



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

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## Housing Homelands and Construction

### Work on Homelands

Some homelands work has been delayed due to wet weather.

- Ji-Bena - closing in bedroom at House 3.
- Gorrong-Gorrong - screens on bedroom windows
- Bolkdjam - install new grey water drain, install kitchen, enclose patio at house 2.

### Work in Maningrida

- Awarded four new house builds.
  - Room to Breathe Program underway, working on Lots 742 and 783.
  - Nursery toilet project will start as soon as resources allow.
  - A lot of time and money spent fixing break-ins.
  - Renovation to Contractors Camp to start soon.
  - Renovation of storage rooms at Wild Foods Cafe.
  - Renovation of the dongas in the Civil Yard to commence as soon as resources allow.
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## Rangers

- Cleaning up homelands and clearing fire breaks.
  - Sea patrols.
  - Ranger groups from across Arnhem Land will come to ALFA meeting at Maningrida to discuss preparations for fire season.
  - Weed spraying on the homelands and roadsides.
  - TO consultations about fire management on their country.
  - Managing feral and problem animals.
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## Light vehicle workshop

- Delays in repairs due to staff shortages. Need light and heavy vehicle mechanics and local staff have not been attending work.
  - Upkeep of BAC fleet.
  - Still repairing stolen vehicles.
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## Civil

- Start grading homeland roads (Nadilmuk, Ji-Bena, Cadell).
- Start grading main road (towards Ramingining).
- Training staff on civil equipment's operations.
- Moving sand and gravel to building sites.
- Building a rock wall at Bottom Camp.
- Using a temporary mechanic for three weeks to finalise heavy vehicle maintenance.

## Money Management Service (MMS)

- Helping clients get identification papers.
- Preparing for tax time by checking clients MyGov accounts
- Processing and distributing drivers' licences
- Welcoming new Financial Capability Worker

## Fishing Enterprises

- Continued training for Barra fishermen
- Weekly fish sales to the community

## Nursery/Bushfoods

- Getting ready for Kakadu Plum. Talk to Leila at the nursery if you want to pick plums for the harvest or have Kakadu Plums on your country ripening and would like them harvested.
- We are growing new plants - see Leila for some new plants for your garden

## RSAS

- Daily school bus pickups between 7.45am – 10.30am
- Cooking pancake breakfast for students on Fridays from 7.30am – 9am
- School holiday program in April holidays. Watch RSAS Facebook page for information about activities.
- Celebration morning tea will be held on the last week of school for students that have high attendance.
- Helping with school attendance pool party.

## 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.
- Additional night patrol vehicle due for delivery end April.

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## Corporate Services

- Budget planning
- Finance Manager recruitment underway
- On-going cooperation with Police and other agencies about break-ins and stolen vehicles
- Payroll approval process improved.
- Schedule of roll out of final equipment under Covid Homelands Grant under way and organising chainsaw training.
- Community bus is being delivered.

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## CDP Employment Services

- Helping community with their appointments and commitments
- Welcomed new staff in CDP Office

### Training at the CDP Training Room

- Cert II Construction – completed white card. Building a shade structure for Bright Futures women so they can work outdoors in the shade.

### Activities updates:

#### Bright Futures Women

- Sewing, soap making and stripping and dying pandanus

#### Mowing Crew

- The mowing crews are maintaining about 20 lawns.
- Construction Welding & Fencing Crew - learning how to cut, weld and fabricate metal. Some participants are making BBQs and others are constructing shelving for the shed.

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## Maningrida Art Centre

- NLC has approved Outback Spirits tour permits so planning is underway for the first tour group to arrive May.
- Margaret Handcock-Davis from the JAM factory in Adelaide is coming up to spend a week with Anniebell Marrngamarrnga and Bábbarra designers to work toward a collaboration in October for Tarnanthi
- Exhibition opening at Delmar Gallery in Sydney featuring selection of weavings and fabrics.

## Bábbarra Women's Centre

- Screen-printing for orders and exhibitions. Printing on silks and linen.
- Visiting filmmaker Naina Sen coming to work on Darwin Festival project for August.
- Planning on attending Barunga Festival in June.



## Wild Foods Café

- Looking for local staff
- Easter trading hours:
  - Closed Good Friday
  - Open Saturday 2pm – 10pm
  - Open Sunday 9am – 7pm
  - Easter Monday 2pm – 10pm

## Barlmarrk Supermarket

- Continued wet weather has delayed the start of the Tucker Run by road. We have been working with Rangers to deliver food by boat.
- We need more male and female staff at top shop - go to CDP to register.
- Easter trading hours:
  - Closed Good Friday
  - Closed Saturday
  - Open Sunday 9am – 2am
  - Closed Monday

## Jobs available

BAC is looking for:

- Culture Office Research Coordinator
- Painter and Decorator
- Café All Rounder
- Arts Centre Manager
- Barlmarrk Floor Supervisor
- Barlmarrk Retail Attendant
- Barlmarrk Merchandise Coordinator
- Barlmarrk Team Leader position
- Mechanic Heavy Vehicle
- Mechanic Light Vehicle
- Civil Supervisor – Road Crew
- Housing, Trade Assistants (15 positions)
- Housing - Carpenters
- Rangers - two Women Ranger & one land Ranger
- Nursery & Bushfoods Coordinator
- Barramundi Fishing Mentor
- CDP employment consultant
- Bábbarra Supervisor
- Woodworking Coordinator CDP
- Senior Financial Capability Worker
- Financial Capability Worker
- Community Patrol (two positions)