

Worker Yarn: Meet Jamal Bonson

This month, we're shining a light on **Jamal Bonson**
From Community Projects to his First Job at MPA



Jamal Bonson's journey into employment is a great example of how Community Projects can support people to build confidence, skills and pathways into work.

Jamal first joined BHAC through Community Projects, where he experienced his first paid work. During this time, he developed important job ready skills such as showing up to work, working as part of a team, and building routine.

"Working in Community Projects helped me get used to working and be part of a team," Jamal shared.

With this experience behind him, Jamal has now stepped into his first job at MPA Store. This is a big milestone and reflects the value of starting with the right support and opportunities.

We're proud to see Jamal take this next step and look forward to seeing him continue to grow in his new role.

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Kunkurra the spiralling wind is making a stir in Darwin!

Ivan Namirrkki, Obed Namirrkki, Kenan Namunjdja and Deborah Yulidjirri, four Kardbam artists whose bark paintings and hollow logs tell the story of Kunkurra, a supernatural force tied to Country, ceremony and living cultural inheritance, had their works presented at the Outstation Gallery in Darwin in March-April this year.

A tradition nearly five decades in the making, the Kunkurra rarrk cross-hatching first mastered by Peter Marralwanga now lives in the hands of his children and grandchildren. Spanning two generations, these works carry forward a lineage of deep kinship, sacred place and artistic excellence rooted in the Kardbam estate of West Arnhem Land.



Photo: Obed Namirrkki and Kenan Namunjdja presenting their work at the gallery; Visitors admiring the artwork

LONG HOURS – HAPPY COMMUNITY!



Wild Foods
Café Karlabarrabarra

Wild Foods Café Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 10:00pm
Saturday 8:30am to 1:00pm
and 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Closed on Sunday

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Babbarra Women's Centre had an incredible week with The Social Studio and the RMIT University running the workshop that gave 15 young women from Bábbarra's Young Daluk program a chance to learn new skills in design, pattern-making, and sewing.

Young Daluk is Bábbarra Women's Centre's youth fashion project, giving young women in Maningrida the opportunity to learn fashion and design from Australian industry professionals. The program includes design, sewing, modelling, photography, make-up, and runway experiences - even travel for shows outside of Maningrida. These workshops connect emerging generations with experienced artists, ensuring the studio's creative practices lives on far into the future.



Housing, Homelands and Construction: Time to get Ready!

While the heavy rain has kept us from travelling to a lot of our Homelands, we have been spending time cleaning up our sheds, yards and preparing our materials for the dry season Homelands maintenance runs. We are looking forward to seeing our Homelands residents as soon as the rivers drop.

Shaun Morris is one of our longest standing employees at Housing. Shaun is a qualified carpenter, and a skilled welder! He has been making some new shelving to store our materials better so that they are easy to find and are kept safe and protected from the weather.



SAFE PROUD PEOPLE CONNECTED TO COUNTRY THROUGH SONG LINE

Remote Training Builds Skills and Creates Pathways into Work

Bawinanga recently partnered with Remote Training Australia to deliver practical cleaning training that supported participants to build skills, confidence and pathways into employment. The training engaged 9 participants from the community and focused on developing practical capability, workplace readiness and hands-on experience that can be applied in real work settings.

It was a positive opportunity for participants to strengthen their skills in a supportive environment while working together as a team. Importantly, the training has already led to strong results, with 5 outcomes achieved following the program. In a further positive step, a new employment contract has also been issued for the Projects team, helping to create a direct link between training, participation and real job opportunities.

We would especially like to highlight BHAC's cleaning team that has taken part in Remote Training Australia cleaning training, with the opportunity also extended to staff from other local organisations, including the school. It has been great to see BHAC staff building practical skills and formalising experience through training, while also opening the door for broader community participation across organisations. Well done to everyone involved!!!



Photo: Participants and trainers coming together through Remote Training Australia, Building skills, confidence and real employment outcomes