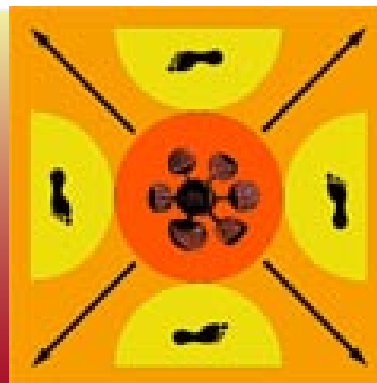


# Pak Newsletter

Papulu Apparr-Kari Language Centre

*Leaving Language Footprints across the Barkly*

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## From the C.E.O.

*Hello everyone and welcome to another edition of the PAK Newsletter. Well as you may gather the 'boss' Kumanjayi Hayward is away on a well deserved break so the running of the Language Centre has fallen onto my shoulders for this month. It has been an interesting challenge which I have enjoyed (most of the time!)*

*I would like to acknowledge and thank the Supervisors in the different sections of Papulu Apparr-kari for the hard work and commitment they have shown in making sure their programs are going smoothly.*

*There are many activities and programs being conducted in conjunction with the High School and other organisations who employ PAK CDEP participants. We have had 2 Cross Cultural workshops, and have had the launch of the Governance training in partnership with Little Fish and Independant Video. Since the launch this product has generated much interest from Organisations and Government departments. We are very proud to be involved in such an important project because of the practical training methods shown which we consider appropriate for our mob to learn from.*

*On the next page you will find a report of the activities that have been happening in the past two months.*

*Thank you all once again.*

**Linda Turner**  
**CDEP Coordinator and Acting CEO**



**Linda Turner, acting CEO for this month.**

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# *PAK: Keeping Busy*

## *Language Classes*

The women have been working very hard planning and delivering weekly lessons to classes of High School students this term. The lessons start at 10am and are taught for 50 minutes. Waramungu, Wambaya, Walpiri, Warlmanpa and Alyawarre are the five languages taught. The lessons are conducted at the Language Centre with Penny Phillips supporting Mrs Thompson to deliver those lessons.



## *Indigenous Studies - Tennant Creek High School Program*

In addition to the language classes, the CDEP women have continued with the School program, where kids from mainstream classes learn about Wumpurani ways (Indigenous studies). Ongoing activities in conjunction with the Tennant Creek High School and PAK have been successful and have had a positive impact between the students, workers and elders.



*Above: The language classes conducted at the Language Centre*

*Right: Students of the High School give the Language program the thumbs up.*

## *Bush Tucker Documentation*

The CDEP women have been going out bush with Jake Gummow from the Media Unit, photographing and documenting local bush food. They are planning to produce a book with the photographs and local language (Waramungu) names for the food and plants and their uses. Mrs Nixon is very enthusiastic about this project and the completion of the book because it will be an important resource in order to learn about the local bush tucker



*Ngarmagurtu: Bush Bannana*

## *Cross Culture*

Mrs Nixon has been working hard on the X-Culture workshops. She conducted a workshop only weeks ago and it proved to be popular. There will be other Cross Culture workshops throughout the year and are planned to be held in the months of June, August and November with Nyinkka Nyunyu. There has also been requests to run Cross Culture for other organisations through Barkly Employment Development Network (BEDN) in Tennant Creek.



*Cross culture workshop conducted for tourists*



## *MENS CDEP*

*The CDEP Men's section has had many changes and restructuring. The workers elected Adrian Munckton as their supervisor. Adrian has taken on the job of supervisor with a lot of commitment and enthusiasm and has had the men working much more effectively. He has also set up the yard crew to be more efficient and therefore able to do more yard maintenance work for more yards. The compound in the the carport here at the Language Centre has been completed so that the cement mixer, wheelbarrows and garden tools can be now safely locked away. Kevin Nixon (a.k.a Nikko) has cleaned out and organised the sea containers where the tools and other equipment are locked away as well as the archives. The bough shed at the back has also been cemented. This area is used for teaching the Wambaya Lessons.*

### *Communities Who Employ PAK CDEP Workers - Working Within the Schools.*

*Mungkarta School  
Elliot School  
Kurunturlpa  
Epenarra*

## *Documentation of traditional ways.*

*Recently a PAK media film crew went on a field trip to Murray Downs to mark the beginning of a new project that they will be working on.*

*The project is partly funded by Central Land Council (CLC). The project aims to record old people's stories of the past which will not only be good to document, but also useful for the community in becoming aware of traditional ways of life. It is also a way of showing young indigenous people how their elders used to live and hopefully, in the future they can adopt some of their practises.*

*In Murray Downs the PAK Media crew able to record Hilda Spratt. They recorded her stories by audio and film. They will be going on a number of trips to various homelands around the Barkly region*

## *Cross Culture Workshop conducted*

*On Tuesday the 13th of April, Papulu Apparr-kari conducted a whole day Cross Culture Workshop for the teachers and staff at Tennant Creek High School. The purpose of the workshop was not only to further*



*Teachers and other staff attended the workshop at the high school*

*gain understanding of Indigenous culture but also to possibly incorporate similar workshops into the school curriculum for the students that attend the High School. Important topics that were discussed included different languages in the region and the differences in the languages plus examples of Aboriginal English. Kinships and how different skin groups relate to each other was another subject that was discussed in the workshop, as well as how traditional ceremonies effect young people. Francine McCarthy from Central Land Council gave a*

*talk about land ownership and the other aspects to do with the issue such as royalty payments.*

*The workshop has been developed through Papulu Apparr-kari Language*

*Centre over the years and much credit for the program is given to Judy Nixon, Penny Phillips, Marlene Plummer, Linda Turner the CDEP Coordinator and other Papulu Apparr-kari employees.*

*These committed staff members are further improving the quality of these programs and have other workshops such as the Cross Culture program to offer to interested parties. Contact the Language Centre for further information.*



# Governance Multi-media Program Launched

The launch of the long awaited governance program titled "Bridging Two Worlds" took place at the Battery Hill Mining Centre on the 28th of April. Local and special guests who attend the launch were all extremely impressed with the project. The project also launched a partnership between Papulu Apparr-Kari Language Centre, Little Fish and Independent Video Productions (IVP), the three organisations that brought the multimedia governance training package together. The program directly addresses competencies covered by BSB40901 Certificate IV in Business (Governance) and relates to core unit BSBATISM40A Monitor Financial Management and Budgets. It's an easy to understand course which is beneficial to anyone especially those who have low literacy skills as the interactive side of the program allows you to understand and get on with your studies. A demo disc is available for any persons who are interested in getting familiar with this new interactive way of learning. It's available for only \$33.00 and can be purchased by simply contacting Little



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