

"Safe Proud People
Connected To Country
Through Song Lines"

Bawinanga
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MANINGRIDA



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November-December 2017 — Insight into Bawinanga

B.A.C NEWS



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Messages from Executives

Board of Directors

The Board of Bawinanga would like to express our gratitude to the Members, Homeland countrymen, Maningrida Community, Maningrida Agencies, External Stakeholders, Politicians and the Bawinanga Staff.

We have had rough roads and smooth roads this year

But with positive feedback from ORIC and our auditors, we are proud to say it has been another good year.

This happens when we as the whole community are working in unity.

So well done to you all.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and we wish you all a wonderful new year.

Chief Executive Officer

Karl Dyason

Hello everyone

It is the end of another year I would like to thank everyone for their, persistence, hard work and dedication to Bawinanga.

As always there have been some ups and some downs, but thankfully mostly ups. I am happy to say that Bawinanga is in much better shape than it was last year, and that was much better than it was the year before. This would haven't been possible without all of the staff and the Board of Directors working together.

I hope you and your family have a safe and happy Christmas and that the new year brings you good health and happiness.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

RSAS

RSAS News December 2017



HOHOHO!! Everyone, we have had a great few days rewarding families for their hard work and dedication in getting their kids to school every possible day.

These students have an attendance rate of between 78% and a whopping 98.82%. We are also very proud to add that two of our very own yellow shirts are recipients of these awards. Elvis and Caroline's children are all high attenders with Elias Bonson attending 98.82%. This speaks volumes about how passionate the RSAS team are about their role and the role they play in other students lives here in Maningrida.

The last couple of days has seen us gifting washing machines, fridges, trampolines, swimming pools, throw nets, bikes, food hampers and a dryer to 8 worthy families in Maningrida. We are extremely grateful to the Stronger Communities for Children funding that comes to us through Malabam and Prime Minister and Cabinet. This funding is pivotal to our ability to provide these incentives to families who are "fighting the good fight" in making school attend-

ance the norm.

We will be working together with the Youth Centre during the school holidays with the aim of keeping kids engaged over such a long break from school. In addition to this we will return from our break on the 8th Jan delivering our own activities.

Two new staff members Serena Bonson and Rachel Thomas have joined us as SAO's and both ladies are an asset to our team.

Have a safe and happy xmas with your families.

Leona and the Yellow shirts.

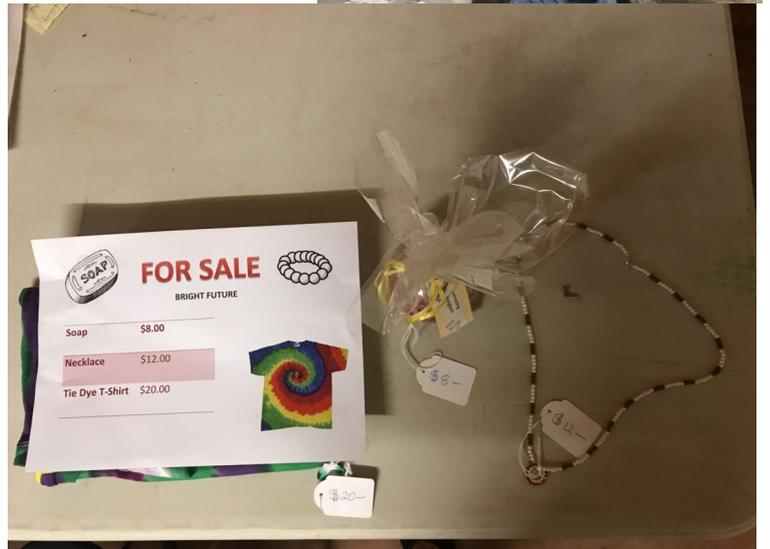


COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bright Futures-CDP Activity



CDP Bright futures is a ladies activity supervised by Rosemary Jinmauliya. Rosemary and the ladies are doing a range of things that includes, making soap that smell and feel wonderful on your skin. Tie dying t-shirts of all sizes, artwork on work boots. They are also making some beautiful jewellery, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. The ladies are located in the main BAC Building near the RSAS office and are there from 8am to 1pm daily. They have been quite successful with some items that they have made with selling to locals as well as tourists. If you are out and about please feel free to pop in and see the ladies at Bright Futures and what they have or just to say hello.



CDP-Nursery

The nursery team is working with homeland residents to harvest bush foods that are being purchased by Adelaide-based company Something Wild. So far they collected red apples, green plums at Rocky Point, Nardilmuk and Kolorbidahdah. It is only a trial at this stage and we are planning to try different types of bush fruit – white apples, pink apples, billy-goat plums. We can also send samples and they will tell us if they like it. If you live on your homeland and want to get into it please get in touch with Jonno or Roderick from the Nursery or Clem at the main office.



Enterprise Development

Indigenous Economic Development Forum

The fishing licence holders Don, Stuart and Jimmy were invited to the Indigenous Economic Development Forum in Darwin late October. This was a good opportunity to share our story with other land owners from all around the NT and Australia and to hear ideas from other places. Ricky Archer from Djelk Rangers was also present at the forum and facilitated a session about doing business on country. And as a bonus we all got to go to Parliament House!

Story by Clem Bresson: Enterprise Development Manager



Corporate Service

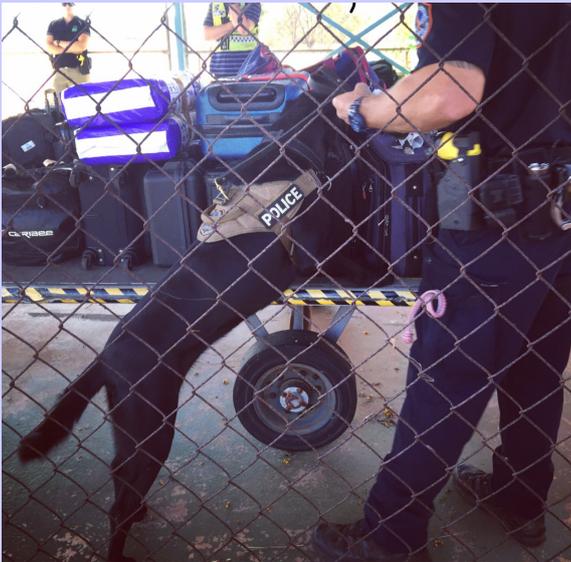


Corporate Service

New Police member in Maningrida

NT Police has a new recruit, a sniffer dog has joined the team and will be conducting regular checks of people and bags coming in and out of Community.

It is important that we promote a safe and secure community and follow the rules of our Community.



Deputy joins the Women Rangers

Ingrid Stonhill was hosted to an educational program on Homeland weed identification. A first for our new Deputy CEO. Judging by the smiles it was a great day!



Bawinanga History

CEO Karl Dyason and Chairman Wesley Campion recently met with Bawinanga legend David Bond and MP Warren Snowden. Here on a visit to make sure they are supporting the local work of the community.



New Senior Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Hello everyone,

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Jacqueline Phillips. I am currently the Office Manager/Board Secretariat located at the BAC main office.



I'm a local from the Homelands- I grew up on my mother's homeland Jibena but originally from Mardangajirra Homeland on Point Stuart. My main language is Burarra and speak its dialects of Martay and An-barra which is from both sides of the Blyth River mouth region.

I have been in this role since April 2016 and really enjoyed it, This role has given me the opportunity to oversee and be involved in the core businesses, governance and operation of Bawinanga. It was a privilege to have worked in that role.

I look forward to my new role as the Senior Aboriginal Liaison Officer in which I will commence in the 2nd week of January. A role where I can step out into the field. My role will be focussed on being an advocate for Bawinanga and its Members representing at forums/conferences and meeting politicians. I will be developing and delivering a Cultural Induction program for all staff. I will continue to work with staff and management to improve communications and also work with our Members and other stakeholders to develop new processes to fund funerals and ceremonies.

Please feel free to come and see me to help you with your needs.

Jacqueline Phillips

Arts & Culture

Maningrida Arts & Culture News



Maningrida Arts & Culture New Uniforms

As the year draws to a close we have an opportunity to reflect on a great year for MAC. We are so proud of our work!

MAC supports over 800 artists across 32 outstations and who speak more than twelve languages in the larger Maningrida region.

Our team has a wealth of cultural knowledge that we apply everyday when working for emerging, mid-career and senior artists in their diverse and contemporary practice.

Pictured are some of our team modelling the new uniforms that arrived in November.



Picture: L-R: Nanny Pascoe, Derek Carter, Zebedee Bonson, Deslene Djorlom and Kate O'Hara

Visitors

The Arts and Culture Committee recently hosted two very important visitors on their first trip to Maningrida. Lee-Anna Buckskin is the vice chair of the Australia Council for the Arts and Lydia Miller who is the Director of the ATSI section of the Australia Council for the Arts. The Arts & Culture Committee were interested to hear about plans for a new peak body, the National Aboriginal Arts & Cultural Authority and ways that they might be involved at a leadership level. Pictured with John Mawurndjul, Lydia left and Le-Anna right. Image credit: MAC



Arts & Culture

Maningrida Arts & Culture News



MANINGRIDA ARTS & CULTURE

The An-gujechiya (fish-trap)!!

The newly commissioned troopie-sized fishtrap by senior artists Freda Ali Wayartja and Bonny Burarn.garra arrived from Yilan in November.

We took the opportunity of beautiful Maningrida sunset to get the story of an-gujechiya (fishtrap) by Freda and Bonny, from Phyllis Dungudja and Doreen Jinggarrabarra Olsen. Phyllis and Doreen are the owners of this fishtrap totem. They discussed how they gave permission to Freda and Bonny to make the new commission and their responsibilities looking after this important totem.

Thanks to linguist Margaret Carew who supported this in language documentation through Batchelor Press.



Homelands

Throughout the year we have increased our support of artists living on homelands. A highlight of November was our team's research and harvesting trip to Yikarrakkal in preparation of Paul Nabulumo's exhibition next year.



Picture: Paul Nabulumo at the Dirdbim site, where the Ngalyod (rainbow serpent) is said to have pierced the sandstone rock in the shape of a full moon. Image credit: MAC

Awards

The people have spoken! Anniebell Marrngnamarrnga's Pregnant Yawkyawk is the winner of 34th Telstra NATSIAA People's Choice Award



Picture: Anniebell Marrngnamarrnga, *Pregnant yawkyawk*, pandanus with natural pigments. Image credit: 34th Telstra NATSIAA

Babbarra Women's Centre



Babbarra women's - Governance GROUP

This week was the final meeting of the year for the Bábbarra Women's Governance Group for 2017.

The Bábbarra Women's Governance Group has meet all year every 6-8 weeks. We are around 10-20 women and we meet outside, on country. Every time we make decisions and discuss all things relating to Bábbarra Women's Centre as well as women's livelihoods in Maningrida and on surrounding homelands. These meetings will continue into 2018, and all women from Maningrida are welcome to attend these meetings and raise issues important to them and their families.

This year the Governance Group has visited various homelands, including Ji-marda, Buluhkaduru, Bolkdjam, Ji Balbal, Gochan Jiny-jirra and Djinkarr. It has discussed and made strong decision on various issues including women's health care, CDP issues, homelands support, Bábbarra exhibitions, projects and travel, new infrastructure developments, language and cultural documentation and a youth strategy to encourage more young women into meaningful work.

On behalf of Ingrid Johanson Manager and Jess Phillips Assistant Manager, thank you to the Bábbarra Women's Governance Group for your hard work and strength in 2017. Your work supporting the wellbeing and livelihoods of women in Maningrida and surrounding homelands is formidable, with a particular thank you to the following women:

Belinda Kernan (op shop/artist)
Belinda Kurriniya (artist)
Pamela Gibson (printer)

Jennifer Gandjalimirriwuy (artist/printer)
Linda Gurawana (cleaner/printer)
Elizabeth Kalakala (printer)
Jocelyn Koyole (printer)
Janet Marawarr (artist/printer)
Deborah Wurrkidj (artist/printer)
Helen Lanyinwanga (artist/printer)
Jacinta Lamilami (artist/printer)
Jennifer Wurrkidj (artist/printer)
Glenda James (op-shop/printer)
Kylie Hall (artist/printer)
Lucy Yararwanga (artist/printer)
Maizie Gularrbanga (cleaning/printer)
Phyllis Dungudja (sewer)
Raylene Stewart (sewer)
Michelle Kamaranga (cleaner, general)
Susan Marawarr (artist/printer)
Lennie Goya Airra Supervisor
Raylene Bonson Supervisor



Babbarra Women's Centre



BÁB-BARRA: Women Printing Culture Exhibition

4 November to 16 December 2017- The Cross Art Projects Contemporary Art and Curatorial Platforms, 8 Llandkelly Place, Kings Cross

Bábarra had a successful exhibition in the heart of Sydney opening last month, at The Cross Art Projects. The exhibition saw many visitors, and had works acquired by the Powerhouse museum in Sydney for their permanent collection.

The exhibition text read:

“ Bábarra Designs, a contemporary art textile centre in the community of Maningrida, is Aboriginal owned and governed, run by women for women. It is one of a small group of Indigenous textile-producing art centres in Australia that design, print and sew product onsite, in community. Each silk-screened length of fabric is a bold and elegant story/text that tells ancestral stories and of the lives of the Bábarra women: referencing the life of the land and its foods and plants, bush crafts, as well as ancestral stories, or djang / wangarr.

The innovative variation in design reflects the area's immense cultural and linguistic diversity: the artists and art workers are from over 12 language groups and many different clans from surrounding homelands. They come together to share cultures and stories through art, design and textile production. Bábarra artists have trained in a number of textile mediums but most specialise in handcrafted lino-tile designs or screen printing onto fabric. Each piece is unique with varying tile and colour combinations.”





Bawinanga Rangers

On sea patrol, the rangers recovered a 61m ghost net past Entrance Island. Upon investigation, the rangers determined the net was carrying a number of odd and interesting passengers.

The rangers rescued a green sea turtle that had been tangled in the net for some time and collected a number of Sargassum Fish for identification.

The net was then thoroughly checked for potential biosecurity pests such as invasive muscels and crabs. Many of both were collected and will be sent to NAQS for further investigation.

Well done to the rangers for stepping into action so quickly.

We are coming into the season of wild weather and a high risk of ghost nets and marine rubbish coming into our waters and onto our beaches. If anyone sees nets or odd things washed up on shore please let the rangers know.

The rangers have been working closely with the Northern Australian Quarantine Strategy to ensure pests and diseases from overseas don't enter Arnhem Land and make Country and people sick.



Noticeboard

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY *New Year*

To all Staffs, BAC Members and community From BAC

CDP Opening hours

As of 22nd Dec 2017 at 12.30pm CDP Employment service will be closed and cease all training including activities and appointments for the X-Mas & Newyear Holiday Period. This means NO appointments and activities will be on during the times below.

Office Closer dates

Friday 22nd December 2017—Sunday 7th January 2018

RE- OPEN Monday 8th January 2018

All WFD Activities and appointments will be validated between the

Centrelink Indigenous Call Cen- FREE CALL 1800 136 680

Participation Solution Team (PST) 1300 306 325

Jobseekers 132 850

RSAS Opening hours

Closing 21st Dec 3pm

Opening 8th—29th Jan 2018
for holiday activities.

Normal Business 30th Jan
7.30am start

BAC Opening hours

25th—29th December
BAC MAIN OFFICE will
be closed

Job Vacancies

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

- Grocery Coordinator (Barlmark Supermarket)
- Youth Hub Coordinator – CDP
- Trainee Employment Consultant – CDP
- Land Ranger (Male)
- Night Patrol Officer (Male)

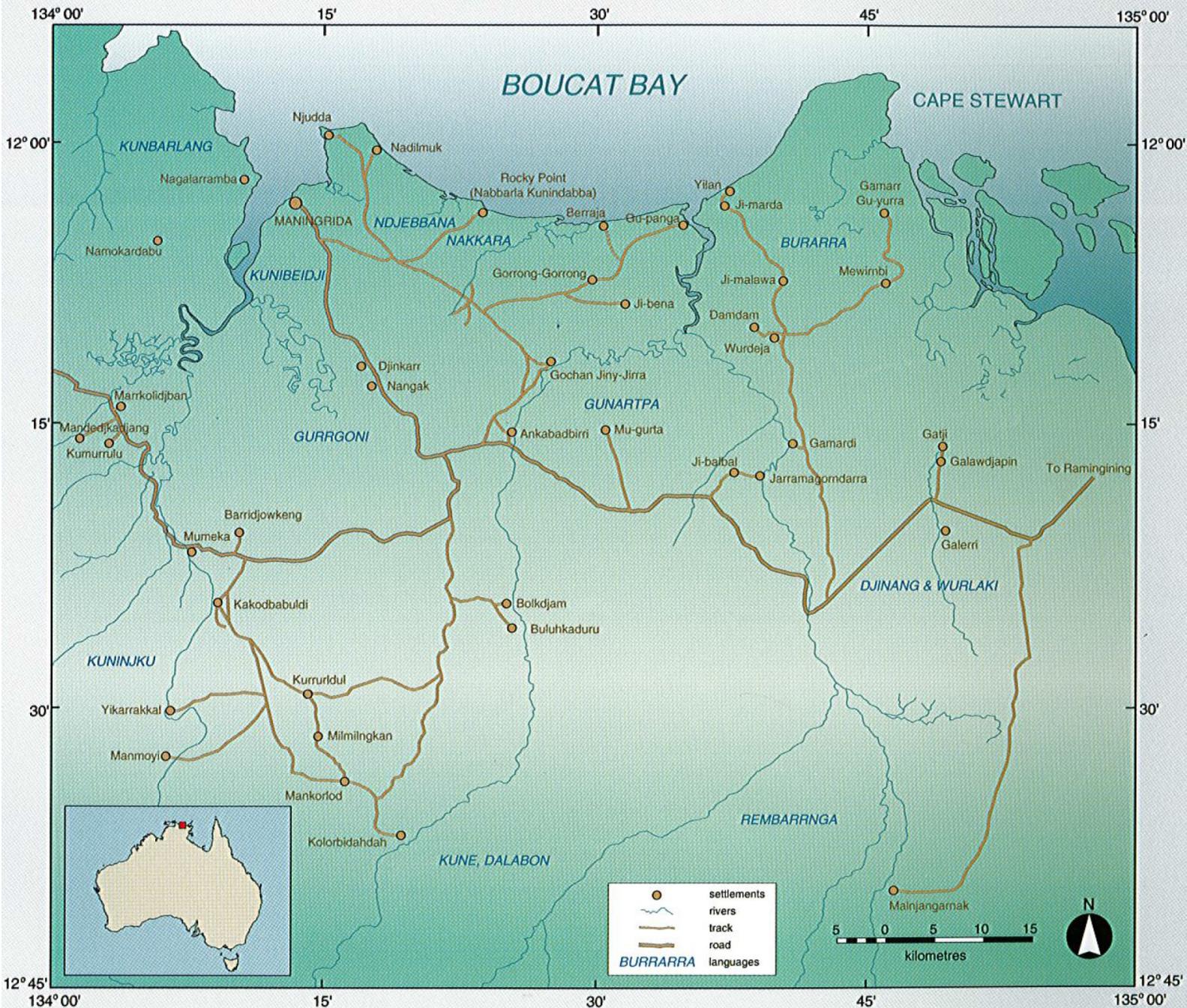
Grocery Coordinator
Or Contact HR Manager 08 89796557 or email at
human.resources@bawinanga.com

Welcome to the New Employees who have commenced since November

Todd Bradford	Barlmark	20/11/2017
Jescoe Damsey	CDP	06/11/2017
Michael Selman	CDP	08/11/2017
Roderick Brown	CDP	08/11/2017
Raymond England	CDP	22/11/2017
Deslene Djorlom	MAC	15/11/2017
Matha Brown (Carter)	MAC	1/11/2017
Deborah Medhurst	Money management	08/11/2017
Dempsey Dungudga	Roadcrew	08/11/2017
Matthew Roulston	Civil Works Manager	21/11/2017
Rachel Thomas	RSAS	03/11/2017
Serena Bonson	RSAS	03/11/2017
Matilda Galarla	RSAS	29/11/2017
Brendan James	Workshop	27/11/2017



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