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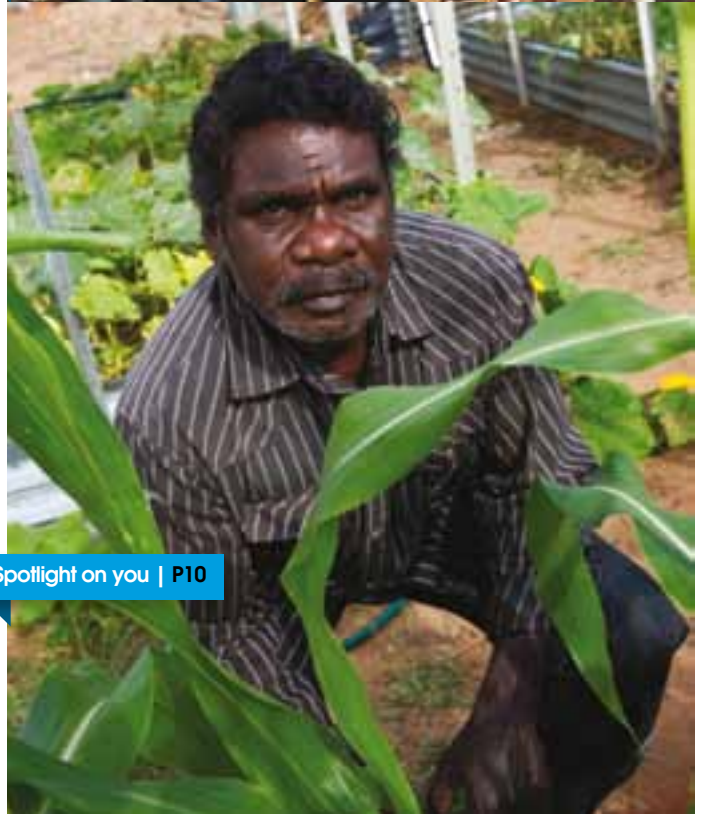
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Notes

From the Kimberley ROC Managers



Mr Gary Powell



Mr Ian Thomas

The two constants in each of the four Remote Service Delivery locations and the Regional Operations Centre are CHANGE and the partnership between communities and Governments.

Since the last newsletter there has been significant activity within Remote Service Delivery in WA. We have had high profile visitors through our communities such as Governor General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Minister Jenny Macklin, FaHCSIA Secretary Finn Pratt, Coordinator General Brian Gleeson and ROC Managers from all around Australia visiting Broome. From the government end there has been regular State Operations Committee meetings, ROC Managers meetings and Executive Working Group meetings discussing the Local Implementation Plan progress.

From the community end implementation is well underway with a majority of projects near completion. We are welcoming new staff, seeing new infrastructure commitments, and changing into new reporting tools... It's non stop action!

The Local Area Coordinators (LAC) are currently finalising a review of each Local Implementation Plan, economising on some priorities and highlighting actions that are concrete deliverables. The LACs will then engage with their communities to provide feedback on the past 12 months activities, discuss the results of the review and consult the community on current and future priorities. Service providers will be an important part of this process.

The visit of the Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Jenny Macklin, to the Beagle Bay Community was a great opportunity to showcase the progress of RSD. The Minister was accompanied during her visit by the Local Area Coordinator, an IEO and the ROC Manager. They attended the Beagle Bay School, the Beagle Bay Store and the Women's Centre where the Minister received an inspiring presentation by the Women's Group on their future plans.

The Minister inspected some of the new community housing and received a brief from the Department of Housing. The Minister

commented on the tangible progress achieved within the community since her last visit of approximately two years ago.

The ROC Manager's Workshop was held here, in Broome over a three day workshop, and the Managers of Regional Operations Centres across Australia attended. The agenda was varied covering the current initiatives and strategic status of the Kimberley, questions of planning and evaluation, including the development of a national blueprint, LIP development, governance and reporting within the RSD project and the sharing of best practise within the 29 RSD locations.

The presentations by Goolarri Media, the Yawuru Household and Population Survey Team led by Pat Dodson and the Beagle Bay Women's Group on their Strategic Plan made a strong impression on the workshop participants. The Kimberley ROC led the discussion on 'the new way of doing business' featuring presentation by each of the four Local Area Coordinators.

The Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services, Brian Gleeson, and the Co-chair of the WA SOC, Patrick Walker, presented at the Workshop and addressed the group on the current status of the RSD and the future directions.

As part of their visit to the Kimberley, Brian Gleeson and Patrick Walker visited the Beagle Bay Community where they engaged with community groups and individuals. As a result of the discussions, several timely and appreciated commitments were made regarding the removal of asbestos from the community store and minor works on the Women's Centre. The ROC received verbal and written words of appreciation from the Coordinator General on the conduct of the workshop and the overarching message was the positive performance of the Kimberley RSD team.

Coming up in communities we have some Roundtable discussions with attending service providers to provide feedback on progress of the LIP to date. To find out when these are in your community speak with your Local Area Coordinator.



Early Childhood

Bardi Jawi Supporting parents in the Dampier Peninsular

The Dampier Peninsula Indigenous Parenting Support Service (IPSS) has been gaining traction in the community since its beginning in November 2010. The program was developed through community consultations and a review of literature available to the community regarding parents and family issues. A report with this information was drafted by Save the Children, and provided the community with recommendations in designing a culturally appropriate program.

One of the report's recommendations is that all staff employed to the program be locally based and originating from their respective community. Blanche Bowles was appointed in December as the Project Coordinator. Ms Bowles, is a Local Bardi woman with a vast array of experience in working with families and children in education and child protection.

Other staff members have been appointed for the IPSS and comprise of a blend of maturity and youth, with Erica Hunter and Alma Ejai working in Ardyaloon, Lynette Hunter and Naomi Ougham in Djarindjin Lombadina and Cissy Balacky in Beagle Bay.

The staff have been busy coordinating a number of community events which commenced in March such as the successful Children and Family Expo and the Easter Treasure hunt at Ardyaloon. More recent events include art workshops with Artrinsic, NAIDOC day celebrations and Fairground Circus training for children during the July school holidays.

The IPSS team are working closely with the local Playgroups and Early Learning programs to support mothers engaging with these activities. The Mums and Bubs morning teas are an opportunity for mothers to come together and participate in a range of activities including information presentations by invited service providers.

Save the Children is currently working collaboratively with the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council and Western Australian Country Health Service to develop a coordinated model of primary child and maternal health care for the communities of the Dampier Peninsula.

Besides the Mums and Bubs club at Djarindjin and Ardyaloon we also have a Mens Group going at Djarindjin and are looking to establish one at Ardyaloon and Beagle Bay with assistance and support from David Pigram Coordinator,

Kullarri Mens Health, John (Scully) Edgar from Men's Outreach and Michael Currie from Child Protection, DCP.

Fathers Day Event Catch & Cook with Mark the "Black Olive" took place last week on Thursday 1st Sept at Djarindjin and Ardyaloon and was well attended by fathers/uncles/grandfathers and sons/nephews/grandsons. It was a registered event and all fathers and sons were encouraged to go out and catch and hunt traditional foods which they brought along to the cooking session.

For information on IPSS activities in your community please contact Blanche Bowles, IPSS Coordinator on 0417 832 360 and blanche.bowles@savethechildren.org.au.





Closing the Gap.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Beagle Bay

Playgroup begins in Beagle Bay

The Locational Supported Playgroup has commenced in the Beagle Bay Women’s Centre. This initiative was identified in the Local Implementation Plan and is funded by FaHCSIA and implemented by Jalygurr Guwan.

The facility is a fantastic area for child development and has been fitted out with playgroup equipment, books, toys, and enthusiastic staff. It is also a great place for parents to come and interact with their children in this engaging learning forum. The playgroup women are keen to see more Beagle Bay kids and parents experience the new program.

Beagle Bay Playgroup operates from the Beagle Bay Women’s Centre Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 11.30am. Please contact Clare McLean on 0410 099 789 for more information.



BEAGLE BAY:

Playgroup runs Mon - Thurs 8:30am til 11:30am



Halls Creek

Indigenous Parenting Support Services



FAHCSIA is providing funding for Indigenous Parenting Support Services that will support parents with a focus on early learning for their children and to improve parenting skills.

This program will complement other parenting and family programs in Halls Creek. Currently the crèche facility next to Yuri Yungi is being developed to run this activity and as a meeting place for Mums and Bubs.



“The plan is also looking to develop a Youth Advocacy Group in the community.”

Schooling

Youth Co-ordinator position in Fitzroy Crossing

Fitzroy Crossing



For more about Fitzroy Crossing

AACAP Small Engines Training Course a Huge Success



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A youth co-ordinator position has been identified and funding has been secured in the Fitzroy Crossing Local Implementation Plan to respond to specific youth needs.

This position has been fought for, for some time by the Fitzroy Community.

The role will develop and progress activities for youth

to engage in after school and during holidays in the areas of sport, arts, personal development, scouts, leadership and cultural activity.

The plan is also looking to develop a Youth Advocacy Group in the community.

The Regional Operations Centre is working to resolve outstanding

accommodation for this position.

Also the Sporting Chance Academy Program has commenced and is delivering sporting activities to young females in Fitzroy Crossing.





Closing the Gap.

HEALTH

Health

Executive working group for Health setting the standard

The Western Australian Remote Service Delivery Senior Executive Health Group featured in the Co-ordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services Six Monthly Report September 2010 – March 2011. This is the third six-monthly report, released in April 2011. Below is an excerpt from the report:

'This group has introduced a new way of addressing health needs and implementing solutions based on high level involvement and participation across the relevant agencies. The participation of KAMSC also means that Aboriginal health organisations are involved in major decision-making.

The health priorities of this group are those that were identified by the community and agreed to by governments as listed in the health building block of the Halls Creek Local Implementation Plan.

The group gathered all the health priorities within the Local Implementation Plan into themes to work through as project plans. Each agency was allocated a lead role in

addressing a particular priority and is responsible for developing a project action plan which sets out how this priority will be addressed in line with Remote Service Delivery principles. From this plan, a project team including government, non-government service providers and Community members who will work to form the solution was established. The respective Local Area Coordinators also play a key role in providing direction and overseeing the progress of these action plans in their communities.

This new way of working, involving the participation and collaboration of senior representatives at all levels of government and across regional and Indigenous health service providers, ensures joint decision-making and shared planning in the implementation of the Local Implementation Plan actions.'

Please go to www.cgris.gov.au for more information and to read the full report.



Suicide Prevention Response and Planning

The suicide crises across the Kimberley since October 2010 has seen both the Commonwealth and State Government collaborate to provide additional resources and funding.

This includes:

- Significant additional service response funding for the coordinated response service to individuals, families and Communities affected by a suicide.
- ROC funding to Goolarri Media to collaborate with Kimberley health service providers on a

preventative television campaign aimed at keeping people safe.

- Funding through the Commonwealth Government's RSD Special Account has been provided for fast tracking the suicide prevention planning in RSD sites through Anglicare/Kinway.

The State's Suicide Prevention Strategy "Onelife" has provided funding for the development of Community based suicide prevention action plans across the Kimberley and the ROC's fast tracking will collaborate with Onelife..



Health continued..

Increase in demand for health promotion and nutrition in RSD sites sees a government and service providers' response

The Local Community Campaign measure for health promotion projects and healthy community days has been funded through the Commonwealths Indigenous Chronic Disease Package within the COAG NPA for Indigenous Health Outcomes.

The program opened for proposals in early 2011, a number of organisations in the Kimberley were successful and will be providing significant services to RSD sites as a result:

- Goolarri Media will be creating a third edition and DVD production of Catch and Cook promoting good nutrition through bush tucker and traditional foods.

- The EON Thriving Communities Program which is a community based gardening and healthy eating project. It involves the creation and maintenance of local community gardens, and education workshops about nutrition and food hygiene across the Kimberley including the communities of Djarindjin, Lombadina, One Arm Point, Beagle Bay and Fitzroy Valley

- Goolarri Media will also produce and promote a 15 - 20 minute educational DVD titled Bran Nue Leg. The DVD will address the issue of limb amputation due to complications from chronic diseases such as diabetes for Indigenous people in the Kimberley region. It will focus on primary and secondary prevention for diabetes and its sequel.

- The Skutta Girls program at Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service will extend a pilot program targeting at-risk young women aged 12-18 years in the Fitzroy Crossing region. This program provides a safe space where participants can become engaged in fun activities and receive important health education information. These weekly sessions, which will be community developed and implemented, will focus on nutrition, sexual health, chronic disease management and prevention, and involve some light exercise.

Food security is a strong LIP priority in the Dampier Peninsula RSD sites and the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing have provided funding for a Dampier Peninsula Nutrition Project Officer through the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council.

School-based learning in nutrition and sourcing healthy food was highlighted in seven letters received by the Remote Service Delivery Health Building Block Co-coordinator from students at One Arm Point. The students are concerned that the increasing freight charges raises the costs on fruits and vegetables are having a direct affect on the community's ability to afford nutritious food.

The Health Building Block Coordinator in conjunction with the Bardi Jawi Local Area Coordinator was able to reply to each of the letters and include information on linkages to the relevant Bardi Jawi LIP actions, the National Strategy for Food Security in Remote Indigenous Communities, the health based services and programs being targeted in response, and provide further information on local contacts.





Closing the Gap.

HEALTH

Renal Service Delivery – staff housing acquired

The Western Australian plan for renal dialysis services achieved a critical component in acquiring suitable accommodation for staff engaged in renal service delivery in Broome, Kununurra, Halls Creek and Derby. Last month KAMSC was funded through the Department of Health and Ageing to purchase six residential properties for renal service staff in Kununurra and five in Broome and negotiations are underway to include housing in Derby.

Vastly improving the renal services in these towns will allow better access to dialysis closer to home for the communities of the Dampier Peninsula, Fitzroy Valley, and Halls Creek. Project work to progress renal dialysis services based in Fitzroy Crossing continues.



Beagle Bay

New Ambulance makes a difference

The Beagle Bay community is the proud owner of a new 4WD ambulance. The Beagle Bay community prioritised the need for an ambulance in consultations around the Local Implementation Plan.

Before the ambulance arrived the medical team in the community had been running services out of an old troopie – which was highly inadequate for the purpose of the job. The Commonwealth Department of Health and Aging recognised this gap in health service and committed funding for the vehicle.

The 4WD ambulance is already up and running and completely decked out with all of the latest equipment, technology and much needed medical supplies. It is the first ambulance the Beagle Bay community have had!! The ambulance will be able to service the outstations as well the Beagle Bay community.



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Grow what you eat:
EON gardens in RSD sites

Safe Communities



The Edible Gardens concept, started by the EON Foundation in Western Australia in 2007, grew out of EON's existing programs for prevention of diabetes through improving nutrition. The concept is supported by the communities and aims to give local people, especially children, regular access to fresh fruit and vegetables, which they grow, harvest and make into meals.

The success of the pilot project led to the introduction of EON Edible Gardens at Beagle Bay and One Arm Point along with four other communities in the Fitzroy Valley, with a significant expansion planned over coming years. The EON Gardens therefore feature in four of the Remote Service Delivery (RSD) sites in the Kimberley.

EON Foundation ran its first pilot 'edible gardens' project at the Djarindjin/Lombadina Catholic School in the Kimberley, where it had a long-standing relationship with the school and community, which was experiencing many of the health problems, disrupted education, and social instability associated with remote communities.

It is an example of a simple but 'do-able' idea which has positive effects in remote Indigenous communities in which it has been established and is now the cornerstone of the EON Thriving Communities Program (Healthy Eating, Education and Training and Healthy Homes).



These principles and its outcomes fit well with the Schooling, Early Childhood, Health and Healthy Homes Building Blocks in the Local Implementation Plans. EON only operates in communities by invitation and will not commence a program unless funding is secure for five years and the community has signed on to the EON Sustainability Plan and has assigned Roles and Responsibilities.

While the official goal of the program is in tackling significant medical issues, such as diabetes, and improving healthy eating habits, the simple activity of gardening is leading to many other beneficial social outcomes. These include:

- Increasing children's awareness of the role of certain foods in a healthy diet
- Encouraging children to reconnect with traditional culture and bush tucker through sharing traditional knowledge with local elders
- Greater social cohesion between families and the school and community
- Cross-generational education through health and well-being
- Learning about the environment and gardening



Together these work to build and maintain key pillars in community development.

Article by Chris Stott, EON Foundation...

for more information see:
www.eon.org.au



Closing the Gap.

SAFE COMMUNITIES

Burks Park: "Expanding Horizons" Transforming the lives of many young people

Halls Creek

The hard work of a few people is to be recognised in the exploits of husband and wife team, Roy and Helen Wilson at Burks Park, Halls Creek in transforming the lives of many young men is well documented and respected in the Halls Creek region.

Roy, is a Halls Creek man, and Chairperson of the Bina-waji Nyurra-nga ("teaching place for the mob"), which runs the "Expanding Horizons" work-readiness program, based at Burk's Park, on behalf of Wunan Job Futures.

The Burks Park Certificate 2 in Agriculture (Beef Production) is a pilot program offered by the 'old hands' at education in Halls Creek, the Bina - Waji Nyurra-nga Aboriginal Corporation and its founders Roy and Helen Wilson.

The difficult work that this certificate involves as it prepares them for the tough and free spirited life of a stockman. Offered for the first time by the Bina-Waji Corporation the original course exceeded its expected 10 week duration. It's now a popular course for local indigenous kids to pursue in the hope of gaining employment as a carefree stockman on a pastoral station.

Community and school leaders have observed a remarkable behavioural change in youngsters participating in the Burk's Park program.

Students involved in the programs have achieved the following outcomes:

- Attendance at school greater than 80%
- Re-enter education after prolonged absences
- Year on year retention at school – not less than 90% (well above state averages)
- Enhanced self-esteem and self awareness
- Knowledge and experience gained to make healthy lifestyle decisions
- Set goals and persevere to achieve them
- Reduced cases of criminal re-offending
- Improved academic results (basic literacy and numeracy through to high school graduation)
- A greater understanding of, and access to, the employment opportunities available to them
- More than 75% of Clontarf graduates engaged in employment or training within 6 months of completing school.





Economic Participation



Beagle Bay

Local community members have come together to monitor the committed actions in the Beagle Bay Local Implementation Plan under the Economic Participation Building Block and report progress back to the community and government.

The first meeting, in August 2011, started the discussion about the employment, training and small business opportunities that could exist in Beagle Bay. Using the Beagle Bay Local Implementation Plan as a guide they were able to identify service gaps in the community but also saw some solutions.

The group, including locals Arnold McKenzie, Veronica McKeon, Lenny O'Meara and others, does not want to be another "toothless tiger" and aims to really "bite" into this issue. The group believes that they are in a good position to enter into strong negotiations with the government.

The group is very enthusiastic about their role in coming together and are positive about the future and how they can tackle this community issue. They will meet every two months and they are sure each meeting will be as productive and successful as the first.

For information and outcomes from these sessions please talk to your Local Area Coordinator Liz Kelly.



Closing the Gap.

ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Fitzroy Crossing

Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program (AACAP) Small Engines Training Course a Huge Success

The AACAP small engines course was conducted over two weeks during the period 06-17 June at Joy Springs Community. The course was conducted by four vehicle mechanics from the Army and they were supported by five NORFORCE soldiers.

The AACAP small engines course set out to achieve the following four outcomes:

- workshop development (tools and facilities),
- to develop the trainees skills and knowledge about small engines (lawn mowers chain saws),
- achieve competencies that part of a cert II in automotive servicing, and
- to fix existing community equipment.

The course covered a range of theory topics relating to:

- Occupational Health and Safety,
- How two stroke four stroke and diesel engines work, and
- the use of tools.

The course also involved a practical activities working on small engines collected from the communities of Joy Springs and Bayulu.

The equipment repair tally at the end of the course was as follows; 9 chainsaws, 8 lawn mowers, 2 generators, 1 stationary motor, 2 generators, 13 whipper snippers, 1 welder, 2 cement mixers, 1 pump and 2 vehicles.

Fifteen trainees from the communities of Joy Springs and Bayulu were selected to attend the AACAP small engines course. Fourteen of the original fifteen trainees completed the course successfully.

The trainees graduated from the course on 17 Jun 2011 and they received a Certificate of Attainment from Kimberley TAFE.

The successful trainees achieved four competencies towards a Cert II in Automotive Servicing. All the trainees learnt plenty from the course and they now have the knowledge and skills to maintain small engines in their communities.





Economic Participation



Halls Creek: Indigenous workers have new place to call home with a new 24 bed hostel



A 24 bed hostel for Indigenous workers and trainees near Halls Creek commenced operations in July 2011.

Burralluba Yura Ngurra - Halls Creek Workers Hostel facility will provide much needed support accommodation for Aboriginal people undertaking apprenticeships and traineeships in remote Western Australia.

The hostel is part of the Kimberley Employment Based Accommodation Project which will see similar facilities delivered in Fitzroy Crossing, Derby and Broome.

A key factor in successfully completing apprenticeships and traineeships is a safe, secure and supportive living environment, which can often be hard to find in regional and remote areas.

Burralluba Yura Ngurra is located on a 46 hectare pastoral lease at Burks Park, 4km from Halls Creek. The area has significance for the local Djaru people of the area.

The facility has four two bedroom units for families and 12 units for singles.

Each family unit has a separate kitchen with the single units sharing a communal kitchen, allowing residents to form close bonds with the people sharing the facility.

The facility will be managed by East Kimberley organisation Wunan and will have a full time caretaker on site to help manage day to day issues.

The facility was built with funding from the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH), to develop up to 100 beds across four locations in the Kimberley region.

The social and economic impact on the community is evidenced by the following comments from residents:

"Without this place I would have packed up a long time ago and left (Halls Creek), and might be homeless, now I am loving it beautiful location with entertainment in the rec room and everything you need without humbug in an overcrowded home. Plenty of private space and security"

"Great place, peace and quiet not bothering overcrowded families place anymore got my own place, I can study in peace. I have told all my friends and family about it"

"Nice and quiet away from humbug, I can better budget out here no partying mob coming into the house at two in the morning in an overcrowded house. Great scenery out my balcony every day"

The facility was visited by the Kimberley ROC Managers, FaHCSIA State Manager, the new Local Area Coordinator and the Kununurra ICC Manager (pictured left).





Healthy Homes

Housing Capital Works Program Update

The National Partnership Agreement for Remote Indigenous Housing has resulted in the Department of Housing delivering many new homes across the Kimberley over the last two years, including in Remote Service Delivery sites.

In the Fitzroy Valley area (including surrounding communities) there has been 32 new homes built and 82 homes refurbished. Forty-four new homes and 114 refurbishments are proposed in the Fitzroy Valley area in 2011/12.

Beagle Bay has seen 10 new homes built and 47 homes refurbished with 14 refurbishments that are proposed in Beagle Bay for 2011/12.

In the Bardi Jawi area (including Ardyaloon, Djarindjin and Lombadina communities) the program has refurbished

one home over the year with 20 new homes and 40 refurbishments proposed in the Bardi Jawi area in 2011/12.

The Halls Creek area (including Mardiwah Loop, Nicholson Block, Red Hill and Yardgee communities) has received five new homes and 10 refurbished homes in the last financial year 2010/11.



Fitzroy Crossing

New Houses at Gillarong Community

The Gillarong community has recently built two new houses for local residents as part of the National Partnership for Remote Indigenous Housing, a partnership between commonwealth and state governments.

It has been over ten years since the Gillarong community has received any new houses and overcrowding has been an issue for many years.

Laurie Shaw, Indigenous Engagement Officer and Chairman of Gillarong Community, said the community is pleased to see the government taking affirmative action to address the housing issue.

Additionally, the project employed two men from the community who working with Pindan Building Company to construct the houses.





Beagle Bay

Enhancing Culture & Look After Country

The Beagle Bay Local Area Coordinator has been consulting and liaising with individuals, family groups, and community groups to develop Land, Language and Culture in the Local Implementation Plan.

There have been many great ideas coming from the community about ways to enhance culture and look after country. Working with existing programs such as the Nyul Nyul Ranger programs that support country is a priority of the community.

A culture program for the school has been identified and the LAC has been in touch with KALACC to seek support with establishing this for next school year.

Halls Creek

Indigenous Language Retention

Retention of language and the preservation of culture remains a priority focus in Halls Creek.

The work of the Language Centre is being supported through the ROC and we are working on development of a 'learning on country' project. The purpose is to help young kids understand culture and to transfer knowledge from the old people.



Land, Language & Culture





Governance & Leadership

Bardi Jawi



The Bardi Jawi Governance Project is a joint initiative of the Bardi Jawi PBC and the three community councils – Ardyaloon, Djarindjin and Lombadina. The project is supported by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) and the Regional Operations Centre.

The project has funding from the Remote Service Delivery Special Account (FaHCSIA) and aims to achieve outcomes identified as part of the Local Implementation Plan (LIP). The LIP for the Bardi Jawi area includes this important project as its first priority under the Governance and Leadership Building Block.

In early May 2011, the FaHCSIA Local Area Coordinator held individual meetings with the three community councils and the KLC held a meeting with the Bardi Jawi PBC to talk about the concerns members had with current decision making processes, future planning for Bardi Jawi country and what people want to achieve out of this project.



A joint meeting was held on the 17th and 18th of May 2011 at the Ardyaloon Community Hall with members of the Bardi Jawi PBC and Lombadina, Djarindjin & Ardyaloon community councils.

This two day workshop was facilitated by Toni Bauman and Lisa Strelein from AIATSIS supported by KLC and Local Operational Centre staff. Also in attendance was Bruce Goring from the Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies, Tyronne Garstone a KLC consultant working on a scoping study for economic development aspirations on the Dampier Peninsula, Richard Aspinall, FaHCSIA State Manager for Western Australia and Rob Baker from the Land Branch of the Department of Indigenous Affairs.



The workshop was very successful as it clearly identified the concerns and frustrations shared by all groups and that a cooperative approach was needed. The workshop also identified that more sessions were needed to work out decision making and land issues.

A series of future workshops were requested by the meeting that will aim to cover all of the identified concerns:

1. Cultural Governance
2. Land Use Planning – Outstations, Leases, Land Tenure and Community Layout Plans
3. Corporate Governance and Policy Making
4. Land Tenure Reform

These workshops will be held throughout 2011 until June 2012.



Fitzroy Crossing

Ship for world youth program 23

Between the 9th of January – 2nd of March 2011, Ismahl Croft, Indigenous Engagement Officer in Fitzroy Crossing, participated in the 23rd Ship for World Youth Program.

The Ship for World Youth (SWY) program is a Japanese Government funded program that is based around cultural exchange and youth development. The program consisted of 13 participating countries Australian, Bahrain, Brazil, Chile, Fiji, Japan, Mexico, Micronesia, Oman, Solomon Islands, Sweden, Tanzania, and Vanuatu.

Each of the countries had 11 – 12 participating youth, except for the Japan delegation which consisted of 130 participating youths. All together there were 276 youth participating in the 23rd SWY program.

The program began on the 11th January; where the participants spent ten days in Japan with the other participating countries doing orientation. Each of the participating youth had the opportunity to do a home stay for three days with a Japanese family whilst in Japan.

All of the 276 youths boarded the Fuji Maru a large cruise ship on the 21st of January which became their home for the next 42 days. On the ship we cruised to Honiara (Solomon Islands), Suva (Fiji), Brisbane (Australia), Port Vila (Vanuatu), Okinawa (Naha) then back to Tokyo on the 2nd of March.



During his time on the ship Ismahl had the opportunity to learn from the diverse range of cultures and people that were present on the program. This was conducted by seminars, activities, events and social gatherings.

The highlight of the program, for Ismahl, was to get the opportunity to make new friends and learn the diverse cultures from the around the world.

The SWY program is an annual program, the next program SWY 24 will be early next year. Australia is not invited next year but will be in the near future as we have participated in 12 of the 23 programs to date.

Ismahl would strongly recommend any youth to apply for the next program the next time Australia is invited, as this program greatly enhanced his leadership capacity.

The age criteria is 18 – 30. Ismahl would like to thank the Mangkaja art centre, KALACC and the Broome ROC for supporting his attendance in this once in life time opportunity.

“The Ship for World Youth (SWY) program is a Japanese Government funded program that is based around cultural exchange and youth development.”

For more information visit: <http://swyaustralia.org/>



Lip Review and Development:

ROUNDTABLE EVENTS

The Kimberley ROC is currently executing a major Review and Development of all four Local Implementation Plans.

The purpose of the Review and Development is to add new actions to the plans through open negotiations between community and government.

This will be done by a Roundtable Event in each community in September/October 2011, inviting government agencies and community members together to talk about the LIP, and the future of each community.

The structure of the meetings will be based on:

- Reporting back to communities on progress made within the LIP over the last eighteen months
- Discussing the rationale behind the proposed changes to the LIPs
- Hearing new priorities and proposed LIP actions from community
- Having a broad discussion on the Remote Service Delivery process

DATES:

Bardi Jawi:

Throughout Sept

Beagle Bay:

19/10/11

Fitzroy Crossing:

25/10/11

Halls Creek:

26/10/11

Services Research Project

Ellen Grote, a research consultant, is working with the Kimberley ROC on a project to identify the overlaps and gaps in service delivery to the four Remote Services Delivery sites in Western Australia. The study will be used to improve the delivery and coordination of services.

Ellen is talking to members of each community to hear their views about:

- the quality of the services available, and
- additional services the community needs.

Ellen will also be talking to the service providers and comparing



her findings with the Baseline Mapping Reports.

Ellen started working on the project in early May and plan to finish writing up the report by the end of October.

If you would like to comment about the services in your community or if you have any questions about the project, Ellen would really like to hear from you.

She can be contacted by phone: 0407-281-522 or email Ellen.Grote@dia.wa.gov.au

New Staff



Anthony Johnson

Halls Creek Indigenous Engagement Officer

Anthony is a local Halls Creek resident and is the chairperson for the Mardiwah Loop community. Before Anthony joined us he was a youth worker for the Shire completing his Certificate III and IV in youth work.

His passion is in performing arts and using the arts to engage community and tell stories. Contact Anthony via email on: Anthony.johnson@roc.gov.au

Grant Astles

Local Area Co-ordinator for Halls Creek

Grant Astles has just transferred over from Centrelink where he has worked for the last 10 years in various roles throughout Australia, predominantly in remote locations; Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Meekatharra, Alice Springs and Perth.

Grant finished a Bachelor of Social Science (Major Community Development & Minor Addiction Studies) and the end of 2010.

Grant has a significant addiction to Mountain Bike (MTB) Riding, which Halls Creek supports perfectly. Grant is very excited about working as a Local Area Coordinator and loves living & working in Halls Creek.



Alexandra Boston

Communications Manager

Alexandra (Alex) called Melbourne home for many years before heading to the top end of Australia. Alex has had a lustrous national and international career in communications and is looking forward to sharing her amazing skills with the Kimberley ROC.

If she's not at work you'll find her on the beach or enjoying the local arts, music and entertainment scene in Broome. Feel free to contact Alex with any communication requests or ideas on alexandra.boston@roc.gov.au.



Tim Grigg

Project Co-ordinator

Tim has come to us from Darwin where he worked for the Northern Territory Government in public housing.

His background is primarily in policy and project management and will be joining the ROC to support the Local Areas Coordinators and the Executive Working Groups.

Tim has a penchant for terry towelling clothing and a passion for sailing boats that he can't afford. You can contact Tim at tim.grigg@dia.wa.gov.au or 08 9191 8800.