

MARCH 2021 - BAC is working hard to support its members on homelands and in Maningrida. Here are our work plans for March.

Housing Homelands and Construction

Work on Homelands

- Clearing fire breaks, removing dangerous trees, and cleaning up the homelands
- Cadell - Install solar lights, repair grey water drainage
- Ji-Beba - Replace the battery bank, enclose bedroom at House 3
- Gorrong-Gorrong – Put screens on bedroom windows
- Bolkdjam - Install new grey water drain, install kitchen, enclose patio at House 2

Work in Maningrida

- New house builds on lots 183, 185, 186 and 189
 - Renovating houses – lots 742 and 783
 - Installing staff toilets at Barlmarrk Supermarket
 - Upgrading accommodation at Wild Foods Café
 - Re-roofing the contractor's camp
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Rangers

- Crocodile egg collection
 - Sea patrols
 - Ranger training in Jabiru
 - Weed spraying on the homelands and roadsides
 - TO consultations
 - Assisting TOs to access their homelands
 - Surveying and removing feral and problem animals
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Light vehicle workshop

- Upkeep of BAC fleet
 - Repairing damage to stolen vehicles
 - Delays in repairs due to the number of vehicles needing repair and delays in parts arriving because of COVID-19
 - Vacancies for qualified mechanics to work in the workshop
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Civil

- Completing regular maintenance on civil machinery
 - Repairing machines that were damaged when stolen
 - Upgrading the remote camp for the civil road crew
 - Moving sand and gravel to building sites
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Money Management Service (MMS)

- Assist clients to get identification papers – birth certificates, evidence of age cards, Medicare cards etc
 - Assist clients to register deaths, apply for death certificates and make death insurance claims
 - Create email accounts, MyGov accounts and link to Centrelink, ATO and Medicare
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Fishing Enterprises

- Upskilling the barramundi fishermen on boat operations and maintenance
 - The big wet has made it hard to catch barramundi
 - Weekly fish market outside Barlmarrk Supermarket on Thursday nights
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Nursery/Bushfoods

- Buying Minya (black currant) and Mankurdahl (wild black plum).
- If you want to harvest and sell Kakadu Plum, come to the nursery, to let them know when your fruit is ripening.
- Packing bushfood to send to customers around Australia.
- Growing new plants - see Leila for some new plants for your garden.
- An Indigenous man from Broome is coming to Maningrida to show the nursery staff and some rangers about native bees.

RSAS

- School bus pickups daily from 7.45am – 10.30am
- Visiting families of children who have not returned to school
- Cooking pancake breakfast for students on Fridays from 7.30am – 9.00am

Community Patrol

- Regular patrols continue, providing safe transport for children and young people found out late at night
- Protecting residents, by being eyes and ears for community

CDP Employment Services

- Helping community with their appointments and commitments
- Cert II Construction has commenced. Learn about laying a concrete slab or building shade shelters.
- Bright Futures Women - sewing, soap making and stripping and dying pandanus
- The mowing crews are doing a great job with a lot of community members requesting yard mowing
- Learning how to cut, weld and fabricate metal. Some participants are making BBQs
- There has been good attendance at the mudbricks workshop, so more mudbricks are being produced.

Barlmark Supermarket

- Tucker Run will start by road when the rivers drop, and the roads are passable. We have been working with Rangers to take food by boat to some homelands.
- We need more staff at top shop. Go to CDP to register

Jobs available

See Nik Jones, Jobs Placement Officer at CDP (08) 8979 6582

- Barlmark Floor Supervisor
- Barlmark Retail Attendant
- Barlmark Merchandise Coordinator
- Barlmark Team Leader position
- Heavy vehicle mechanic
- Light vehicle mechanic
- Civil Supervisor – Road Crew
- Housing, Trade Assistants - 15 positions
- Housing - Carpenters
- Rangers, two Women Rangers and one land Ranger
- Nursery & Bushfoods Coordinator
- Barramundi Fishing Mentor
- Two Fishing Deckhands
- Community Services Manager
- CDP Employment Consultant
- Senior Financial Capability Worker
- Financial Capability Worker
- Two Community Patrol Workers