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NGAANYATJARRA  
COUNCIL (Aboriginal Corporation) ICN: 101



## *DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Harriet Olney*

When I first came to the Lands I didn't know any Ngaanyatjarra people so I was pleased to find that everyone in Warburton is friendly, really friendly. The first person who became my friend was Elizabeth Holland. She told me that she always tries to make friends with new white ladies to help them to learn. I know lots of senior ladies now but Elizabeth is still my good friend.

Other things I like about the Lands besides the friendly people are: the warm afternoons and cool nights, the delicate flowers, the way you can see so far when you are on a hill and the light reflecting

from the grasses in the early morning and late evening. I like it that you can take your dog with you when you go out bush and I like it when the truck comes in with fresh food for the shop. I like working at the school because the children are friendly too. When I first came, I really liked the way the men from the work camp used to do jobs in the Warburton community.

I saw an advertisement on the Ngaanyatjarra Council website because they needed another Independent Director. I applied for this because I thought it would be good to have another lady

director and someone who lives here. I also thought I could help the school-teachers to learn more about the communities. I want to help school staff members to work well with Ngaanyatjarra people.

I came from Fremantle and I still go there when I get holidays from school. If you want to know more about what I did before I came to the Lands or my husband and son or my mother and father or my sister and brothers then you should ask me when you see me somewhere.



## STAFF PROFILE: Clem Hansen

but have lived in Perth for the majority in the eastern suburb of Cloverdale near the Airport where I attended the local primary and high schools and completed year nine.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with family which includes my three adult children, listening to music, watching movies and of course – following the AFL. My teams are East Perth in the WAFL and the Eagles in the AFL.

As General Manager of Community Services and Development, my role is to lead and develop the Council's Community Services Development Division which includes CDP and the Municipal Services program. We have a team of highly committed and dedicated professionals working on the lands and in the Perth office all playing a vital role in

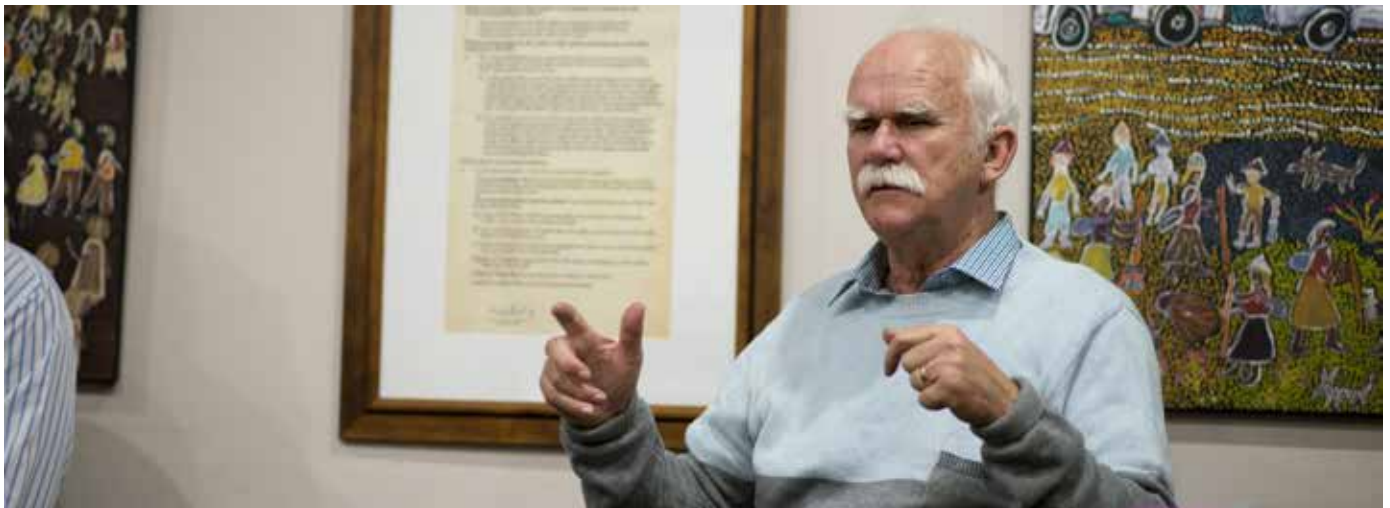
delivering on stated goals of these programs.

I enjoy working with the communities as a whole to realise their full potential and am looking forward to working with the communities and individuals to progress opportunities that lead to participation in the Australian economy through meaningful jobs or enterprise development.

My passion is working with Aboriginal people to improve socio and economic circumstance. In my previous roles I worked in government, education and mining sectors to develop and implement employment and aboriginal contracting strategies and rolling out those strategies at the corporate and project levels all across Western Australia and I am looking forward to working with the council and supporting its members in all areas.

I have recently joined the Ngaanyatjarra Council Senior Management Team as the Community Development Program General Manager.

I was born in a small town called Quairading some 130 odd kms East of Perth



## FAREWELL: David Brooks

David Brooks' involvement with the Ngaanyatjarra Lands stretches back for over thirty years. David's work with the Ngaanyatjarra people has always centered on their connection to country and this is reflected in his achievements.

David once said that because the Ngaanyatjarra as a group have never left their country, nor has their country ever been annexed or occupied by outsiders, 'the difference in the quality of the "people to country" bond is palpable' and this is a significant factor in the strength of the Ngaanyatjarra today.

David was instrumental in assisting the Ngaanyatjarra people with achieving their claim for Native Title, particularly his success in uniting the areas under a single claim, one of the largest successful native title claims in Australia.

David has supervised the negotiations and the heritage research associated with exploration undertaken by mining companies over some 400,000 sq km of remote Australia.

As Principal Anthropologist for Ngaanyatjarra Council, David has had an invaluable role in guiding Council in

implementing programs in a culturally responsible manner.

David has remained a valuable resource over the years and most recently has worked with the Education Department, providing teaching staff with cultural awareness training and advising on effectively educating the Ngaanyatjarra people within western education systems.

David Brooks will be soundly missed by many people at Ngaanyatjarra Council and on the Lands. We wish him all the best.



## NGAANYATJARRA COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

After a false start when the charter flight bound for Warburton had to return to Alice Springs after a short time in the air, CEO of Ngaanyatjarra Council – Mr Gerard Coffey and three Ngaanyatjarra Council staff members touched down on Friday 23rd June to address the Ngaanyatjarra Lands School staff.

As part of the education planning day coordinated by Executive Principal, Sandy Robertson, Mr Coffey gave the group of over 40 education department employees, an overview of Ngaanyatjarra Council Operations and explained the organisational structure and the roles and responsibilities of each division as well as the differences between Ngaanyatjarra Council and Ngaanyatjarraku Shire.

Ms Robertson reported that the day, which included breakaway sessions for various groups within the education department and a delicious lunch catered by the Warburton Roadhouse, was very successful and that the informative Ngaanyatjarra Council presentation answered a lot of questions for the staff.

Copies of Ngaanyatjarra Council PowerPoint presentation are available on request by writing to [executive.assistant@ngacouncil.org.au](mailto:executive.assistant@ngacouncil.org.au).

Following his presentation to the Ngaanyatjarra Lands School staff at the end of June, Mr Coffey attended the mediation between the Ngaanyatjarraku Shire and Federal Government regarding CDP and their submission to the Human Rights Commission on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th July.

The meeting which was held in the Warburton College facility was attended by over forty people including Community Members, Council Directors as well as the legal representation for both sides and guests including former Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party and 2014 Senior Australian of the Year recipient Mr Fred Chaney.

Next on the agenda for Mr Coffey was a meeting of the Ngaanyatjarra Council Board with special guest, Greens Senator - Rachel Siewert on Tuesday 25th July. Not surprisingly, the hot topic for discussion was CDP as well as the challenges surrounding the head contractor model for housing repairs on the lands.

Senator Siewert was very interested in hearing the stories of the members and said she was committed to taking the stories back to the Government with a view to effect changes to the two programs.

Finally, on Wednesday 26th July, Mr Coffey assembled the team of the Department Senior Managers of the Ngaanyatjarra organisation from the Alice Springs and Perth offices in Fremantle for two days to workshop ideas about how to improve the organisation as a whole and assist with the composition of the Strategic Plan for the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

The program included sessions addressing a range of topics from HR policies, procedures and recruitment to insurance matters as well as little history and culture presented by Land and Culture Manager Mr Alex Knight.

There was some fun thrown in before dinner with Mr Coffey playing Quizmaster to two teams for a music themed quiz resulting in Housing General Manager Thomas Williams' team taking out the tie break with a question about Kendrick Lamar!

The next Ngaanyatjarra Council Members meeting will be held in Jameson on Wednesday 16th August. All Members are encouraged to attend.





Mr Bennett blocking the Panel for Devon to insert the metallic sign frame.

## LAND AND CULTURE: Pungkupirri

In April 2016, the body of a tourist was found at the Pungkupirri rockhole, near Warakurna Community on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. The tourist, from Victoria, had been walking alone and had tragically fallen down a steep rock face.

Lyllal Giles, a traditional owner, was among those who found the body and this tragic event occurring on his country led him, as well as other Elders from Wanarn, Warakurna and Tjukurla, as well as the Ngaanyatjarra Council board

of directors, to think about what could be done to stop something like this from happening again.

Ngaanyatjarra Council's Land & Culture section were directed to create signs, informing people that the rockhole is an important place and a potentially dangerous one.

The Warakurna Working on Country Team were given the opportunity to work on the project, building a sign at the entrance of the Pungkupirri gorge. The sign clearly shows the dangers of

climbing with symbols and words: *Do not Climb, Falling rocks, Dangerous Cliff Edge* and lists a phone number for Land Management purposes.

All the Warakurna ranger team have been participating in the realisation of this hazard warning sign, however nothing could have been properly set up and finished on site without the help of Bernard Newberry, Lyllal Giles and Cedric Laidlaw.

*Devon Yates, Patrick Reid, Lyllal Giles and Cedric Laidlaw proud to have set up the sign in a very rocky ground setting !!*





## JAWUN

Hello to our two new Jawun secondees, Bronwyn and Victoria!

Bronwyn is from the Commonwealth Department of Finance and has been based in Canberra for the past 25 years. Bronwyn grew up in Sydney and has had a long career in the public sector as a budget and policy adviser for the Government and is currently the project manager for a whole of Government reform on grant administration across the Commonwealth.

Victoria is from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) and has been

based in Sydney for the past 5.5 years. Victoria is originally from England and started her career as a banking analyst. She has taken on various change manager and business consultant roles and is currently a strategy and change manager for the Enterprise Services division within CBA.

Bronwyn and Victoria will be based in Alice Springs for the next 5 weeks, designing and developing a new strategic plan for the Ngaanyatjarra Council. The strategic plan will provide long-term direction to the developments in

the Ngaanyatjarra Communities, and across the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. The Strategic Plan will be owned by the whole Ngaanyatjarra community, and will guide all development, investment and decision-making.

Keep an out for both ladies over the coming weeks. They will be visiting the Warburton community next week and hope to attend Ngaanyatjarra Council's General Meeting and Board Meeting the following week.



**19th REMOTE  
INDIGENOUS MEDIA  
FESTIVAL**  
Irrunytju (Wingellina) WA  
25 - 30 September 2017  
**LUTJURRINGKULALA NINTIRINGAMA  
NGAPARTJI NGAPARTJI**

**OUTDOOR CINEMA**  
Monday – Thursday @ 8:00pm – 9:30pm

**OPENING CEREMONY**  
Tuesday @ 9:00am – 12:30pm

**TURLKU**  
Friday @ from sunset  
**ART FAIR**  
Saturday @ 1:00pm – 3:00pm

**BBQ & CONCERT**  
Saturday @ from 7.30pm

The Remote Indigenous Media Festival is an annual invite-only industry event for remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media organisations and workers. The Festival celebrates remote media achievements and builds capacity with its strong media training focus. Irrunytju community and Ngaanyatjarra Media (NG Media) have welcomed the opportunity to co-host the 19th Festival.

Come together to share in Ngaanyatjarra music, art and culture. Big country, big night skies and big Tjukurrpa.

## CDP: Warakurna

Warakurna CDP has been busy as usual. In the last couple of months they have built a bike track for the kids. This activity was completed with assistance from Bikes Palya, who were running a school holiday program in Warakurna.

*Pictured: Trevor Stevens, Corey Ward, Garrick Robinson, Oliver Reid, Kresley Williams and Rob Warner*



New signs for Warakurna: one for the road intersection so people who aren't familiar with this area can find the airstrip easily, a new welcome sign for people arriving by plane and a new sign for the Roadhouse as well.

Warakurna CDP continues to work with recycled materials, turning old oil drums and cable reels into chairs and benches.

*Pictured: Owen Nelson, Kresley Williams, Glen Chambers and Rob Warner*



## CDP:Jameson

Jameson Community recently funded a two week carpentry workshop for their CDP participants. The workshop was run by Darcy Jones, a carpenter based in Blackstone Community. The workshop was to focus on how to use and maintain tools and equipment, best safety practices and different joints and techniques used in making furniture from wood.

Participants were given two projects to choose from, making either a table or chair from pallet wood. With simple written instructions, this gave participants an opportunity to exercise basic LLN skills.

*Pictured: Brett Yates, Darcy Jones, Amos Stevens, Zac Westlake, Steven Tiger, Carl Woods, Cassias Davis, Bradley Holland, Nicky Yates, Wayne Davies and Carl Mitchell.*



## CDP:Blackstone

Blackstone CDP is showing some innovation in its activities. The Blackstone Community sports ground has a new Score Board thanks to Travis Brown.

Travis has also been using his new skills to upgrade his car including fitting a perspex rear window.

Its great to see jewellery making happening in the CDP Shed, and some great furniture being made with new skills being learnt.

*Pictured: Travis Brown, Austin Hanson, Bernard Nixon, Mervin Giles, Susan Mitchell and Alvina Brown*





Warburton v Magpies @ Jameson June 2017

## SPORTS

People all over The Lands were excited to learn that Ngaanyatjarra Council had made a commitment to make sure Sport in The Lands would keep going in 2017. We are all thankful Community Sport was thrown a lifeline by Ngaanyatjarra Council, when there was great uncertainty for its future.

Following the amazingly successful Season of Sport in 2016, Ngaanyatjarra Council decided to proceed in advance of receiving funds from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, to make sure the 2017 season of games could start.

Short term funding has now been provided by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to help get us through to October 2017, with strong support from the local WA staff.

After seven rounds of AFL and softball fixtures, the competition has developed into a close contest between all community teams. Every team will have a chance to play in the final rounds this year, with the two teams placed at the top of the Premiership Table being given a "life", whereas the lower four teams are eliminated after a "loss" and only the winning team progresses toward a Grand Final appearance.

### AFL PREMIERSHIP TABLE (Round 8)

PLACE	TEAM	Pts	P	W	D	L	For	Against	%
1	WANARN CROWS	28	8	7	0	1	614	411	149
2	WARBURTON TIGERS	20	8	5	0	3	503	391	129
3	MANTAMARU MAGPIES	16	8	4	0	4	438	420	104
4	WARAKURNA ROOS	16	8	4	0	4	434	450	96
5	PAPULANKUTJA DEMONS	12	8	3	0	5	424	489	87
6	IRRUNYTJU WARRIORS	4	8	1	0	7	347	579	60

### SOFTBALL PREMIERSHIP TABLE (Round 7)

PLACE	TEAM	PTS	P	W	L	Runs For	Runs Against	%
1	IRRUNYTJU KUNGKAS	24	8	7	1	112	83	135
2	WANARN CROWS	20	8	5	3	122	82	149
3	PAPULANKUTJA POWER	12	8	4	4	97	90	108
4	WARBURTON TIGERS	12	8	4	4	70	79	91
5	WARAKURNA ROOS	12	8	3	5	52	71	73
6	MANTAMARU MAGPIES	4	8	1	7	69	117	60





*Warriors and Magpies @ Wingellina July 2017*



*Power celebrate win against Magpies @ Jameson*

## ***DESERT CHALLENGE 2017***

An agreement has been reached between Ngaanyatjarra Sports and APY Thunder to conduct the Desert Challenge 2017 in Amata on Saturday 07 October.

This will be a great event for Amata and a large crowd is expected to travel to see the games.

Last year, the Desert Challenge was held in Blackstone Community and Ngaanyatjarra Desert Storm softball team defeat-

ed APY Thunder by 4 runs, while APY Thunder AFL defeated Ngaanyatjarra Desert Eagles by 4 points.

Desert Eagles AFL team will select 22 players and 3 emergency players to represent The Lands, while the Desert Storm softball team will comprise 10 players and 3 emergencies.



*Magpies Nekeisha Mitchell on First Base*



*Cessara Butler (Papulankutja Power) organising juniors*



*Jameson Oval*



Isaac (Junior) Bates of Wanarn Crows organizing Junior Sport

## WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN SEASON 2017?

The Ngaanyatjarra Sports Coordinator observed several positive differences between last year's inaugural season and the organisation of Season 2017:

- Season 2016 was played on three venues: Warburton; Blackstone; and Wanarn, whereas this year three additional Community facilities have been developed to enable the inclusion of home and away games at Jameson, Warakurna and Wingellina;
- Teams are better presented, with most communities purchasing new sports uniforms;
- Travel arrangements are being better managed by individual communities and CSM's are playing a key role in allocating subsidies for travel and designating the community vehicles to be used to transport players and officials to away games;
- Teams are managing their travel times better to arrive at away game venues more or less on time, as scheduled on the fixtures;
- Coaches meetings have been strongly represented;
- Junior sport is being held before the commencement of senior games and being supported with leadership from senior team Captains, Coaches and senior players;
- There is evidence of several senior teams conducting regular weekly training sessions;
- More "retired" senior players are umpiring games and

the quality of umpiring in AFL and softball has been of a high standard;

- Facebook AFL and Softball pages are growing in followers and there has been a remarkable increase in supporters and players writing comments, both as Facebook posts and in Messenger.
- Facebook statistics show, for the month of July, Ngaanyatjarra Sports AFL pages reached over 5,000 people and attracted over 14,000 post engagements, while Ngaanyatjarra Sports Softball pages reached over 2,500 people and attracted over 5,000 post engagements. This is about a 400% improvement compared with Season 2016;
- There is strong interest in development of players and umpires and this will be addressed in the second part of the season;
- CDP work has improved the facilities at community sporting venues: preparation of playing fields' surfaces; construction of scoreboards and seating; construction of backstops and straightening and painting of goal posts and perimeter fencing; interchange benches; AFL goals for Junior Sport; and marking of grounds.
- Community Stores Managers continue to give strong support to their community sporting teams and many have made special arrangements to extend trading on Home Game Days to service players and supporters.



Mantamaru mud, July 2017



Juniors on the Jameson oval



*Philipa Butler, Captain of the Tigers*



*Warburton V Magpies, June 2017*

## **WHAT'S NEXT**

Everyone is looking forward to the final rounds, knowing the Grand Final will be played in the community leading the AFL Premiership Table following the semi-final clash between Team 1 and Team 2 on Saturday 02 September. The Softball Grand Final will also be played at that venue to enable more efficient transport of players. According to our fixtures, the Grand Finals will be played on Saturday 23 September.



*Tigers in their new uniforms*



*Power become Demons*



*Getting air in Jameson*

# MEETING CALENDAR 2017

## **FEBRUARY**

*15th Council Members  
16th Council Directors*

## **MARCH**

*15th Council Members  
16th Council Directors*

## **APRIL**

## **MAY**

*17th Council Members  
18th Council Directors*

## **JUNE**

## **JULY**

## **AUGUST**

*16th Council Members  
17th Council Directors*

## **SEPTEMBER**

## **OCTOBER**

*25th\*\*\*Council AGM\*\*\*  
26th Directors/Services  
Finance SC*

## **NOVEMBER**

*15th Council Members  
16th Council Directors*