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Bundiyarra Wanggajimanha

talking together

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Gambarra Year centres on bringing community back to the 'Good Place'

In July 2012 Trish Delaney was appointed as the new CEO of the Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation - BACAC. During this period of time she has worked closely with the board, staff, members and community to instigate a new and vibrant vision to the corporation. In appointing Trish to her new role of CEO, great consideration was given to her extensive skill in Administration and Finance and her sweeping knowledge of local history. It was also noted that Trish's work ethics were reinforced with tolerance and reliability. Trish was previously employed by the City of Greater Geraldton as the Indigenous and Community Development Officer, and her life skills include a history in Nursing, Psychology and Human Resources. Long-standing member and employee at BACAC, Jennifer Kniveton recalls working with Trish at the City of Greater Geraldton, and her ability to succeed in getting things done. "Trish's initiative comes as a breath of fresh air to all of us at Bundiyarra."

she said. Bundiyarra Chairperson Ross Oakley, asserted that Trish's willingness to work as one within the Corporation and Community members, had been an inspiration to all. "Trish's ability to lead has been outstanding and Bundiyarra will continue to deliver priority programs to the community. We already have in place the Irra Wangga Language Program, Wajarri Language Classes, the Environmental Health Program, Connecting Cultures - Cultural Awareness Training, and a Conference room available for hire. We are keen to see the development of many new initiatives in the near future. The launch of our Website www.bundiyarra.com.au, and the publication of our inaugural newsletter Bundiyarra Wanggajimanha are big milestones. Both vehicles of communication will taxi information throughout the Community," said Ross. He also wanted take the opportunity to welcome Trish and acknowledge her commitment, enthusiasm, and support to all of us at Bundiyarra.



Pictured top right: Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney, wearing the newly digitised logo. Hip Pocket - Workwear, Safety & Trophy Centre in Geraldton are proud supporters of all Bundiyarra developments, have supplied new uniforms for board members and staff.

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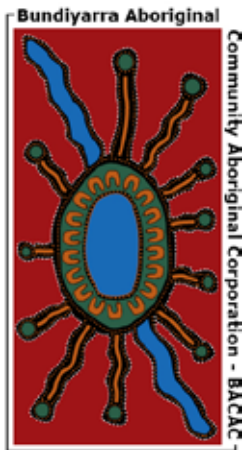
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"We respectfully acknowledge the Yamaji people on whose land we live and work and we pay our respects to their Ancestors and Yamaji Barna"



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Above: The Bundiyarra Reserve site prior to development on Eastward and Blencowe Roads

Why does Bundiyarra exist?

Bundiyarra meaning 'A Good Place'

The story begins in 1992 when after 10 years of hard slogging, a group of Elders won their fight to win land rights for the reserve located on the corner of Eastward and Blencowe Roads in Utakarra.

The Elders weren't afraid of the hard work they had in front of them, as they saw the opportunity for a sporting, recreational and administrative centre for the local Aboriginal people once the land is developed. This would allow them to preserve their heritage, promote their culture and provide their children and families with a launching pad for the future.

The site for the Bundiyarra complex was chosen because of its historical significance. Founding families, the Ronans, the Camerons the Dodds, the Gregorys, the Nannups and the Whitbys can trace their ancestry in the area for many generations. Acknowledgement to Sandy Davies should also be made for his encouragement to Aboriginal people to use their voice. According to Rob Ronan, during the late 1950's his people used the land as a camping area because they were not allowed to go into town.

In 1994 the five hectare block, which was officially vested in the Aboriginal Lands Trust was granted to Bundiyarra on a 99-year 'peppercorn lease'.

On Friday, 28 June 2002, the care, control and management of Bundiyarra Reserve 22660 was transferred from the Aboriginal Lands Trust to Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation as part of the Western Australian Government's Land Transfer Program.

To commence the occasion, the Hon. Alan Carpenter, MLA, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, presented the framed documents to the Corporation at an official ceremony held at the Bundiyarra Centre.

The reserve was named Bundiyarra by Dora Dann meaning 'A good place to go' in Wajarri language.

Since the official opening on Wednesday, 1 May 1998, Bundiyarra has focused on the List of Objectives created by the Founding Elders.

Bundiyarra has offered a multitude of programs and services, assisted with the delivery of fourteen language resources, delivered training in language and assisting organisations with how to engage Aboriginal people, offered conference room facilities, assisted remote communities to live in an environmentally friendly and safe place and acted as an umbrella body for a number of Aboriginal organisations.

The List of Objectives are as follows;

1. To act as an umbrella body for Aboriginal organisations in the region
2. To coordinate the activities of its members in so far as these activities
3. To provide accounting and other community services for the members
4. To support the social development of its members
5. To bring about self support of its members
6. To support education, job training, health services, employment and housing to its members
7. To help and encourage its members to maintain and continue their traditional culture.

What does Bundiyarra offer today?

Since Incorporation in 1992, Bundiyarra has set up a modern, professionally run community and administrative centre. Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation currently employs 18 staff in a variety of positions to achieve the organisational outcomes.

Our dedicated team are working to offer programs and resources that will help improve Social, Cultural, Economic and Community Engagement for Aboriginal people in the Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne regions.

Bundiyarra is currently offering the below list of services;

- Coordinate Aboriginal involvement in activities and social events
- Provide services to Aboriginal people including Accountancy, Environmental Health & Welfare, Housing, Community Services, Human Resources (employment and training)
- Provide Administration to Aboriginals looking towards developing in a business capacity to become self supportive
- Facilitate a stable meeting place that embraces all aspects of Aboriginal traditional and culture
- Deliver the Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Program across 275,282 square kilometres
- Deliver Wajarri Language Classes
- Deliver Environmental Health Program across
- Deliver Connecting Cultures - Cultural Awareness Training to improve working and living with Aboriginal people
- Deliver the Work Experience Landscaping Program in partnership with The Salvation Army and Employment Plus
- Community Garden Project in partnership with the City of Greater Geraldton, Go Gero team
- Offer short term emergency accommodation at the Boomerang Hostel
- Assist a multitude of government and other organisations by providing a Fee for Service to deliver accurate information on languages in the Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne regions and
- Maintain and develop the list of existing services and programs that are currently available at Bundiyarra

Board of Directors

As of Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 1st December 2012.

The Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation Governing Committee is made up of 10 members who were selected as per the constitution at the Annual General Meeting.



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Chairperson	Mr Ross Oakley
Deputy Chair	Mr Dale Foresyth
Director	Mrs Joan Gray
Director	Mr Barry Dodd
Director	Mr Alan MacDonald
Director	Ms Marion Dingo
Director	Mr Derek Ware
Director	Mr Ron Cross
Director	Mr Jayden Dann
Director	Ms Karis Ryder

Next Board Meeting:

Friday, 29 March 2013

Bundiyarra Conference Room

Contact: Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney on (08) 9920 7900 or email: ceo@bundiyarra.org.au

A look back in time....



1. 1997: The Bundiyarra reserve
2. The first pouring of concrete
3. The building on it's way up
4. TAFE students paving the verandahs
5. 1 May 1998: Official opening; Dora Dann and Kathleen Gregory cut the ribbon to officially open the building

6. A balloon release commemerates the opening. Minister Alan Carpenter joined the celebrations.

Historical articles and photographs regarding the development of Bundiyarra can be found on our website: www.bundiyarra.com.au

2 June 2004: Yamaji News, Historical agreement sign

6 November 2002: Yamaji News, Aboriginal Land Trust transfers management of land to Bundiyarra

12 October 1994: Geraldton Guardian, Land Breakthrough for city Aboriginal Group

15 April 1998: Yamaji News, Bundiyarra gets ready

May 1998: Bundiyarra poem by Nola Gregory for official opening

20 March 2008: Midwest Times, Bring the Whole Community Together

Do you have photos or history articles of Bundiyarra?

If you do, we would be pleased to scan a copy at Bundiyarra or you can email your photos to: marketing@bundiyarra.org.au Photos will be used to create a comprehensive catalogue for community use and may appear in Bundiyarra Wanggajimanha or on www.bundiyarra.com.au

Bundiyarra - the story behind the name and logo

1998 - 2012



Above: Maxine Charlie painting her winning mural on the premises of Bundiyarra in 1998



Above: The original graphic created in 1998 and used on all marketing material including letterheads and invitations.

Below: The logo is now digitised in vertical format to represent the original mural painted by Maxine Charlie in 1998. All Bundiyarra documents will include the logo.

Extracted from *Yamaji News*,
Wednesday 15th August, 1998

Geraldton's Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation is getting for the official opening of their new premises in Utakarra. With the help of Geraldton's most talented helpers, Bundiyarra's new hall and grounds are being transformed.

A team of artists from the Aboriginal Art and Design course at Central West TAFE, are putting their best works onto the hall itself. Panels were build onto the building expressly for the murals, and Maxine Charlie is just one of the artists painting a panel.

In fact it is Maxine's artwork that will be used for Bundiyarra's new logo that will be seen on their letterheads and invitations.

The painting represents the different community organisations and people that Bundiyarra is linked to.

The word Bundiyarra means 'A good place'.

Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation was officially opened on Wednesday, 1 May 1998.

Wednesday, 1 May 2013, will mark the fifteenth Anniversary since the opening.

Dora Dann can be proud of naming Bundiyarra. The word 'Bundiyarra' is taken from the Wajarri language and means 'this is a good place to go'. Dora has been a life time supporter of Bundiyarra. Her determination to make a go of the opportunity, has provided something for younger generations to utilise for many years to come.

2012 - Celebrating 15 years



Inaugural marketing coordinator welcomed



Above: Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney with Marketing Coordinator Marchelle McMath

After nearly fifteen years developing and delivering multiple programs and services to the communities in the Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne regions, Bundiyarra has expanded their team to employ a Marketing Coordinator, Marchelle McMath.

The role will provide Bundiyarra the opportunity to promote programs and services offered to a greater proportion of community.

The role will also assist Bundiyarra to consult with community on programs and services they currently offer and to develop those that Community express they need.

Marchelle has an extensive marketing background including operating her own design business in Narrogin, eight years as a sales

manager for the West Australian Regional Newspaper Group and recently in marketing and cruise ships with the City of Greater Geraldton. Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney said "Having a marketing coordinator will make a significant difference in how we communicate with our members, community, businesses and government. Being able to produce our own monthly newsletter, maintain our website, assist in coordination of National Cultural events and produce professional documents for distribution will help reflect the continuous hard work achieved by the Bundiyarra board, staff and members. Bundiyarra is receiving a lot of interest from around Australia, marketing our Corporation will increase that further."



Above: Guardian Print & Graphics Proprietor Mal Ennis with Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney

Bundiyarra Wanggajimanha creates interest Australia wide

More than 300 postal addresses and 800 email addresses have been collected from one simple question: "Would you like to receive a newsletter from Bundiyarra containing positive stories, updates on services and links to businesses happy to do business with Aboriginal Organisations and people?"

Marketing Coordinator Marchelle McMath said "We haven't had a single person say no, in fact most people have added more contacts from their organisation so the news will be well shared amongst community"

In November 2012, CEO Trish Delaney and Marchelle McMath attended the Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations conference.

More than one hundred contacts were collected from organisations and businesses Australia wide.

It became evident in speaking with many

organisations that Bundiyarra is quite unique in its operations and service delivery methods.

This monthly publication will allow us to continue momentum for Bundiyarra and will aim to secure more funding for services into the future.

Guardian Print and Graphics in Geraldton have come on board as a printing sponsor.

Bundiyarra has had a long term relationship with the local company including printing of office stationary and Irra Wangga Language Resources. Proprietor Mal Ennis said Guardian Print and Graphics are pleased to be involved and look forward to working closely with Bundiyarra and other parties to encourage the development of their latest publication.

Guardian Print & Graphics: (08) 9921 3632

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In addition to the monthly Bundiyarra Wanggajimanha newsletter, Bundiyarra's website is up and running.

Logic IT have worked with Bundiyarra for many years to develop a site that reflects the extensive list of services available for the Corporation.

Bundiyarra Chair Person Ross Oakley said he is extremely proud that this long term dream has come to fruition.

"For many years we have wanted to launch a website but we were unable to secure funding. Hard work over many years from various services allowed us to save the funds to have the website developed. Bundiyarra is a Not for Profit Organisation, being able to save and pay for this website without funding is a great accomplishment."

Logic IT: (08) 9901 114



Above: Proprietors Glenn and Jenny Faltham from Office National Geraldton pictured with Leonie Boddington at her new desk.

Re-furbishment adds fresh appeal to offices

A successful funding submission to Lotterywest to replace the office furniture at Bundiyarra has launched a fresh outlook for 2013.

The grant provided Bundiyarra the opportunity to purchase new desks, book shelves and filing systems. Lotterywest said "They were pleased to support the proposal for office refurbishment".

The previous furniture was from the initial opening in 1998.

Office National Geraldton were the successful office furniture suppliers.

Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney said Glenn and Jenny have always been supportive of Bundiyarra, along with their staff giving outstanding service.

In addition to the new furniture, the offices have been painted throughout by Westside Painting Services. Proprietor Rhett Pearce and his team offered exceptional service and quality workmanship.

The bright personalities of Bundiyarra staff are reflected throughout the offices with the choice of colours used.

The aim was to create an atmosphere that reflects the Bundiyarra motto - 'A good place to go'.

Office National & Paper Plus: (08) 9964 1919
Westside Painting Service: 0447 962 520



Above: The Parent and Community Engagement program attracted a great team of participants

Parent and Community Engagement program boosts confidence

The Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne PaCE Coordination Project was a model developed by Bundiyarra in consultation with the Regional PaCE Stakeholder Group, and was implemented through the employment of a project Coordinator.

Following the research of this, program Bundiyarra developed up a new model of engagement to continue the support of the PaCE participants. The new program was named called Wangga ji Manha.

This program was developed with the support of Durack Institute of Technology (MOU) and Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) Bundiyarra would like to acknowledge the assistance provided by Ms Sonya Trenowden, Project Leader Education Team. Without her support the Wangga ji Manha project would not have been a reality. The staff, Ms Jennifer Clayton and Durack Student, Susan Eastough are

also to be congratulated for their commitments to the program. The development of MOU with Durack Institute of Technology and City of Greater Geraldton shows that strong partnerships will benefit the whole community and see future programs developed to support the needs of Indigenous Australian. The Pace Program was completed in June 2012. With glowing reviews from Department of Education, Employment and Work Relations [DEEWR] with final report.

The following is a summary of the many achievements of both staff and participants;

1. The program has broken down many barriers with the interaction between teaching staff and the parents. As a result of participating in assertive training and conflict management workshops the ladies have become more confident.
2. A DVD was developed in partnership with the Geraldton Regional Community Education Centre and Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation to assist teaching staff to effectively engage with Aboriginal children and parents. Several of the Wangga ji Manha ladies were instrumental in the development of the DVD. - "Young Parents Voices in Education"
3. A positive outcome resulting in wanting to support their children's education was displayed in our booklet – Yamaji School Yarns - You Snooze You Lose.
4. After attending and participating in two book production and storytelling workshops with Sue Hanson from the WA State Library, the parents felt the need tell their story of their education days. The parents told their stories of:
How, when, and where, they were educated. What they liked and did not like about school and their achievements. Young students were then asked to write their story of present day education and compare the difference. The idea was to encourage the parents to listen to their children read and to read to their children.
5. All parents and children drew their own illustrations throughout the booklet which was launched by the parents on NAIDOC Cultural Day celebrations at Bundiyarra in front of a huge crowd.
6. Four parents attended the Parents & Citizens of the Beachlands Primary school and signed up to be on the committee to assist in the running of the canteen, so that their children could purchase affordable and healthily lunches and snacks within the school ground. The parents said "by doing this it would break down communication barriers" and would enable them to engage with teaching staff at the school a lot easier.
7. Four of the parents continued on to complete the whole 28 weeks of the program, which resulted in each parent receiving an accredited Certificate I, equivalent to the New Opportunities for Women Course delivered at Durack Institute of Technology.
8. One particular parent who volunteered one day per week, to assist with the workload of the delivery of the workshops and to help prepare the morning tea and lunches, was paid wages by Bundiyarra for four weeks. This parent has enrolled in a Certificate IV, in Community Services and is pleased to see the improved



Above: Connecting Cultures Trainers from left: Leonie Boddington, Kathy Councillor, Jennifer Kniveton and Derek Councillor

Connecting Cultures

Cultural Awareness Training

Bundiyarra's biggest assets are their board, staff and members. These people are a wealth of cultural knowledge to the Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne regions. Many yarns at Bundiyarra have shared a common ground - they want to share their knowledge and listen to yours. The collaboration of their personal experiences including growing up in the region, the languages they speak and dream time stories has led to the creation of 'Connecting Cultures - Cultural Awareness Training. CEO, Trish Delaney said that participants who complete their training will receive a Yamaji Card. We will be trying to have the card endorsed so that employees can show local employers that they have completed the course locally. "We recommend people conduct the training from trainers who have lived and grown in the region." she said.

Our Local Trainers

Jennifer Kniveton

'Our Black Pearl' Locally born and bred, Jennifer Kniveton is a qualified trainer (Cert IV Train the Trainer), who has worked across WA for several years. Working as Project Manager of the Bundiyarra - Irrra Wangga Language Program, Jenny is committed to restoring, preserving and educating language and Aboriginal culture.

Derek Councillor

A traditional Naaguja owner of the southern coastal part of the region, Derek has delivered Cultural Awareness training for several years. Being a qualified trainer (Cert IV Training & Assessment), participants will experience his strong sense of identity and spirit as he is determined to ensure that their ideal stories, language and traditions carry on, not only for their children but to give a better understanding of the oldest culture in the world.

Kathy Councillor

Kathy has a strong passion for her people and community. Her past involvement working with language, events and outreach programs has been led by her desire to teach youth of today, tomorrow and the future. Kathy says it is a must in assisting to keep their culture strong and alive for many years to come.

Leonie Boddington

A traditional Wajarri lady with many talents! Leonie is a dedicated family orientated lady who is addicted to her culture. She is a Wajarri speaker and one of the main local educators within Bundiyarra of the Wajarri language. Leonie has travelled and worked extensively with many Elders and peoples to restore, preserve and educate Aboriginal language.

See page 20 for full details on the Connecting Cultures training outline.

Become a Member of Bundiyarra

If you would like to stay informed and receive updates on programs and services available at Bundiyarra you can become a Bundiyarra Member. Membership forms are available from Bundiyarra.

New Marketing Program designed to build capacity

From July 2013, Bundiyarra will expand their Marketing services to members of the Midwest Aboriginal Organisations Alliance (MAOA).

MAOA members will be able to attend Adobe training sessions at Bundiyarra.

Training will include:

- How to enhance your existing logo to reflect modern design
- How to produce an effective brochure that works
- How to process photographs for press and web technology
- How to create graphics

The training sessions will assist MAOA members to market their organisation to build capacity and potentially create future Aboriginal employment.

More information on this program will be included in the March edition of Bundiyarra Wanggajimanha.

18 weeks until NAIDOC Week

Sunday 7 July - Saturday 13 July

We are pleased to inform community that Kathy Councillor has accepted the role of NAIDOC Week Coordinator for 2013.

Kathy is currently looking for committee members, organisations wishing to host events during the week and volunteers to assist with hosting another successful NAIDOC week.

For further information please contact Kathy Councillor on (08) 990 7900 or email language3@bundiyarra.org.au

Boomerang Hostel



Above: Boomerang Hostel long time cook Mavis Dann with Boomerang Hostel Manager Debbie Robinson

More short term beds required

Boomerang Hostel is a 22 bed complex for emergency short term stay accommodation located on Gregory Street.

In 2011 - 2012 Royalties for Regions and Lotterywest grants allowed for the refurbishment of the Hostel facilities.

Since the reopening in February 2012, the Hostel has been operating at full capacity.

The hostel primarily accommodates tenants from Carnarvon, Meekatharra and Perth with consistent contact being made by multiple organisations seeking accommodation for clients.

Hostel Manager Debbie Robinson said she liaises continuously with organisations such as PATS, the hospitals, Salvation Army, Mission Australia, St Vinnies, Centrelink, mental health workers and job providers looking for accommodation.

"I wish we had more beds to help more people in emergency situations but at the moment we can't. I pride myself on providing a home environment, it is as simple as that, it is a priority to provide a home environment for people in these

situations." Debbie said.

Debbie has an extensive training background including the completion of certificates in Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol abuse, Domestic Violence, Suicide Prevention, Child Protection, First Aid and her Working with Children's certificate.

Boomerang Hostel CEO Trish Delaney said "That the hostel has been too small for too long. We would turn away at least forty people per week and that is without the majority of community knowing that the hostel is available. We have been unable to market this service as we don't like having to turn away people in emergency situations, where else do they go?" Trish said.

Thanks Mavis

For the past six years Mavis Dann has been providing hostel tenants with three daily home cooked meals and Christmas was no exception. The Bundiyarra Board would like to thank Mavis for her ongoing commitment and dedication to Boomerang Hostel.

Planning for new Hostel underway

Planning of a new 138 bed Hostel is underway and discussions with the Nationals, Labour and Liberal Parties have been held.

The new short term transit Hostel would be built with specified areas to suit a variety of tenants.

Not only would the new Hostel close a gap in the number of community members requiring short term accommodation it would also create many training and employment opportunities for many Aboriginal people.

It is proposed that the new Hostel will be built on the Bundiyarra reserve on Eastward and Blencowe Roads.

Organisations are encouraged to contact Bundiyarra and advise them of how many rooms they would like to secure for when the dream becomes a reality.

For further information please contact Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney on (08) 9920 7900 or email ceo@bundiyarra.org.au

Boomerang Hostel

Update: Friday,
1 February 2013

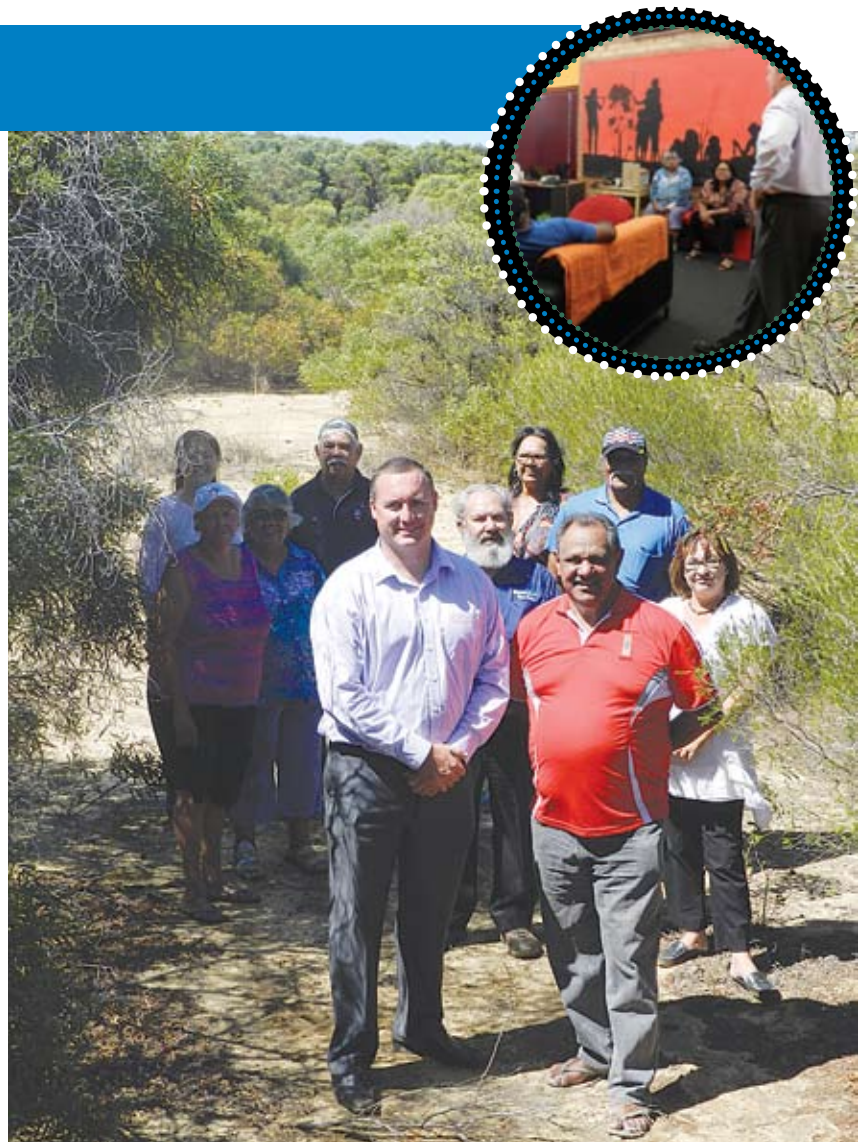


Above: One of the original founding Elders Rob Rhonan with Bundiyarra's current Chairperson Ross Oakley

Long term dream

One of the original founding members of Bundiyarra, Rob Rhonan was unsure why he was invited to be at Bundiyarra, this morning at 10.00am.

He joined Bundiyarra Chairperson Ross Oakley and Bundiyarra staff at the yarning table and was overjoyed to hear that a long term dream of all founding members could potentially become a reality.



Above: Nationals Candidate for Geraldton, Shane Van Styn with Bundiyarra Chairperson Ross Oakley, founding members and staff at the new Hostel site.

Van Styn to support Bundiyarra Hostel Proposal

The Nationals candidate for Geraldton Shane Van Styn has committed to making the Bundiyarra Hostel project in Geraldton a priority if elected.

"The proposed new facility, with up to 138 beds, would be available for individuals and families who need to visit Geraldton for health, family, business or cultural reasons," Mr Van Styn said.

"It would also provide a place to sleep for those who, for a number of reasons, find themselves without housing for a short period of time." Mr Van Styn said the hostel would provide a much needed accommodation base for Indigenous and non indigenous people in the community requiring

emergency short-term housing.

"Many indigenous families in particular are required to travel long distances to access services in Geraldton, which can be a significant financial burden," Mr Van Styn said.

"A hostel would mean there would be a reduced need for mums, dads and children to sleep rough when away from home, which in turn reduces social friction and improves health outcomes."

Mr Van Styn said The Nationals recognised the difficulties faced by families when making the journey to Geraldton, as well as the dire need for emergency housing for the wider Geraldton community and the need to provide assistance to reduce the associated hardships.

"If elected as the member for Geraldton in March, I will make this project a local priority and work with the project proponents to ensure it gets up and running." Such a hostel has been indicatively costed at \$10 million in 2010, however the project has the ability to be staged. Mr Van Styn said The Nationals had a strong record of delivering indigenous accommodation, including \$1.25 million from Royalties for Regions for an Indigenous visitor's hostel in Boulder in September 2012. Local candidate Shane Van Styn this was a great local project and commended Bundiyarra for their commitment to provide better housing and services for local Aboriginal people.

Come to Bundiyarra and fill out your voting enrolment form

Must be submitted before COB tomorrow, Thursday, 14 February 13

Bundiyarra have Electoral Enrolment forms and are offering to assist anyone who needs to complete their forms.

Call into our offices by Thursday, 14 February 2013 before 1pm.

Bundiyarra will deliver the forms to the Australian Electoral Commission for processing.

The State Election will take place on Saturday, 9 March 2013.

We encourage you to have your say and help a long term dream come true.



Above: Wesley Headlam and Trimmer Garlett will be the first to complete their enrolment forms on Monday, 4 February, 2013.

'Its time to have our say'

The announcement made by National Candidate for Geraldton Shane Van Styn, has changed the opinions of a few people not enrolled to vote on election day. Bundiyarra employees Wesley Hedlam and Trimmer Garlett admitted that they are not enrolled to vote and previously never saw it as important. Wesley Headlam said his Grandfather

had been encouraging him to enrol to vote because everyone should have their say. Wesley and Trimmer Garlett said that knowing that their votes could potentially assist with a new Hostel being built is the perfect reason to fill in the forms. "We encourage our mates, families and community to join us in voting."



Above: Foodbank Regional Manager Pat Hodges with some of her dedicated team and Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney

Foodbank eases pressure on families

For countless years Foodbank Geraldton has assisted the Boomerang Hostel provide meals to people staying in emergency short term accommodation.

Their amazing service continues with providing food hampers for people living in remote communities, local families in times of need and provides generous donations of food and refreshments for local cultural events.

Foodbank is committed to alleviating prolonged hunger and the many health problems associated with poor nutrition.

MAOA Housing Report confirms short-term accommodation a priority

In 2010, the Midwest Aboriginal Organisation's Alliance (MAOA) named housing as the number one concern for Aboriginal people in Geraldton. MAOA wanted to understand why there didn't seem to be enough affordable housing for Aboriginal people in Geraldton, and what could be done to fix the situation. With funding support from FaHCSIA and the City of Greater Geraldton, MAOA entered into a research partnership with the Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health (CUCRH) to explore these issues and possible solutions. The 'Action Areas' in the Plan emerged from both Research and the Action Planning workshop. The reports have been presented to Regional Development Australia, the Midwest Development Commission, Department of Housing, City of Greater Geraldton and funding bodies in relation to housing issues.

The Recommendations Summary shows the below actions:
Short-Term Accommodation

- Proposed hostel should cater primarily to those in need of health care.
- Careful policy developed to manage hostel needs.
- Support provided to hostel clients who need to organise longer term housing arrangements.

Bundiyarra is a member of the Midwest Aboriginal Organisation Alliance. (MAOA) MAOA in initiating this research has allowed members working in the housing area to finally have academic research to support submissions to improve emergency short term stay accommodation.

For a copy of the Housing Report please contact MAOA Chairperson, Gordon Gray on (08) 9920 7900

Irira Wangga Language Program



Above from left: Bundiyarra - Irira Wangga Language Staff; Coordinator Jennifer Kniveton, Language Worker Leeann Merritt, Senior Language Worker Leonie Boddington, Linguist James Bednall and Community Engagement Kathy Councillor

Language Awareness Training for Schools

In 2012 Irira Wangga established collaborative programs with several schools of the Mid-West, Murchison and Gascoyne regions. This was to help facilitate training for language teachers, and to assist educating the youth about Indigenous languages and culture.

Some of the big achievements of 2012 included the establishment of a Native Speaker's Program with Geraldton Secondary College, assisting in teacher training with teachers and AIEOs from across the region, and organising a Language Day at Mount Magnet DHS.

A Native Speaker's Program was established with Geraldton Secondary College in March 2012, and this program will continue in 2013.

This partnership involves staff at Irira Wangga, along with native speakers of Mid-West languages, working with students at Geraldton Secondary in classes at the direction of the Wajarri teacher there, Edie Maher.

Staff at both Irira Wangga and Geraldton Secondary, as well as the students, enjoyed this program, and look forward to its continuation this year.

In August 2012, Irira Wangga was involved in a Language Teacher

Training course with Edie Maher (Geraldton Secondary College), to help train new Wajarri teachers. Participants in the course were interested and receptive to new teaching ideas and concepts. In October Irira Wangga organised a Language Day with Mount Magnet DHS. Linguist James Bednall and Senior Language Worker Leonie Boddington spent the day in Mount Magnet, teaching students about the Aboriginal languages of the Mid-West, Murchison and Gascoyne. James' workshops focused on raising awareness of Aboriginal languages across Australia, with an emphasis on the languages of the Mid-West. Leonie, with the assistance of Wajarri Elder and language specialist Muriel Little, taught an introductory Wajarri class to students, in order to that they could learn some basic Wajarri words and phrases. The day also included a lunch of kangaroo stew and damper, with the whole Mount Magnet community invited to attend. The day was a real success, with the students showing keen interest in the workshops. The Principal Liz Tuckey stated that it was the best-attended event they have run at the school, with many family and community members getting involved.



Above: Irira Wangga Program Coordinator Jennifer Kniveton and Senior Language Worker Leonie Boddington receive their award.

Cultural Sustainability Award and the winner is - Irira Wangga Language

In May 2012, the Irira Wangga Language Program was very proud to win the Cultural Sustainability award at the 2012 Sustainability and Innovation Awards for its contribution to cultural sustainability.

The program was awarded this honour for its production of the Wajarri Dictionary, and the delivery of Wajarri language classes to the community.

Language Coordinator Jenny Kniveton and Senior Language Worker Leonie Boddington received the award on behalf of the program, and were thrilled to have the language program recognised in this way.

Irta Wangga Language Program



FACT: The Irta Wangga Language Program covers 275282 square kilometres

Above: Map of Aboriginal Languages of the Midwest Area - Western Australia. Copies of the map are available from Bundiyarra for \$5 each.

What is the Bundiyarra - Irta Wangga Language Program?

The Irta Wangga Language Program focuses on the preservation, comprehensive description, revitalisation and sustainability of the Aboriginal languages and culture of the Mid-West, Murchison and Gascoyne regions.

The program realises this goal through bringing highly skilled professionals to work on a project-by-project basis with local Elders and community members. A huge milestone in 2012 was the launch of the long-awaited Wajarri Dictionary in March.

This was the product of over 20 years work, and involved the collaboration many dozens of people, including both Yamaji Mail Aboriginal Corporation, Bundiyarra, Wajarri Elders, language specialists, linguists, language workers and members of the broader community.

To have this dictionary finally launched was a huge achievement. The launch was very successful, with over 200 people attending.

In 2012/13, the program saw a major focus on the documentation of Badimaya, a very endangered language

in vital need of linguistic support. Staff at Irta Wangga travel extensively to work with Badimaya speakers in Mount Magnet and Buntine to record their language and stories. Over 20 hours of audio material has been collected and transcribed, which will be used in the production of the Badimaya Dictionary, and other language materials published. 2012-13 has also seen the publication of the first ever books printed in Badimaya, which were successfully released in Mount Magnet in November.

Alongside this documentation work, there has been an increased push towards the revitalisation of Wajarri, the most widely spoken language of the region (yet still critically endangered). 2012-13 saw the re-establishment of weekly Wajarri language classes, which have been received with enthusiasm by community. Irta Wangga also established collaborative programs with two schools of the region (Geraldton Senior College and Mount Magnet District High School), in

addition to providing language teacher training to teachers and AIEOs from several schools of the Mid-West. Irta Wangga has been dynamic in its work on language promotion and awareness over the last 12 months. Irta Wangga staff have travelled to many communities of the region, including Carnarvon, Cue, Denham, Geraldton, Kalbarri, Mount Magnet, Mullewa, Northampton, Yalgoo and Yulga Jinna, to deliver language awareness workshops, and to talk to local community members about what they want happening with their languages.

Can you help us to sustain the language in your community?

Can you speak any language?

If the answer is yes our language team would be pleased to hear from you.

Be part of this very important process of preserving language in our communities. We welcome you to phone us on (08) 9920 7900 or email; projects@bundiyarra.org.au

Irira Wangga Language Program

What's happening with your Language? An update of Irira Wangga's work with the region's languages



Badimaya

Throughout 2012 Irira Wangga worked extensively on Badimaya, and several of these major projects are continuing in 2013.

Linguist James Bednall, and Senior Language Worker Leonie Boddington, have been making regular trips to Mount Magnet and Buntine to talk with Badimaya speakers Ollie George, Frank Walsh and Don Clinch, in order to record the language (both in audio and video) and safely archive these recordings. This language data is currently being transcribed and analysed, so that we have a better understanding of how Badimaya works.

A huge milestone for Badimaya was the publication of the first ever books written in the language; Joe Benjamin Stories – The Mallee Hen, and Joe Benjamin Stories – The Porcupine Story. These were published in July, and were released in an event on traditional Badimaya country in November 2012.

Current Badimaya projects include a series of three stories about Mount Magnet (Bush Yarns from Mt Magnet) and a Badimaya seasonal calendar, which will be published in February; a Badimaya Bird Book which is due for publication in March; and Badimaya Guwaga, an illustrated wordlist similar in style to Wajarri Wangga and Malgana Wanganyina, which is in preparation, with plans to publish in April. The long awaited Badimaya Dictionary is also currently underway, with the aim of a mid-2013 publication.

Wajarri

Since the March 2012 launch of the Wajarri Dictionary, Irira Wangga has been focussing on several revitalisation programs for Wajarri. Saturday community Wajarri language classes

proved to be very successful in 2012, with a regular group of people attending, and learning Wajarri wangga. The first 2013 course of Wajarri classes will begin on 23 February – call us at Irira Wangga for more information!

Irira Wangga is also currently consulting with young mothers and children's groups around Geraldton in order to organise a language nest program for Wajarri. This is a program that will focus on teaching children aged 0-5 Wajarri, in an immersion environment.

Irira Wangga staff are also currently working on two Wajarri storybooks, containing traditional Wajarri stories in language, which will be aimed at children and other people wanting to learn more about Wajarri.

Nhanda

Irira Wangga worked with several Nhanda speakers in 2012, whose language knowledge helped to extend our database of the language.

Irira Wangga is currently continuing to extend this database, consolidating the language information held at the centre, and analysing it more detail. Consultant linguist Sue Hanson worked extensively on putting this database together, which is a comprehensive collection of all the available data we currently have on Nhanda. This database will form the basis of the Nhanda Dictionary, and other future Nhanda publications.

Warriyangka

Irira Wangga is currently trawling through our archived Warriyangka language data, distilling this information into a new Warriyangka database. Irira Wangga will engage the services of a contract linguist to work on a sketch grammar of this language later in 2013.

Ngarla (Ngarlawangga)

In May 2012, two Ngarla publications: Jamie's Bush Tucker Book, and Ngarla

Numbers were launched at Yulga Jinna. These books were published in 2006, but due to a series of events the launch was postponed. The launch of the books was well received by the community, who were very pleased to have publications in Ngarla available.

Irira Wangga continues to work on Ngarla, analysing the language information at the centre in more detail, and refining the database.

Work experience student David Osgarby from the University of Queensland was at the centre in December 2012, and worked on reorganising and updating existing Ngarla materials (audio files, transcriptions, dictionary databases, and language information) during his visit. David also wrote a short paper looking at the verbs in Ngarla, which will be useful in the eventual compilation of a sketch grammar of this language.

Malgana and Yingkarta

Coordinator Jennifer Kniveton and Language Workers Leeann Merritt and Kathy Councillor visited language communities in Shark Bay and Carnarvon in November 2012 to run language awareness workshops on Malgana and Yingkarta, and to get in contact with local people with some knowledge of these languages.

We have limited amounts of information on these languages, and are always looking for more speakers to help us extend our knowledge. If you know Malgana or Yingkarta (even just a few words!) or know someone that does, please give us a call and let us know!

Irma Wangga Language Program

Language Resources Order Form

Send your order to: FAX: (08) 9964 5283 E:marketing@bundiyarra.org.au

Publication	Language	Community GST Inc	Corporate GST Inc	Number Required	Total
Wajarri Dictionary	Wajarri	\$63.00	\$70.00		
Alphabet Pack: Poster, CD, Flash Cards, Wajarri Words	Wajarri	\$50.00	\$55.00		
Wajarri Wangga Includes CD	Wajarri	\$27.00	\$30.00		
Wajarri Wisdom	Wajarri	\$40.00	\$43.00		
The Lost Emu	Wajarri	\$40.00	\$44.00		
Mungangga: Night Animals	Wajarri	\$30.00	\$33.00		
Dambamanmanha DVD and book	Wajarri	\$20.00	\$22.00		
How the Yamaji Got Fire	Wajarri	\$20.00	\$22.00		
Nhanda Wangganhaa	Nhanda	\$25.00	\$27.50		
Malgana Wangganyina	Malgana	\$30.00	\$33.00		
Jamies Bush Tucker Book	Ngarla	\$20.00	\$22.00		
Ngarla Numbers	Ngarla	\$20.00	\$22.00		
Joe Benjamin Stories: The Mallee Hen	Badimaya	\$20.00	\$22.00		
Joe Benjamin Stories: The Porcupine Story	Badimaya	\$20.00	\$22.00		
Map of all Languages	All	\$9.00	\$10.00		
Plus Postage and Handling					\$9.95
TOTAL					

DETAILS

Name: _____
 Organisation: _____
 Postal Address: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Contact Phone: _____ Fax: _____

PAYMENT METHODS

Books will only be posted once full payment has been received. Receipt will be sent with your order and will act as a Tax Invoice - ABN: 14 269 236 490

To be paid by Purchase Order: _____

Cheque
 Please include this form with your cheque.
 Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation
 PO Box 4027, GERALDTON WA 6530

VISA MASTERCARD

Cardholders Name: _____

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Irira Wangga Language Program



Lunch out Loud

As part of the National Year of Reading, The Geraldton Regional Library hosted Lunch out Loud on Friday, 16 November 2012.

The program offered local writers to read from their own works. Irira Wangga Senior Language worker Leonie Boddington read from *The Budara Story*, a publication her father and mother wrote in language.

An extremely engaged audience were overjoyed with listening to reading in language.



Badimaya books released

The Irira Wangga team travelled to Mount Magnet on Thursday, 22 November 2012 to release the Badimaya stories of Joe Benjamin, *The Porcupine Story* and *The Mallee Hen*.

Joe Benjamin was born in 1910 in the Berkshire Valley area. His first language was Badimaya, which he spoke at home.

The release was hosted at Mt Magnet District High School where children and attendees were able to listen to the books being read in Badimaya.



Irira Wangga Linguist James Bednall helps class participants break down the Wajarri language

Nhaa nyinda yalimanha Saturday mungal?

Wangga nyindangu irra!

Wajarri Language Classes

Nyinda barndi?

Bundiyarra- Irira Wangga Language Program is running a short course of Wajarri classes. This course is designed to develop speaking and listening skills, build vocabulary and develop practical competence of Wajarri, the most widely spoken Indigenous language of the Midwest region.

This course is open to anyone interested in learning Wajarri, from absolute beginners to advanced learners. Lessons are organised to best suit the ability levels of students learning.

Nhangga?

6 week course: Commencing Saturday, 23 February 2012 and finishing on Saturday, 13 April 2013
10am - 11am

Tharraga?

Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation
Corner of Eastward and Blencowe Roads Geraldton

Ngana?

Classes taught by Bundiyarra - Irira Wangga Staff.

Fees:

Standard \$10 per lesson
Concession \$5 per lesson

To participate in Wajarri Language Classes: Drop into Bundiyarra and pick up an enrolment form or phone (08) 9920 7900 and ask for an enrolment form to be emailed or faxed to you.

This Saturday - Join Bundiyarra at Waitangi in the park

Irira Wangga Language will be joining in the celebrations for Waitangi Day on Saturday, 16 February 2013, at Maitland Park.

Leonie Boddington will be on stage from 10.30am - 10.45am reading in language. From 11am - midday wander over to the Bundiyarra tent and learn some

Wajarri. Our Linguist and Language workers will be available for some basic lessons.

Plus we will have our full range of Language Resources available for purchase with EFTPOS facilities on hand. *Come on down and experience language - we look forward to meeting you.*

Environmental Health Program



Above from left: Bundiyarra Environmental Health Coordinator Gordon Gray with his team Colin Jones, Josh Joseph and Wesley Headlam pictured top right. Middle: Community cleanup in Pia Wadjarri

What is the Bundiyarra Environmental Health Program?

Environmental Health provides a comprehensive environmental health program to the Kardaloo and Pia Wajarri remote communities and assist where possible and in like fashion, other Aboriginal communities in the region such as Buttah Windee, Yulga Jinna, Mt Magnet, Burringurah and Mungala.

It is acknowledged that interagency partnerships have been developed with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs [FaHCSIA] via Municipal service providers such as Yulella and MEEDAC to assist in service delivery.

In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding has also been developed and signed off on with the

City of Greater Geraldton.

The objectives of this MOU are to;

- Establish partnerships and share responsibility for achieving measurable and sustainable improvements for people living in the community.
- Support and strengthen local governance, decision making and accountability.
- Learn from a shared approach – identify what works and what doesn't and apply lessons to future approaches at community and other relevant levels.
- To support and encourage younger members of the Aboriginal Community to undertake training in Environmental Health and apply it

at the community level, and

- To undertake Environmental Health awareness programs in the community.
- Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community and the City of Greater Geraldton may also provide access to one and others plant and equipment on an as needs basis and as determined and agreed to by either party undertaking the activity.
- The Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service is also an unofficial partner in the MOU with providing capital and equipment relating to two trucks and a Toyota Landcruiser for the provisions of service.

Output services

- Rubbish removal programs
- Dog health
- Pest control
- Dust suppression
- Septic tank/leach drain maintenance
- Maintenance to facilities and equipment
- Community plumbing and other rudimentary repairs
- Provide support and education
- Advance and promote Environmental Health principals to community

Referrals

Referrals continue to be conducted in the Geraldton City area. Where possible the assistance of the occupants is requested.

Education and promotion of environmental health is provided to the occupant at the time of referral.

Works completed include;

- Pest control
- Rubbish removal
- Yard clean-ups
- Mould assessment and treatments
- Septic inspections

Do you require our assistance?

If you require one of the Output Services on offer you can contact the Environmental Health team by phoning (08) 9920 7900.

One of our team will arrange a convenient inspection time to further discuss your requirements.

Environmental Language Program

FACT: The Environmental Health Program covers 245,261 square kilometres



Area covered by Bundiyarra Environmental Health Program

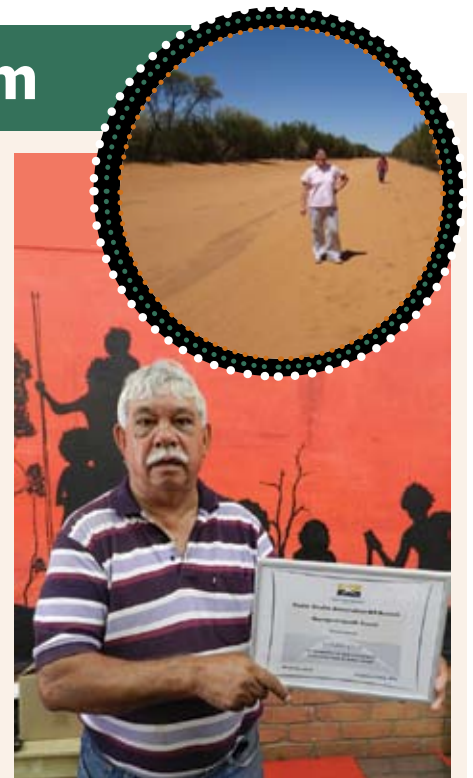
Area covered by Yulella Aboriginal Corporation in conjunction with Bundiyarra

Key performance indicators ensures successful program delivery

Bundiyarra uses measurable Key Performance Indicators [KPI] to deliver functional aspects for the Environmental Health program. This is within the environmental health team plan. The plan was developed using the National Environmental Health Implementation Plan and was reviewed in June 2011.

Achievements throughout 2012 include;

- Developing a marketing strategy for the operations area of environmental health for 2013. Work has commenced on a brochure, monthly newsletter contribution, newspaper profiles, radio and film. Work will be ready for production starting March 2013
- Developing a Regional Environmental Health Operations Strategy for 2013/2014
- Periodic meetings with Gary Heir, Department of Housing to better coordinate works at remote communities.
- Periodic meetings with both Yulella and MEEDAC to coordinate service provision.
- Two community clean-ups were completed at Kardaloo and Pia Wajarri
- Ongoing inspections at both the above communities.
- An Environmental Health workshop was run at Bundiyarra with community members in attendance.
- Promotional booth was held at the Bundiyarra Cultural Day during NAIDOC week activities. We were able to further promote the program to people across the community - 500 plus visitors to the event. Promotional material was also distributed.
- It should also be noted that while Bundiyarra do not provide direct services to Barrell Well, funds are provided via MEEDAC for dog control and cleaning products for spraying in and around the community.



Aboriginal Health Award and the winner is Gordon Gray

Representatives from the Combined Universities Centre for Rural Health (CUCRH) and the Midwest Aboriginal Organisations Alliance (MAOA) received this year's Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) Awards.

MAOA Chairperson, Gordon Gray, was awarded the Aboriginal Health Award for his active participation in a range of community projects in the Midwest region over the past 30 years which included service delivery, policy development and advocacy activities.

Gordon is a well respected community member who works tirelessly to encourage development of partnerships and networks to overcome the health and social disparities experienced by his people, this has been demonstrated by his work in coordinating teams of service providers, in order to deliver multiple interventions to some of the most disadvantaged Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

Landscaping Program



Above: The Landscaping Program team have been extremely busy preparing the gardens ready for National Apology Day, today, 13 February 13.

Reserve being revitalised

A work experience program in conjunction with The Salvation Army, Employment Plus as the Job Service Provider and Department of Employment and Education Work Relations (DEEWR), and Durack commenced in late October. The program is designed to provide work experience and training for early school leavers and the long term unemployed.

Job seekers are currently using the program to assist with landscaping the gardens at Bundiyarra - part of the horticulture duties required while undertaking a Certificate II in Conversation and Land Management. Duties include paving, edging, treating weeds, identifying and cultivating plant specimens, garden beds and assisting

landscaping design.

A similar program ran in 1998 when the guys from Wila Gutharra CDEP got their hands into some serious gardening in preparation of the opening of Bundiyarra. Knowing that National Apology Day was approaching, the workers wanted to commit to completing areas of the gardens to host the occasion and salute their Elders.

Bundiyarra is extremely proud of this team.

They have taken the time to design the areas, source local products and retain their culture by collecting rocks from Gunnadoo Farm to build rock walls with seating.

Bundiyarra hopes community will utilise the gardens knowing that it is 'A good place to go'.



From left: Camille Dalgety, Colin Jones, Trimmer Garlett, Greg McConkey and Josh Joseph

From work experience to employment

When Wesley Hedlam, Trimmer Garlett and Camile Dalgety signed up for the work experience program with Bundiyarra they liked the idea of being able to work at a place that is of great significance for community. The three workers are now enrolled to complete their Certificate II in Environmental Health which will reward them in working for the Bundiyarra Environmental Health program.

Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney said that the workers chosen to complete their certificate have shown dedication to the program by attending work on a regular basis and committing to their local community. Wesley Hedlam has already signed his employment contract.

Community Garden

When the City of Greater Geraldton appointed Emily O'Hara for the 'Go Gero' campaign, she expressed her desire to assist in developing a Community Garden for community. Discussions with Bundiyarra CEO Trish Delaney soon saw a submission to the 'Go Gero' initiative.

The successful submission has assisted many teams within Bundiyarra to come together and share ideas and designs for the Community Garden.

Site works have now been completed. Currently, we are fine tuning the design which will include fencing, water tanks and reticulation. After consultation with community it has been decided the garden will become a source of bush medicine, bush tucker and array of traditional vegetables.

As the project advances we will be looking to secure the help of our volunteers.

Cultural Events

You are invited.....

1. As a guest: As an important member of our community we want to ensure that you are invited to attend local Cultural Events. To ensure you receive up to date details, simply provide your postal address to Bundiyarra.

2. As an exhibitor: Help us extend

local Cultural Event programs.

If you have a product or service that community may benefit from please contact Bundiyarra.

3. As a volunteer: If you would like the opportunity to volunteer at local Cultural Events, contact Bundiyarra.
P: (08) 9920 7900



Cultural Events 2013

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Significant Dates 2013

Midwest - Murchison region

Wednesday, 13 February

National Apology Day & Bundiyarra Website Launch

Anniversary of the formal apology made on 13 February 2008 by the government and the Parliament of Australia to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - in particular to the Stolen Generations.

Event Details: Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation: 9.30am - 11.30am, Guest speakers, local entertainment, home cooked breakfast plus Bundiyarra will launch their new website. Contact: (08) 9920 7900

Saturday, 16 February

Waitangi in the Park

Commemorating a significant day in the history of New Zealand to celebrate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Event Details: This year celebrations will take part at Maitland Park from 9am - 4pm, Headline entertainment - Manawa Mai Tawhiti, stalls, performances and more.
Contact: 0449 636 096

Saturday, 23 March

Harmony Day

A celebration of the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promotes a tolerant and culturally diverse society.

Event Details: Maitland Park, 10am - 2pm Dinner, QEII, 6pm - midnight.
Contact: (08) 9964 6728 or 4037 566 189

Saturday, 24 March

National Close the Gap Day

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are still dying 10 to 17 years younger than other Australians. For that reason, more than 40 national organisations came together in 2006 to form Close the Gap - Australia's largest ever campaign to improve health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Sunday, 26 May

National Sorry Day

Offers the community the opportunity to acknowledge the impact of the policies spanning more than 150 years of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families.

Monday 27 May - Monday, 3 June

National Reconciliation Week

Initiated in 1996 to provide a special focus for nationwide activities. The week is a time to reflect on achievements so far and the things which must still be done to achieve reconciliation. The week is timed to coincide with two significant dates in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols of our hopes and aims for reconciliation.

Monday, 3 June

MABO Day

MABO Day marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia's judgement in 1992 in the Mabo case. This is a day of particular significance for Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Sunday, 7 July - Saturday, 13 July

National NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The week is celebrated not just in the Indigenous community, but also increasingly in government agencies, schools, local councils and work places. NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. Once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC week, its acronym has become the name of the week itself.

Sunday, 4 August

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Established in 1988, the event each year has a theme to highlight a significant issue, concern or hope for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. All community organisations, mainstream child and family welfare services, government agencies, schools, preschools, child care services and any organisations with an interest in children are encouraged to celebrate.

Friday, 9 August

International Day of the World's Indigenous People

The United Nations' (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed to promote and protect the rights of the world's Indigenous population. This event also recognised the achievements and contributions that Indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

Friday, 13 December

Streeties Christmas Showcase

Join the team at Streeties for a fantastic Christmas celebration. Children will be treated to a visit from Santa, enjoy community performances and a light dinner. RSVP appreciated: om@streeties.com.au

Is your organisation planning to hold an event on one of these significant calendar dates? You can have the details added to our comprehensive program and website by contacting our Marketing & Development Officer Marchelle on (08) 9920 7900 or email marketing@bundiyarra.org.au



Connecting Cultures



Above: Connecting Cultures Trainers from left: Leonie Boddington, Kathy Councillor, Jennifer Kniveton and Derek Councillor

Local experts collaborate for best delivery

Our training

Our training is designed to improve and enhance participants' knowledge about Aboriginal people and develop a respect for cultures.

Our trainers will share history and culture that will -

- Assist with relating and working more effectively with Aboriginal people in the Midwest, Murchison, Gascoyne regions.
- Helps to build partnerships based on mutual respect, understanding, cooperation and trust.
- Promote a knowledge and understanding of cultures & experiences of Aboriginal people.

One Day Course (9.30am - 3.30pm)
Lunch & refreshments provided
Maximum 20 persons per session
\$330.00 GST Inc per person

Course Content

Participants will engage with up to five local Aboriginal facilitators to undertake -

- A brief in-depth look at the comparative history of Australia and how it affects current work practices and Aboriginal people in today's society.
- How Aboriginal people identify themselves.
- The languages and culture within the Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne regions.
- How to engage and communicate with Aboriginal people.
- Sharing and learning stories - personal and work experiences.
- Local Elders will share their history and knowledge
- Tour to local significant land and sea sites.

Tailored Options

To assist large organisations or organisations outside Greater Geraldton successfully complete our 'Connecting Cultures' training, our team can;

- Travel to your organisation
- Train more than 20 participants based on size of training room available
- Tailor a program specific to your organisations specifications (eg health, education, mining)
- If the training is not hosted at Bundiyyarra in Geraldton, or in Geraldton, the tour to local significant land and sea sites may not be available.

Quotation will be provided once course specifications have been identified.

YES! You are able to make a booking for one person, multiple people or an entire training session for 20 or more people.



All participants receive a Certificate of Participation 'Connecting Cultures' and a 'Yamaji Card'.

Here's what some of our participants have to say;

I was really impressed with the knowledge and diversity of the presentation and personal experiences and group discussions.

Leighton's

The openness of the presenters has helped my understanding of language, contemporary issues and how better to develop rapport with Aboriginal clients.

Legal Aid WA

There are many areas of my life that I can apply the knowledge now and in plans and ideas for the future.

City of Greater Geraldton

I have a greater appreciation for how recent some of the discriminatory government policies are and the ramifications for Indigenous people in the community today.

Legal Aid WA

Understanding Aboriginal people is an important step towards reconciliation