

GUMALA NEWSLETTER

September, 2019



*Images courtesy of Curtin University;
Cheyenne Conway, second from right.*

CHEYENNE VOWS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Gumala Member Cheyenne Conway was amongst the five winners of the inaugural 'Dr Tracy Westerman Aboriginal Psychology Scholarship' at Curtin University recently.

She is pictured above, second from right, with Professor Deborah Terry, The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Dr Tracy Westerman, Curtin Chancellor Dr Andrew Crane and the other prize recipients.

Njama! woman Dr Westerman, a vocal advocate in Indigenous youth suicide, created the scholarship to foster and develop the next generation of clinicians.

"My vision is to support students with remote and rural connections through their university studies with the aim of becoming Aboriginal psychologists skilled in Indigenous-specific mental health and suicide prevention and intervention programs," said Dr Westerman.

The scholarship provides eligible students with a \$10,000 bursary to help with their study, living and transport costs.

In Cheyenne's words: I grew up in Perth and attended Aranmore Catholic College. In my final years of schooling, I had no intention of attending university.

It was not until three months before my course started that I chose to follow my dream of becoming a phys. ed. teacher. When completing the Indigenous Pre-Medicine and Health Sciences Enabling Course, I realised that my people need to help each other and the one way I can contribute is by becoming a safe person whose main priority is to better and maintain individuals' mental health.

I then decided to follow the pathway of psychology and so far, having just finished my first semester of my four-year degree, I know that I am on the right path, and loving it.

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When reading this publication and sharing it with family and friends, please be mindful that it may contain images and/or names of people who have since passed away.



Thannarru,

We have successfully transitioned into the 2019-2020 financial year with new balances in both fixed and flex-

ible programs being applied to all approved Members and Beneficiaries of Gumala. The new flexible balance of \$4,000 has been well received with many applications being submitted throughout July and August. The uptake has highlighted resourcing issues in the Member Services Team (MST) with processing times moving toward 11 business days.

There have been several actions taken to bring this processing time down. Most notably, Member Service Officers have staggered their start and finish times (7am – 6pm) in order to assist with the high volume of calls. We would like to thank our Members for being considerate during this time, especially those who limited phone calls in order for the team to focus on processing applications.

In the same way we previously applied the feedback from the membership around the delivery of programs, we have adapted the team movements to bring down processing times. This is one of the focus areas highlighted by the General Gumala Foundation's (GGF) 5-Year Review: the need to focus our delivery of services with an understanding of the Member base. Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) continues to be committed to working closely with our Members and delivering services as best we can.

EO REPORT

Specifically, and as previously reported in March, The Foundation Review aims to examine the GGF by looking at the roles and responsibilities of the:

- Trustee – Gumala Investments Pty Ltd (GIPL); and
- Manager – Gumala Aboriginal Corporation.

GIPL will have facilitators to discuss the outcomes of the GGF 5-Year Review at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September. Different to previous years, the GIPL Board has elected to hold its AGM in Perth and prior to the GAC AGM, which will be held in South Hedland in October. The details of the GIPL AGM can be found on page 11.

Following on with GAC's year of review, the Yandi Land Use Agreement (YLUA) 5-Year Review consultation will take place for all Members at the GAC AGM. The facilitators for the review are the Nous Group, a management consulting firm, who will talk with Gumala Members about expectations for the YLUA – if you believe those expectations have been met and whether it has or has not made a difference in the lives of Gumala people. Specifically, and as previously reported in March, the YLUA review looks at the way in which the YLUA has performed over the previous five years, as well as assessing the relationship between GAC and Rio Tinto Iron Ore (RTIO).

The details of the GAC AGM and the Consultation are on the final page of this newsletter and we encourage all our Members to attend these important meetings to have your say. We also see the AGM as a time for our Gumala Members to catch up with family and friends, so we look forward to seeing you all in South Hedland on Saturday 26 October. - **by Justin Dhu, Executive Officer**

CHEYENNE VOWS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

When I finish studying, I hope to travel to rural parts of Australia and help to start the conversation about the benefits of maintaining good mental health and how you can help others in that journey.

I am currently residing at St Catherine's College and living out of home; my financial status is limited. With the scholarship I can afford text books, transport to and from uni and work, and other expenses related to my tertiary education.

I believe that it is important that we start doing something about the amount of kids taking their lives, which is

heartbreaking and unacceptable. The time to start making changes and efforts has already begun, as even one young Indigenous person thinking about taking their own life is too many.

University is about pushing yourself and reaching your full potential. I feel that any person who is wanting to study in this field but is having second thoughts should think about the reasons they want to work in this field.

The movement behind closing all gaps for Indigenous Australians starts with health, and a healthy future is a better future. - **by Cheyenne Conway**

GAC SPONSORS RED COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Gumala was pleased to be a Silver Sponsor of this year's Red Country Music Festival which was held in Port Hedland on Saturday 22 June at the Civic Centre Gardens.

The event was headlined by country music legend Troy Cassar-Daley and included a mix of ten other talented local and national country acts. Amongst them was Lachlan Bryan and The Wildes, and the Bradley Hall Band.

The festival was created by Brad Hall, a Gumala Member, GIPL Director and local Nyiyaparli man who is also an established musician. His initial vision for the festival was to bring live music back to the Pilbara.

"This event is really about bringing the local Pilbara community together to enjoy awesome music from some of Australia's best, and also giving local artists a platform to showcase their talents. Be it in art, music and/or culture," said Brad.

The festival was a family-friendly event with a kids' activity tent, face-painting, games and picnics throughout the afternoon. It is estimated that the attendance peaked at 650-700 people on the night and there were approximately 250-300 people during the day

Gumala ran a competition to give away tickets, and some of the winners are pictured on this page. Amongst the winners was Rose Derschow who is pictured above with her sister Jody Hodder. Rose wrote: *I would like to thank Gumala for giving me a fantastic day and night. We enjoyed ourselves very much and the event team and volunteers were all FANTASTIC and very friendly. Bradley was great, he helped look after us. We met all the bands, who treated us like special friends and Troy was an inspiration and so friendly. Again, thank you all for the best night I have had in a very very long time.*



Above: Rose Derschow and Jody Hodder pictured with festival musicians.

Right: Festival creator Bradley Hall.

Below: Gumala Member Caitlin Galby with her sons Jaydon and James Maher.



RECONCILIATION WEEK 2019



Minister Ken Wyatt gives his inaugural address at the Reconciliation WA annual breakfast.

In recognition of National Reconciliation Week which took place from 27 May – 3 June, Gumala held a number of internal events to develop staff awareness of the process of reconciliation and the history of Indigenous advancement.

The week was an opportunity to hear honest and insightful stories aligned to the theme for 2019, Grounded in Truth - Walk together with Courage.

According to the 2018 Australian Reconciliation Barometer, today 80 per cent of Australians believe it is important to undertake formal truth-telling processes. The Barometer is a two-yearly, national research study which has been undertaken by Reconciliation Australia since 2008.

As part of the week's celebrations, some Gumala staff also had the wonderful opportunity to join 1,400 others at Reconciliation WA's annual breakfast and listen to speakers from government, business, sport and the community.

Amongst those who spoke was the Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians, Minister Ken Wyatt, who received a standing ovation and gave his inaugural address in his new role.



GAC Executive Assistant Noreen Derschow is pictured with Dockers' greats Michael Johnson and Des Headland at the Reconciliation WA annual breakfast.



Above and below: GAC and GIPL staff members take part in training and events around awareness of the process of reconciliation and the history of Indigenous advancement.



NAIDOC WEEK 2019

This year's NAIDOC Week theme was Voice. Treaty. Truth - the three key elements to the reforms set out in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Gumala's Tom Price staff took part in local NAIDOC celebrations in late June. The morning involved a flag raising ceremony, a Welcome to Country by Wayne Stevens, a local Eastern Guruma Traditional Owner, and a presentation about NAIDOC by Ronwyn James, GAC's Community Engagement & Heritage Liaison Officer.

There were also cultural displays, kids' activities, live snakes, and a sausage sizzle featuring kangaroo, emu and crocodile meat. The event was a joint function involving service providers from across the community.



Images courtesy of Kim Gentle, ABC Foundation.



MEMBER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES UPDATE

2020 Education program opens soon

Children of registered Members or Beneficiaries are eligible to access our Education Programs (Kindy – Year 12) for the 2020 school year from 1 November 2019. The current Education Programs will run until 31 October 2019 and funds can't be carried over.

The 2020 Education Programs provide the following amounts:

- \$250 per child for kindergarten students
- \$800 per child for primary school students
- \$1200 per child for high school students

What items are available?

1. Books and stationery
2. School fees and contributions
3. Uniforms
4. Lunches
5. Camp and Country Week fees



6. Equipment – e.g. sports clothing, musical instrument, computer, iPad
7. School photographs
8. Tutoring
9. Travel & accommodation (boarding school and school bus services only)
10. Extracurricular activities or excursions

Eligibility

All school aged Gumala Beneficiaries (minors) are eligible for this program if:

- They are going to school (enrolment records may be required)
- Their parent is a registered Member of Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (pending Member's children cannot access funds).

For further information about the program, please see the GAC website and Member Program Guidelines or call the office on 1800 486 252.

2019 Christmas Gift Cards

Gumala's Christmas Gift Card Program aims to provide all Gumala Members and Adult Beneficiaries with a \$500 Coles or Woolworths gift card for Christmas 2019.

For any Members without a Coles or Woolworths store in your nearest town, an alternative voucher will be arranged for you at your local supermarket.

Applications received before 5pm on Friday 29 November 2019 will be delivered by Christmas, and applications received after this date and before 31 January 2020 will be processed and delivered as soon as practicable.

These gift cards must be applied for and only one per Member will be authorised.

All applications for Christmas 2019 gift cards should be sent to xmas@gumala.com.au

For more information about the gift cards please visit Gumala's website or refer to the Member Program Guidelines 2019-2020.



MURDOCH STUDENTS BRING CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES TO THE PILBARA



Pictured is Dr Bill Hayward with the team of chiropractic students from Murdoch University.



Gumala was once again happy to support final year students from Murdoch University to complete remote placements and bring chiropractic services to the Pilbara region in July and August.

The group of students provided free chiropractic care to community members in Tom Price, Wakuthuni, Bellary Springs and Paraburdoo.

The idea of travelling to a remote community first came about when the Murdoch University program was exploring the possibility of travelling overseas to help vulnerable communities.

Dr Bill Hayward, a Noongar man and Murdoch graduate from 2008, was a strong advocate for the concept to be implemented in remote Australia. He believed many remote Aboriginal

communities were disadvantaged due to the lack of health services, such as chiropractic treatment. Dr Hayward is thought to be the first Aboriginal chiropractor in Australia.

With ongoing support from Gumala, the Shire of Ashburton, WA Centre for Rural Health, Sodexo and others, the program has been able to travel to the Pilbara twice a year for over 10 years.

Congratulations, Winnie!

Gumala would like to congratulate Winnie Sampi on recently obtaining her driver's licence through the Bloodwood Tree driver program.

According to the Bloodwood staff, Winnie said she will now be able to help her older sister to medical appointments and shopping and be able to take their dog for a run to the beach. Importantly, she will not have to rely on and/or ask other people for lifts or pay for taxis.

Gumala's Tom Price office continues to regularly host the Bloodwood Tree staff when they visit the town to help community members wanting to learn how to drive. Bloodwood assists with learners permits, theory tests, driving lessons and much more. Look out for the next visit on Gumala's Facebook page or call the Tom Price office for more details.



3A PROGRAM UPDATES



Gumala's 3a Centre in Karratha would like to introduce its new facilitator Helen Osborne.

Helen has lived in the Pilbara for nearly 50 years in Wittenoom, Point Samson and Karratha. She has taught at Wittenoom, Wickham, Pegs Creek, Karratha and Tambrey primary schools.

Helen said she feels privileged to have been in the area so long as she is now teaching some third-generation family members, particularly those who used to call Wittenoom home.

Helen is pictured (sitting at rear) with EO Justin Dhu and Karratha 3a staff, parents and children.

Community effort to paint the 3a Centre at Wakuthuni

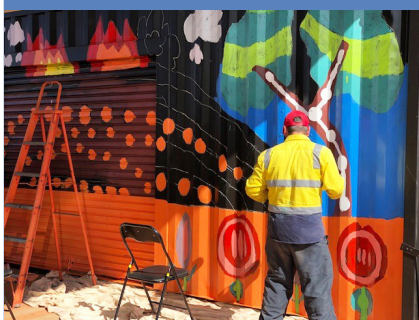
Below is just some of the amazing artwork that was done at Gumala's 3a Centre at Wakuthuni Community recently.

The painting of the Centre was a joint project with BENNCO Group - who painted the containers in the base black - and Tom Price Primary School, who provided the painting team, the paint mixers, the paint equipment and the lead artist from the school, Kelly Geddes, and the 3a coordinating teacher, Lucie Betterley.

Gumala provided the bus for the school, the paints for the project and the BBQ luncheon for all who assisted. It was a wonderful community team event and fabulous outcome.



Karratha 3a staff Mikaela Mowarin and Tarika Hansen, along with 3a Coordinator Denise Dann, recently attended Protective Behaviour training in Karratha.



FUN TIMES IN WARRALONG



It's been a busy time at the Warralong 3a Centre recently with a number of events taking place.

Gumala teamed with Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation and Food Bank to enjoy a food literacy and cook up. The dads cooked the main meal, which was "man pie", while the children made choc banana balls.



It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about healthy ways to cook and eat.

Another special day was for Nans and kids with the community Elders coming in for a visit and a play. It was a fantastic day with a wonderful exchange of knowledge and an opportunity for the children to learn from the Elders.





Employment

GEPL recently promoted Niall Egan to the position of Tom Price Area Manager. His hard work and dedication as the Project Engineer on the West Angelas Project has impacted the overall success of the project to date. Initially Niall will focus on all Civil and Mining Projects in the Tom Price locality and the HV/LV Workshop in his role as Tom Area Price Manager. We wish him all the best for the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead.

Current and Completed Projects

RTIO – West Angelas Deposit C & D (WADCD) Enabling Works

GEPL continued works at WADCD Enabling Works over the period with the scope of works consisting of:

- Bulk earthworks
- Clearing
- Borrow pit establishment
- LV access road construction
- Culvert installation and drainage works
- Pavement construction.

Separable portions of the project are 100% complete including handover to the client and the overall progress is 33% complete. Additional works have been awarded to GEPL over the period in addition to the original contract scope. The project is due for completion in March 2020.



RTIO – Yandicoogina - Phil's Creek Land Bridge – Stage 2

GEPL completed Stage 2 of the land bridge at Yandi in late June and it was officially opened on 26 June. Senior management from RTIO and GEPL attended the opening alongside the project team.

- Over 40,000 hours were completed over the duration of the project. Zero lost time injuries, zero

medically treated injuries, zero restricted works day injuries and zero environmental incident were recorded.

- 500,000m³ of material was placed during the construction of the project
- 33KVA over powerlines were relocated and aligned
- Dewatering infrastructure was relocated and an 800mm pipeline was diverted
- 250,000m³ of material was screened
- 50,000m³ of rock armour was produced and placed.

RTIO – Yandicoogina - Culvert Install

GEPL has completed the additional scope of culvert installation at Yandicoogina in late May. The additional scope involved bulk earthworks, rock armour, corrugated steel pipe installation and LV access ramp construction.

RTIO – Paraburdoo – Down Hill Haulage Road Upgrades

GEPL completed the works on the upgrade of mine haul roads within the Paraburdoo mine site in early June. The works consisted of bulk earthworks and final trim earthworks to assist in traffic calming measures throughout the haul road network. The works were completed without incident and were injury free.

RTIO – Paraburdoo – Turee Creek Road Upgrade Works

GEPL was engaged by the RTIO Paraburdoo mine operations team in June to carry out upgrades to Turee Creek Road. The scope of work included borrow pit establishment, load and haul activities, placement/compaction of material and final trim of 10km of access road. The project was completed in early July.

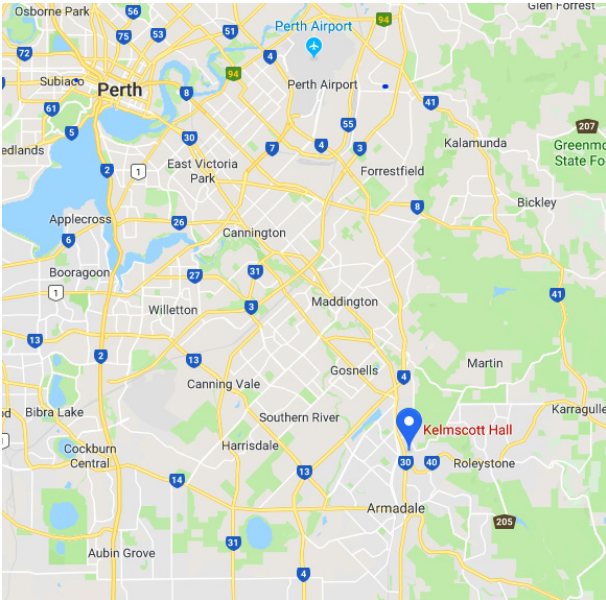
RTIO – Hope Downs 1 - Screening & Load Out

GEPL has continued working at RTIO Hope Downs 1 over the period. The scope of works consists of supply of plant and labour to conduct screening and load out activities. The plant and personnel supplied are working day shift and night shift to increase the mine site's overall production. In late July, the initial contract was extended to September 2019.

Shire of Ashburton

As a result of being selected as a preferred supplier, GEPL has supplied plant and labour to the Shire of Ashburton from June to August 2019.

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GIPL AGM 2019

The General Gumala Foundation Trust Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Consultation Meeting will be held in Perth this year. Details are as follows:

Where: Kelmscott Hall, 60 River Road, Kelmscott

(See map above - Kelmscott is 23km southeast of the Perth city centre)

When: Sunday 29 September 2019

Times:

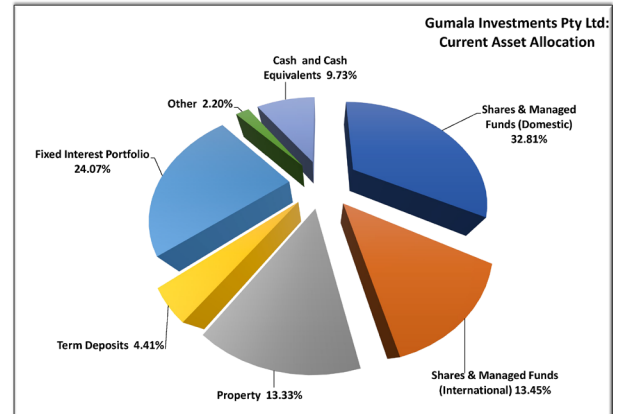
- Registration: 8.30am - 9.30am (no registration after 9.30am)
- Consultation Meeting: 9.30 am to 12:00pm
- Lunch: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- AGM: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

AGM notices with meeting details will be posted out in the week starting 9 September 2019. Included will be information about travel payments and the sitting fee.

For more information about the meetings, please visit the GIPL website at www.gumalatrust.com or call the GIPL Office on 08-9287-3900.

NOTE: Gumala Aboriginal Corporation's AGM will be held on Saturday 26 October in Hedland. Further information is over the page.

GGF Investments Update



The General Gumala Foundation Trust is pleased to update the Beneficiaries that as at 30 June 2019 it had total assets under investment of \$124.75M, with the Future Fund valued at \$115.20M.

The investment portfolio has performed solidly over the 2019 financial year with positive capital growth and increased dividend and distribution income.

Interest revenues have been impacted by falling interest rates throughout the year, however, this has been offset by increased investment of funds.

Total Revenue for the year to 30 June 2019 was \$42.9M with \$37.2M being retained for the benefit of Members and Beneficiaries through available Member Program Funding and Investments into the Future Fund.

The YLUA land use payment for FY2019 was the highest full-year payment since 2012/13, and together with revenue from dividends, distributions, interest and rent were all ahead of budget.

GIPL and GAC also managed to maintain tight control over operating costs to ensure that the focus remains on providing maximum benefits for Members under the Trust Deed, both in the short-term through Program funding, and the long-term, through increased Future Fund income.

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SAVE THE DATE - IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) will hold a Member's Consultation Meeting with Rio Tinto Iron Ore (RTIO), as well as the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation from 8.30am on Saturday 26 October at the Wanangkura Stadium in South Hedland.

GAC Members are encouraged to attend the consultation and a payment of \$400 will be provided as well as reasonable travel reimbursements as per the Travel and Accommodation Policy available on the GAC website.

Further details will be posted out to Members and also be made available on the GAC website soon.



Traffic jam in the Pilbara



Gumala's Tom Price Operations Manager Sonya McKenzie was held up in a traffic jam recently on the road to Marble Bar. This bull stood guard whilst the rest of his caravan crossed the road safely. If you would like to share any interesting photos or stories with us, please feel free to contact the office so we can share on our Facebook page or here in our quarterly newsletter. Email: communications@gumala.come.au

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