New Mud Brick Factory

Opening Ceremony Coming Soon

Picture above and below: CDP Participants assembling the new machine

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February–March Insight into Bawinanga

“Safe Proud People Connected To Country Through Song Lines”
Hello Bukmuk Family & Friends of Maningrida and the Homelands.

Those of you that don’t know me; my name is Cindy Jinmarabynana. I am from the Jibena Outstation and Jungai for Gupanga, but a resident of Maningrida.

I am currently taking Long Service Leave from my full time employment as the Maningrida School’s Language & Culture Coordinator. It has been a pleasure taking this time off to spend with my grandchildren and the rest of the families as well as being on country doing cultural and traditional arts & crafts.

I am blessed and honoured to be serving on the BAC Board to help govern a healthy and happy future for our homelands and the homeland people living in Maningrida.

I take this opportunity to deliver my message to you mob, as a strong holder and deliverer of our culture, I would like to say;

We are living in an era of evolving new ways of living life with new technologies, government changes, society and climate changes. So we must keep up with all these changes and learn to be adaptive in our cultural ways and practices. That’s why we must continue teaching the next generation our laws and cultural customs. I would also like to remind the elders and leaders of our communities to be open and to share and teach your knowledge and visions to the next generation. We must continue protecting, maintaining and practicing our ways, because that is our identity, we are the sovereign people for our homelands.

I am seeing progressive outcomes that Bawinanga is delivering and we are achieving our strategic goals. There is lots more to do on the homelands, and I acknowledge how hard it is to make work out on the homelands. The foundations skills for building our people here in Maningrida, will/is equipping them to further build their leading roles for their homelands in future.

So I would like to thank the Managers, Coordinators, Supervisors of BAC, for their hard work training our mob.

Thankyou

Cindy Jinmarabynana
BAC Director

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Hello everyone.

My name is Deborah Wurrkidj.

I am from Mumeka Outstation, my language is Kuninjku.

I work at the Babbarra Women’s Centre as one of the senior designers, I have been working there for years and I love my work, working with other duluk from different clan group sharing our culture on our designs and prints. Its beautiful seeing people wearing our culture and it makes me proud.

I am here for you people, my people, especially for my daluk (women), who are quiet, I will talk for you. Thank you to the community for your support, I look forward to working on the Board.

Thank you

Deborah Wurrkidj
BAC Director
rstly I would like to introduce our new RSAS Team. We now have a full team of 9 passionate staff who are dedicated to getting our kids to school. I’m excited to say that we are a very strong team and look forward to working along side you to make every day attendance the norm.

Last Thursday late night shopping saw our RSAS team working together with the school Attendance and Participation Officer.

Supporting the initiative we set ourselves up at MPA store talking and engaging with families encouraging them to make a promise to support their children in attending School every day. Parents signed a piece of paper committing to this. They then went into a draw to win a family pack of groceries to the value of $150 each.

Two packs were drawn. The funding for the food hampers was granted to RSAS by the Stronger Communities For Children program here in Maningrida. This event is a positive example of how working together with the same view supports us all in getting our message out there. ‘Every Day Counts’ ‘It’s Not Ok To Stay Away’

Congratulations to our winners Timothy Hayes and Charlie Gunabarra

Regards from the RSAS team

Well done to the folks within the Community Services Division here at Maningrida (CDP, Night Patrol, RSAS and Money Management) who had a great training week with very successful Mental Health first aid training provided by PM&C and Cert III in Community Services who have completed 5 units of 12.

CDP supervisors Mel and Jaz along with participants Tylor and Denzil recently spent their Friday afternoon cleaning the space for the Bright Futures activity at BAC Main Office. The old truck did a few loads to the dump, it was extremely hot and tiring after their usual day but these guys stepped up and put in the effort to get it done.

Thanks Guys your efforts are greatly appreciated by all.
Congratulations to the CDP Beautification Team who made appearance on the ‘Keep Australis Beautiful NT website’

Click here to see the story.


CDP Beautification Team acknowledge in the Territory

CDP Recycling with a difference

Our Recycle Champion Troy has spotted some scrap mesh. He has decided it will be useful to protect small plants at the Nursery. Always on the lookout to re-use and recycle.

Well spotted Troy.

Welding Supervisor Jescoe (welding in action) has been working diligently with CDP participants to better secure the YE YA shed and equipment. YE YA shed is coming alive with all the activity. =>

Participants are learning new skills and looking at projects for the future. The nursery and environmental practices team are using the welding mesh off cuts to make plant protectors.

The Bright Futures CDP Ladies

The Bright Futures CDP Ladies have been excited about making soap in the past weeks.

They look forward to making organic products such as; deodorants cleaning products, and other beauty products as well as jewellery.

The ladies have been loving their activity, helping them build their self esteem and wellbeing.
After the long awaited return of the Mud Brick Factory to Maningrida, it has now been assembled by a very excited CDP team in preparation for the opening day in late April.

CDP Team assist with testing soils for suitability in brick making.

CEO Karl Dyason looks on with great excitement as he directs the blue container into place and Chairman of the Board Wes Campion and Tim Kala Kala, a former supervisor at the old mud Brick Factory open the doors to reveal the new look unit.

Making bricks for housing in Maningrida is part of the rich and amazing history of this community.

CDP is very thankful to Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet for their ongoing support and funding that has brought the factory back to town, says Simon Rodgers General manager of Community Services.

This unit will very shortly become a vibrant new CDP Activity that will train up many participants and create meaningful employment opportunities over the next 12 months.

Everybody is welcome to the Opening Ceremony of the New Mud Brick Factory

24th April 2017

@ the Mud Brick Factory next to the BAC Workshop
(same place)

10:00am
The Djomi Museum in Maningrida is a small building with a big collection. We have been taking photos of people with their families' artwork so that we can show how important the museum is to the community.

At the moment the museum is infested with termites, has broken equipment that is required to keep the museum at the right temperature and is very dusty and dirty. We sent out an email asking friends of the Djomi Museum for help and lots of people answered.

Outback Spirit Tours are helping by paying for someone to get rid of the termites and we have had lots of offers from qualified conservators to come and help clean and restore the works.

We have year 12 students learning about how to look after the museum collection every Wednesday as part of their Community Studies requirement.

For more information djomi-museum@maningrida.com or look the museum up on Facebook

Future Construction Workers

CERT II Construction training commenced in February. Twenty-five CDP participants have enrolled in the training which is being delivered by the Batchelor Institute. The training includes White Card in construction. Although there have been several family and community obligations impacting on the participants throughout the week they have formed a strong and supportive team. Twenty-four participants successfully completed their White card training and are already talking about mentoring others to complete theirs. This training has created such interest the trainer Michael has offered to hold another White card assessment while he is in Maningrida giving another 20 or so people the opportunity to complete the White Card qualification.

Bawinanga CDP participants will have increased opportunity to gain employment in the future housing development programs in Maningrida and elsewhere. The Construction crew were excited to have been able to assist in preparing the venue for the soap making workshop for the Bright Futures activity commencing on Monday. They are committed to the training and are having a lot of laughs along the way.

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The Djomi Museum

Opening Hours:
Wednesday
10am-12pm
2pm-4pm

Mawurndjul standing with a work of his from 1980, we also have a small work of his and a large unusual work depicting a thylacine (Tasmanian Tiger)

Paul Nabulumo who is an artist and son of Mick Kubarrku, beside him is one of his twin daughters Penetha and his son Kidron.

Ivan Namirrki (above) is holding a small painting of his from very early on in his career and beside him are three of his father Peter Maralwanga, a master bark painter.

Picture above: Dorothy Gaialedba is a very well known artist who was taught to paint by her husband Les Mirrikuriya, his work is featuring in ‘Sung into Being’ exhibiting at the Queensland Art Gallery in July. She is holding a work by her father England Banggala, there is a work to her left of a crocodile also by her father and one to the left.
Djelk Intern Program

2017 celebrated the commencement of Djelk’s Ranger Internship Program. This program provides opportunities for senior Learning On Country (LOC) students to transition from school on an employment pathway into the Djelk Ranger work-force.

Djelk currently has 7 student interns, all of whom have worked very hard over the last 2 years to successfully complete their Cert II in Conservation and Land Management (CLM) and begin their Ranger work with a solid foundation of skills and knowledge.

We are now in week 5 of the program and the Interns have been doing a fantastic job supporting Djelk’s land and sea management activities.

Congratulations to the Interns for such a significant achievement and to the Djelk rangers for their hard work and support mentoring the next generation of rangers

Story by Ricky Archer - General Manager Djelk

Warm Welcome to Jason Johnson

Djelks Men’s Coordinator

Djelk would like to introduce Jason Johnson from the Gooreng Gooreng, Budjulla of Gladstone QLD. He is the new Men’s Ranger Coordinator.


Jason enjoys utilising his skills to help support other Djelk staff and Traditional Owners to care for country, working on country and learning on country. Jason also enjoys working with Traditional Owners and Rangers in working on country, caring for country projects and programs, capacity building with the Rangers and Junior Rangers.
BAC MARKET NIGHT

Thursdays 5pm to 8pm in front of Barlmarrk Supermarket

The atmosphere has been fantastic every Thursday at the Night Market.

- Fresh fish from the Fisheries team,
- Wiwa’s live Music Band
- Babbarra Women’s Centre selling clothes

Recently:
- BAC Nursery
- Maningrida Arts Centre
- And TEABBA radio Broadcasting live.

Any questions please let me know.

Housing & Homelands

After 12 months of hard work & patience, Lot 621/2 is ready for final certification. BAC engaged Stedman Engineering & Construction to relocate a de-mountable (which had been sitting around with no purpose) onto the back of Lot 621 property. Additional deck, laundry and car port were attached. The Housing & Homelands team completed the finishing touches with water & sewer connections, upgraded the power, installation of air conditioning & bush clothesline, painting, tiling & fencing. We were even able to conduct onsite training with our bobcat & recently acquired excavator.

Emmanuel, Shaun, Hayden Cyril concreting in the bush clothesline

Story by: Vicki Stubbs- General Manager H&H
Reminder
Pay Period Changes for all BAC Employees

1st Weekly Pay will be put into your bank on the 4th May 2017
This means that weekly pays will commence 26th April.
The Final Fortnight pays will be deposited into your bank account on the 27th April 2017

BAC Weekly Pays

Update on the New IT & Communication Network
Describe your location by landmark or area of town.

Organization Name
Tel: 555 555 5555

Check out the new Bawinanga Website

Job Vacancies
https://www.bawinanga.com/jobs/
- Homelands Coordinator (Local)
- CDP Activity Coordinator – Tradie/Handyperson
- Senior Employment Consultant (contract)-CDP
- Heavy Rigid Operators-Road Crew

Or Contact Noeline Stassi-HR Assistant 08 89796555 or email at human.resources@bawinanga.com
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