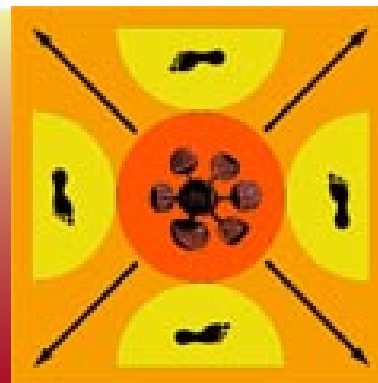


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Papulu Apparr-Kari Language Centre

Leaving Language Footprints across the Barkly

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From the C.E.O.

Well here I am again, back from my little break. We have been so busy with all the changes taking place at the Language Centre.

Well we have survived the closure of ATGIS and all the changes that have been handed down since. My staff and I have been very busy with the end of year and completing our financial requirements to our funding organisations.

We welcome Peter Henwood to our staff and look forward to the very busy year that Peter has organised for the media section.

School programs commence early in August 2004 again and all relevant language classes will carry on as usual.

CDEP staff have been very busy over the school holidays planning for future classes and setting up recording sessions for various languages in the Barkly Region.

We will be travelling around the Barkly Region over the next 6 months, recording and transcribing various endangered languages. So keep an eye out for us in your community. We will be working with the Carpentaria Land Council and the Waanyi people to compile and produce material on the Waanyi Language. So we look forward to this project with great excitement.

We have many projects that we will be working on over the next year, so keep a look out for the next newsletter to keep you more informed on what is happening at the Language Centre in the future.

Karan J Hayward
CEO



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PAK Media does Multimedia CD's



Kevin Spratt working on the PAK Marketing CD

On the 23rd of May Warren Bretag, of Independent Video Productions (IVP), paid a visit to the PAK Media Unit to further their skills in producing quality multi-media projects.

Warren has previously worked with the Media Unit to produce the 'Bridging Two Worlds' Governance Program.

The Media Unit spent the weekend with Warren to undergo an intense training session so that they were able to master Director MX 2004. It is state of the art software that produces top quality interactive multi-media CD's. The PAK Media Unit only touched the tip of the iceberg with their training session with this piece of software that usually takes up to 4 years to master.

They are confident that they know the basics of Director MX 2004 to be able to produce interactive multimedia CD's. Their first project as a group was to produce a marketing CD for Papulu Apparr-kari, to send out to the communities and other organizations. The marketing CD will enable the language centre to widely promote their work and services to the community and out lying regions.

The PAK Marketing CD will be completed in the weeks to come when Warren returns once again to have another training session with the PAK Media Unit for Director MX 2004.

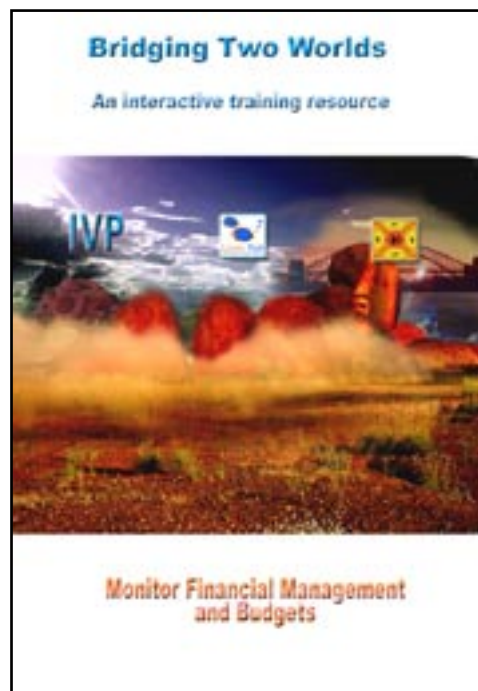
Nomination for NT Training Award

Papulu Apparr-Kari Language Centre have been asked to nominate themselves for the Northern Territory Training Award for the work they have done in producing the Governance training program 'Bridging Two Worlds.' There are many benefits for PAK in participating in these awards. They include celebrating our achievements, boosting our business through greater recognition and publicity, boosting our personal career opportunities and the opportunity to win great prizes. If PAK is successful in winning the Northern Territory Training Award, we will have the opportunity to represent the Northern Territory at the Australian Training Initiatives Awards.

Robin Hardiman, who works for the NT Employment and Training Authority, brought it to the attention of Karan Hayward, CEO of PAK, and said that the 'Bridging Two Worlds' Governance Program which includes an interactive multi-media CD in the package, has a great chance in achieving the Northern Territory Training Award. He viewed the training program and believed that it matched the judging criteria in order to win the territory and national award.

Judging criteria includes, outcomes and achievements, Client Focus, Leading Practice in Vocational Education and Training and Future Potential.

PAK is very excited to be given the opportunity to nominate and take part in the awards.



Left: The Governance training program that PAK has been asked for nominate for

Trainee's and Apprenticeships at PAK

Papulu Apparr-Kari workers have always been willing to participate in various training programs that the organization offers. Recently 5 PAK workers have been put on as trainees and apprentices in the fields of Business and Multimedia.

Debra Fell and Esther Thorley who both work in the administration department at the Language Centre, have both committed to a 12 month course which at the end will give them Certificate III in Business.

Arron Horwood, Lennie Barton and Rueben Taylor of the Media Unit have signed up to do Certificate II in Multimedia which they have already started through the PAK Marketing CD (see page 2). Their course runs for 12 months.

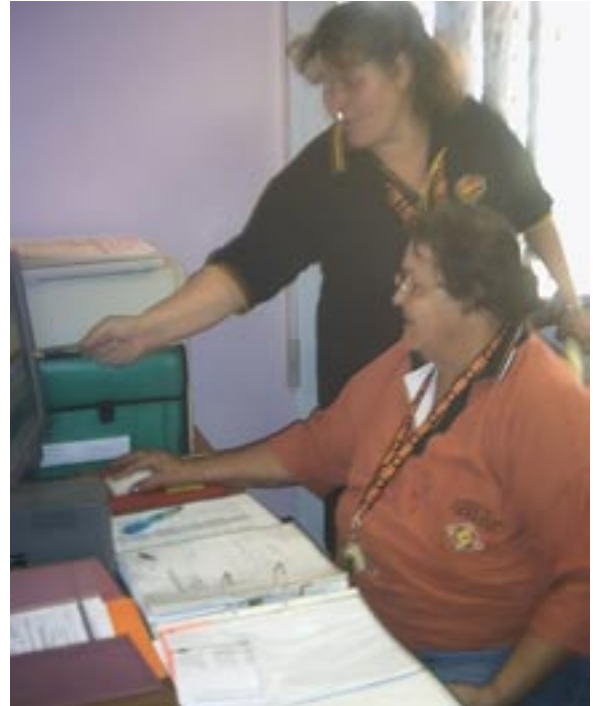
The 5 PAK employees are doing these traineeships through the Structured Training and Employment Project (STEP) which is part of an Indigenous employment program. Both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous employees of the the Language Centre are able to access the training sessions regardless if they have signed up to the course or not.

PAK is also in negotiations with the New Apprenticeships Centre so that if our employee's wish to do so, they can sign onto an apprenticeship. The New Apprenticeships Centre offer many different courses in various fields of employment and it also means that at the end of your course you are fully qualified in the field you chose to study.



Rueben, Lennie and Arron of PAK Media

PAK has been liaising with Tarnia Ruether, a Field Officer for the New Apprenticeships Centre in Alice Springs, so that these apprenticeships can be underway as soon as possible.



Debra and Esther hard at work

ID REMINDER



For all Papulu Apparr-Kari Workers who do not have an PAK ID yet, please come see us at the Media Unit so that we are able to make one for you.

We have ID necklaces available now for you to hang you ID from if you wish or a clip on ID holder.

Back to Manga Manda



The plaque placed on the wall: the remains of the Mission site at Phillip Creek

In 1946, sixteen half caste children were forcibly removed from their Aboriginal mothers, siblings and families from the Phillip Creek Mission situated in the Barkly Region in Northern Central Australia. This group of sixteen is recorded to be the largest group taken in peacetime. Children from as young as a year old up to the tender age of 8 were taken from their homeland when the officials came to board them upon a truck, promising them all a nice picnic at the end of the ride. Life was everything but a picnic as soon as those children stepped onto the truck, bound north for the Retta Dixon home in Darwin where they would never see their loved ones again. This is where they would spend the rest of their childhood, suffering great physical, emotional, cultural and spiritual isolation from their people. It has taken many broken hearts and many years to finally be reconnected with their native land and their families. And now more than five decades on the hurt and sorrowful emotions are still felt by the ones who are still here with us and all their families. A ceremony to mark the end of the suffering for the group of 16, who are now in their 50's and 60's, was held on the 5th of June 2004. It was called Back to Manga Manda and the service took place at the remains of the Mission site at Phillip Creek on Waramungu country. 200 people attended the event that was jointly managed by Anyinginyi Congress in Tennant Creek and the Retta Dixon Aboriginal Corporation in Darwin. Nine of the original 16 children attended along with Traditional Owners from Waramungu Country and representatives

from other Indigenous groups in the surrounding areas. Special guests speakers included Minister for Heritage MLA Marion Scrymgour, Bill Dempsy, a famous AFL Footballer who also went to the Retta Dixon home, Barb Shaw of Anyinginyi Congress and MLA for Barkly Elliot McAdam. Michael Shaeffer was also among the special guest speakers. He was the Barrister for the much publicised Cubillo-Gunner case, the first test case for the Stolen Generations' groups in Australia, which went to the high courts. The main topic of all speakers was the importance of the commencement of the healing process. They also reflected on the meaning of the Kumanjai Creek Mission site and the triumph of the families revisiting the place where a lot of pain was experienced. The Waramungu and Walpiri women both put on separate traditional singing and dances for the ceremony. Lorna Cubillo was one of the people that unveiled a plaque that was dedicated to the group of 16 children that were removed from the site all those years ago. It was described to be an incredible day especially for the children and grandchildren of those who were taken away. Some of them and other relatives were never able to comprehend the sorrow and hurt felt first hand until they revisited the site during the 'Back to Manga Manda' ceremony, where their loved ones experienced great trauma. Many tears were shed but also in a way the day was joyful because the ceremony was seen as 'finished business' and now they able to move on. The ceremony concluded at the Mary Ann Dam where 58 years later they were able to finally enjoy that picnic they were promised.



Member of the group of 16 with Lorna Cubillo unveiling the plaque

