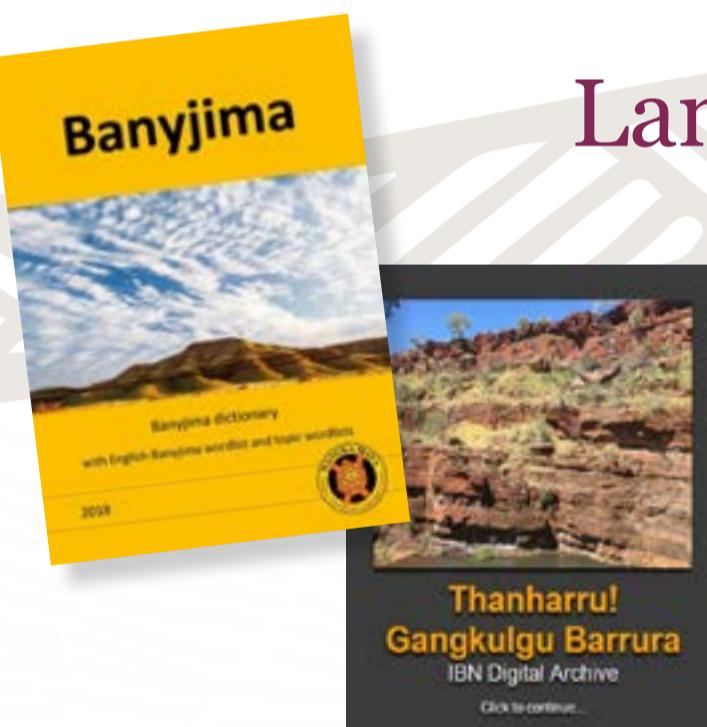
The IBN archive is now operational and ready to take material. The archive will contain language, cultural and heritage material from the IBN Community as well as IBN's corporate history. As part of this project we have been developing relationships with state and national collecting places such as the State Library of Western Australia, and the Australian Institute

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies in Canberra. We are also collaborating with the WA Museum on providing, and developing material for the New Perth Museum, due to open in 2020. If IBN Members have material think should be part of the archive please let me know.

Another interesting project is the development of a website to share stories and images from the 1946 Pilbara strike which was a landmark strike by Aboriginal pastoral workers for human rights recognition and payment of fair wages and working conditions. IBN is supporting Wangka Maya and researchers from the University of Adelaide to create the content and ensure this important event is not forgotten.

Lastly, a big thank you to the IBN Elders who came along to this year's Camp Kurlungka and the Karijini Experience. It's a special opportunity for IBN kids, and visitors to the Experience to learn language and hear stories shared by our old people.

**To find out more about our work, or to get involved in recording your own stories and histories, IBN Members can contact me at [acameron@ibngroup.com.au](mailto:acameron@ibngroup.com.au) or 1800 014 401**





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## Brand Street office opening event

*The refurbishment of IBN's headquarters in South Hedland is now complete and the building was officially opened by IBN Elders and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Ben Wyatt, on May 24.*

It was a perfect afternoon for the celebration that included a deadly performance by IBN kids and singer songwriter, Josie Alec. The crowds enjoyed damper and kangaroo stew and were given a beautiful Pilbara native plant gown by IBN Services to commemorate the day.

Refurbishment of the building was completed in part by IBN members, who landscaped the gardens and made some of the furniture. IBN purchased the building in 2016 and secured nearly \$1million in grant funding from Lotterywest to support the refurbishment which started in May last year.

The new building provides community meeting spaces and a gallery, a new reception area and offices for the IBN representative corporations.

The building also generates additional income for the IBN community through commercial tenancies and bookable meeting rooms.

IBN's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Chris Duirs, said it was time to give the building a new lease on life and create a space to be proud of.

“Our members were involved in much of the refurbishment process,” he said.

“They created new gardens, built furniture and the unique metal tree surrounds at the front of the building showing boomerangs and dancing sticks which are part of our history.”

Minister Wyatt thanked IBN for their work over the years and congratulated them on becoming the force they are in the community.

“From a Government perspective, when it comes to dealing with IBN you know you’re dealing with a serious player, leaders who have thought through the policies and ambitions they have and that is why IBN is taken so seriously,” he said.



## MIRLI MAYA: IBN Elders retirement facility has vacancies

"Mirli Maya" provides, safe, secure, and affordable housing for our Elders to live independently, close to family, a major hospital, and other social services. We would like to hear from IBN Elders interested in living in this unique facility.

Located in South Hedland and built to meet the social and cultural needs of our Elders, the property features five two-bedroom one-bathroom units. All units are furnished, wheelchair-friendly and secure.

Outside there are two shared communal gardens, a fire pit, shaded seating and handrails, plus an outdoor kitchen with shower and toilet facilities. An on-site coordinator is available to assist residents with their daily needs.

For more information about the facility and the entry criteria contact Selina Bilton in the Service Delivery Team on 1800 014 401 or email [sbilton@ibngroup.com.au](mailto:sbilton@ibngroup.com.au) or visit IBN's office at 3 Brand Street, South Hedland.

**mirli maya**  
IBN ELDERS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

## The IBN Nurse is back from maternity leave

*Stacey, the IBN Nurse, is back providing free, expert medical care to IBN people living in and around Tom Price.*

The IBN Nurse works solely for the IBN Community to bridge the gap in medical care in remote areas and communities.

Stacey runs weekly clinics and can help with referrals to specialist services. She recently ran a series of well attended flu vaccination clinics at the Tom Price office and visited Wakathuni and Parabadoo with the Chronic Disease Team from the hospital.

If you, or your family need non-emergency medical care give Stacey a call or drop into one of her clinics. Stacey is based at the Nintirri Centre, Central Road, Tom Price.

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## Tucker sisters on a mission to keep language alive

IBN has published two books about the lives of Banyjima sisters, Wadu Tucker and Marianne Tucker.

Wadu's book is called *Ngatharndu Minali Wangga My Own Story* and Marianne's book is called *Ngaligurutharndu Yurlu Ngambigunha Our Home Wittenoom*.

The two sisters spent the past four years collecting their knowledge to create the books to ensure that, while their language might one day become extinct, it will never be forgotten.

The sisters come from country around Wittenoom, and are among the last fluent speakers of the Banyjima language. Marianne said she and Wadu decided they had to get their knowledge down in writing.

"I was sitting down one day, me and my sister, and decided we gonna write this story about our childhood, our memories growing up," she said.

"We been back and forth up and down to Wittenoom, to Mount Herbert, Mulga Downs."

Wadu said it was important to pass these stories on.

"I went to school here in Roebourne, it was the first school I went to," she said.

"My family from here, we are all one family here."

The books were launched in Roebourne at the end of February and copies can be collected from the IBN office in South Hedland.



### CLINIC TIMES

Tuesday – **Wakathuni**

Wednesday – **Bellary Springs**

Thursday – **Parabadoo**

and once month at **Youngaleena**

# Changes to Community Programs

To meet the changing needs of the IBN Community IBN reviews our Community Programs each financial year. After meeting with the community and the Representative Corporations, the IBN Board approved a number of changes that came into effect at the start of the new financial year (1 July 2018).

The changes have seen an increase in benefits in some programs and more open access to others.

The key changes are:

- **Household Essentials Program:** Increase in benefits from \$1,800 to \$2,200 (Pilbara-based members) and \$1,900 (all other members). Program now also includes food vouchers.
- **Primary and Secondary School Expenses Program:** Increase in benefits from \$2,000 to \$2,200.
- New program “**Secondary School Boarding Fees and Expenses**”: This program assists with boarding fees and travel expenses for students studying away from home in both public and private schools anywhere in Australia.
- **Secondary Scholarships:** Restriction on ‘Pilbara-Gascoyne based’ has been removed. Students can be from anywhere in Australia.
- **Tertiary Education Program:** Benefits extended to include university/college parking fees.
- **Medical Travel Escort and Patient Support Programs:** Extended to assist with travel expenses for a person/s to accompany an IBN Member/patient OR for an IBN Member/s to accompany an immediate family member receiving medical care away from home. Dependent children can be included within the cap. Accommodation, meals and transport subsidy for Medical Travel Escort has increased from \$200 per week to \$250 per day.
- **Lore Travel Program:** Benefits increased to \$500 twice per financial year, to attend lore business.
- **Funeral Support Program (IBN Member funerals):** Benefits have been combined to allow up to \$5,000 per member funeral, per year to cover funeral costs such as funeral arranging, travel and hosting family.

A letter outlining the key changes and a copy of the new Community Programs Handbook was posted to everyone. The application forms have also changed. Visit [www.ibngroup.com.au](http://www.ibngroup.com.au) for the latest copies and to view the handbook.

## Need more information?

Call the Community Programs Team on 1800 014 401 or email [applications@ibngroup.com.au](mailto:applications@ibngroup.com.au)



## Did you know that new members can join IBN from the age of 16?

To become an IBN Community Member you need to complete:

- Application to become an IBN Community Member
- Deed of Undertaking

Membership applications are considered by the relevant Representative Corporation four times a year. Please be aware that, depending on when meetings are held, it could take six months or more to be assessed. The IBN Board will make a decision on individual membership applications taking into consideration the recommendation of the relevant Representative Corporation.

Bayjima members are required to also complete a separate application form. All applications require current contact details and a copy of your birth certificate.

Applications are then sent to the IBN Board, and IBN will notify you about the outcome.

Membership forms are available at IBN's offices or on the IBN website at [www.ibngroup.com.au/forms-publications/](http://www.ibngroup.com.au/forms-publications/)

## Membership enquires

Please send all membership enquiries to [membership@ibngroup.com.au](mailto:membership@ibngroup.com.au)

# In Brief



## WELCOME TO ELENOR (ELLY) LUKALE!

*Field Officer, Tom Price*

Hi everyone my name is Elly, short for Eleanor. I am excited and happy to be joining the Tom Price IBN team as a Field Officer. I was born in Papua New Guinea, and moved to Tasmania when I was five years old. I have called a lot of places 'home' but the Pilbara has been home for the past eight years and I have grown to love the place and the amazing landscape that surrounds us.

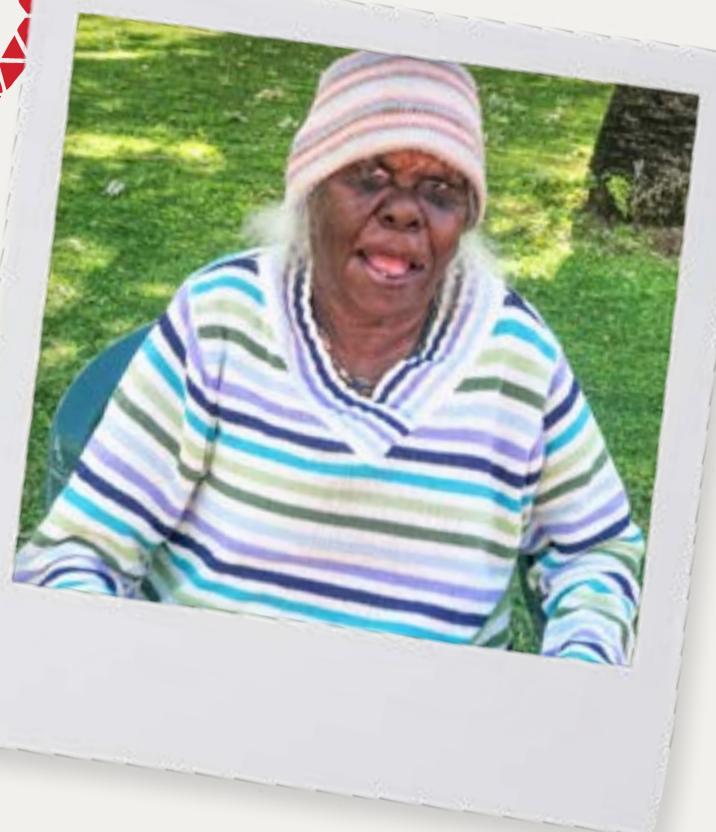
I have a passion for the Arts and Media, I love to create, share stories and document the world around me through photography. It definitely helps me to see things differently and appreciate the world on a whole new level. I also have a passion for community development and hope to work in partnership with other local service providers to help IBN members and develop programs that inspire you.

**Drop in and see me at the Tom Price office, or I can be contacted on 9189 3706 and [elukale@ibngroup.com.au](mailto:elukale@ibngroup.com.au)**

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WORK?

Register with IBN's labour hire company, Indigenous Mining and Marine Services (IMMS) to find out about job opportunities in Port Hedland and the Pilbara.

**Visit [www.imms-net.au](http://www.imms-net.au) to complete the online registration or drop in for a wangka with Kara at 2 Wedge Street, Port Hedland.**



*"It was a beautiful morning spent yarning, and soaking up the winter sunshine."*

IBN staff from the Tom Price office spent July 17 celebrating the importance of Elders with a BBQ and gift giving. They also passed on little notes of appreciation written by our members, staff and IBN kids to show our old people how important they are to us. It was a beautiful morning spent yarning, and soaking up the winter sunshine.



## OUR STORY

IBN has created a short film about our work and the people we support. It features a lot of familiar faces from the IBN Community and some amazing shots of the beautiful Pilbara.

**Visit [www.YouTube.com](https://www.YouTube.com) and search 'IBN Corporation' to check it out.**



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## Got a good yarn for the IBN Wangka?

*Email [swilson@ibngroup.com.au](mailto:swilson@ibngroup.com.au) or call 1800 014 401 and ask to speak to our Communications Coordinator.*