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MANINGRIDA



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June-July Insight into Bawinanga

# B.A.C NEWS



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*Djelk attends National Indigenous  
Fire Workshop in Cape York, QLD.*



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# CEO's Message



In the last year Bawinanga has overcome some very big challenges and made some fantastic progress. The big challenges have been:

the condition of our vehicles, happily we have managed to replace the worst of our cars although there are still some that don't look too flash. We are also trying to make sure that staff are looking after BAC vehicles by carrying out pre-start checks and filling in log books.

housing and staff accommodation, unfortunately we have had local staff leave Bawinanga and Maningrida because their houses are overcrowded. BAC has been working with the Northern Territory and Australian governments to get the Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory Forum formally recognised as the peak Indigenous housing body in the NT. Matthew Ryan is the co-chair of that group and it is now being recognised both locally and nationally. The AHNT is lobbying governments to:

raise awareness of the drastic situation that remote indigenous housing is in both in larger communities and on homelands

ensure that future building contracts go to local indigenous organisations

make sure that government consult local people properly before they plan new housing in communities.

It is pleasing to note that the AHNT is making some progress in changing government policy and hopefully there will be new houses being built in Maningrida and the homelands soon.

The most pleasing achievements of the past year for me have been the big changes made across the organisation, in particular:

the Art Centre and Babbarra, the progress at both centres has been fantastic to watch. Our partnership with Outback Spirit has led to more jobs for local staff and increased sales for artists. The solid foundations of Babbarra and hard work of management have led to them receiving a grant from the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation which has allowed them to employ an Assistant Manager for the next three years.

the nursery is up and running again but also expanding out to homelands, Hedley Brian has done a fantastic job at Buluhkaduru bringing the market garden back to life

the CDP fishing activity is a marvellous venture that has all the potential to be a sustainable small business based on homelands

the Cert I and II construction training has led to at least 4 jobs with Bawinanga in the building industry and as work in that area picks up there will be more employment opportunities for local staff. Bawinanga has won some major contracts from the Northern Territory Government to upgrade public housing and expects to win future contracts for building new houses in Maningrida and on Homelands.

the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Bevan recently gave Bawinanga a ranking of 7 ½ out of 10 for its financial performance.

While we still have a way to go to achieve all our goals it is fair to say that Bawinanga is well and truly back on its feet.



# COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CDP– Working hard towards recycling products that usually get thrown away.**



Maningrida CDP are still working hard towards recycling products that usually get thrown away. These recycling cages are starting to pop up around town. Designed by Jescoe from our welding team they have proven very useful for collecting recyclable products as displayed by Homelands Co-ordinator Tran-son and got the thumbs up from the Tidy Towns Committee CEO Heimo on his recent visit. Bawinanga CDP proud to keep Maningrida beautiful in partnership with West Arnhem regional Council workers.



## RSAS News



These school holidays have seen us initiate some holiday activity engaging with students of Maningrida. We have done a lot of fishing, in week three I think we were fishing four out of five days. During the activities the kids always enjoy the healthy lunch provided and always at the end of our outing they are asking if we can do it again tomorrow! I have been impressed with one particular group when they noticed their mates getting a bit close to the water one boy said come back up we need to be crock wise!

One day we had some children come in to the space outside our RSAS office and do some poster painting and a lot of fun was had on that day also and of course a yummy lunch was enjoyed. The lunches and bait purchased has been made possible through the funding RSAS receives from Malabam and their Stronger Communities for Children Incentive programme. We at Yellow shirts are very grateful for this money enabling us to get out in the Community promoting our service and having fun with the students of Maningrida. RSAS have a tough job and being able to engage in this positive way is really just awesome.

We also had great fun on the oval a couple of times with a group we had relay running races bat and ball games hoolah hoop fun and ran around with a big coloured silk circle lifting it up and down kids laughing trying to run under. Lollies were handed out that day which of course was well received.

I have been busy painting our office these holidays which has really brightened up our space.

Looking forward to term 3 "School Every Day"

*Leona and the RSAS Team*

## Fisherman Story

The fishermen went to Ramingining to sell fish there for the first time! The families in Ramo were very happy and purchased over 100 kilos of fresh mullet, blue salmon and queenfish, all caught at Nardilmuk. The crew will also be going to Gunbalanya and start sending fish to Darwin more often. Come and buy your fish in Maningrida on Thursday nights in front of the supermarket!



## CDPD– Practicing with Pallets



Furniture making is making progress at CDP. This table has been built from recycled pallets. In the very near future you will see a lot more furniture being produced by the Furniture making team including beds and tables. The team are very proud of their first attempt.

## WI WA MUSIC Stepping out with Allan Murphy

WI WA music Supervisor Marshall Campion and Matthew WI WA Participant were excited to greet their friend and musician Allen Murphey at the Maningrida Airport. The strong wind could not wipe the smile of these 3 faces as they re-united for a purpose. Allen visited Maningrida recently to assist in planning a 3week music workshop. It is envisaged that at the end of the 3 weeks CDP participants will have a more formal understanding of the equipment used to produce music including digital media. The workshop target is to produce a CDP based local song full of encouragement, understanding and purpose of the CDP program. Future

plans for WI WA workshops include the development of OHS videos. The WI WA team are excited and preparing for Allen's return in August.



Picture above: Allen Murphy, Matthew and Marshall

## Money Management Services

Lily Pascoe, Anthea Kala Kala and Jimmy Marshall will be helping MMS's clients use their MyGov accounts linked to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) to complete their 2017 tax returns starting on 14 August 2017.

Visit MMS to make your tax return appointment. Bring your 2017 PAYG Payment Summaries from your employers and from Centrelink. Spouses need to give their income information.

Don't worry if you don't have a MyGov account. We'll help you. Bring your mobile phone and ID so we can create an email account and prove you identity to the ATO. Deborah is ready to help parents who are getting Centrelink Parenting Payments to complete their outstanding tax returns.



Picture above: Money Management Consultant Lily Pascoe

# Maningrida Arts & Culture



## NEWS from Maningrida Arts & Culture



It has been as busy as ever over the last couple of months at the Art Centre with the tourist season in full swing and with visiting delegations of museum staff and intensive work with linguists.

In mid July senior artists, John Mawurndjul and Samuel Namunjda, lead a research trip for the staff of the Museum of Con-

temporary Art (Sydney) and the Art Gallery of South Australia (Adelaide); visiting rock art and djang sites in Ngandarrayo.

We did some filming out at Gochan Jiny-jirra on the Cadell river. Linguist Jill Vaughan captured Mick England sharing the stories featured in his upcoming solo exhibition at Art Mob in Hobart.



Senior artists Bob Burruwal and Owen Yalandja 'sang in' an exhibition Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane that features iconic works mostly from Maningrida Arts & Culture by Johnny Bulunbulun, England



Bob Burruwal and Lena Yarinkura visited some old friends at the Brisbane Airport: duruk (dog) by Lena in a 2010 collaboration with Urban Art Projects.

Banggala, Jack Wunuwun, Terry Ngamandara, Les Mirrikurriya and Jack Kala along with Lin Onus and Rover Thomas. .



Bob Burruwal and Lena Yarinkura spoke in a public program on Saturday.

<http://artdaily.com/.../Queensland-Art-Gallery-opens-major-ex...>

### In Darwin over August We had two stella exhibitions:

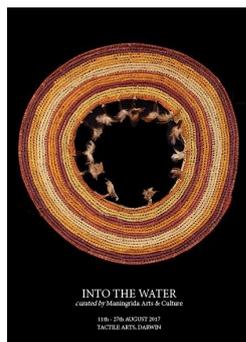
An immersive exhibition that delves into the waters of Arnhem Land.

Through the storytelling of contemporary fibre artists from the larger Maningrida region, this exhibition presents a world abundant with totemic ancestors, spirit beings, animals and various technologies used to hunt.

The show features installations and fibre sculptures by senior artists including Lulu Laradji, Anniebell Marrngnamarrnga, Lena Yarinkura, Frewa Bardaluna, Vera Cameron, Helen Stewart, Bonny Burarn.garra and Doreen Jinggarrabarra alongside works from a new generation of weavers.

The exhibition is complemented by a video installation where selected artists share the djang of their work.

Curated and produced by Maningrida Arts & Culture with water themed fabric design from Babbarra Women's Centre.



**KARRIDJOWKKE KUNRONJ – CROSSING STREAMS**

*Presented by Nomad Art in conjunction with Darwin Festival, Maningrida Arts and Culture and Babbarra Women's Centre.*

*Karridjowkke Kunronj – Crossing Streams brings together five established female artists from the Kuninjku homelands of*

western Arnhem Land. The works integrate time-honoured traditions of art making with contemporary imagery. Deborah Wurrkidj, Jennifer Wurrkidj, Susan Marawarr, Helen Lanyinwanga and Melba Gunjarrwanga, are women of the stone country surrounding the remote homeland of Mumeka, who work with both Babbarra Designs and Maningrida Arts & Culture.

These women have formed the backbone of a generation of Kunjinku artists since the 1990s. They continue to forge a path for women in their community and push the boundaries of their creative practice.

Featured in this exhibition are new fabric designs, bark paintings and lorrkon (hollow logs) and prints including the watershed *Seasons Folio* produced in 1999.



# Djelk

## Djelk attends 2017 National Indigenous Fire Workshop in Cape York QLD

Djelk Rangers are back home after attending the 2017 National Indigenous Fire Workshop hosted by Balnggarwarra Gaarraay Melsonby Traditional Owners & Rangers. Here are some pics taken during our trip to Cape York, Queensland. This was an awesome opportunity for Djelk Rangers to learn & share experiences with practitioners from across the country.



*Djelk Rangers pictured here with Workshop hosts, Balnggarwarra/Melsonby Rangers*



*Melsonby Rangers giving Djelk Rangers a tour of Rock Art sites on Melsonby Station*



*2017 National Indigenous Fire Workshop discussions at Melsonby Station*



*Visiting Rock Art sites on Balnggarwarra Gaarraay Melsonby country*

## 4 days joint patrol from Darwin to Maningrida

Djelk Sea Rangers recently conducted a 4 day joint patrol with NT Water Police and NT Fisheries from Darwin to Maningrida. Sea Ranger Supervisor, Dion Cooper and Senior Sea Ranger, Russell Stewart travelled to Darwin to voyage back to Maningrida on our Djelk II vessel after major engine upgrades were completed.

The joint effort was in partnership with NT Fisheries and NT



*Pictured L-R, Simon Xuereb, Wade Marshall, Russell Stewart, Rowan Wake, Sean Fitzpatrick & Jamie Damaso with Djelk II*

Water Police. On board Djelk II were Sean Fitzpatrick from Fisheries and Wade Marshall and Rowan Wake from the Water Police. The trip took four days to complete in windy conditions. The crew had overnight stays at Cape Don, Valentia Island, and North Goulburn.

This was an excellent opportunity for Djelk Rangers to strengthen our relationship with key agencies and improve the role of

# Bababbarra Women's Centre



## Blak Market Sydney

Last month three of our women artists Deborah Wurrkidj, Belinda Kernan and Jacinta Lami Lami alongside manager Ingrid Johanson got the chance to travel to Sydney for the Blak Markets- Aboriginal run and owned markets in central Sydney. For two of the women, it was the first time ever outside the NT.



We sold a lot of fabrics, and had many business and professional development opportunities. Our artists featured in the newspaper multiple times, had radio interviews and got invited to attend the Bangarra dance theatre show at the Sydney Opera House. The highlight of it all however, was the trip to the Taronga Zoo to see the penguins!



## New Designs

We have been developing new large format screens at the women's centre in the last months. This is a tricky process of exposing the artists' paintings onto the screens with light sensitive emulsion, which imprints the painting onto the screen permanently.

Our table has been extended, to be wider, which means we can print on wider fabric using large format screens custom made imported from overseas.

We had many women create their first even screen designs for the large format frame, and the results were stunning.

The 12 new designs are to be exhibited in Darwin this August at the Karridjowkke Kunronj exhibition with Maningrida Arts and Culture at Nomad Art- please tell you family and friends.



# Corporate Service

## Re-Introducing the Board Directors of Bawinanga



**From left to right:** Julius Kernan, Deputy Chairman-Victor Rostron, Dion Cooper, Oliver Ankin, Wally Grimshaw, Secretary-Valda Bokmakkarry, Cindy Jinmarnbynana, Deborah Wurrikidj, Graham Patterson **Absentees:** Chairman-Wesley Campion, David Jones & Marcus Pascoe

## Bawinanga Members Meeting

Information meeting held at the town hall on the 27th July 2017 for Members of Bawinanga. The CEO and some of the Directors shared the information on;

- Update on Bawinanga's Progress
- Receive feedback from members
- Sign up new members
- Discuss introduction of New Funeral Fund, Homeland Service Fees and Members Emergency Support Fund.

Unfortunately the turn out was small, however strong leaders and representations of home-

lands were at present to share back to their homeland people and Clan groups living in Maningrida. Pleased to see more new memberships applications since the meeting.

We encourage Members to attend Members Meeting in future to gain information and opportunity to voice your message.

For more information on Bawinanga Membership, please see Jacqueline Phillips at the Main Office



## Welcome to the New Starters who have commenced since June

Derek Mayger	ADMIN CORP SERVICES	Financial Accountant	04/07/2017
Leonie Melder	ADMIN CORP SERVICES	HR Assistnat/Training Officer	03/07/2017
Caraline Repu	ADMIN CORP SERVICES	Reception/Admin	21/06/2017
Warren Silk	ADMIN CORP SERVICES	Site Supervisor	10/07/2017
Willy Redford	BARLMARRK	Retail Assistant	12/07/2017
Charee Carter	BARLMARRK	Retail Assistant	05/07/2017
Shona Carter	BARLMARRK	Retail Assistant	05/07/2017
Tiffany Cooper	BARLMARRK	Retail Assistant	03/07/2017
John Harrison	BARLMARRK		14/06/2017
Adam Malakuya	CDP	BAC Labour Hire	28/07/2017
Brendan Wilson	CDP	BAC Labour Hire	28/08/2017
Curtis Namirngmag	CDP	BAC Labour Hire	28/07/2017
Isiah Smith	CDP	BAC Labour Hire	28/07/2017
Edward Mason	CDP	BAC Labour Hire	06/06/2017
Toshiba Pryor	CDP	Senior Employment Consultant	19/07/2017
Stanley Victor	CDP	Trainee Employment Consultant	28/06/2017
Martin Burns	HOUSING/HOMELANDS	Electrician	19/06/2017
Anthony Gordon	HOUSING/HOMELANDS	Stock Assessor	27/06/2017
Matthew Crew	MECH WORKSHOP	Light Vehicle Mechanic	07/06/2017
Teddy Mason	MECH WORKSHOP	Trades Assistant. Workshop	19/07/2017
Pollyanne Carter	NIGHT PATROL	Night Patroller	23/06/2017
Gary Wilders	ROAD WORKS	Labourer, Road Crew	13/07/2017
John Fleming	ROAD WORKS	Operator, Road Crew	20/07/2017
Sammy Davis	ROAD WORKS	Operator, Road Crew	13/07/2017

### BAC Staff Bio's -Meet our newest employees

#### Caraline Repu (Dotty)

Hi my name is Caraline but I prefer to be called Dotty.

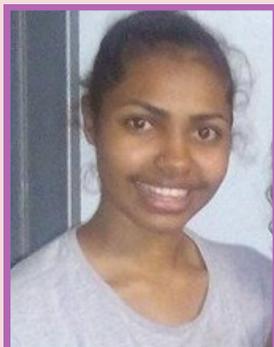
I started working at Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) Main office towards the end of June, as a receptionist /Admin support for the Corporate team.

I grew up in Adelaide River, Batchelor and in Cairns and now moved to my grandmother/mother's side families to Maningrida and the homelands (Yilan/Jibena).

I am from the Martay clan, my grandmother mother's mother (Passed Away- Juliette Lewis) is from the Garmal Manarrung family. I am from the Marty-Burarra language group.

I have graduated year 12 at Darwin High School in 2016 and also achieved my Certificate III in Business Admin and looking forward to start my certificate IV in Business Administration.

I look forward working in Bawinanga helping homeland services. I hope this opportunity will also help me learn more about my family and culture.



#### Toshiba Pryor

My name is Toshiba Pryor, but I prefer Tosh. I am a Birri-Juru Bwngcolman woman and come from Palm Island, Queensland.

I worked as the CDP Client Services Manager for Campbell Page which is the employment agency on Palm Island. I love fishing, reefing, camping and walking.

I lived in Nhulunbuy for 18 months back in 2011 and then spent 6 months at Galiwinku. I fell in love with the place and people so when the opportunity bought me back to this beautiful country I jumped at the chance.

I am currently here for 12 months in the CDP Office as the Senior Employment Consultant. I have met some wonderful people in the short time I have been here and looking forward to meeting more.



## **Job Vacancies**

<https://www.bawinanga.com/jobs/>

- Maningrida Arts Centre Administration Assistant (Indigenous Identified) - also advertised externally
- Job Placement Officer- also advertised externally
- Grocery Coordinator
- Tucker Run Operator
- Cleaning Supervisor
- Night Patrol Coordinator
- Finance Officer (Accounts Payable)



*Early Morning Riverside-Maningrida  
Pic by: Simon Rodgers*

# Noticeboard

### **Accessing on Country for Fishing, Hunting etc, in the BAC Region (Homelands and surrounding areas).**

To all People (locals, visitors, contractors, non-indigenous employees from BAC and other employees of Maningrida Agencies) Please seek **proper permission** when going out on country for fishing, hunting, sight seeing, work etc.

For assistance in identifying T.O's to gain permission please see either myself, Wesley Campion or the admin staff in the Main office.

When going fishing or Hunting we recommend to always take with you a Traditional Land Owner or their Junguy whenever you are going out in the BAC Regional Homelands. If a T.O provides you permission please only go to that destination.

This is a safety concern notice to protect you and the people on the homelands.

Notice by: Matthew Ryan-BAC Snr Liaison Officer and NLC Member

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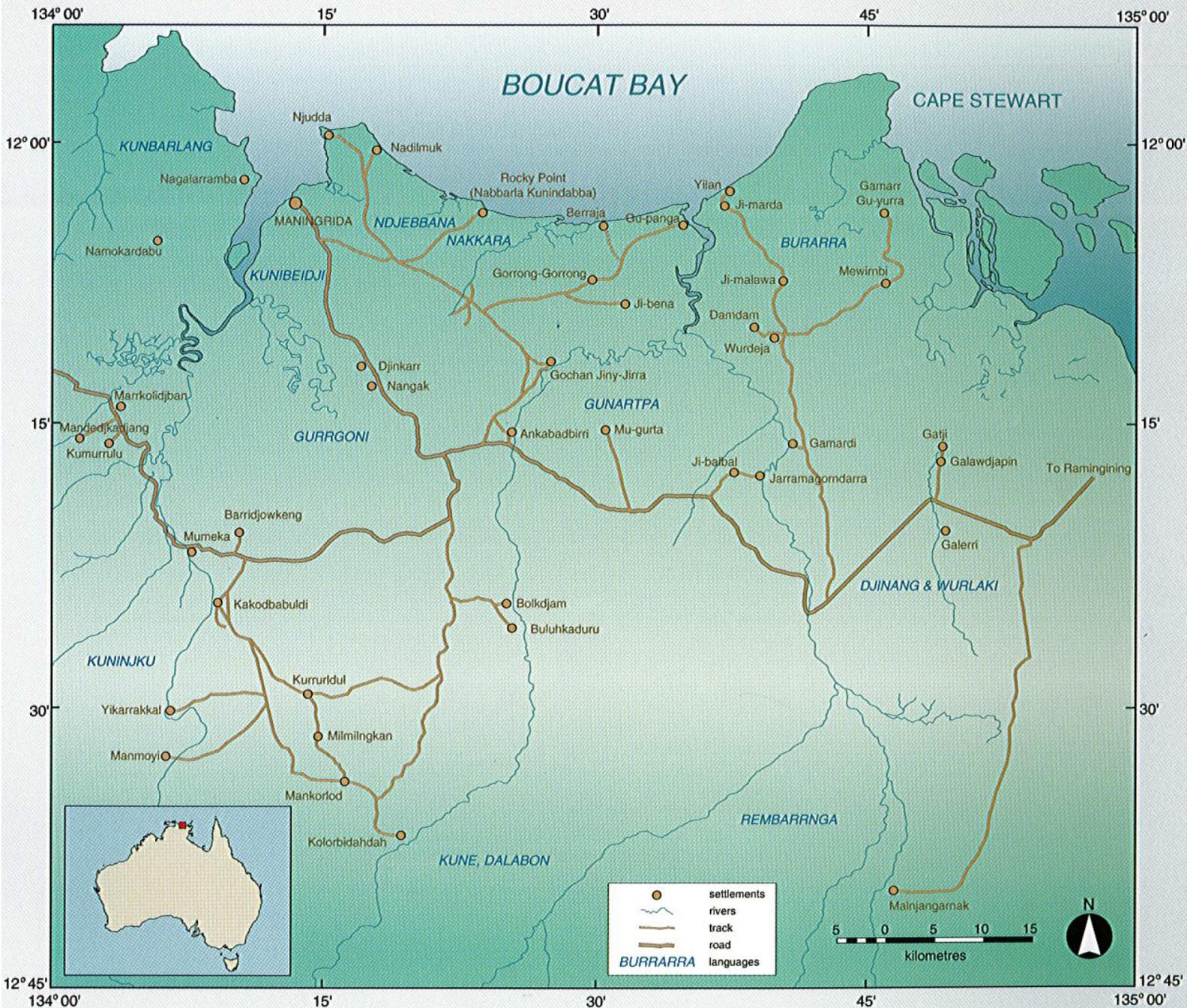


## VALUES CHARTER

VALUE	BEHAVIOUR
RESPECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show respectful behaviour to elders, community members, each other, animals, plants, country, family obligations and language</li><li>• Show understanding of each other and respect for our cultures</li><li>• Be open to new ways of working together</li></ul>
ACCOUNTABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be accountable to corporate and work responsibilities</li><li>• Show accountability to culture</li></ul>
TEAMWORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be cooperative by sharing work and knowledge and by showing loyalty and support for each other</li><li>• Have fun and celebrate success</li><li>• Work hard to achieve BAC outcomes even when there are challenges</li></ul>
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Always work to improve the operations of programs and systems to better achieve BAC goals</li><li>• Find the best way to do the work</li><li>• Deliver the best services and programs</li></ul>
OPEN AND HONEST COMMUNICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Show respectful body language</li><li>• Take time to sit and talk with Elders</li><li>• Use clear words for two-way understanding</li><li>• Always be truthful when you are talking to other people</li></ul>



# THE BAC REGION



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