“Safe Proud People Connected To Country Through Song Lines”

January Insight into Bawinanga

B.A.C NEWS

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BACK TO SCHOOL MARCH!!

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Chairman's Message

To my fellow members and employees of Bawinanga.

Welcome to another new year. I’d like to briefly introduce myself to you, especially to our non indigenous people.

My name is Wesley Campion, I come from Korlobidahdah which is the furthest homeland south of Maningrida, 60km away, but I live in New Sub, Maningrida :)

I am a member of the Marliirri clan and I speak Rembarrnga and Kune.

I have been with BAC since its creation in different roles throughout the years as a member, employee and director and I’m proud to say what a journey its been with BAC through tough times and good times.

I want to say a very big thank you to the Board Directors of 2015/16, Victor Rostron our Chairman at that time and our CEO Karl Dyason who commenced work to clean up a very big mess. Thank you all, for the hard work getting Bawinanga on track again.

BAC has been moving forward in a positive direction since beginning of 2016 and is in a healthier position now. This is from the hard work of all the BAC Employees both black & white. I want to encourage you all to continue your hard work and mostly to support and help each other along the way.

A reminder; Bawinanga is the heart for Maningrida Homelands. Bawinanga was established for homelands, Bawinanga is for the homelands and the people. In the past several years Bawinanga lost its touch to service our homelands, so it’s a must to shift that focus back to homelands and its people.

Thank you.

Chairman

Wesley Campion

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CEO’s Message

Hi everyone

If you’ve been away on holidays like I have, welcome back to work. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time over the holiday period and that you got a bit of time to rest and relax with family and friends.

2017 is going to be a very exciting year for Bawinanga:

- the new mud brick factory is due to arrive this month and we have started talking to the NT Government about building houses once we are making bricks again
- CDP and the Yellow Shirts have already had a great start to the year and will keep on improving throughout
- our Housing and Homelands and Civil Works are gearing up for the dry season so they are ready to re-commence service delivery to homelands
- the Tucker Run team have continued to deliver services by charter over the wet and are looking to further improve service delivery in the dry season
- the Art Centre and Babbarra have an amazing collection of works for sale
- the Djelk Rangers and Night patrol are, as always, just getting on with doing a fantastic job.

I’m looking forward to working with you in 2017 to improve our service delivery to the Homelands and the people living on them.
Introducing the 2016/2017 Board Directors

Wesley Campion
Chairman
Language Group: Rembarrnga
Clan Group: Marlirri
Homeland: Kalabadodor
Other Roles:
  - Maningrida Progress Association Committee
  - Balmarrk Store Committee

Dion Cooper
Director
Language Group: Burarra
Clan Group: Burarra
Homeland: Gupanga
Other Roles:
  - Snr Djelk Ranger

Marcus Pascoe
Director
Language Group: Burarra/Martay
Clan Group: Warra/Warra
Homeland: Gamarrgu/yurra
Other Roles:
  - RSAS-Officer
  - BAC Finance Committee
  - Maningrida Housing Reference Group

Cindy Jinmarabynana
Director
Language Group: Anbara
Clan Group: Marrailk/Anagawbama
Homeland: Jibena
Other Roles:
  - Maningrida College Councillor
  - Maningrida College Language & Culture Coordinator

Wally Grimshaw
Non-member
Director
Language: English
Hometown: Sydney, NSW

Graham Paterson
Non-member
Director
Language: English
Hometown: Adelaide, S.A
Other Roles:
  - BAC Finance Committee

Victor Rostron
Deputy Chair
Language Group: Kune & Kunwinjku
Clan Group: Wurruparn
Homeland: Kalabadodor
Other Roles:
  - CDP Supervisor
  - NLC Member
  - MPA Committee Member
  - KKT Committee Member
  - WALFA Committee Member

David Jones
Director
Language Group: Njebanna
Clan Group: Dhorridji
Homeland: Maningrida
Other Roles:
  - CDP Supervisor

Julius Kernan
Director
Language Group: Gunebeidji
Clan Group: Managarrarben
Homeland: Maningrida
Other Roles:
  - NLC Member
  - Maningrida Community Engagement Group

Wesley Campion
Chairman
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Clan Group: Marlirri
Homeland: Kalabadodor
Other Roles:
  - Maningrida Progress Association Committee

Oliver Ankin
Director
Language Group: Burarra
Clan Group: Balngarra
Homeland: Kalabadodor
Other Roles:
  - Balmarrak Store Committee

Wayne Kala Kala
Director
Language Group: Kune & Rembarrnga
Clan Group: Balngarra
Homeland: Kalabadodor
Other Roles:

RECENTLY RESIGNED
Wendy Kala Kala
Director
Language Group: Kune & Rembarrnga
Clan Group: Balngarra
Homeland: Kalabadodor
Other Roles:

Valda Bokmakarry
Director/Secretary
Language Group: Djinang/Burarra
Clan Group: Mardagnu
Homeland: Gartji/Gartji
Other Roles:
  - Malabam Health Board Councillor
  - Maningrida Progress Association Committee
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Hello Everyone

Just to briefly explain my role with BAC.

My job is to assist both balanda and Binnij employees of Bawinanga to work together. I am here to assist with cultural awareness and guidance of both worlds to all employees, governance guidance/mentoring to board directors, and to support and assist the CEO, & HR Manager.

My main message is to all the young people working in BAC, don’t hold back, push yourself out there to LEARN skills to grow into your jobs or your professional work career. Therefore I’d like to see each workplaces to encourage plans for local indigenous people to be created and provide them opportunities to be trained and mentor local people into senior/qualified jobs.

To my fellow countrymen working in BAC. Continue your hard work and take pride in our organisation.

I also would like to mention; I am a member of the NLC and WARC, so if you need to talk to me about community/land issues or enquires, please come see me at the BAC Main Office.

Thank You.

New Staff

Bawinanga would like to welcome new staff that have come on board since November 2016.

**Corporate Services**

- Ian Blanch - Management Accountant (Finance), Started in Nov 2016
- Anthony Balmer - Accounts Receivable (Finance), Started in Nov 2016

**Community Services**

- Community Services General Manager- **Simon Rodgers**, Started in Nov 2016

**CDP**

- Community Engagement & Activity Manager- **Susan Rainbow**, Started in Dec 2016
- Employment Consultant- **Allan Gebadi**, Started in Dec 2016

**Civil**

- Tyre Services- **Hebrew Kelly**
- Trade Asst Mechanical Workshop- **Terence Dudanga**, started in Dec 2016

**Arts & Culture**

- Arts & Culture Manager- **Kate O’Hara**, Started in Nov 2016

**Retail**

- Retail Assistant- **Charlene Brian** Started in Dec 2016
- Retail Assistant- **Tiffany Brown**, Started in Dec 2016
- Retail Assistant- **Serena Bonson**, Started in Dec 2016
- Retail Assistant- **Aleitta Fry**, Started in Dec 2016
- Retail Assistant- **Telicea Maxwell**, Started in Nov 2016
- Retail Assistant- **Zebulun Pascoe**, Started in Dec 2016
- Storeman- **Philip Whiting**, Started in Dec 2016

**RSAS**

- SAO- **Marcus Pascoe**, Started in Dec 2016
- SAO-Ali Darcy, Started in Feb 2017
- SAO-Jim (Jay-Jay) Taylor, Started in Jan 2017
- SAO-Jacob Bonson, Started in Feb 2017
Stocktake Sale at the Art Centre will be this Saturday, 9am to 1pm. Some great prices on selected artworks to make room for new stock.

Get in early for didgeridoos marked as low as 60 dollars. Carved works and bark painting at reduced prices. Also we have some slightly damaged hollow logs, at well below cost price, that would look great in your gardens.

More good news? Youth Centre is doing a pancake for breakfast. (Cash only) Make a morning of it at the art centre! Looking forward to seeing you.
Bábbarra Women’s Centre visit the Bábbarra billabong - the significant place the centre is named after, with Joy Garlbin (Babbarra Traditional Land Owner for Bábbarra) and with permission of Lena Djabinna, Bábbarra tjungai

Babbarra- FOLLOW US!

The women at Bábbarra Women’s Centre have been busy preparing for exciting new projects ahead. We’re updating all the information our customers receive when purchasing our unique fabrics and designs - including stories, artist biographies, artist portraits and getting ready to launch our new website this month!

All these things mean we can share our great story in a better way.

We share great news on our social media often - so why now follow us!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/babbarradesigns

Instagram: @babbarra_deisgns

New website: babbarra.com

COMMUNITY OP SHOP

The women at Bábbarra Women’s Centre have been busy! Each day we’re getting many parcels of clothes, sheets, shoes and toys, kindly donated from people across Australia. People heard this story through our facebook post. We are working hard unpacking, sorting, hanging and selling. Get in quick!

The op-shop is exploding full of new and used clothes and goods, so come an grab a bargain.

We’re open Monday- Friday from 8am-4pm.
Fishing Crew

Don, Jimmy and Stuart are still working on their fishing businesses using their Aboriginal Coastal Licences. They are fishing from Nardilmuk using a long vertical net and are now helped by CDP. They are mostly catching mullet, blue salmon and queenfish and are happy to take any order. Please call Don on 0456 761 565 or Clem on 0400 988 061 if you want to order.

Back to School march

RSAS Maningrida are happy to share two successful Community Events held last week.

One of those events saw us marching around the Community with our very supportive CDP participants, Managers and some passionate leaders in our Community.

True positive spirit at its best was also shown at a great Every Day Fun Day BBQ held at the pool. The students and families of Maningrida had a delicious cooked breakfast and the best time sliding on the Water slide loaned to us on the day by Youth Service.

Major planning and team work is what makes these events happen, makes them successful and most of all makes us a strong service supporting the families of Maningrida in raising School Attendance.

‘LET’S GO MANINGRIDA’ School Every Day!!!!

By: Leona Musgrave

NOTE: Money Management Trading Hours

MONDAY 9AM—4PM
WEDNESDAY 9AM—4PM
FRIDAY 9AM—4PM

CDP on the Homelands

You can now call the Maningrida CDP Office for free from the homelands

1800 870 794

You can call us if you have problems with your payments or if you cannot attend your appointments.

The CDP Homelands crew will be visiting the following homelands to talk about the recycling and help people who are doing their CDP activities on the Homelands:

Week of the 06/01: Jibena, Korlibidahdah, Kurruridul, Mankorlod and Djinkarr
The energy of CDP is electrifying, this tractor had been broken for several years and the new motivated team at CDP had it going full steam ahead.

The enthusiasm in the CDP team is obvious and this tractor is an example of how things are coming awake again under the leadership of Mrs Susan Rainbow our new Activity and Engagement Manager.

Bradley and Teddy Mason have put heart and soul into getting the equipment working again, Bradley seen aboard the now operational tractor which was broken and unloved for the past 5 years.

well done CDP

Getting old mowers back in action has been a result of our dedicated CDP team.
Recycling is coming to the homelands

You can start collecting plastic bottles, cans and iced coffee cartons on your homelands!

The CDP Homelands crew will travel to all the homelands that are accessible in the next couple of weeks to drop off posters and help them set up a recycling bin.

The CDP Homelands crew will pick up the bin when it’s full.

CDP will count bottles, cans and ice coffee cartons in Maningrida. Each one is worth 10 cents and we will keep track of where the money comes from.

Notice by Manuel Brown
Community Services-Night Patrol Manager

Night Patrol

The Night Patrol Team was very busy over the Christmas and new year break. While most of the services shut down during this period our Night Patrol team were still working.

We had a couple of setbacks during this period, including one huge setback with one of our vehicles having 2 flat tyres – and with the workshop being closed we had to improvise; we used another BAC vehicle, although it was not suitable for picking up youths and was only suitable for Patrols.

One of the big highs of the past couple of months was the Police Deputy Commissioner and Police Assistant Commissioner in Maningrida to launch the Community Safety Action Plan. The Deputy Commissioner stated that ‘Night Patrols were the real heroes of community safety’. This made the team proud of what they do within the community.

Notice by Clem Bresson
Community Services-Homelands Coordinator

Workplace Health & Safety Committee

A Workplace Health & Safety Committee will be setup over the next few weeks. If you are interested in being a member, please contact Heath Panozzo.

Training will be provided

Please report any incidents or concerns to your manager or Heath Panozzo-Health & Safety Coordinator in the main admin building.

Our goal this year is to get all our team members qualified with the Cert 3 in Community Safety and other specialised courses that would benefit our role.

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Watch this Space

Work has commenced on the installation of a BAC wireless network that will provide all BAC business units with the ability to access the organisation’s computer network and the internet at NBN fast speeds. The 20MB data link has already been installed by Telstra and will be connected to our network in the coming weeks. Territory Technology Services, a Darwin based IT provider, has been engaged to install the wireless network and installation work will commence before the end of February, with an indicative completion date by the end of March.

As part of the installation of the BAC wireless network, a new telephone system will be installed. The new telephone system will result in all BAC business units being on the one telephone network and able to make inter-office calls at no cost. Each telephone will have voice mail options and will be able to make local and national calls at no additional cost to the all-inclusive single monthly line charge. The savings in telephone charges will pay for the cost of the new telephone system over the three year contract period for the equipment purchase.

David Morgan
Corporate Services