

MANINGRIDA ARTS SHINING BRIGHT

Congratulations to **Angus Darcy** and **Abigail Namunjdja** for representing Maningrida on this year's **ANKA Arts Worker Extension Program**, exploring Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne, engaging with leading museums and galleries working with First Nations art and broadening the cultural landscape of all three cities by sharing their unique knowledge and beautiful artwork.



A warm welcome to **Bangardi Tess Carter** who joined the team in the **Tourism & Art Centre Support** role, funded through the RJED program. A Burarra language speaker, Tess's clan group is Balkarranga and his country is Ana-jola. Tess has already become a valued member of the team, bringing great energy, enthusiasm and valuable cultural perspectives and local knowledge to the role. He has proven to be a tremendous asset in the freight and packing room—one of the busiest and most important areas of the art centre—and we look forward to supporting him as he continues to develop his skills and experience with Maningrida Arts & Culture.

Photo: Bangardi Tess Carter with his colleague Angus Darcy

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FIRST PATROL TOGETHER!

The **Fisheries Compliance Unit of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries** were excited to work alongside our **Sea Country Rangers** over the weekend on 9 -10 May. This marked their first patrol together, focused on compliance and surveillance across IPA waters to make sure everyone is doing the right thing. It was also a valuable training opportunity for Rangers and a great example of partnership in action. Special thanks were extended to the **Ranger Manager Jason Koh** for his organisation, patience and support in making the trip run so smoothly. Michael Novinetz from the Fisheries Compliance Unit described our Sea Rangers as a “skilled and passionate team” and said they felt honoured to have been welcomed onto country and look forward to building this partnership into the future.



LET'S WELCOME THEM TO THE COMMUNITY!



Meet **Chris Towers**, the new **Employment Support Coordinator** who enjoys exploring new places and bringing a human touch to his work. Chris is looking forward to getting to know the community and working together.

Meet **Reuby Madeley**, an **Employment Consultant**, who has made the move to Maningrida from Nhulunbuy. Outside of work, Reuby has been enjoying making new friends and capturing every Maningrida sunset with a full photoshoot.

Meet **Jeff McClannon**, also an **Employment Consultant**. Outside of work, Jeff enjoys watching NRL, especially supporting his favourite team, the Canberra Raiders, and spending time fishing whenever he gets the chance.

BHAC Back in the Crab and Fish Game

BHAC Fisheries is back on track, supplying fresh fish and mud crab to the community once again. Led by Phillip Whiting, the team works tirelessly to bring in good quality tucker that is as fresh as it gets. With Maningrida being so remote and other fresh meat often expensive, it has been great to see people eagerly lining up each week and the catch disappearing fast. Keep an eye out for them every Thursday in front of the MPA shop, or follow the Maningrida Notice Board for more info.



SAFE PROUD PEOPLE CONNECTED TO COUNTRY THROUGH SONG LINE

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Meet **Wanda Kent**, a **Participation Support Coordinator** who comes from Portarlington, Victoria. Wanda loves getting out bush for camping and fishing, and enjoys following AFL, proudly barracking for the Geelong Cats.

Meet **Lisa Wilkie**, who has come all the way from New Zealand to take on the role of **Babbarra Women's Centre Manager**. She is already getting her hands dirty with paint and settling into the creative spirit of our famous textile art centre and Women's space.

Meet **Matilda Burgess**, our new **Arts Tourism Coordinator**, pictured here with our famous artist **Doreen Jinggarrabarra**. Matilda works alongside the local tour guide team to deliver tours of the Art centre and Djomi Museum. She has already brought fresh ideas and positive energy to the team!

The Cultural Advisory Group, established by BHAC and made up of volunteer community members to provide informed cultural advice, recently held its first meeting. It brought people representing different Homelands and parts of our IPA together to talk through

priorities and share ideas, with a strong focus on keeping connections to Country strong and supporting younger generations to grow up on homelands and pass on the cultural knowledge. The Group Members provided recommendations on Homelands Development proposals and discussed practical ways forward, focusing on opportunities through ranger programs, fire and carbon work, training, employment and other activities.

