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## ***DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Mathew Foley***

My name is Mathew Foley. I am the Chairperson of Jameson Community and a Director of Ngaanyatjarra Council. I'm 29 years old and the youngest Chairperson and Director of Council.

Being a director I have seen a few changes in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands- the Directors need to support and keep up the good work. I want to see all the people get behind the sports league that's happening in the lands and hope that it continues for years to come.

I think this could be a very positive thing for all the Ngaanyatjarra communities. Something that young men and women can get behind. Its a very healthy thing to get out of the house and practice. To make sure you're fit and healthy, ready for Saturday's game.

I am hoping that more young people, through positive things such as this, get more involved with the community. I would like to see more young people getting involved in our community meetings and council meetings because they are the next generations to take over when our old people are gone: that we can stand strong together with one voice.

# **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!!**

**This year is an election year for Ngaanyatjarra Council.**

What that means is that in October, at the Ngaanyatjarra Council AGM, members will have their chance to vote for the Chairperson of Ngaanyatjarra Council.

Ngaanyatjarra Council Chairpersons hold the position for a term of two years which means the next election wont be until 2018!

***DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO BE A PART OF THIS YEARS ELECTION PROCESS.***

Fill in a membership form at your Community Office today.



## **FINANCIAL CAPABILITY AND WELLBEING:**

Its tax time again, but don't worry, Ngaanyatjarra Council's Financial Capability and Wellbeing Program is here to help! Sue Waldron will be traveling between communities from the 18th of July providing help with Tax Returns. Keep an eye out for notices that let you know when the Money Lady is coming to your community.

The best way to prepare for Tax season this year is to create a MyGov account. All you need to do this is an email address and some other contact details.

And Don't Panic, there's no rush. You don't have to get your tax done right away! You have until the end of October!



## WILURARRA CREATIVE:

Wilurarra Creative has empowered artistic expression and community development for Ngaanyatjarra young adults living in remote communities for over a decade.

Starting in 2004 at the request of the community, Wilurarra Creative recognises that young adults have different needs that were not being met by existing spaces. Silvano Giordano is currently the Director of Wilurarra Creative, having moved to Warburton in 2011.

*At Wilurarra we provide access to digital, new media, and electronica in a landscape predominantly populated with traditional and analogue art practice. Wilurarra exists because Ngaanyatjarra people do not want to move from their lands but they do want to move with the times, and it is this age group who will most experience and direct that movement.*

*Young men hop off the prison plane and walk straight into the Wilurarra Recording Studio to lay down a desert reggae track in Ngaanyatjarra about their experiences; young women learn to use power tools to cut Wirras (traditional women's digging bowls) out of car bodies; social change salons that paint and sculpt hair and lead to self styled fashion shoots on a backdrop of ancient homelands.*

Wilurarra is about to publish a 100 page arts and culture book called "ALANYA", the culmination of over two years work, and created entirely by young Ngaanyatjarra people. These creative achievements are made possible at Wilurarra because participation and learning are self directed and young people have ownership of a program that reflects their culture's history as much as it forges new visions for their future.

Part arts space, part library, part Internet café, part hair salon, part music studio, part workshop: All creativity, all community. Wilurarra Creative is bursting at the seams; full of people, ideas and action. Wilurarra Creative studios are a community hub and incubator providing ongoing programs and services that do not exist elsewhere on Ngaanyatjarra lands:

- Music composing, rehearsal and recording studios
- Access to a variety of musical instruments
- Computer and Internet access
- Equipment for digital photography, video, graphic design and editing
- Digital archives and file storage
- Screen printing facilities
- Tools for metal work and sculpture
- Equipment and facilities for hairdressing and styling and fashion performance projects
- A multipurpose arts project studio space, utilised for a social change salon, band rehearsals, visual arts and performing arts projects.

Wilurarra Creative is excelling where many projects struggle; consistently engaging people in meaningful projects and providing real pathways to new opportunities through community building, learning, mentoring and employment.

Wilurarra exists due to a long term commitment from Warburton Community and has recently secured operational funding for the next four years. For more information and to check out some great photos, head over to the Wilurarra website: [www.wilurarra.com.au](http://www.wilurarra.com.au)



## **STAFF PROFILE: Chris Reid**

My name is Chris Reid. I am the MSO (Municipal Services Officer) the Deputy Chairperson of Irrunytju and a traditional owner of Irrunytju Community. I grew up here in Irrunytju but went away to primary school in Katherine, then high school in Alice Springs at what used to be called Alice Springs High School. I came back to Irrunytju in 2000 and started working alongside the Project Officer at the time, a man called Steve Jackson.

I worked with Steve for a year, learning the job. Working alongside someone was extremely valuable to me as a young man. I learned how to work with my community. I learned how to manage the different aspects of the job like the powerhouse, testing the water and taking samples. Even though I'm in a remote community I have to deal with people in Perth, sometimes on a weekly basis. Which means communicating with people by email and phone, in order to get my job done.

This is something I have had to learn how to do. We can't rely on others to do everything for us, we have to learn how to do these things for ourselves and become more capable. The same goes for banking, filling out forms and all the things we need to deal with these days.

I've been Chairperson of Irrunytju before, which is when I began to learn about meetings and governance and how those things work. That was a good learning experience for me. Learning about the various organisations and stakeholders that play a part in community life, and learning how to negotiate with people and talk for my community.

I would like to see more people like me, people from here, taking a bigger role in the community. Taking the important jobs we have here in our communities such as nurses and teachers, store keepers and the CSM.

One day, all these jobs should be done by Yarnangu.



## **COSMO NEWBERRY:**

Congratulations to Kayshun Murray from Cosmo Newberry. Kayshun entered a competition where he had to write or draw how much you love Aussie Rules. Over 200 kids entered the competition, sponsored by Gold Road Resources, and Kayshun was the winner.

Kayshun got a trip to Melbourne to watch the Dreamtime Game between Essendon and Richmond at the MCG. While in Melbourne Kayshun stayed at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, visited Chinatown and watched the warm-ups from the Players Box at the MCG.

Kayshun really enjoyed his trip to Melbourne and would love to visit the city again one day.



## **WORKING ON COUNTRY: Yilpikarri Bore**

Earlier this month part of the Warakurna Rangers team decided to follow the rest of their fellow colleagues along the Tjukurla track. The same morning Desmond Freddie, Devon Yates and Francois Mazieres started cutting all the pipes and metal sheets to build a small rest shed for the Yilpikarri bore located almost at the last big turn-off towards Tjukurla.

In a record time of five hours (counting prep, transport and mounting), the group of 3 rangers finished the job before joining the rest of the party in Tjukurla. Those are a couple of pictures from the small shed building process that Anangu people and others can now enjoy at Yilpikarri bore!!



## **KARILYWARA:**

Patjarr or Karilywara is located in the Clutterbuck Hills between Lake Cobb and Lake Newell, 240km north-west of Warburton and is one of the most remote communities in Australia.

On a recent trip to Patjarr I was lucky enough to be shown around by Mr Brumby Campbell with Adam Rogan and Wayne Jones. Mr Campbell took us to "old Patjarr", where people lived before the current community was built.

The old hand pump, used to bring water from the Patjarr Creek, is still there, right next to the clearing where the plane would land. This plane would fly in from Warbuton with mail and supplies for the new community.

There is always water in the Patjarr Creek. Kids were not allowed to swim there back then, that was drinking water! There's plenty of water there still and these days the Patjarr Creek is a popular place for swimming in the summer. Its a good place to find some Turkey too!







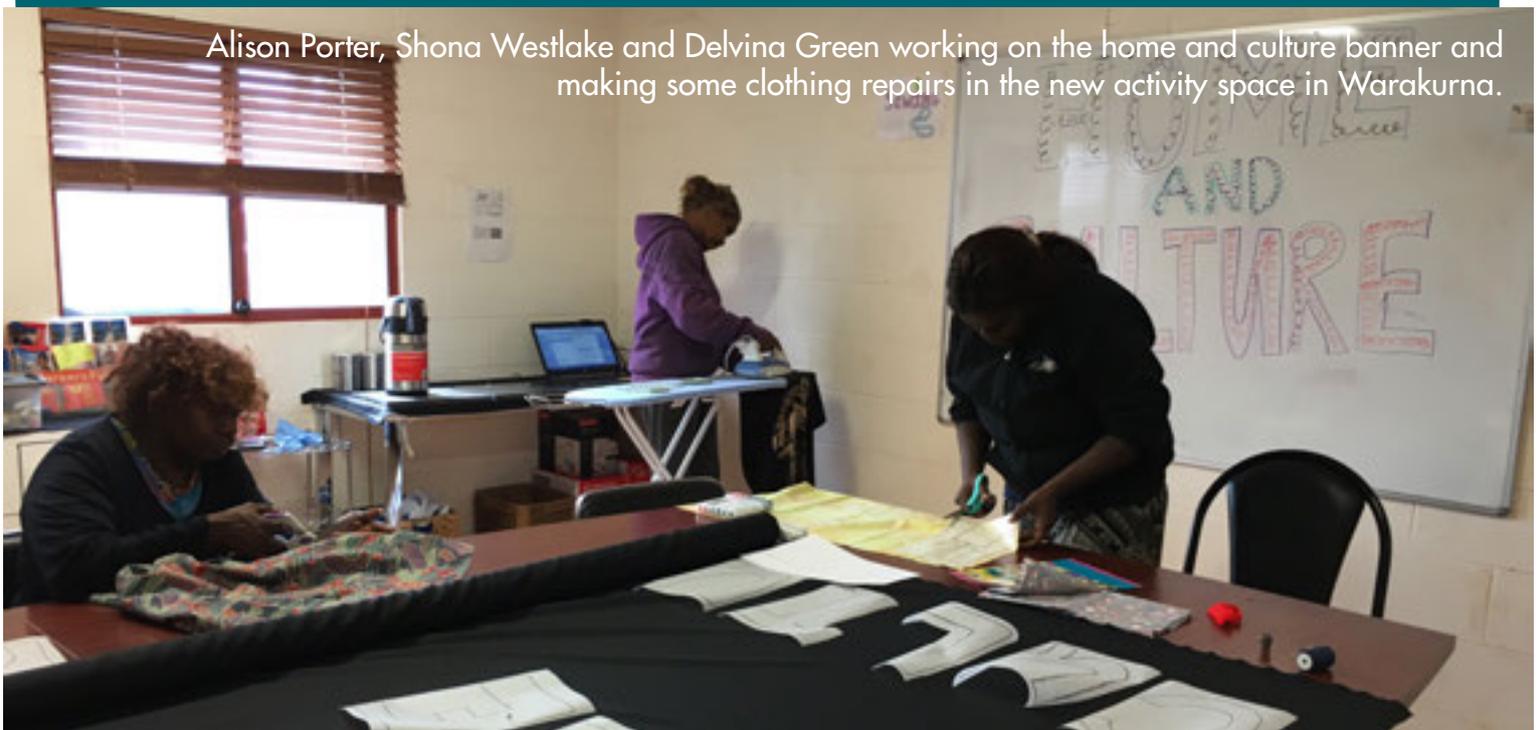
Dwayne Shepherd mowing the spectators area

## **CDP REPORT: Warakurna**

In Warakurna, Community Maintenance have been hard at work in preparation for footy by getting the oval cleaned up and ready for training.

Warakurna CDP have also introduced a new activity 'Home and Culture' with a variety of things to do and learn. At the moment we are making a banner for our work space and repairing clothing. We will be doing all sorts of activities including cooking, knitting, no-sew blankets for winter, curtains for summer and all things in between.

Alison Porter, Shona Westlake and Delvina Green working on the home and culture banner and making some clothing repairs in the new activity space in Warakurna.





## **KICK OFF!!**

The Ngaanyatjarra Lands Senior AFL and Softball competitions are set to start up this week with the first games being played at Warburton and Blackstone ovals on Saturday the 2nd of July.

Phil Farmer, the Dept of Education's Community Sports Development Officer, held a meeting in Jameson Community for Coaches, Team Officials and Players, which was attended by more than twenty representatives from Irrunytju, Blackstone and Jameson communities. This meeting was used to determine the Code of Conduct, Rules of Play and fixtures for the upcoming sports competitions. For more information, check out the Ngaanyatjarra AFL and Softball pages on Facebook.

### FIRST GAME SATURDAY JULY 02

Warburton Tigers v Wanarn Crows @ Warburton at 1:30 (WST)

Papulunkutja Power v Mantamaru Magpies @ Blackstone at 12:00 pm (CST)

Irrunytju Warriors v Warakurna Roos @ Blackstone at 2:00 pm (CST)

## **LISTEN TO THE RADIO!!**

Listen out for the new Ngaanyatjarra Lands News segment  
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on Radio NGM  
tune your dial to

**107.7**

# MEETING CALENDAR 2016

## FEBRUARY

25th Council Directors

## MARCH

16th Council Members

17th Council Directors

## APRIL

20th Council Members

21st Council / NHS

## MAY

18th Council Members

19th Council Directors

## JUNE

15th Council Members

16th Council / NHS

## JULY

20th Council Members

21st Council Directors

## AUGUST

17th Council Members

18th Council / NHS

## SEPTEMBER

21st Council Members

22nd Council Directors

## OCTOBER

26th\*\*\*Council AGM\*\*\*

27th Council / NHS

## NOVEMBER

16th Council Members

17th Council Directors

## WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN YOUR NEWSLETTER???

**Hi everyone. I hope you are enjoying your newsletter. We are still looking for stories from our communities. This is your newsletter and we'd really love to hear from you.**

We're calling out for community input and are looking for the next newsletter to be full of your good news stories from the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

What's happening at school, in the art centre, who won the footy?

If you have a story to tell or upcoming event you'd like to publicise, please send it to:  
[julian.green@ngcouncil.org.au](mailto:julian.green@ngcouncil.org.au) Photos welcome!