



A MESSAGE FROM THE WNAC CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of the WNAC management team and all WNAC staff, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Exciting things have occurred in 2017 at Winun Ngari and this will continue into 2018.

Agreements with Sheffield Resources, H & M Tracy and Buckley's Earth Works are continuing to create jobs for Aboriginals and we look forward to continue working with them in 2018.

Congratulations to Remote School Attendance Strategy, Money Management and Employment Services who have achieved success in their respective areas and look forward to expanding on this in 2018.

The Board of Directors look forward to achieving success in 2018 and cannot do so without the help of the Winun Ngari Staff and the Derby and Local communities.

See you in the New Year, please have a safe and happy holiday.



Maxine Armstrong



From Left to Right;
Andrianna (Ina) Shadforth, Jeannie Dutchie, Matus Mast,
Maxine Armstrong, Ambrose Phillips, Bobetta Albert,
Leanna Donation, Catherine Goonack.



GOOD NEWS STORIES!

RSAS GOOD NEWS STORY - FAMILY BASKETBALL NIGHT

By the RSAS Team

On Monday 20th November 2017, Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) organised a joint partnership with Derby Basketball Association (DBA), Derby Youth Centre and Derby Police – Youth Intervention Officers - to organise The Family Basketball Night. The event was held at the Derby Recreation Centre from 4.30pm – 7.00pm.

RSAS provided and catered for 200 people. We actually ran out of food and drinks and had to duck out and get more to feed everyone! Overall about 270 families and children attended the event.

The night consisted of an outside broadcast by 6DBY Staff. DBA assisted with the overall program, including umpiring. Cyril Archer was the MC. Activities throughout the night included children and service providers basketball games, men's and women's 3-point shootout and slam drunk. Basketball activities and games were run by special guests from the Perth Wild Cats, Jesse Wagstaff and Greg Hire. A lot of prizes were up for grabs and included shirts and back-packs donated by the Perth Wild Cats and Derby Aboriginal Health Service (DAHS) – Nuff of the Puff program. Our new WNAC BBQ Trailer, which was made and provided by the Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation Men Shed Boys, was a big hit.

Well done to Wayne Thomas and The RSAS Team for putting on a fantastic night for families and children. Everyone had an awesome time and really enjoyed themselves.





MELBOURNE CUP DAY!

We had to sneak these photos in to show you the members of the WNAC Corporate Services team, having fun with Melbourne Cup Day. Here they are taking the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity. The best hat was judged to be Chantelle's ... what do you think?



L to R Di Phillips-Zito, Chantelle Cooper, Marlowra Neliman, Louisa Shovellor



Louisa



Di



Marlowra



Melbourne Cup



Chantelle



Hey Kids!



REMINDER

First day of
school in 2018 ... 31st
Wednesday
January!!!

The RSAS Team
wishes you all a
safe & happy
holidays. See
you all in the
new year!!! :)



See
You
Then

GOOD NEWS STORIES!

WORK FOR THE DOLE PARTICIPANTS COMMENCE EMPLOYMENT WITH RSAS AS PART TIME SAO OFFICERS

Remote School Attendance Strategy commenced partnership with Winun Ngari Employment Service in August 2017.

We have 2 new Community Employment Development - Work for the Dole Participants - who are Theresa Sarah and Peter Brooking. They are required to do their obligated hours with RSAS. They have been doing an awesome job and are having fun with the RSAS Team within the RSAS program.

On Tuesday 7th November 2017, Theresa Sarah and Peter Brooking were offered Part-time School Attendance Officer roles and proudly accepted the contract. Fantastic employment outcomes for both of these participants.

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SHEFFIELD RESOURCES

By Kelly Kitching

In partnership with WNES/NRT/DWA, WKMMMS delivered 6 unit workshops in a 2-day Financial Literacy Educational Workshop.

WKMMMS supported the roll out of the 12-week Work Readiness Program for WNAC's Employment Services and Sheffield Resources, using the Money Business Kit – ANZ matrix on board. The programs are designed to educate participants in Financial Literacy Skills, assisting them to be work ready. The workshops were delivered Friday 29th September 2017 and Monday 13th November 2017. Certificates of appreciation were handed to all clients who completed the 6 workshop units.

WKMMMS would like to congratulate all involved. It's been a great 2-day workshop. Everyone was very committed with smiles, had a lot of input, and got a lot of advice in money issues.

Good luck to you all on your journey to employment.



KGT Awards 2017

By Renae Swain – Field Officer, KGT Employment

KGT Employment held their 5th Excellence Awards on 22 September 2017 in Kununurra.

The Awards Night is an opportunity to celebrate the great work being across the Kimberley region by all the trainees, apprentices and the organisations and businesses whom host them. There are a number of categories, including Apprentice of the Year, Trainee of the Year, School Based Trainee, Kimberley Encouragement Award and Host Employer of the Year.

For the Host Employer of the Year category there were 5 nominations. Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation (WNAC) took first place, with David D'Antoine, WNAC Operations Manager accepting the award. Success in this category recognises that KGT Employment and WNAC work well together, supporting local people to gain meaningful employment.

WNAC has been a host employer taking on trainees to work in the corporation, whilst supporting their participation with VTEC. Together KGT Employment and WNAC have successfully supported 2 trainees and 15 people on a VTEC program to achieve at least 26 weeks of employment.



Above from left: Adam Guest (representing Ivan Wilson), Miranda Johnstone, Tiara Lawford, Kamahl Bangu, Frederick Shovellor and David D'Antoine (representing WNAC)

The Kununurra Job

By Rocci Zito

Pictures of Karim Drummond and Steven Nulgit who gained casual employment for approximately 4 weeks with Brenton Ewen from Kimbuild contracting (Derby) to erect/install around 160 metres of safety railing.

We're hopeful Brenton will keep the guys on for upcoming projects in 2018. This will be a great outcome!

Well done Karim and Steven and a big shout out to Brenton for giving 2 WNES clients an employment opportunity.





During Monday 13th November until Friday 17th November, RSAS Program Manager Johanna Kitching and WNAC Operational Manager David D'Antoine travelled to Alice Springs for the 2017 National Remote School Attendance Strategy Conference which took place over Wednesday 15th November – Friday 17th November at the Double Tree by Hilton in Alice Springs, Northern Territory.

Over the 3 days it was full on days consisted of welcome to country, smoking ceremony from the Traditional Owners the Arrernte People, Welcome to all from all over, keynote speakers, interactive workshops and inspiring provider presentation, and over 20 guest speakers from all across the nation, the program commenced from 8am – 5pm followed by conference dinner and entertainment to finish each night.

It was a great opportunity to network, sharing experiences and ideas, meet other RSAS staff from all areas over Australia who are also delivering the same program in their community and most importantly being inspired to going back to your community to implement new ideas within your program that you have learnt from the conference.

Thanks to Prime Minister and Cabinet and NESA who did an amazing job in getting everyone there and putting the whole conference together, we look forward to next year's conference.



Looking after yourself and others during the Christmas Holiday Period

For many people the Christmas holiday period is a time to get together with family and friends, taking time out from work/school/study/community activities to relax and have fun. Unfortunately, however, for some people the holiday period is not always a happy time. Often people can feel lonely, isolated and upset. So, please remember to:

- * Check in on your neighbours, family and friends to make sure they're ok, and;
- * Reach out for help if you need someone to listen and help you deal with any concerns you have.

Remember

It is ok to ask for help. People care about you.

WNAC EAP service: Robyn Bradbury
(M) 0422 349 061 or (E) rbrad@ozemail.com.au
Beyond Blue: (Ph) 1300 22 4636
Lifeline: (Ph) 13 11 14
Derby Hospital: (Ph) 08 9193 3333
DAHS: (Ph) 08 9193 109

You matter.

Always remember that help is a 'phone call away.



WNAC CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR CLOSURE



All WNAC departments:

- * Employment Services;
- * Money Management;
- * RSAS, and;
- * Corporate Services

Are closing at **4pm on Friday 22nd December** and will reopen on **Monday 8th January 2018 at 8am.**

On behalf of the WNAC management team and all WNAC staff, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday period.

Susan Murphy