

KARIYARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CEO'S DESK

Hello to all and I hope you are all doing well.

The corporation has been its busy self over the last few months.

On the 12th of November KAC hosted a NAIDOC event with the Water Corporation. The theme was Always was, Always will be. There was a presentation by KAC staff to the Water Corporation staff about the Native Title Act 1993 (the Act) and how it has affected and impacted traditional owners. The presentation also detailed the impact of companies under the terms of the Act on traditional owners. The presentation was followed by a lunch with traditional foods and a good yarn with the Water Corporation staff and traditional owners.



On the 13th of November the corporation was announced the winner of the Regional Economic Development grant of \$50,000 to fund the investigation of a way to recycle used conveyer belts. The the Honourable Alannah MacTiernan MLC made the announcement at a ceremony at the Business Hub in Port Hedland. The corporation is now in a position where it can seek the approval of the native title holders to accept the grant and develop a business to recycle conveyer belts and tires. If this project is approved it will provide jobs for members and income for KAC. It will also be a first for the Pilbara. Part of the plan is to export processed rubber out of Port Hedland to international customers. This has only been possible since ANL

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began having a ship visit Hedland every 20 days that is able to carry sea containers to Singapore. At this stage no other business is exporting anything from Hedland and KAC is likely to be the first one to do that.



As Law business has started already the KAC and KLAC boards have decided to hold the general meeting for members on the 11th of Feb 2021 in Port Hedland.

Brenda, James and I attended a Heritage forum on Friday 16th October 2020. Much of what was discussed at the forum related to the draft Heritage Bill. It was very good to be able to meet with other traditional owners, anthropologists and archaeologists to discuss heritage in WA

and how it can be dealt with in the future. Presentations were made by a large group of native title holders from across WA and included the PKKP peoples and the effect of the destruction of heritage sites at Juukan Gorge. The forum also focused on places where heritage sites are being well dealt with. Brenda, James and I are much more informed about what works and what doesn't work because of the forum.

I am also very happy to update you on the development of the KAC Ranger programme. We now have our Ranger Co-ordinator, Cameron Hugh, on board and he is doing lots to make sure that the Ranger programme is solid and successful. Work is going into the development of policies and procedures to keep everyone safe and the programmes on track. At some stage early in the new year Cameron will be arranging a few trips on country so that people who are interested in becoming Rangers can find out more about the Ranger programme. Stay tuned. The team was invited and attended a Pilbara Land Management workshop in Cossack.

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS



Hi, my name is Sylvia Clifton and I am a local to Port Hedland. I am married, have 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

I will be one of the new faces, you will see around the KAC office having recently gained part-time employment as 1 of 2 admin workers. I come with a broad knowledge of experience gained from previous admin positions over the past couple of years and look forward to being a part of the KAC team and learning new skills.

Janelle Aubrey will be joining the team as the second admin worker. KAC welcomes you both to the team and looks forward to working with you.

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THE NEW SPOILBANK MARINA



The Town of Port Hedland is working with the Department of Transport, Pilbara Development Commission, Development WA and the Pilbara Ports Authority in the delivery of the \$121.5 million Spoilbank Marina project. The project aims to transform Port Hedland's waterfront into an attractive and popular destination for locals and visitors. The Town was integral in driving the Spoilbank Community Reference Group, which provided a user perspective in relation to the design functionality of the Marina.

Early ground works for the project are set to commence in 2020, with the two year construction phase of the project.

Marapikurrinya / Kariyarra Traditional Owners are working with the Town of Port Hedland and Pilbara Ports Authority to make sure that all heritage is protected and managed for this project.



KEEPING LANGUAGE STRONG!

In this edition we have a whole range of words for you and your family to learn.

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warnta

sun

yarnta

mudlark

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leaf

pirrirra, pirtitha, parrka

camp

ngurra

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yarnkarra

parrot, green

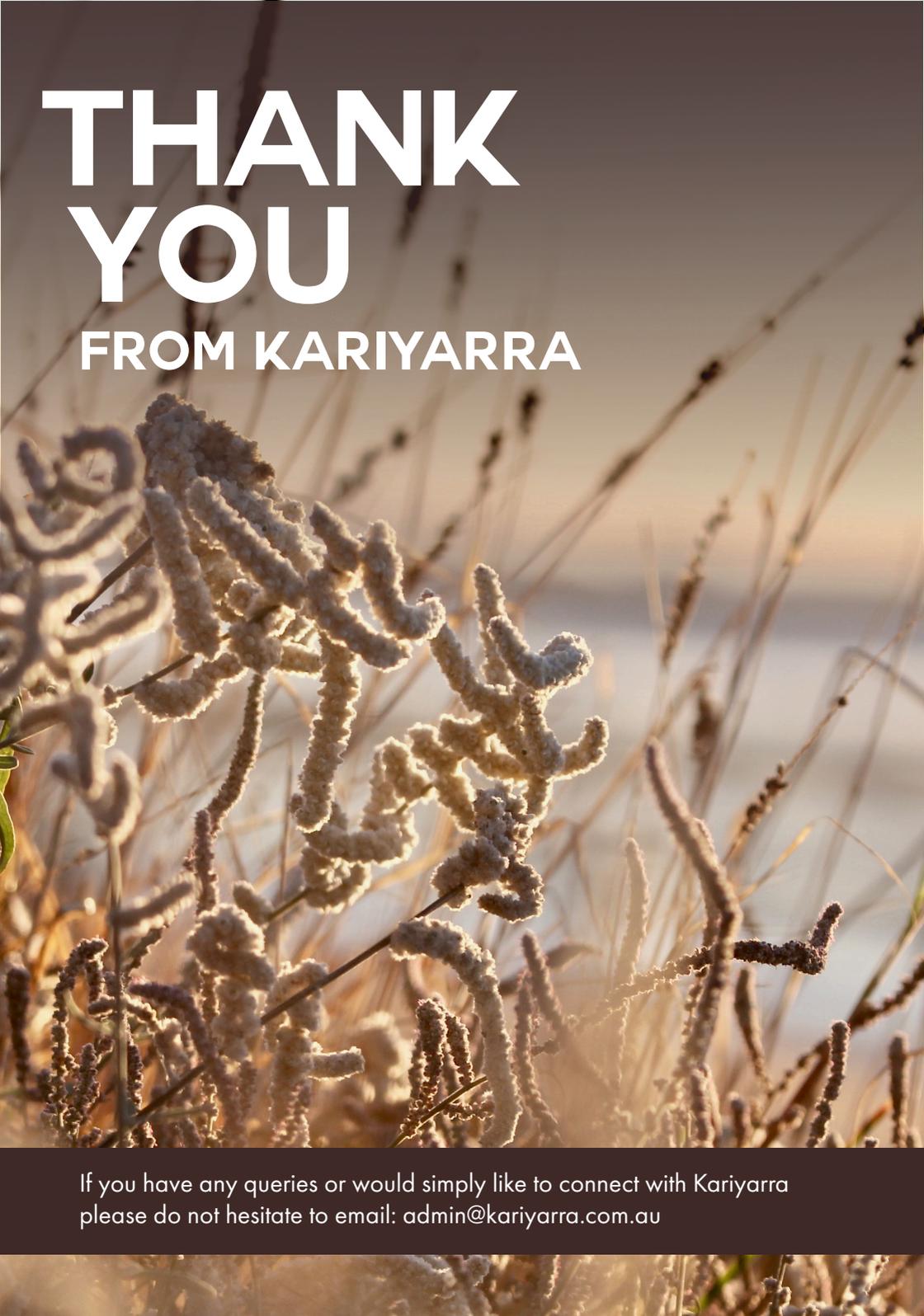
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Again a big thank you to Wangka Maya! These words and others are available on their website.

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FROM KARIYARRA

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