



NEW COUNCIL STAFF



As well as being a Director of Ngaanyatjarra Council Aboriginal Corporation, **Debra West**, has taken a position as Admin role, working directly with CDP Co-ordinator May Hishmeh in Warburton.



Will Kelly has recently joined us and we are very happy to have him on board. Will is the CDP case manager in Warburton and has extensive experience delivering similar programs in Timber Creek and Groot Island.



DIRECTORS MESSAGE: My name is EJ and I'm the Deputy Chairman of Ngaanyatjarra Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Chair of Irrunytju Community.

I'm a great believer in strong governance in our communities and the need to hold meetings and discussions. Communities and their members need to know what's going on and be aware of issues that affect them and their family. But we need to get more involved.

In our communities, we need to get behind our local community council and support them in achieving our community goals. This is one way we can start to build our communities stronger, here on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. I sincerely hope to see more of you attending our Ngaanyatjarra Council meetings. PALYA!

EJ

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We are very happy to have **Duncan Wright** join the team at Warburton. *“For the last few years I’ve been working as a photographer in Perth. Running my own business was fun but I wanted to do something a bit more fulfilling. I saw the Activities Supervisor job come up in Warburton and jumped at the opportunity.”*



Stephen Moroney has been an activities supervisor under CDP at Timber Creek and under the RJCP at Groot Island. Currently Stephen is employed as CDP Activities Supervisor here in Warburton.



Lousie Crogan comes to us from the Bega Garbiringu health services and is looking forward to working with the community of Warakurna in her new role as Activities Supervisor.



STAFF PROFILE: Jade Parsons and Theresa Parsons

My name is Jade Parsons. I am a local Indigenous Women from Alice Springs. I started working at Ngaanyatjarra Services in 2009 when I was 16 years old as the Receptionist/Permit Officer, after I left Charles Darwin University. In 2010 I got the opportunity to gain experience and skills within the Finance Department. I am now the Finance Officer of the following communities – Irrunytju, Warakurna, Tjirrkarli, Cosmo Newberry and Standley Chasm.

My name is Theresa Parsons. I’m from Rockhampton, Queensland. My mother’s clan is the Bidjara tribe and my Dad is clan Wuli Wuli tribe. I came to Alice Springs 26 years ago, am happily married to a Warlpiri man and we have 5 children ages ranging from 30 to 14 years of age, and 2 grandchildren.

I have been working for Ngaanyatjarra Council now for 5 years now, my daughter Jade told me about this job and I'm still here today. My job title is receptionist/permit officer. Working for Ngaanyatjarra Council has given me the opportunity better myself. Since starting here I have completed a Certificate 3 in Admin Business and am in the process of completing a Certificate 4 in Admin Business.

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 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. Photos welcome!



LAND AND CULTURE: Ngaanyatjarra Camel Company.

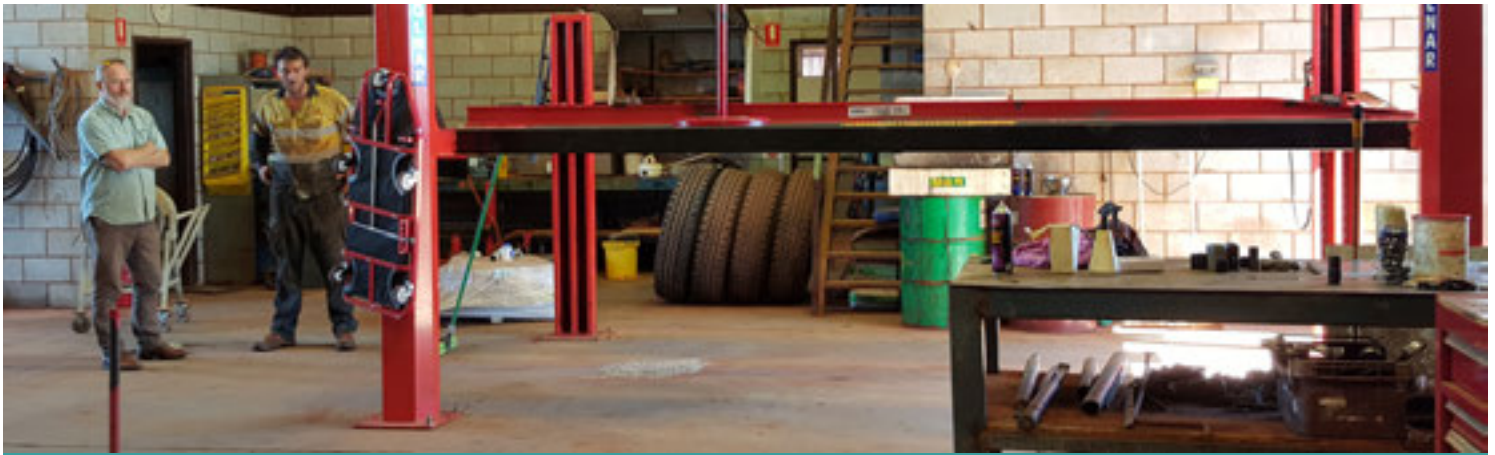
The Ngaanyatjarra Lands have had a long association with camels. Ever since the first non-indigenous explorers travel the land, the camel has proven its capability in the country. Local Aboriginal people travelled by camel in the 1940's-60's in the period between doing everything by foot and when the first motor vehicles and roads became available. The camels were released and since that time the camels have roamed free in the lands and the population has increased to approximately 200,000 in the region. Wild camels became a problem especially during droughts when they would come into communities breaking taps looking for water.

In August 2012 the Board of Ngaanyatjarra Council signed a joint venture with Central Livestock Management to form a company the Ngaanyatjarra Camel Company. The company's role is to muster and sell feral camels. Damage to infrastructure from thirsty camels is an ongoing problem in the region and mustering for sale makes sense to the people of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. The sale of the camels pays for their removal costs. The social benefits of Aboriginal People solving the camel problems were also self evident as the mustering operations are ongoing and provide regular employment. The business is a real business. It makes money from selling camels and the musterer's wages completely come from the sale of camels. The rigour of running a real business results in a high level of commitment from the indigenous workers.

The Ngaanyatjarra Camel Company has sold over 20,000 camels since it began. Camels are processed at Peterborough abattoir and the camel meat exported to North Africa and North America. The company works from several sites in the APY lands in South Australia and has five Mustering Yards in WA including the newly completed yard at Snake well. Holding paddocks have been constructed at Tjukurla to ensure continuity of supply and to grow out smaller animals to a salable size. The Ngaanyatjarra Camel Company works with land holders in WA, NT and SA and has so far employed approximately 50 indigenous people. The Company Managing Director is Troy Coe and Ngaanyatjarra Services provides financial oversight.

The Ngaanyatjarra Camel Company has developed and export industry from the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. The goal is to bring the wild camel heard in the region under control and to develop a domestic camel industry from these well adapted animals.





SNAPSHOT: Warburton Workshop

Warburton Mechanical Workshop has re-opened under new management. The workshop is located near the entrance to the community if you are coming from the direction of Blackstone. The Workshop aims to provide local, reliable and timely vehicle log book servicing, mechanical inspections and minor repairs to any commercial vehicles in need. Major repairs are also welcome but may incur lengthier turnaround delays as a vehicle assessment would be required and parts freighted from Perth.

All service work is completed by trades qualified mechanics and only genuine or manufacturer approved parts are used. Therefore, new car warranties are not adversely affected.

We are equipped with the latest diagnostic equipment for Toyota vehicles. The Workshop will stock the most common sized 4wd tyres and windscreens for quicker turnarounds or will be able to order specific items as necessary for advanced bookings.

The business will trade with recognised local entities who are able to provide a purchase order at time of booking or upon acceptance of quotes or customers who are able to pay via EFTPOS. No cash transactions permitted.

The Warburton Mechanical Workshop is open 7.30 - 5.30, 7 days. Please consider supporting the Ngaanyatjarra Council by giving the Warburton Mechanical Workshop a go.



A GREAT TRIP TO COSMO:

NCAC staff members Joanne Burns and Jade Parsons recently travelled to Cosmo Newberry on the edge of the Graet Victoria Desert. Joanne is a Senior Bookkeeper and Finance Mentor with Ngaanyatjarra Services (Aboriginal Corporation) and has been visiting Cosmo Newberry for the last two years, assisting with finance procedures in the Community Office and Store. Jade is a Finance Officer responsible for Cosmo Newberry among other communities, this was her first trip to the Community.

Joanne had been invited to the school on a previous visit and had been extremely impressed. After talking with the teachers there, Joanne was keen to see if Variety, the children's charity, could do something for the kids at Cosmo. Joanne has been involved with Variety for six years and is a regular participant in the Variety Bash. Variety has a history of donating to schools, so upon Joanne's return to Alice Springs, she started the process of applying for a gift for Cosmo Newberry School.

The application was successful and Joanne was fortunate enough to be able to present the school with two Samsung Galaxy Tablets, at the Cosmo council office board room.

"I love going to Cosmo Newberry, it makes me proud to be some part of this community, they are so very welcoming, the community is quiet, but productive. The people at Cosmo are proud of their community and it shows." Joanne Burns

Working on Country: Tri-state Waru Meeting 2016

Last week the Blackstone and Warakurna Working on Country teams attended the annual Tri-state Waru meeting in Docker River with Rangers and staff from Central Land Council and APY Land Management. Ernest Bennett, Puntj Newberry, Desmond Freddie, Patrick Reid and Francois Mazieres from Warakurna attended along with members of the Blackstone team including Anawari Mitchell, Winston Mitchell, Mark Butler, Maime Butler and Astra Mckellow. Guests from Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park and Bushfires NT were also present.

In 2012- 2013 the Tri-state Fire Project provided funding for cross border collaboration to conduct burning in this area. Through the Working on Country project, this meeting continues to support collaborative burning work and sharing of Indigenous Knowledge and Practice (IK&P) associated with using fire between Traditional Owners and Ranger teams in the border areas.

During the meeting Rangers and Traditional Owners had the opportunity to plan some collaborative trips for the upcoming fire season to important cultural places.

Clockwise from centre: Desmond Freddie, Puntj Newberry, Bernard Bell, Patrick Reid, Conrad Abbott, Francois Mazieres, Lylla Kenny, Rodney Kunoth, Winston Mitchell and Ernest Bennett talking about country and planning trips with Docker River Rangers. Photo: B. Kaethner CLC.



The Blackstone and Warakurna Working on Country teams gave a presentation to the meeting about the burning work they had been doing in the 2015 burning season. The Rangers talked about where they had done the work and what country had been burned and everyone could see the fire scars on the maps.

One of the highlights of the meeting was to get out and visit country which was a welcome change from sitting in the hot meeting room. On the same afternoon Mr Bennett took the group out to *Tjirlpuka*, a place where we could have a swim in the waterhole. We then went to Walka to see the rock paintings. On the second afternoon Mr Bennett and Roy Yaltjanki took us to see the rock hole *Wangkari*, a place where lots of people used to camp and get water in the early days. The Docker River Rangers and Traditional Owners were really proud to show us these places.



Blackstone and Warakurna teams giving a presentation of the burning conducted in the 2015 fire season.



Chantelle Davies outside the Blue Room

CDP REPORT: With a buzz of activity in Warburton over the past week, CDP activities have started out strong. One of our main activities at the moment is based around community maintenance. With our ever growing team, led by Leading Hand **Leece Giles**, we've started cleaning, trimming and sweeping the communities' various spaces and amenities including around the pool, the clinic and people's yards. The cleaning and organising of the men's shed underway. Thanks Leece for all your hard work leading the community maintenance activity and helping us get to know the community.

Another major project which is taking off is the re-opening of the old college. This beautiful building which was recently restored is slowly going to be re-introduced to the community. We are starting off with a Woman's space in the front blue room and the women have just moved in. **Chantelle Davies** has been leading the engagement of women - turning this into a women's space. Cleaning and designing the space has been our first task. Soon this blue room will be a place for women to work on painting, weaving, sewing and range of other creative activities. Come over and see what's happening in the blue room, ladies. Women, we are looking for a name for this space. Do you have any ideas? Please let Chantelle know. Thanks Chantelle for the hard work and for sharing your knowledge with us to get to know community members. A big thanks to **Debra West**, for your work in the office and for helping by sharing your knowledge about the community.

With a new Activity Supervisor starting in Warakurna recently we are now able to offer more exciting activities. We are in the process of planning a sustainable garden at the Women's Centre which the Kungkas in particular are excited about. Herbs, vegies, bush tucker and bush medicines will be in abundance! Watch this space for our progress.

Community members have been very welcoming to us new staff. Thanks for dropping into the CDP

offices to say hello, attending appointments and engaging in activities. Come by the CDP office at anytime to say hello, ask questions and get to know the team. Everyone is welcome.

May Hishmah

Community Development Programme (CDP) Coordinator

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



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