



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: Ronald Hunt

My name is Ronald Hunt. I was born at Kaarnka, out in the bush. I am the new Chairperson of Warburton Community. I'm also a director of Ngaanyatjarra Council Aboriginal Corporation.

I thank all the people who voted for me, and for Warburton community for their support. With their support I'll do my very best for them – two ways – cultural ways and for the community – for our country, and for Warburton Community. I've been waiting a long time for this job, and now people recognise that I can do the job.

During my work period I have been in Native Title. I was a liaison officer, working with the exploration companies. I was doing the surveying and clearances for cultural heritage, making sure the exploration companies didn't go anywhere they shouldn't. I was working doing this in the 1980 and 1990s.

I have worked in the Clinic, doing some training there, I learnt how to give injections.

I have been working with the sniffers with the Police in a program called Better Tracks at Kanpa and around Lake Baker. We were helping the sniffers, taking them away from the community into the bush. We worked in the bush, doing things like digging rock holes.

I've also worked at the school at Warakurna, Blackstone and Warburton as a liaison officer. I was working with the students.

I've been working for the Camel Co a little bit, but I stopped, I didn't like working with the camels.

I'm still working for land and culture management, for the Land and Culture team. I'm a Ranger Supervisor in Warburton. We go and look after the coun-

try, checking the sacred sites, keeping the rock holes clean, patch-burning. It's important to manage the country, taking care of the sites. We often take old people out. With their help, we help younger people. They tell us the stories, the Tjukurrpa, so one day the young ones will become the leaders. I work around both sides – my father's side and my mother's. I'll go visit my father's land to support other families, and work around Warburton, my mother's country.

If any men want to work with Land and Culture, they're welcome, come and talk to me or the ladies, talk to Bridget. Any Land and Culture Ranger workers want to come to Warburton, they're welcome and we can work together as a team, and one day they might take me to their country.



STAFF PROFILE: Oddie McKay

My Name is Oriwa McKay-Sio but many may know me as Oddie. I am employed as a Tenancy Management Officer for NCRHP with Ngaanyatjarra Council, based in Warburton Community where I had originally started at Warburton Roadhouse.

I was born and raised in the busy city of Sydney, NSW. I am the oldest of 7 children. My parents are originally from the North Island of New Zealand. They moved to Australia for better work opportunities back in their teen years. My siblings and I have always been involved in sporting events and over the years have made state and national teams. I come from a large family who love the Ocean. My family are divers who love their seafood, so moving to the desert wasn't exactly thrilling for me. Due to my Nan being ill, who had been working at Warburton Roadhouse, she needed assistance so I put my studies and love for the ocean on hold to help her out. Until this point I had only ever lived in my family home since I was 4 days old.

In 2011, I had just graduated year 12 from High School in Cronulla, NSW and had planned to go to University to study Sport Science. Life had a different plan for me. Moving to Warburton, there were a lot of things I had to get used to and understand. Warburton Roadhouse

had been an awesome experience but I had the desire to be more involved with the community. In 2014 I decided to apply for a position with NCRHP. This was the best move I have ever made, as I was successful in becoming a Tenancy Management Officer. Since starting with Housing, I have been able to visit all 12 communities that make up this amazing organisation in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

My day to day activities vary. No day is the same here in the communities. One Monday morning I could be doing house inspections to make sure the tenants are looking after their properties and any maintenance issues they have are reported but another Monday morning I could be following up on community members paying their rent and any arrears payments they have existing. I could have a set plan for the up and coming week and I can guarantee you, it never works out.

I have learnt over the two years being with NCRHP I have to be flexible when attending the community members needs. We help reinstate community members income with centrelink so they don't miss a payment and fall into arrears. We assist the community members in filling out their paperwork to apply for a property and help them to un-

derstand what their responsibilities are when becoming a head tenant. We also explain to the Head tenant and other occupants in the property, the standard the department of housing expect their homes to be kept in and notify them of their 6 monthly inspections.

If there are any void (vacated) properties we also need to sign up applicants and tenancies when required. Also if there are property standards issues, we are required to complete online STEP referrals to begin the process of educating tenants through our tenancy support program. I service not only Warburton but I am required to travel extensive distances on some occasions eg. Cosmo, Kiwirrkurra, Patjarr, Kanpa and Tjirrkarli to complete the same duties in those communities.

It's now 2017 and I haven't returned back to Sydney to pursue my studies as I have now changed the career path I want to follow. I have become rather fond of being in the outback and seeing all of the beautiful wonders with every changing season.

I can say I enjoy all the highs and lows bush life has to offer, it's made me personally grow into the person I am today.



NGAANYATJARRA HEALTH SERVICE: Women's Health

Kathryn Ranui is a Women's Health Nurse for Ngaanyatjarra Health Services. Kathryn works with Mary O'Shaughnessy on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands talking to women about women's health in a safe and confidential environment.

To find out when Kathryn and Mary will be in your community, check in with the Ngaanyatjarra Council Face Book page or keep an eye out for posters in your community office and clinic.

KIWIRRKURRA

The extremely heavy rainfall that started in December and is continuing to this day resulted in the remote community of Kiwirrkurra being completely cut off by road.

The community has been receiving much needed supplies of fresh vegetables, fruit and other perishables by plane. There have been four deliveries so far, all made by air, and only recently two small trucks managed to get through to deliver some much needed diesel for the powerhouse.

As the weather continues to wreak havoc, Kiwirrkurra is in safe hands thanks to the efforts of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Newman SES, Chart Air, Wildman River Stock Contractors, Shire of East Pilbara and the WA Police(Kintore) for coordinating with Ngaanyatjarra Council.

Special thanks to Chris, Sue, Xavier and all the staff at the Kiwirrkurra Roadhouse and Ngaanyatjarra Council's CSM Stephen Morgan, MSO Matt Smith, EMSO Nicholas Angie, CDP officer Rob Bateman and all the CDP crew for keeping things going on the ground.



NGAANYATJARRA HEALTH SERVICE: Occupational Therapist

Alise Gavranich is based in Wanarn Community Clinic and travels around to all the communities on the Ngaanyatjarra Lands visiting locals and addressing their needs. An Occupational Therapist aims to help members of the community with their independence, as well as engagement in what they want and need to do every day. Some examples are assisting people with:

- Mental health – someone to talk to
- Paediatrics – child health and development at school
- Home modifications – adding in rails or ramps
- Equipment provision – walking frame / shower chair / wheelchair
- Disability – physical or mental impairments
- Older adults/aged care – dementia assistance
- Neurological conditions – help with doing daily tasks after stroke or head injury

Basically an OT completes assessments, plans goals with the client and their family, and then begins intervention. Sometimes this process is simple and can be done within a day, however other times it is complicated and required continuous follow up over months or even years.

OT's aim to improve the lives of the people they work with by identifying the needs of the person and assisting them in living a life that is meaningful to the person. They do this by liaising with the person, their families and any other important stakeholders such as health staff - to create a holistic plan.

If you or someone in your family would like to access any of these services, talk to the staff at your local clinic.

from L to R: Jonas (HACC), Milan and Alex (Chart Air), Nathan and Richie (CDP), Rob (CDP supervisor) and Milton (CDP leading hand).

CDP

2017 will be a year of change and development for the Community Development Programme. We are focused on increasing our engagement through the provision of quality work-like Activities across the Ngaanyatjarra Lands which will be designed and developed to meet the employment opportunities in community.

We have successfully assisted our CDP Participants in gaining paid employment with Ngaanyatjarra Health (Clinics, Environmental Health, HACC), the community stores and roadhouses and the schools throughout 2016 and we are confident that this trend will continue on the Lands.

We have recently had some new addi-

tions to our CDP Team. Ingrid Dillon has commenced with us as a Case Manager in Blackstone, Daniel Clyde-Smith and Tom Burgess have recently joined our Warburton CDP Team as Activity Supervisors. We are excited to see the great things that our newest CDP workers will bring to the Lands.

We will be identifying meaningful training and learning that our Participants can undertake that will further increase their diverse range of transferable skills. This training will be different in each community so it's really important that our CDP Participants talk to us and give us some good ideas on what they'd like to see in community and what they'd like to do. That way we can continue to work

together and do some great things in our communities.

COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE

CDP participants in Ngaanyatjarra Communities have been working hard to control the long grass that is the result of all the rain that we have had on the Lands recently.

Our Communities are looking beautiful and green, but with the overgrown grass we can have issues with mosquitoes and snakes.

Keeping on top of the grass is no easy feat. The days are extremely hot and with the amount of rain we've had, the grass is growing almost as fast as we can cut it!



Clockwise from top left - Trevor Stevens in Warakurna, Nathaniel Jackson in Jameson, Travis West in Irrunytju, Albert Morrison in Blackstone, John Lewis, Wilton Watson and Murray Peterman in Irrunytju , Albert Morrison again - Blackstone, Cliff Watson in Irrunytju, Clifford Mitchell and Brett Bidu in Warakurna.

CDP:Jameson

One of the projects we will be working on over the coming year is recycling scraps into practical, yet beautiful furniture for the community's homes and gardens. Participants will research ideas on the internet or in books and then create furniture by recycling used and/or broken goods to create their own little masterpieces. We have already had a couple of pieces produced over the past week and it has sparked a lot of interest and creativity.



L to R - Michael Rixon with his partner Misha McLean with thier first home project (unfinished). Michael Rixon at work. Tristan Martin using scraps from the tip to make a table for his TV.

CDP:Kiwirrkurra

The CDP team in Kiwirrkurra have also been hard at it, clearing the grass from the playground, the airstrip and other areas. The team have also been successful in placing two people into employment: Daphne Larry has taken a job with the school as a teachers aide and Milton Ward has taken the position of Leading Hand with CDP.



Leading Hand Milton Ward



Zechariah Spencer cutting the grass



Cleaning up the playground

CDP: Warakurna

CDP participants in Warakurna Community have some good activities on the go. Some participants are learning how to make Furniture out of discarded pallets. There is also a garden being put together behind the Women's Centre, complete with a shade shelter, built from recycled materials, for growing seedlings.



Clockwise from top left - Fabian Porter, Pallet Furniture, Dion Smythe, Jerry Campbell, Jeffery, Jerard Newberry and Trevor Stevens, Gardens in Warakurna, Trevor Stevens, Jerard Newberry, Canan Edwards, Dion Smythe and Oliver Reid

CDP: Warburton

CDP Warburton have moved offices and all of the CDP team are now located in the old College building. Same street, just next door in the blue building. Case Manager, Di, will be taking appointments in the blue room at the college.

Community Maintenance activity now meet in the College building 8am for toolbox meetings an 8:30am start with supervisor Smithie. The Arts and Crafts activity is now in the big room, so watch this space for some more projects taking off soon.

Photo – Di Mahoney - Case Manager, Dan Clyde-Smith and Louise Crogan - activity supervisors.



CDP: Wanarn

A new CDP activity in Wanarn aims to beautify the Community and recycle at the same time. CDP participants are turning old tyres into flower pots to be placed outside houses or in other places around the community. Old tyres are being collected from the tip and after a bit of work are cut into shape and turned inside out. Next they will be painted and before too long we should start seeing these with flowers growing in them.

Work has also started on bringing the Wanarn Farm back to life. CDP participants in Wanarn are cleaning up the old farm with the idea of starting to grow fruit and vegetables again. With the amount of land available in the farm it would be possible to provide a great amount of fresh fruit and vegetables that the whole community could benefit from. In an attempt to be sustainable and use the resources we have around, the project involves recycling old fridges to use them as garden beds.



Sharad Bell getting ready to paint.



The Wanarn Farm



Roger Gibson marking out a tyre



Mr T gave an excellent interview to an Emirates TV station.

THE NGAANYATJARRA CAMEL CO.

Representatives of the Ngaanyatjarra Camel Co recently returned from a very exciting trip to Dubai and Qatar, where they met with several representatives of the Camel Industry in the Gulf States and made many worthwhile contacts.

Alex Knight, Troy Coe and Preston Thomas spent ten days travelling to Camel shows, holding meetings and giving presentations in the United Arab Emirates.

The people in the United Arab Emirates love our camels and were extremely impressed by the quality of the camels being shown by the camel co. They were greatly relieved to see that the people in Australia now valued camels and were no longer wasting them in a culling program.



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

*15th Council Members
16th Council Directors*

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

*15th Council Members
16th Council Directors*