

# GUMALA NEWSLETTER

October 2022



*Celebrating  
25 Years*



## GUMALA MEMBER SPONSORSHIP HELPS ATHLETES TO SHINE

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who have since passed away.



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT



**Thannarru**

**Presently, the Corporation is preparing for the 2021-22 AGM to be held on Friday 21 October 2022 at the Wanangkura Stadium in South Hedland.**

We are holding the AGM in Hedland again because it is currently the only town in the Pilbara that can cater for the number of registered attendees that Gumala attracts. These meetings are held in South Hedland, home of the Kariyarra people, and we thank them for welcoming and hosting Gumala people on their country.

Our 2021 meeting saw approximately 766 Members and Beneficiaries register to attend and we are hoping for a similar big day ahead!

At our last AGM we discussed the development of and electronic voting system to assist Member participation instead of the manual voting that we have used to date. This year we are pleased to announce that we will be using a new electronic voting system as we move toward modernising our approach to our Member meetings.

Due to the way in which GAC and GIPL conduct voting over all three language groups, it is important to test this in a controlled manner. This year, you will only be able to attend and vote in person and if this is successful, the process will be open to remote attendance at next year's AGM.

Please note, to vote electronically you will need an internet enabled personal device like a mobile phone. We will also require your current contact details to be up to date. You can do this via the Gumala Member Portal or by filling out and returning the Personal Information Form (PIF) in the AGM pack. The PIF form is also always available through the Memberships section of our website.

If you do not have your own mobile device on the day, Gumala staff will be there to assist you to vote via one of Gumala's devices.

At this year's AGM, we will be giving updates on the following:

### **1. Yandi Underpayments and YLUA Modernisation Progress**

The GAC Board has continued to move towards a negotiated outcome. It has been an important process to show Gumala's resolve and determination to have a strong end result. Whilst the matter has not yet been finalised, Gumala's legal representatives will be available at the meeting to provide an update.

### **2. Housing Support Program**

Gumala has commenced addressing the challenges of affordable housing for Members with initial progress aimed at our more vulnerable Members who are, or could become homeless, as well as assistance with long-term medical accommodation. There will be an update on this progress.

Following the consultation, the GAC AGM and the GIPL AGM, we invite you all to join in on the 25-year milestone with us to celebrate how far we have come. More details about the event can be found on the following page.

We look forward to seeing those Members who are able to attend very soon in Hedland.

**By Justin Dhu**  
**Executive Officer**

## **AGM SCHEDULE**

### **FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022**

**8.00 am - Registration Opens**

**9.00 am - Consultation Meeting**

**11.30 am - GAC AGM opens**

**12.30 pm - Lunch**

**1.00 pm - GAC Voting**

**2.30 pm - GIPL AGM**

**4.00 pm - Meetings close**

**FREE  
COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Celebrating  
25 Years**



Please join us to celebrate 25 years of our great corporation with a fun-filled evening of cultural activities, market stalls, food trucks, amusement rides, kids' activities, fireworks and live music by Troy Cassar-Daley, Bradley Hall Band and more local bands.

**21ST OCTOBER 2022**  
**MARIE MARLAND RESERVE, SOUTH HEDLAND**  
**4 – 10PM**





# GUMALA MEMBER SPONSORSHIP HELPS ATHLETES TO SHINE

**It is important that our GAC Members are supported financially to engage in once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that will deliver lasting and tangible educational, cultural or health and wellbeing-related outcomes.**

The Member Sponsorship program that aims to provide financial support and resources to Members who are excelling in their community or in their hobbies, or who have been given an opportunity to participate in an activity or event that they would not otherwise be able to afford.

Over the past financial year, and following a long period where events were cancelled or delayed due to COVID-19, Members have once again taken up the opportunity to use this program for some wonderful events.

Following are just a few examples of our membership who have been making the most of this program. We would like to encourage more of our Gumala Members to consider what this program could do for them or their family.

If you would like more information on how to apply for the Member Sponsorship program, please visit the GAC website or contact the office and ask to speak with Carol. Applications need to be sent to [applications@gumala.com.au](mailto:applications@gumala.com.au)

**Temprence Collard and Katalina Collard, written by their mother, Terrasha Cox.**

Thank you to Gumala Aboriginal Corporation for sponsoring Temprence and Katalina Collard, two young Banjima girls, to attend the Association Netball Championship at Perry Lakes in June and the Wheatbelt Goldfields Championship in Merredin in July 2022.

Both girls were selected to represent Corrigin and District Netball Association in the U12 and U14 division.

Thank you for the support to allow the girls to show up and attend and show their talent in this competitive sport. Their hard work and determination has driven them to succeed in being selected for these events which will put them a step forward in this sporting league.

This opportunity has been a great opportunity and experience for the girls to excel in the sport in a competitive friendly environment which will not be forgotten. Gumala

**Tremain Roberts – written by his nan, Nat**

Firstly, we as a family cannot thank Gumala Aboriginal Corporation enough for your sponsorship. This enabled Tremain to partake in the Australian Little League championships in Sydney. This was possible as this team won the state title at Easter.

These championships were held from the 8-13 June. Our team, the Coastal Bay Sharks, was made up of kids from the Rockingham Rams, Peel Diamond Sports and the Secret Harbour Pirates. These kids trained twice a week and fundraised from February 2022 until the championships.

Games were played every day, with one day having a double header. The finals started on the Sunday and our team were in the running for the grand final game.

Unfortunately, things didn't go our way. We then got to play off for third and fourth and fourth it was to be. Tremain pitched one game with some very impressive stats.



**Left to right (clockwise):**

**Temprence, Kyrell and Braiden, Katalina, Tremain.**

was able to assist the girls in obtaining gear for this event during the cold weather as well as assisting with travel to attend this three-day event with family being able to be present to cheer and being supportive to their achievement in obtaining their spot on the squad.

Attending this event has been a great opportunity to participate and as well to try out for the state team in Perth in September 2022.

*Note: Katalina has been selected in the Region Academy for the State Cup in Perth this September. Gumala would like to wish her all the best in this selection process.*

## MEMBER SPONSORSHIP

**Kyrell Dhu**

Kyrell Dhu, accompanied by dad Jeramy Dhu and mum Phillippa Couzens, travelled from the Pilbara for a three-day trip to Perth after Kyrell was invited to participate in a soccer camp for his age category (Under 14s) run by the Football West Country Camp during the July School holidays.

Each year a selected number of talented amateur soccer players are chosen from throughout the state to participate in the annual development camp consisting of the best junior players from Regional WA.

Kyrell was the only Aboriginal person playing in this category this year and felt very proud to be representing his community.

Kyrell, mum and dad, popped into the Perth Gumala office before they headed back home to Newman and got a chance to tell us a little about his time down in Perth. Kyrell's been playing soccer in his hometown of Newman for a few years now.

During the three-day camp, Kyrell told us he got to do the following:

- Meet soccer players from Perth Glory
- Make new friends
- Spoke to nutritionist about eating healthy
- Early morning and training during the day
- Learning new skills
- Competed in a small soccer competition
- Played against Perth teams - basically city vs country and the country team won.

Kyrell will travel back down to Perth in September for country week and will be representing Newman. He is hoping to inspire other kids to keep playing soccer.

Following the Football West Camp, if Kyrell is selected to attend the next one there is a pathway that could lead him to travel and compete in Singapore as a team.

Kyrell told us that his soccer idol is someone from the Pilbara, a young man Braiden Erwin who was drafted to play over in Spain for the Under 16s.

Braiden is another Gumala Member who has taken up the Member Sponsorship Program and is an up-and-coming star. We hope to feature Braiden's story soon.

## EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Each year Gumala offers the children of registered Members or Beneficiaries access to our Education Programs (Kindy – Year 12). For the 2023 school year, the program runs from 1 November 2022 until 31 October 2023.**

The 2023 Education Programs provide the following amounts:

- \$500 per child for kindergarten students
- \$2,000 per child for primary school students
- \$2,500 per child for high school students



Gumala Member Jordan Conway has kindly sent through a photo of her daughter Kyla Hansen holding her winning trophies from her netball grand final at the recent Netball WA Fuel 2 Go & Play Association Championships. Kyla played with the Rockingham District U12 Team 3.

Jordan makes use of the Education Program each year and said she is grateful to Gumala as Kyla would not be able to take part in these netball championships without this assistance.

Gumala would like to encourage all our families with students to consider what this program might be able to assist them with in the school year ahead.

Listed on this page is what items are available under the program and those that are not. Please contact the Gumala office if you have any questions about this program.

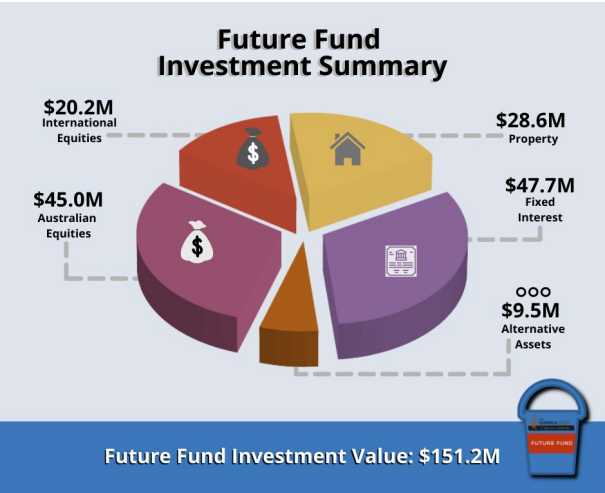




# GUMALA INVESTMENTS PTY LTD (GIPL)

GGF Financial Overview

The General Gumala Foundation Trust is pleased to advise the Beneficiaries that as at 30 June 2022, the total assets held under investment were \$170.3M, with \$151.2M of those investments within the Future Fund. The net Future Fund, after factoring in liabilities, was \$157.8M.

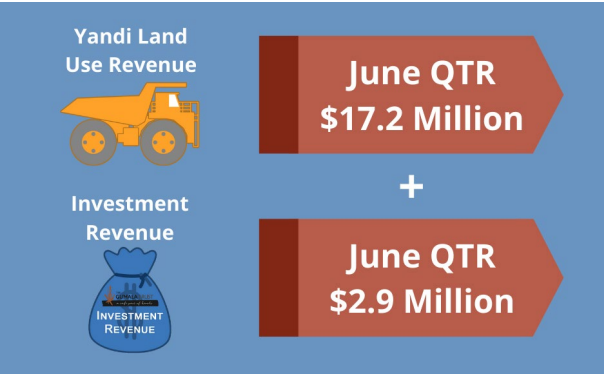


The June quarter saw financial market investment values impacted negatively by the effects of increasing inflation and interest rates within Australia and around the world. Due to the timing of the YLUA revenues for the financial year, the cash holdings at 30 June were lower, as funds had been utilised for operation costs, program funding and to increase the property holding for use in the Housing Support Program.

Asset Class	Allocation	Within Range?
Australian Equities	20 - 45%	30% ✓
International Equities	0 - 20%	13% ✓
Cash	0 - 5%	0% ✓
Property	20 - 45%	19% ✗
Fixed Interest	10 - 50%	32% ✓
Alternative Assets	0 - 5%	6% ✗

The investments held are typically within the set ranges of the investment policy, except for property, which at 19% is outside the lower range limit of 20%, and alternative investments, which at 6% is outside the upper limit of 5%.

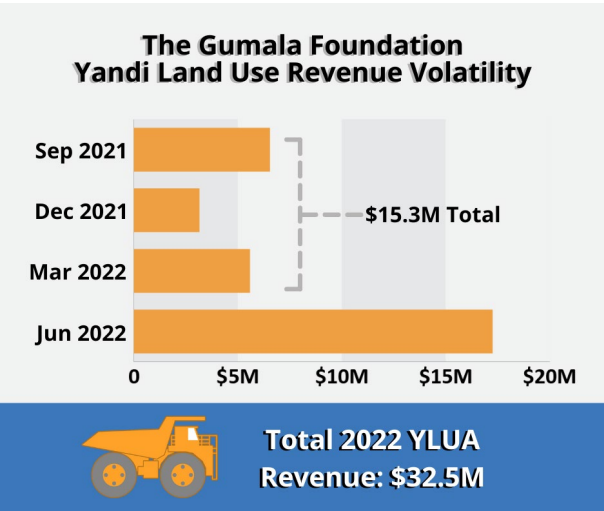
The property assets will continue to grow in proportion as the Trust acquires further properties for the Housing Support Program and the alternative assets will be managed accordingly back into range.



Total Revenue for the 3 months to 30 June 2022 was \$20.15M, which allowed for \$18.26M to be retained for the benefit of Members and Beneficiaries through available Member Program Funding and Investments into the Future Fund.

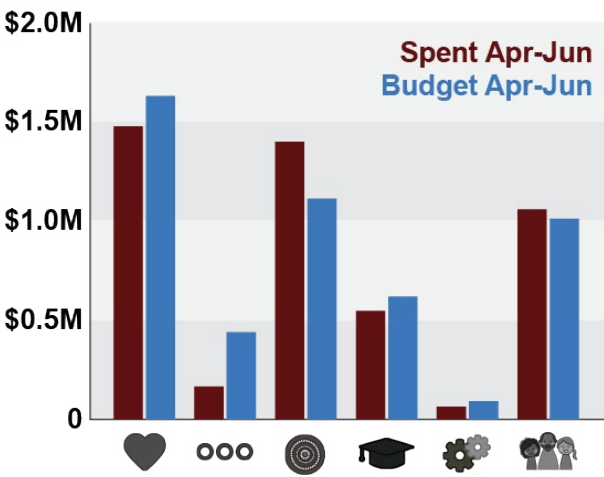
Within this total revenue, the Yandi Land Use Agreement payments totalled \$17.24M, which is a larger sum than the prior three quarters combined. This again highlights the volatility of the revenue payments, and the difficulty faced by the Foundation when developing quarterly budgets.

Thankfully, Member program funding will continue to remain unaffected due to the arrears-based funding of programs.



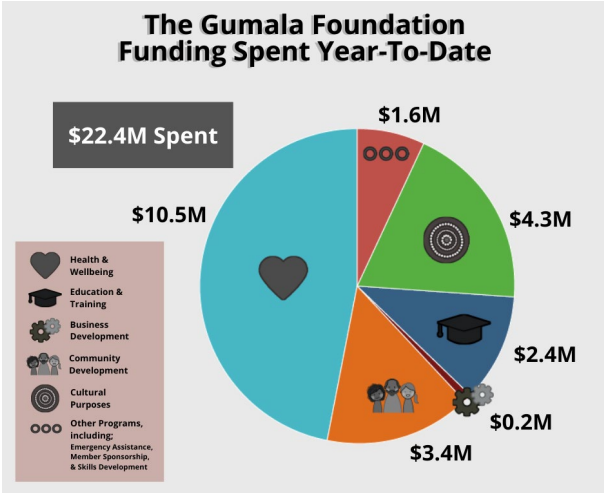
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For the June quarter, Member program funding totalled \$4.72M. Cultural Purposes and Community Development did exceed budget, however, both were under budget for the total financial year.

This is a reflection on when Members are choosing to access their funding, indicating a higher usage of the two programs in the final quarter in comparison to the rest of the year.



For the 2021/22 Financial Year, the Gumala Foundation spent a total of \$22.42M on Member Programs, 41% of which was spent on Health & Wellbeing.

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New Independent GIPL Directors

We would like to welcome and introduce Brett Ingram and Yale Bolto who will be taking on roles as Independent Directors with the GIPL Board.

Yale Bolto's prior experience as a Director includes his time with Miriung Gajerong Community Foundation Trust. He holds over 20 years' experience as an Accountant and is a CPA and Chartered Secretary with a Masters in Commercial Law and a Bachelor of Business in Major Finance and Accounting.

Brett Ingram is a current Director on two Aboriginal Corporation boards and has a focus on Indigenous self-determination, advocacy and support. He holds Diplomas in Program Management and in Youth Justice. Brett is also currently undertaking a Post Graduate degree in Business.

We welcome them both and will provide more in-depth introductions through our website and social media channels.



Ian McPherson is returning to his role as Independent Director, and we welcome him back! He is a specialist Investment Adviser, bringing knowledge and experience built up from over 27 years of industry involvement. Ian has also been appointed the new Chair of the GIPL Board.

We would like to thank Brendon Grylls and Irina Cattalini, who will not be returning to the GIPL Board, for their outstanding work during their terms. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.



# AGM + 25-YEAR EVENT FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

**GAC and GIPL Annual General Meetings - Friday 21 October 2022**

Location: Wanangkura Stadium, Hamilton Road, South Hedland

Registrations open at 8:00 am

Any queries about the AGMs can be directed to [agm@gumala.com.au](mailto:agm@gumala.com.au)

AND

**'Celebrating 25 Years - Event'**

Commencing straight after the AGMs

Please join Gumala Aboriginal Corporation in celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the  
Yandi Land Use Agreement

Location: Marie Marland Reserve, Karst Elbow, South Hedland

Event 4pm – 10pm



## HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR 25-YEAR SHIRT?

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This is a reminder all Members who haven't already done so to submit your 25-year anniversary shirt order form via our website (About Us - About GAC - 25 Year Shirt).



To make sure you don't miss out, please email the form to [events@gumala.com.au](mailto:events@gumala.com.au) and the shirt/s will be posted to you.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Gumala Members who have allowed us to use their beautiful artwork on our shirts: Juanita Lyndon, Arron Yarran and May Byrne.

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