

# WAARDI NEWS

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## WAARDI NEWS

As there has been no additional funding for Waardi from the James Price Point Agreement since late 2013, the Waardi Board has had to be careful with the very limited funding available for administration. With sound financial planning and budgeting, the Waardi Board is continuing to ensure Waardi is in a strong position for the future and in particular is starting to plan for the changes that will need to be made once a Native Title determination is made over the claim area.

The Waardi Board is also pleased to confirm that, following a review of contracts and a period of renegotiations, Allan Wedderburn has accepted a new employment contract as the Waardi General Manager for the next twelve months, commencing 8 Feb 2016. The Waardi Board and Allan look forward to working together to progress a number of key actions for the future of Waardi

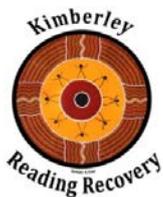
## WAARDI COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

Early Notice: The Waardi Steering Committee is inviting Waardi Members to apply for the Waardi Limited Community Director position that becomes vacant in November 2016. Training is provided, so no previous experience is needed.

You must be a Waardi Member to be eligible to apply. To be successful you need to show you can meet most of the following:

- Board Experience
- Leadership Experience
- Reputation and Integrity;
- Financial Literacy;
- Absence of Conflicting Commitments; and
- Provide an acceptable National Police Clearance

There will be a reminder closer to the date, but start thinking now, if you are interested. Application forms are available on the Waardi web site or from the office.



## READING RECOVERY

In 2015 eighty-two year 1 and 2 students participated in Reading Recovery, this was forty-six less than in 2014. The reduced student number was expected as eight schools delivered a full year of Reading Recovery and one school half a year in 2015, while fourteen schools delivered Reading Recovery in 2014.

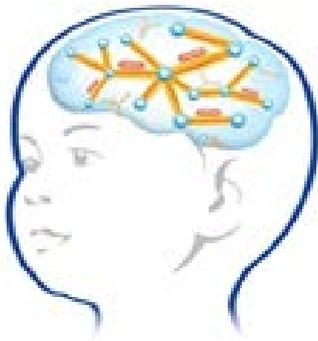
The percentage of students who 'Discontinued' successfully from Reading Recovery last year was 47.5%, an improvement on the 2014 outcome of 40.6%. While this is pleasing it falls short of the International Reading Recovery expectations of between 70% - 75% of Reading Recovery Students Discontinuing successfully from the a series of Reading Recovery lessons.

Waardi considered nine applications from schools to support qualified Reading Recovery teachers participate in the Reading Recovery Ongoing Professional Learning (RROPL) program for 2016.

Waardi offered to assist five schools that met the criteria to participate in RROPL for 2016.

## OPEN DAY

If you would like to know more about Waardi, Guumbarr, Jirrajun Trust, Land Trust, Reading Recovery, LAPS and what the team are doing, then drop by the office for a cup of tea and chat and find out more about your organisation. The next open day is Wednesday 20 July between 9am and 4pm.



# BUILDING BABIES BRAINS

Waardi has been working to map Broome based programs that focus on the 0-3 age group. We have found out that over 20 organisations offer services to young children and their families. Some focus on health of young children and others on child development and best start to learning.

Waardi thinks there is room to value add to existing programs. We would focus on ways to give parents good information about how a young brain grows, what a young child needs to build a strong healthy brain and the value of building babies brains with benefits that last a lifetime.

Waardi held the first of several consultation workshops on the 1st June with agencies that deliver services to parents of children aged 0-3, which was well attended. We asked if people think it is worthwhile for Waardi to continue to develop a parenting information package to value add to existing services. All who attended the workshop think Waardi should keep going with the 'Building Babies Brains' project. Participants also gave ideas about what we should include in an information package which will help us to make sure that what we develop is relevant to Kimberley parents. Next we will invite parents of children aged 0-3 to attend a workshop to get their input about the project.

Waardi is very keen to work with agencies and families to develop a culturally relevant package to help parents give their young children a good start in life and a best start for a lifelong education journey.

We appreciate the interest shown by the community and peoples' willingness to continue to work with us to grow the 'Building Baby Brains' project.

## PARENT WORKSHOP

*Waardi invites Indigenous Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunties and Foster Parents / Carers to:  
An information session at Circle House  
Wednesday 20 July from 8.30am to 11.30am  
Lunch provided*

*Day Care service will be provided (no cost to parent / carer) . If you need daycare, please contact Chris Bergmann ASAP at Waardi or email [christine.bergman@wardi.com.au](mailto:christine.bergman@wardi.com.au)*

# Guumbarr NEWS



## THANK YOU LINDSAY



**Lindsay Greatorex** has been a Native Title Claim Group Director since Guumbarr was established on 16 May 2012. Lindsay's appointment came to an end on the 31 May 2016. Lindsay has contributed to Guumbarr whole heartedly. On behalf of the Waardi and Guumbarr Boards and staff, we'd like to thank Lindsay and wish him all the very best for the future.



**Joanine Howard** has recently been appointed as a Native Title Claim Group Director of Guumbarr by the Waardi Board with effect from 01 June 2016 for a two year term.

## DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS



Congratulations to **Mervyn Maher** who was recently reappointed by the Waardi Board as a Guumbarr Native Title Claim Group Director for another two year term with effect 01 June 2016. Mervyn has been a Guumbarr Director since Guumbarr was established.

Joanine is well known in the GJJ, Broome and wider community. Joanine has a strong business and project management background, with experience working with the Kimberley Land Council for a period of 5 years and more recently, since September 2014, with KRED Enterprises as the Environmental, Heritage and Social Impact Services Manager. Joanine also serves as a Steering Committee member.

# JIRRAJUN PROGRAM NEWS

The Directors of Guumbarr reviewed all the Jirrajun Trust programs at the May Board meeting and made the following changes:

- Health Care funding has increased from \$1000.00 to \$1,500.00 per financial year;
- Health Care Additional Support is available beyond the \$1,500.00; Additional Support requires board approval;
- Training: purchase of job related tools now accepted. To be eligible, applicant must provide evidence of job offer that requires tools or in a job for no longer than 3 months; and
- Sporting and Arts: Gifted and Talented. New category added, this allows sporting representation at a regional level up to \$1,000.00

Changes come into effect from 01 July 2016

Please note there have been some changes to the Education funding program rules relating to school lunch payments and/or reimbursements. As you are probably aware Gift Cards are capped at \$600.00 per year (subject to available balance) for use towards school expenses. The new change will include payments for school lunches and reimbursements for school lunches within the \$600.00 limit. For example, if a parent wishes to pay \$100.00 for school lunches directly to the school, then their Gift Card limit amount is subsequently reduced to \$500.00

# LAND TRUST NEWS

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING HOUSES

The design of the 6 houses being built for the Land Trust under the project management of Department of Housing (DoH) is progressing well. The house designs were finalised at the end of May with the help of Derby based architect Paul Gillett and his team from Masika Design. DoH are currently preparing all the tender documents and its expected they will be ready to go out to tender in mid June 2016.

# MORRGUL NEWS



Morrgul business workshop series held in April across the Kimberley were a resounding success with a total of 105 Aboriginal people attending and completing the one day workshops. The level of interest in the workshops has been unprecedented, with the quality of business ideas and the business capacity of people attending being excellent. The workshops were held in Broome, Derby, Wyndham, Fitzroy Crossing, Kalumburu, Yungngora and at Kooljaman, and included our "Starting my Business", "Growing my Business", and "Getting into Tourism" topics. So far this financial year, Morrgul has had 16 new Indigenous businesses start up in the Kimberley.

Morrgul has been busy supporting a number of clients to apply for the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (PM&C) Indigenous Enterprise Development funding, whereby clients can match a loan amount through Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) with a PM&C grant amount. Morrgul is playing a key role in helping clients with the feasibility and business plan requirements to help clients access IBA finance.

In addition, we're very pleased to be partnering on some significant Aboriginal tourism projects with Tourism WA, including the recently opened Imintji Campground and Community Store on the Gibb River Road. With Tourism WA and Morrgul working together Morrgul can help people achieve so much more with their tourism ventures.

Remember you can keep in touch with Morrgul news via [www.morrgul.com.au](http://www.morrgul.com.au) or follow them on Facebook.

## FREEHOLD LAND

Under the James Price Point Agreement 2,700 hectares of freehold land was agreed to, subject to a Final Investment Decision (FID) by Woodside. Some Members have been making enquiries about this land. As Woodside did not make a FID before they withdrew from the Agreement in 2014, there is no freehold land due under the Agreement.

## FIVE HOUSES

Following on from the Guumbarr Board meeting in early February where there was agreement to build 5 houses on the five remaining vacant lots, the Board has just contracted two Broome based building companies to build the houses. Following a tender process, Brolga Developments has been contracted to build three 3x2 houses and H & M Tracey to build two 4x2 houses. Both builders expect to have the slabs poured by the end of June and the houses complete by the end of the year and or early 2017.



## OTHER LAND

Under the Agreement, other land and land related benefits are still due:

- Blue Haze – A 2,000 m2 vacant lot in the Blue Haze light industrial area is due under the Agreement. LandCorp has agreed to hold this land until the lot can be developed and used or sold.
- Englobo Land – A 15 hectare vacant lot just north of Broome North is due under the Agreement by December 2020 at the latest. Potentially this land can be developed into 150 lots, but before that can happen, roads, sewers, water, power, stormwater drains, parks etc would need to be built and funded by the Land Trust.
- Housing Fund – \$20 million for housing along with \$10 million for business development is due under the Agreement once Native Title is determined. When the housing funds become available, the Land Trust will be in a better position to offer housing assistance options to Members.

The Waardi and Guumbarr Boards meet regularly, working together to ensure the best use of the benefits currently available under the Agreement, but also planning for the future and the future benefits.



L-R: Chris Guille (Guumbarr Chairperson), Aaron Bell (H&M Tracey), Rosemary Wheatley (Guumbarr Independent Director), Simoine Raye, Mervyn Maher and Lindsay Greatorex ( Native Title Community Directors, Guumbarr Limited)



Guumbarr Directors with Peter Murphy and Russell Meads.

## HOUSING

By early 2017 it is expected that the Land Trust will have 13 houses completely built. Two houses were built at the end of 2016 and have been rented out. This year another 11 houses will be built, either by DoH or directly by the Land Trust. A rental policy for the 11 houses is still to be developed. The rental of the 13 houses will ensure the Land Trust has an ongoing role until Native Title is determined and more creative housing assistance options can be offered to Members.

## TARRAN TEASER

Can someone help Mary put this into English?

Moro enin mung  
(pronounced 'moong')



Somebody helped Mary by explaining that:

Ngalm gwal gwal indj  
means 'head ache'.



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