



IBNWANGKA

Newsletter for the IBN Community

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Camp Kurlungka: Connecting kids with country

IBN held our first on country kid's camp, 'Camp Kurlungka' in Karijini National Park last year. It was so successful IBN decided to do it all again this year!

Camp Kurlungka is about connecting kids with country. The kids spend a week on country in Karijini learning from elders about culture and language; they build new friendships and enjoy new experiences through music, art, food and sport.

Highlights included a music lesson from the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, listening to stories from elders, cooking with celebrity chef, Mark Olive, learning how to use a GPS in a cross country walk, and making their own red dirt tie t-shirts. Camp Kurlungka is run by IBN staff and volunteers and generously supported by local organisations who donate their time, expertise and equipment.

"This is the second year IBN has held a camp and we are learning a lot. Our goal is to get the format right and run camps each year on the traditional lands of each IBN language group."
Tony McRae, CEO, IBN.

"It was really fun cooking the damper. Some of the techniques he (Mark Olive) showed us I didn't even know you could do that."
– **Montel Kelly.**

"I have never played an instrument like this before. I got it to make a sound, and it was like 'wow!'
Tryrell Jones.



"We hope that by giving the kids a chance to do things they haven't done before, like playing instruments with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, or cooking with a famous chef, that they will understand they can walk in two worlds. New experiences build confidence; our kids will learn that they can achieve anything."
Lorraine Injie, Chairperson, IBN.



"The challenge was to make the best outfit out of rubbish bags. It's going to be really fun to see what people come up with. It's teaching us to work as a team and to think together."
– **Bill Cooke.**

"This year we worked closely with Tom Price Youth Support Association to get the kids involved in team building activities that encouraged anti-bullying. Life skills and strategies gained through these activities will help each individual be strong and create healthy relationships."
Kim McCall, Camp Leader.

"We used the GPS and went for a bushwalk. We went to the lookout and saw the gorge with all the water, there were big caves. It looked so good. We used the GPS to get back to camp and talk to each other on the radio."
– **Billy Bob Kelly.**



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Two Sisters. A film about coming home

Two Sisters follows the journey of Nyiyaparli elder, Mrs Amy Dhu, as she is reunited with the country and people she loves. Directed by Nyiyaparli filmmaker, Denise Groves, the project is proudly funded by IBN and Indigenous Community Stories.

The film documents the reunion of two Pilbara sisters, Mrs Amy Dhu and Mrs Doris Mitchell. Separated from her sister several years ago when she left Port Hedland to live in an aged care facility in Geraldton, Mrs Dhu says the time away from country and family “felt like an eternity.”

During April a film crew recorded Mrs Dhu’s journey home and captured many surprises along the way, including an emotional family reunion at Port Hedland Airport and a special Welcome Back to Country from Kariyarra elder, Di Robertson.

Born at Roy Hill Station, the sisters spent nearly 60 years living in Marble Bar. Now aged 94 and 96 years they are the oldest Nyiyaparli elders, and the film captures their intimate and extensive knowledge of country.

Mrs Dhu and Mrs Mitchell and other family members share their stories of growing up in the bush; the early years of living in Marble Bar, yandying, hunting and the cultural knowledge that is an interwoven part of this inspiring story.

The film will launch later in the year.



Mrs Amy Dhu is reunited in Port Hedland with her grandson, Russell Corbett, and Melissa Black and their children.

Pilbara Aboriginal organisations meet with new Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

It’s been many years since a Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs has travelled to the Pilbara. This changed last month when newly appointed Minister, Ben Wyatt, met with local Aboriginal organisations in South Hedland.

Coordinated by Pilbara Aboriginal Corporations and Enterprises (PACE), an active collaboration of over 11 different Aboriginal organisations including IBN, the meeting was an opportunity to meet with the new Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Ben Wyatt.

Discussions focused on issues facing Aboriginal people in the region, including proposed changes to the Aboriginal Heritage Act, a lack of effective services from local government agencies and the importance of Aboriginal engagement in policy making.

PACE members are working together to improve services, influence Government policy and promote the interests of Pilbara Aboriginal people.

The Minister also launched the new PACE website which we encourage people to visit to find out more about their work, membership and upcoming meetings. Visit www.pace.org.au



Calling all aspiring and existing business owners!

Running a successful business can be a legal minefield. Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is presenting a series of free legal workshops specially designed for Indigenous business.

Law Way: Indigenous Business and the Law. This workshop is designed for new and existing Indigenous business owners and covers the legal side of running your own business. You will be guaranteed to walk away with a solid background and legal tips.

Joint Ventures and the Law. This workshop has been specifically designed for Indigenous businesses that are considering a Joint Venture (JV). Learn all you need to know ensure your business comes to a joint venture as an equal party.

Upcoming workshops

27 July - Broome - Joint Ventures and the Law

Full Day - 9am-5pm

28 July - Broome - Law Way: Indigenous Business and the Law

Half Day - 9am-1pm

Workshops are free for registered participants. If you are interested in attending and want to know more, please contact sarah@terrijanke.com.au or call (02) 9693 2577.

Recording the stories of our people

The IBN Language Project has moved from Wangka Maya Language Centre to IBN's head office at 3 Brand Street, South Hedland. The project documents the traditional languages of the IBN people and records their personal history, stories and knowledge of culture and country. If you, or someone in your family, would like to make a recording contact Annie Edwards-Cameron, IBN Linguist, at acameron@ibngroup.com.au

Looking for work?

IMMS are now recruiting

IMMS, a wholly owned subsidiary of IBN, are looking for people to fill different roles in and around Port Hedland and the Pilbara. If you are looking to upgrade your skills or gain new ones IMMS can assist IBN members with training and skill development.

All candidates must be able to pass medicals. To register your interest visit www.imms-net.au and complete the online registration. Make sure you include copies of current tickets and licences as part of the registration process. Call 1300 368 865 for more information, or drop into see Kara for a Wangka 2 Wedge Street, Port Hedland.

Now recruiting:

- Mobile Plant Operators
- Truck Drivers
- Tradespeople
- Mechanical Fitters
- Boilermaker
- Electricians
- Carpenters
- Trades Assistants
- Riggers
- Dogman
- Crane Operators



Expression of Interest (EoI): IBN Members only housing sale

IBN owns a number of properties in South Hedland, which are being offered for sale to IBN members only. The properties are being offered to IBN members at a discount to the price set by an independent property valuation.

IBN members are invited to lodge an Expressions of Interest (EoI) for the purchase of the properties for sale. Members may lodge an EoI for a number of properties, but can only purchase one property.

Lodging an EoI does not constitute an obligation for you to buy the property or for IBN to sell you the property. If IBN receives more than one EoI for a

property, an independently managed ballot draw will decide which member is offered that property.

To lodge an EoI to purchase a property you must complete and return the EoI form IBN by close of business 31 July 2017.

An information pack, which includes EoI form, list of available properties and financing information, was posted to all members earlier in mid-June. If you did not receive a pack visit www.ibngroup.com.au for a copy of the property list and EoI form. Home open dates and times will also be posted on the website.

For general enquiries contact Iain Logan on **9140 0905** or email housesales@ibngroup.com.au

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Uluru convention pushes for treaty

A historic meeting at Uluru in May has rejected ‘symbolic’ recognition of Indigenous people in the Australian Constitution, instead making two demands that would change the political and social face of Indigenous rights in Australia.

The Indigenous National Constitutional Convention concluded with the creation of the ‘Uluru Statement from the Heart’ that explains what real constitutional recognition means to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

It has set out the need for a permanent First Nations “voice” in the parliament that is enshrined in the constitution and the creation of a commission to oversee agreement- making between Aboriginal people and government.

“We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country. We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution. We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history...” - Extract from Uluru Statement from the Heart.

When asked what constitutional recognition means to them, First Nations peoples told the Council they don’t want recognition if it means a simple acknowledgement, but rather constitutional reform that makes a real difference in their communities.

Lorraine Injie, Chairperson of IBN, attended as a representative of the East Pilbara and said the convention was a powerful move in the right direction for Aboriginal rights in Australia.



Megan Davis, Pat Anderson from the Referendum Council holding the ‘Uluru Statement from the Heart’, with Noel Pearson. Source: Australian Financial Review.



Ready to learn new skills and improve your employability?

TAFE North West is offering a short course to improve employability, teamwork, literacy, communication, computer and numeracy skills.

The program is designed for people who want to continue with further study at a

Certificate 1 or 2 levels, and people wanting to take the next step into employment.

The course runs for 18 weeks, three days a week at the Pundulmurra Campus in South Hedland. Course starts Tuesday 25 July, 2017.

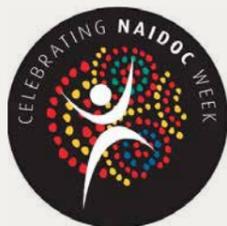
IBN can assist with course fees and other educational expenses. For more information about the program download the course flyer on the IBN website or call Shana Gelin at Pundulmurra on 9158 5634 or email shana.gelin@nrtafe.wa.edu.au



UPCOMING EVENTS

NAIDOC BALL

July 7, 6:30pm at the Walkabout Hotel, Port Hedland.



The NAIDOC Ball wraps a week of national celebrations recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. Come along for a night of dinner, dancing and music. Tickets are \$70 and include a buffet meal and entertainment. To purchase tickets call 9172 0444 or email ericat@wmhsca.com

IBN MEETING

Saturday 4 November, 2017.

IBN will hold a meeting for all members at Wanangkura Stadium in South Hedland to discuss general IBN business and future plans. The Representative Corporations will hold a meeting in the morning on the same day, with the IBN meeting taking place after lunch. A meeting notice will be sent to everyone closer to the time.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES?

This course will give you the skills needed to learn the signs and symptoms of mental health issues, and where to get help.

- South Hedland **July 11-12**
- Karratha **August 8-9**
- Tom Price **September 6-7**

The course has been culturally adapted for Aboriginal people, runs for 2 full days and includes lunch.

Contact nikita.mulder@gumala.com.au to register your interest.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARSHIPS FOUNDATION HELPING TO CREATE STRONG ABORIGINAL CORPORATIONS

Ashely Councillor traveled to Perth in May to complete a Certificate in Governance for Not-For-Profits after securing a scholarship from the Australian Scholarships Foundation (ASF). ASF helps not-for-profit board members and managers access education, training and development programs to improve their ability to lead and manage.

The certificate is a 2-day course that provides a practical overview of the essentials of good governance and key governance initiatives in

Australia. Ashely sits on several Aboriginal boards and hopes his knowledge will help them reach their full potential.

IBN assisted Ashely with travel and accommodation costs and can help other IBN members who want to undertake further education or training. Contact the Community Programs Team on **1800 014 401** for more information. ASF offer many different scholarships. Visit www.scholarships.org.au for a complete list.

Kickstart your career in nursing



If you have ever thought about a career in nursing now is the time to make it happen.

North Regional TAFE is offering a Diploma of Nursing at Pundulmurra Campus in South Hedland. Semester one starts in July. IBN can help with course fees and getting together the documents needed to apply.

Entry requirements:

- WACE Certificate (C grade minimum) or an Australian Nationally Recognised Qualification/s (minimum Certificate III)
- National Police Clearance

The course is also available at other regional campuses across the North including Karratha, Tom Price and Broome. Interested? Contact Selina Bilton, Field Officer (Education), on **9140 0900** or email sbilton@ibngroup.com.au

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