



**WINUN  
NGARI**  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



**WINUN NGARI**  
**OCTOBER 2021**

# **NEWSLETTER**

Image by: Marcella Nyandi and Davina Lennard (Barooloo Arts) 2021

# LETTER FROM THE CEO

Hi All,

The October Vaxathon was a great success with 201 people vaccinated. The commitment and collaboration between Winun Ngari Programs and Services is a credit to all involved. **A BIG THANK YOU to all from myself and the WNAC Board of Directors.**

It is clear that the WA Government are committed to ensuring our vulnerable people are fully vaccinated to protect them against COVID. Derby and surrounding communities are still identified as high-risk towns for low numbers of vaccinated people. Therefore, WNAC and Frilled Enterprises considers the safety of its employees, clients, and wider community to be of critical importance. This is a position consistent with the workplace health and safety legislation that many health professions are governed by as they are delivering a health service to many vulnerable people. This legislation requires the Board of Director that governs WNAC and Frilled to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the safety of its employees and others in the workplace.

That includes putting in place measures to reasonably protect the safety and well being of those individuals. It is well established that COVID-19 creates health and safety risks in the workplace, and by extension the broader (vulnerable) community. COVID-19 can have devastating effects on our community, from serious illness to death.

**IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO HELP MINIMISE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 IN THE WORKPLACE AND PROTECT OUR FAMILIES, THE COMMUNITY, AND OUR REGION.**

I encourage you all to inform as many of your families, friends and contacts to get vaccinated to avoid being hospitalised or dying from a disease that can be avoided through vaccination. This is important for you, your family, work colleagues and the clients that we deliver a service to daily. Our second Vaxathon is 5 and 7 November at the Derby Recreation Centre with food, drinks and activities for the children provided from 9AM - 6:30PM each day.

## WNAC ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Sonia Tait will formally take on the role of CEO commencing 1 December 2021. I would ask that you all provide her some time and space to settle in to endeavor the requirements of the new role plus provide time for all her managers, staff and board of Directors.

# LETTER FROM THE CEO

## BOARD APPROVED CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR CLOSING DATES

WNAC & Program Areas: Closing 17 December 21 & Re-opening 4 January 22

Derby Licensed Post Office: Closing 23 December 21 & Re-opening 29 December 22  
Closing 31 December 21 & Re-opening 4 January 22

Recycling: Closing 17 December 21 & Re-opening 4 January 22

Dumbara Burru Caravan Park: Closing 1 October & Re-opening 1 April 22.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front after the bloodshed of World War 1. Over the past century, the moment has been adopted across the globe as a time to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts. The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and Derby RSL are asking all Australians to Remember - to commit to pausing for just one minute to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country, those who returned home injured or ill, and those who bravely serve our country today.

A Remembrance Day event will be held at 10:30AM - 1:00PM at the Derby War Memorial for the service and Derby Civic Centre for a light lunch. Poppies will be sold at the front of Woolworths on 9 November from 8:30AM - 10:30AM.

**Susan Murphy**  
CEO





# DERBY VAXATHON

## MAJORITY OF PEOPLE GET FIRST DOSE AT DERBY VAXATHON

More than 200 people were vaccinated at the October Derby Vaxathon with majority getting their first dose at the event. The event was held at the Derby Recreation Centre where local bands played, RSAS prepared and served food, mango smoothies were served and the bouncy castle was enjoyed all day! A very big thank you to all the Winun Ngari Staff who supported the event.

The event was organised and supported by Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation, WA Country Health Service, Shire of Derby/West Kimberley, Derby Aboriginal Health Service, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service, National Indigenous Australians Agency, Kimberley Pharmacy Services, Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation and Royal Flying Doctor Service Western Australia.

The November Vaxathon days are set to be another successful few days with the opportunity to get your second dose (or you're first), watch live bands and have a free feed.



## POST PLACEMENT SUPPORT STAFF SHARE WHY THEY GOT THE VACCINE

As part of Winun Ngari Employment Services, our team provide Post Placement Support (PPS) for our clients to transition into employment and provide assistance to remain in their roles. At times clients are faced with matters that may affect their employment, in which WNES PPS team are always available to provide tailored support. The Post placement support team decided to take their first vaccination on the first Vaxathon day in October.

*"We got the vaccination not only for ourselves and our family but for our clients so we can continue assisting them and encourage them. Like a lot of people, we too were fearful and doubting about this vaccination. After gathering resourceful information, we realized how important this is. We are a team, we are a community, and we are committed to taking care of each other. Our next Vaxathon day will be 2 and 4 November, where we will receive our second dose, to be fully vaccinated by December 2021'. **Yonie and Mel***





# DERBY VAXATHON



**FREE  
TRANSPORT  
BOUNCY CASTLE  
& BBQ +  
PRIZE DRAW!  
WIN A RETURN  
FLIGHT TO PERTH**

Vaccination available for all eligible people aged 12 and upwards

## COVID-19 PFIZER VACCINATION DAYS

**2ND & 4TH NOVEMBER 2021**

**DERBY RECREATION CENTRE - ASHLEY STREET**

**FROM 9AM - 6.30PM**

Medicare card and valid photo ID (if you have one)



Government of Western Australia  
WA Country Health Service



Shire of Derby /  
West Kimberley



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# INDIGENOUS BUSINESS MONTH



## BAROOLOO ARTS ARTISTS DEVELOP THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF ECO-DYING

The eco-dyeing workshop with Balu Australia was an inspirational and informative way to extend on existing knowledge of painting and design.

Gabrielle from Balu Australia shared how colour affects our mood and how we can use colour to heal, connecting back to nature.

The workshop used colour from local natural plants such as red mangrove, bloodwood bark and Tumeric to colour the fabrics.

## BOAB FLOWER CREATIVE LAUNCH THEIR NEW BRANDING AND UNIQUE EARRINGS

Check out the new range of earrings from Boab Flower Creative along with their new branding!



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# DUMBARA BURRU CARAVAN PARK



## BOOK NOW FOR 2022

Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation welcomes you to Dumbara Burru Caravan Park, inviting you to relax in it's tranquil surroundings. Pre-Book your 2022 stay at picturesque Dumbara Burru via the website now.

If you have a special enquiry, please email [dumbaraburru@winunngari.org.au](mailto:dumbaraburru@winunngari.org.au). Book now as sites are filling up quickly!

**VIEW AND BOOK AT [WWW.DUMBARABURRU.ORG.AU](http://WWW.DUMBARABURRU.ORG.AU)**

RELAX WHILE ENJOYING ALL DERBY  
& THE KIMBERLEY HAS TO OFFER

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CARAVAN PARK

The graphic is a promotional poster for Dumbara Burru Caravan Park. It features a background image of a caravan in a park setting. Overlaid on the image is a white rectangular box containing text and a green button. The text includes the park's name, a description of the location, a call to book for 2022, a button to book on the website, the website URL, and a note about van and vehicle storage availability. The Dumbara Burru Caravan Park logo is at the bottom.



# HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING

**DAVID GARSTONE, COL SKEEN AND MARK O'REILLY COMPLETED THEIR HEAVY VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING WITH TROYS TRUCKWISE. WELL DONE BOYS!**



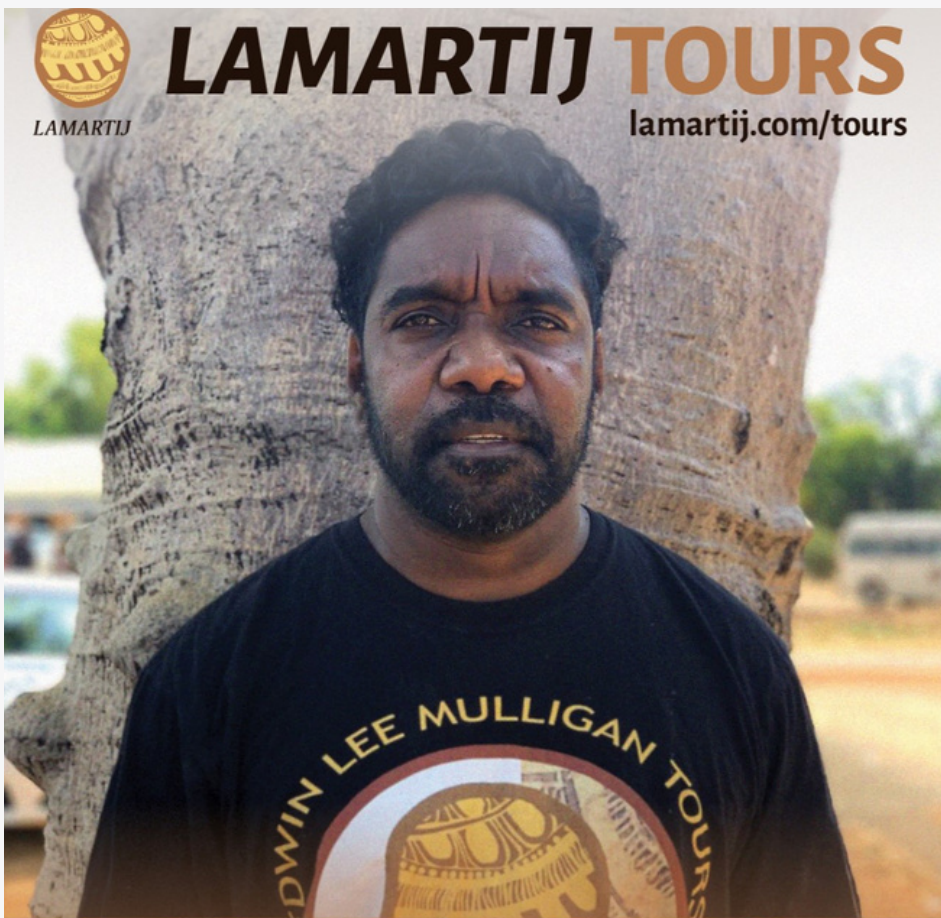
## PRE-BOOK YOUR CULTURAL WALKING TOUR 2022

BOOK NOW THROUGH THE DERBY VISITOR'S CENTRE TO TAKE A WALKING TOUR WITH EDWIN LEE MULLIGAN STARTING APRIL 2022.

9:30AM - 10:30AM OR 4PM - 5PM

\$65PP WITH GROUP BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

TO BOOK PHONE 08 91911426



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Edwin Lee Mulligan shares his traditional stories through art, tours, theatre and poetry.

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# CREATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



## WINUN NGARI STAFF ATTEND CREATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Creative Leadership Program was held in Derby over 2 days packed with dynamic, career-developing creative leadership theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

Regional Arts WA collaborated with Dr. Shona Erskine, to create a leadership program that is adaptable to all individuals and their community needs.

In partnership with the Regional Arts Network, the Creative Leadership Program is being delivered across regional Western Australia to help facilitate a culture of self-led leadership.



## STAFF QUALIFICATIONS WITH BETTERLINK GROUP



A big congratulations to Peter Brooking and Elaine Hansen for completing the Certificate IV in Community Services, Mellissa Kitching, Marissa Barker and Yonie Bemelmans for completing the Certificate IV in Leadership and Management and Ashley Dodds for completing Certificate IV in Employment Services and Career Development.

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU  
TO OUR TRAINER, LESLEY WEST**

## SNAKE HANDLING COURSE



**AMY, DAVIN, COL AND TIMON COMPLETED THE TAFE SNAKE HANDLING COURSE WHERE THEY LEARNT THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO SAFELY REMOVE AND RELOCATE SNAKES IN THE HOME AND WORKPLACE.**