



Bundiyarra Gardantha

' a good place moving forward'



Historic Launch proud moment for Badimaya People

Badimaya Dictionary Launch at Kirkalocka Station a Winner - Pages 2 - 7



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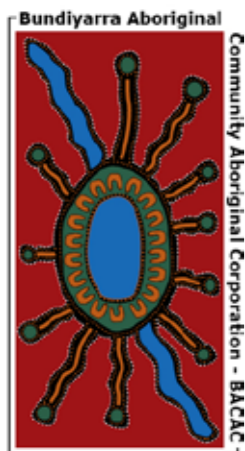
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Pictured: Badimaya Dictionary Graphic Artist Gloria Foggerty with Ollie Georges proud Grandchildren

Photograph: Nyssa Colquhoun, Yamaji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

"We respectfully acknowledge the Yamaji people on whose land we live and work and we pay our respects to their Ancestors and Yamaji Barna"



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The Badimaya Dictionary is a legacy left for future generations



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“Welcome to everyone for attending this historical occasion, the official launch of the Badimaya Dictionary and Badimaya Wordlist. Thankyou Des and Ollie for welcoming us to your country. These publications have been in the making for the past 20 years. Initial preservation work was started by the Yamaji Language Aboriginal Corporation in the early 1990’s and since 2005 the Bundiyarra Irra Wangga Language Centre. Since 2012, under the direction of the Aboriginal Language Reference group, concentrated work on Badimaya language was prioritised due to its highly endangered status, and since

this time more than 40 hours of audio and 10 hours of video recordings have been collected and utilised to produce seven educational resources, including five story books, a photographic calendar and picture book.

This has assisted with the collaboration of the Badimaya Dictionary and Badimaya Wordlist. One of the main speakers who worked with the language centre over the past years has been Mr Ollie George, he has dedicated many days, hours and years to making sure his language stays alive. Thank you Ollie. Why is this event being held at Kirkalocka Station? Mr Ollie George, wanted to celebrate this important event on country where he was raised by his Nan and Pop from whom he learnt his language. This is the place where he was immersed in culture and was able to learn and speak his language, was taught to hunt and took part in corroborees.

We remember by acknowledging the Badimaya elders, past and present, who put in so much hard work, and contributed to their language and culture which has resulted in this beautiful dictionary. The time, energy and effort that this community has put into these products is immense, and they should be proud of their wonderful resources and the legacy they have left for their grannies, and future generations of Badimaya people.

In addition to the Badimaya speakers and the wider Badimaya community, many researchers including linguists, anthropologists and historians were essential in the collection of Badimaya language. Equally important has been the significant contribution of many language workers over the past 20 years. These publications are particularly exciting because they have utilised cutting edge technology through the

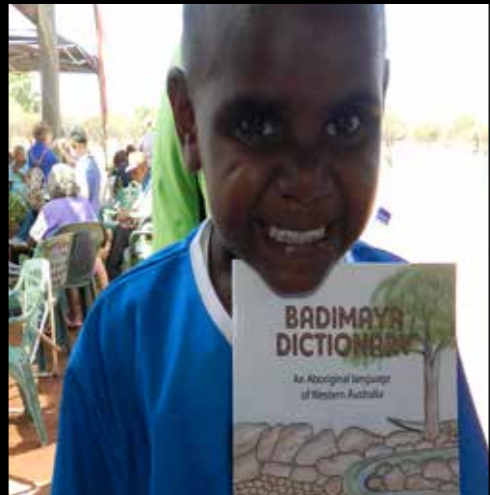
development of a language pen, which actually talks the language and pronounces out the words for the reader.

Recently, Bundiyarra farewelled Leonie Boddington our Senior Language Worker who has secured another job with CSIRO as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer and James Bednall, Linguist of the Bundiyarra Irra Wangga Language Centre who is off overseas for a while. Their contribution, dedication and commitment in working with Badimaya community to bring together these publications has been invaluable. We wish Leonie all the best in her new role at CSIRO and James well on his overseas travels. We hope that one day you return to the Irra Wangga Language Centre at Bundiyarra. With their departure we welcome Rosie Sitorus, our new Linguist who will commence at Bundiyarra in May. Special thanks must be made to Jenny

Gregory-Kniveton, Irra Wangga’s Coordinator. Jenny is an asset in Coordinating the Centre. Her dedication and leadership is legendary – thanks Jen.

Today was made possible by our sponsors who have assisted in making this historical launch a reality. Mt Gibson Iron saw the incredible project being delivered and contributed highly to the cost and the printing of the publications. Also thanks to Bundiyarra staff, who always pull together to host great events. Others sponsors include Western Indigenous Media, Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation, Yamaji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation, Tru Blu Hire and Opus Music.

Last but not least we thank our main funding body, Australian Government Indigenous Languages Support for supporting the great work being produced by the Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre.



Pictured left to right: One of Mr Ollie George's grandsons was extremely proud of his Pop for his dedication to seeing the Badimaya Dictionary published, Mr Ollie Geoge with Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre Coorinator Ms Jennifer Gregory-Kniveton during the official proceedings, Mr Frank Walsh congratulates everyone for their work, Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre Linguist Mr James Bednall shares a proud moment with Mr Ollie George and Mr Allan Walsh encourages community to learn and speak their Badimaya language.

For everyone who calls themselves Badimaya, it is time to learn the Language

When Mr Ollie George stood in front a 150 plus crowd, he beamed with smiles and glowed with pride. Today, Thursday, 10 April 2014, marks an historic occasion.

Mr Ollie George spoke proudly saying "Badimaya language has been preserved and written into a Dictionary and Wordlist for everyone to learn. I walk through the town and I hear people say they are Badimaya, but that is a bit shame because they can't speak the language. I wish that people would come round and see me and learn how to speak Badimaya and learn more about it"

Mr George also thanked the work done by Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre and everyone involved over the past 20 years, but he made special commendation to Linguist James Bednall.

"I have worked with many Linguists over the years but James Bednall has been the best. He is a great young man and I thank him for his commitment to making my dream come true. I will miss you James, but make sure when you come back, that you come and say hi" James will continue to consult for the Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre while on his overseas travels.



Mt Gibson Iron take pride in Sponsoring Historic Launch

Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre sincerely thank Mt Gibson Iron for their generous sponsorship of the Badimaya Dictionary and Badimaya Gwagu.

Sponsorship included paying for the printing costs of the two publications plus the Badimaya Alphabet Posters and a generous contribution to the Launch costs.

George Hewitt, General Manager Extension Hill said "Mount Gibson Iron are extremely proud to have been involved in this historic event and the preservation of the Badimaya language for generations to come. This event represents the culmination of years of hard work by a lot of people and it is an honour that Mount Gibson Iron were able to assist in the final stages of the Project. The Dictionary and Word List are highly valuable tools which are now widely available to educate not only the Badimaya People, but anyone interested in learning about the culture and traditional language of the area in which a lot of our employees now work."

Badimaya Dictionary and Gwagu Wordlist SOLD OUT in 1 hour

Badmaya community can be proud that the first shipment of their very own Language Dictionary and Wordlist sold out on the day of the Launch - Thursday, 10 April 2014. The second shipment has now arrived and we will be quickly dispatching the many orders

waiting to be fulfilled. Orders have been made from all over the Country which is a tremendous outcome. Copies of the Badimaya Dictionary, Badimaya Gwagu and all our Resources and Storybooks can be ordered online: bundiyarra.com.au

Thanks to our amazing sponsors - your assistance has helped create history -





Congratulations to everyone involved

Hi Jenny
 Thank you so much for inviting me to the Badimaya Dictionary launch. Unfortunately the logistics of managing my tiny farm and looking after the animals means I wasn't successful in getting help for the three or four days it would have taken me to travel there and back, so I'm really, really sad that I can't be with you all today. Most of all I would have liked to have met up with Ollie again. We spent so much time together, and his unfailing focus on his language and the need to preserve it was an illustration of staunchness and determination not so often encountered - all the more impressive because his persistence was quiet and gentle though frequently unrecognised or unappreciated even within the Badimaya community. Please, please, PLEASE do pass on to Ollie, by one means or another, my whole-hearted congratulations on the publication of his work. Because undoubtedly it is his work and that of his mother Clara, his beautiful sister Cawley and his older brother Percy that has brought this about. (And who knows maybe one day Rebecca or Luke or one of the others may continue it further in time to come). I would love to have seen Ollie's face today, and heard him chuckle. I hope he was as proud as could be, and pleased as punch. I will always treasure the privilege of my association with him. No less, I'm grateful to Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga that this publication happened now. I was fearful, particularly after Ollie was quite low after his older brother's death in particular, that the publication may

not have happened in Ollie's lifetime. I'm overjoyed that it has, and that he can see the tangible results of his efforts. Thanks to all at Irra Wangga for making this possible.
 Warm regards
 Doreen Mackman

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Just to say a BIG congratulations to you and all, and thankyou for such a memorable Badimaya Dictionary Book Launch. The day, with the high level of organisation, was a great credit to you all. It is so very amazing to have this Dictionary, books and all which will ensure the preservation of Badimaya language. Thankyou to everyone!
 Karen Morrissey
 Tourism Promotions and Development Officer
 Mount Magnet Visitor Centre

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I just wanted to say thanks again for a great day yesterday - it was so good to see everyone so positive about the dictionary and resources and it was lovely to catch up with a few people I hadn't seen for a while since I was working around Magnet. The communications team at YMAC have put a 'Congratulations Badimaya and Bundiyarra- Irra Wangga' advert in the Mulga Mail in their usual spot to help promote the occasion and they'll do a blog post too and maybe some other things to help get the word out about the importance of what's been achieved by the language centre.
 Nyssa Colquhoun
 Anthropologist
 Yamaji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation

MANY MANY thanks to yourself and the organisation for a FANTASTIC effort and day at yesterday's launch festivities - AWESOME
 I just wanted to sincerely thank Bundiyarra and the Language Centre for the two books I was given - very much appreciated.
 Have a great weekend and a rest - you all deserve one.
 Brendin Flanigan
 Murchison Project Manager
 Mid West Development Commission

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Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the book launch. This is a great achievement and all involved are to be congratulated. Please pass on my congratulations for what they have accomplished.
 Sincerely,
 Jon Wilson
 Manager, Business Lending and Support
 Indigenous Business Australia

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Thank you for the advice of forthcoming Launch of BADIMAYA Dictionary at Mount Magnet along with an apparent open invite to such. Would normally have jumped at the chance to go but unfortunately have prior appointments which prevent me from going.
 None the less all the best for the events.
 Cr. Bob HALL
 City of Greater Geraldton

Badimaya country and Badimaya people

Badimaya is a Western Australian language, traditionally spoken across a large region spanning Lake Moore, Ninghan Station and Paynes Find in the south, to Mt Magnet, Wynyangoo Station and Kirkalocka Station in the north. Traditionally Badimaya country is bordered by Western Desert (Tjuparn, Wangkatja) to the east, Noongar to the south-west and Wajarri to the north-west. Badimaya is a critically endangered language, with just a handful of speakers. Aside from the few Badimaya speakers remaining, there are others in the community who retain a passive understanding of the Badimaya language and the ability to use the language to a limited extent. Many Badimaya people, including children, also continue to know and



use certain Badimaya words in everyday conversation, particularly vocabulary such as kin terms, common animals, bush foods, and other relevant topics. Today, Badimaya people are found

scattered across the Murchison and Midwest region, based in regional towns and communities including Mt Magnet, Geraldton, Yalgoo, Mullewa, Meekatharra, Wubin, Dalwallinu and Perth.

Badimaya - Timeline of Events

Partnerships form results - 10 Badimaya Resources & Storybooks now available

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 HISTORICAL EVENT

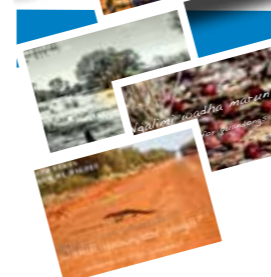
NOVEMBER 2012



PUBLICATION/S
 Joe Benjamins The Mallee Hen & Joe Benjamins The Porcupine Story

LOCATION/S
 Mt Magnet Primary School
 Mt Magnet

MAY 2013



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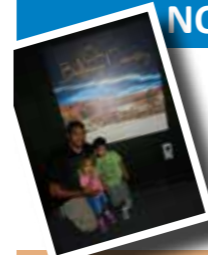
LOCATION/S
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 Geraldton Regional Library,
 Geraldton



EXHIBITION/S
 'On Badimaya Country'
 Johana Wagner
 Photographic Exhibition

LOCATION/S
 Mt Manet Hall, Mt Magnet
 Geraldton Regional Library,
 Geraldton

NOVEMBER 2014



EXHIBITION/S
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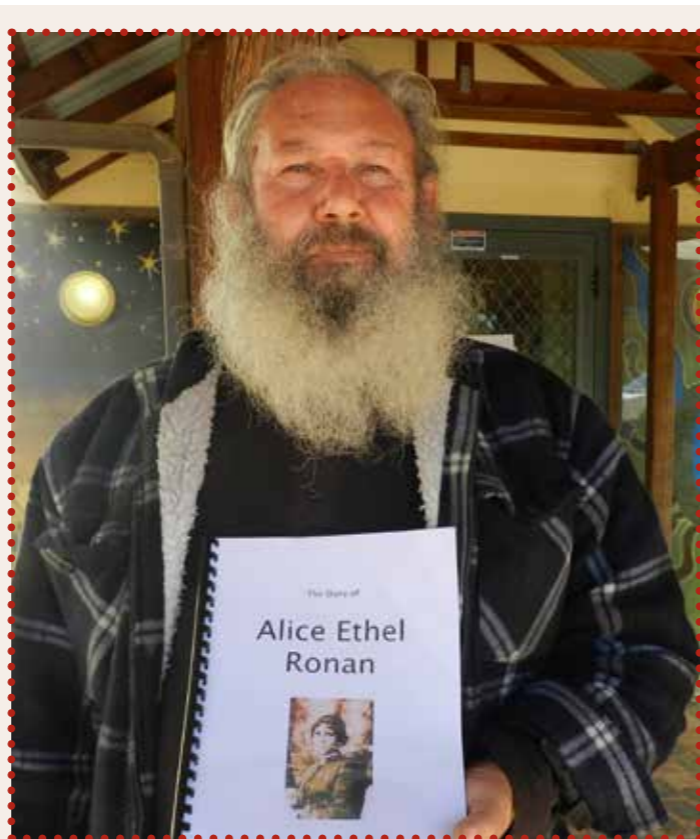
LOCATION
 Kirkalocka Station
 Mt Magnet Road

The Stolen Generation

The Moore River Native Settlement was the name of the now defunct Aboriginal settlement and internment camp located 135 kilometres (84 mi) north of Perth and 11 kilometres (6.8 mi) west of Mogumber in Western Australia, near the headwaters of the Moore River.



The settlement was opened by the Government of Western Australia in 1918. It was originally intended to be a small, self-supporting farming settlement for 200 Aborigines, with schooling and health facilities available for the children and employment opportunities for the adults. The settlement was supposed to accommodate Aborigines mainly drawn from the Murchison, Midlands and south-west regions of Western Australia. The ambition to turn the settlement into a farming community failed because the land was unsuitable for cultivation. During the 1920s its purpose shifted: Residents were usually brought there against their will as the camp attempted to fulfil the broader functions of orphanage, creche, relief depot and home for old persons, unmarried mothers, and the unwell. It also housed many "half-caste" (mixed-race) children. Many of the Aboriginal and mixed-race children were sent to Moore River, usually against their will, as part of the Stolen Generations. By 1933 the Aboriginal population at the institution had risen to over 500, leading to greater deterioration in the conditions experienced by the inmates. Between 1918 and 1952, 346 deaths were recorded at Moore River Native Settlement, 42% of which were children age 1–5. Socially, Moore River Native Settlement practiced strict segregation of the sexes and separated children from their parents under the dormitory system. In 1951 the government handed control of the settlement to the Mogumber Methodist Mission, which renamed it Mogumber Native Mission.[3] A greater emphasis was placed by the new owners on Christian guidance and on the vocational training of youths than had existed when it was a government institution. The facility remained running until 1974, when it was taken over by the Aboriginal Land Trust.



The story of 'Alice Ethel Ronan'

Fifteen years ago, Robert Ronan obtained his Grandmothers records from the Department of Indigenous Affairs and Department of Community Services. Some of the documents had been blacked out which appeared to be a way of removing information. Mr Robert Ronan said "The government didn't want people to know how people were really treated, which was badly" "However, this story can not go unrecognised as it is written in my Grandmothers own handwriting". The story of Alice Ronan came to light some 88 years after her passing, when her Grandson Robert Ronan, generously shared her story with Ms Trudi Cornish and her colleague Ms Trish Parker, at the Geraldton Regional Library in December 2012. Alice's story moved Ms Cornish incredibly. It was one which resonated with pain, endurance, perseverance, yet above all, triumph of the spirit. Alice's story unfortunately, replicates the experience of many Aboriginal people from her generation. At the turn of the nineteenth century, when Alice was born, social policies of the time dictated the way that Aboriginal people could live, work and raise their families. The negative effects of such policies have been well documented. In the following and as much as possible, Alice's voice has been used to tell her own story. Copies can be purchased at Bundiyarra for \$19.95 each. Phone: 9920 7900 or visit our online store: www.bundiyarra.com.au



Healing Hearts



Thanks to the Healing Foundation
Strong Spirit - Strong Culture - Strong People

On National Apology Day, Bundiyarra hosted a Cultural Morning Tea and played a locally produced short film 'Healing Hearts'. The film was a partnership between Bundiyarra, ABC Open - Chris Lewis and Radio Mama. Bundiyarra was successful with a funding application to the Healing Foundation for \$700 to host an event on National Apology Day. Discussions took place between the Cultural Events Committee and Community members to determine the best way of highlighting the significance of the Stolen Generation, how it affected and still affects many Aboriginal families today. Thanks to Kevin Merritt, Rob Ronan, Richard Nelly, Jayden Dann and Bella Cooper (pictured above left to right), for sharing their personal stories. Thanks must also be made to City of Greater Geraldton Mayor, Ian Carpenter who spoke about the great sadness that surrounds the Stolen Generation and the importance of Reconciliation. The film has been viewed over 1000 times via ABC Open, the Bundiyarra website and Youtube channel and Everything Geraldton. Thanks to George Scicluna of Rangeway Primary School for sharing two of his Didgeridoo students with the audience - the boys were great. Attendees enjoyed bush Lemon Merytl Tea, Kangaroo Burgers and a delicious cake made and donated by the Greenough Regional Prison.



Thanks for sending and congratulations on making such a sensitive and meaningful film! We will be sure to feature it in our publicity around the Apology. We are hoping to put it on Facebook this Friday too. Kind regards Niru Perera Communications Officer Healing Foundation

I shared this through the Durack staff network today and will post on FB, Twitter and LinkedIn. Good luck with promotion of this and congratulations on a very special project. Andi Dinse Marketing Coordinator Durack Institute of Technology

Thank you so much for sending this through!! I really appreciate it & will definitely be watching this plus sharing with some of my contacts. Kind regards Annie, Commonwealth Bank

We posted this to our wall today. Getting some mixed comments but really great film guys! Well done Peta Kingdon Everything Geraldton

Cultural Events Committee will highlight Yamaji talent

For the past couple of years, demand for Aboriginal inclusion in local events has continued to increase.

Bundiyarra receives regular phone calls and meeting requests from organisations wanting to see Bundiyarra or any local Aboriginal organisation, have a marquee at local events, provide contact details for musicians, dancers, Welcome to Country presenters and much more. Many meetings and discussions have occurred between local organisations to determine why we were not currently taking up all the offers presented.

Human Resources is one of the biggest factors.

Most are not-for-profit organisations which means that they are funded by government or other means to provide a Program or Service.

The budget to operate the Program or Service does not allow to pay staff to attend events or purchase equipment to setup at local events. Since meeting for the first time in early January, the Cultural Events Committee agreed that a Marquee, some banners and a PA would assist in being able to attend events.

A proposal was sent to local government, politicians, mining

corporations and members of the Midwest Aboriginal Organisations Alliance to contribute funds to the capital equipment required.

We are pleased to report that \$6000 was raised in 48 hours by the following partners:

\$1000: Sinosteel Midwest

\$1000: MP Melissa Price, Liberal Party

\$500: MP Ian Blayney, Member for Durack

\$500: MP Darren West, Member for National Party

\$1000: City of Greater Geraldton

\$250: Bundiyarra (BACAC)

\$250: Radio Mama

\$250: Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS)

\$250: Geraldton Streetworkers (STREETIES)

\$1000: Combined Universities Centre Rural Health(CUCRH)

The Cultural Events Committee would like to thank all partners for their quick response and acceptance of being able to assist all members of MAOA.

Mara Arts, trading as Yamaji Arts, has designed the top of the marquee which will also include partners logos.

MAOA Chairperson, Mr Gordon Gray said the the Alliance has now been operating for six years by goodwill.

"Members have been attending

monthly meetings for the past six years. "We have determined six priority areas including Health, Youth, Seniors, Education & Training.

"Reality is, we don't necessarily need more local organisations, we need to further determine the issues within our six priorities and support local agencies to make sustainable progress for the future.

"We have recently applied for funding to support a MAOA Executive Officer and Assistant. These roles will be instrumental in seeing MAOA deliver the results that are discussed around a table but limited to not-for-profit funding.

"Discussion with potential partners leads us to believe that the model that has been developed and will continue to be developed will be a leading model Australia wide.

"The Midwest and Gascoyne regions are delivering some major outcomes and this is raising awareness in other regions.

"The 8 metre x 4 metre marquee, promotional fly flags and PA will provide our members the opportunity to promote and brag about the amazing Services and Programs offered within this expansive region" Mr Gray said.

Photograph: Chris Lewis - ABC Open



Bundiyarra Members stand proud of strong Corporation

The story begins in 1992 when after 10 years of hard slogging, a group of Elders won their fight to win land rights for the reserve located on the corner of Eastward and Blencowe Roads in Utaarra.

The Elders weren't afraid of the hard work they had in front of them, as they saw the opportunity for a sporting, recreational and administrative centre for the local Aboriginal people once the land is developed.

This would allow them to preserve their heritage, promote their culture and provide their children and families with a launching pad for the future. The site for the Bundiyarra complex was chosen because of its historical significance.

Founding families, the Ronans, the Camerons the Dodds, the Gregorys, the Nannups and the Whitbys can trace their ancestry

in the area for many generations. Acknowledgement to Sandy Davies should also be made for his encouragement to Aboriginal people to use their voice. According to Rob Ronan, during the late 1950's his people used the land as a camping area because they were not allowed to go into town.

In 1994 the five hectare block, which was officially vested in the Aboriginal Lands Trust was granted to Bundiyarra on a 99-year 'peppercorn lease'. On Friday, 28 June 2002, the care, control and management of Bundiyarra Reserve 22660 was transferred from the Aboriginal Lands Trust to Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation as part of the Western Australian Government's Land Transfer Program.

To commemorate the occasion, the Hon. Alan

Carpenter, MLA, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, presented the framed documents to the Corporation at an official ceremony held at the Bundiyarra Centre.

Since the official opening on Wednesday, 1 May 1998, Bundiyarra has focused on the List of Objectives created by the Founding Elders.

Bundiyarra has offered a multitude of programs and services, assisted with the delivery of twenty language resources, delivered training in language and assisting organisations with how to engage Aboriginal people, offered conference room facilities, assisted remote communities to live in an environmentally friendly and safe place and acted as an umbrella body for a number of Aboriginal organisations.

Midwest NAIDOC Awards 2014

Inspirational Indigenous people are making their mark in all areas of society including music, art, culture, community, education, environment, sport, employment and politics.

If you know someone in your community who deserves to be recognised for their contribution, then complete this nomination form for the Midwest NAIDOC Awards 2014 in one of the following categories.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Scholar of the Year
- Male Community Service of the Year
- Female Community Service of the Year
- Apprenticeship Award
- Musician of the Year

- Artist of the Year
- Hall of Fame
- Male Elder of the Year
- Female Elder of the Year
- Reconciliation Award
- Community Service Volunteer
- Youth of the Year
- Non-Indigenous Male Person of the Year
- Non-Indigenous Female Person of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year

Entries for Midwest NAIDOC Awards close on Monday, 23 June, 2014 at 5pm.

Nomination forms can be collected from Bundiyarra or log onto our website: www.bundiyarra.com.au



Photograph: Chris Lewis - ABC Open

Dora Dann - Eldest Yamaji joins fellow Members on road - trip

Dora Dann can be proud of naming Bundiyarra. The word 'Bundiyarra' is taken from the Wajarri language and means 'This is a good place to go'. Dora was born on Byro Station on 6 June, 1923.

She married Jo Dann by tribal Elders on Byro Station in 1938 and again in the Geraldton Registry Office in 1950.

Dora is a highly respected Yamaji woman, born to Minnie Jones on Byro Station in 1923 and vividly remembers station life for Aborigines.

When I was fifteen I started work as a housemaid in the Byro homestead. I did washing and ironing. We used good old coal irons to do the ironing and I scrubbed floors and generally cleaned around the house.

"We did not receive wages. Instead we were given bread and meat.

After working for a year I asked if I could be paid wages. The Boss said, 'Why do you want money?'

I said I would like to buy things from the hawker, things like clothes

and lollies. So, from then on I was paid fifteen shillings a week."

When Dora's eldest child, Ken, reached school age they moved into Mullewa for Dora was determined that her children would have proper schooling she missed out on. Due to ill health, Dora was forced to place four of her children in Mogumber Methodist Mission, where they received their basic education.

In the early 1950s the Dann family moved to Geraldton where they were allocated a house in Beachlands. Here they lived for about forty years. Dora had thirteen children. She and Joe worked very hard to feed and clothe this large family.

All her thirteen children did have a good education and went onto worthwhile occupations in the fields of health, nursing, social support and in the Ministry of Justice.

Dora is an admired, senior Yamaji. She has worked with Aboriginal Community Police Liaison Group. She has been involved with the

Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation and with the Yamaji News newspaper. She has been a life time supporter of Bundiyarra. Her determination to make a go of the opportunity, has provided something for younger generations to utilise for many years to come.

Recently, Bundiyarra was invited by the Film and Television Institute to attend the Indigenous Community Stories Launch.

Held at the Rooftop Movies in Northbridge, the Launch included a special preview screening of 'Bundiyarra - a good place to go'. Produced through the Indigenous Community Stories initiative, the story includes Bundiyarra's Founding Elders and how they fought to win their land, in what became one of the first land transfers in Western Australian history. Dora was joined on the Perth road trip by two of her daughters, Elvie Dann and Coralie Dann, her Granddaughter Donna Ronan and her Great Grandson Jayden Dann.



Recording stories is invaluable

I now understand why there is a gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. This gap is only going to close, by history being recorded correctly.

People providing funding opportunities to record and preserve stories, are to be highly commended, and I believe, if this funding wasn't made available, Aboriginal language would be extinct within the next ten years. In the past, millions of dollars have been contributed to delivering Aboriginal programs and services. I question whether the desired outcomes could be achieved when the gap was so wide. Further consultation and partnerships with Aboriginal Australians, will assist with closing this gap further.

I have the pleasure of working with multiple, successful, Aboriginal Australians, who have fought for the betterment of Aboriginal people. I have listened to some amazing stories that shape Australian history truthfully, and have come to understand the utmost importance of being willing to work with, and alongside Aboriginal people to assist in building a better future for all Australians.

We all need to recognise and accept our first people, yes it may stir emotion and raise questions for some. Embrace the knowledge, embrace our true history and let's walk together as one.

I am honoured to be the chosen

representative for Bundiyarra's Life, Honorary and Board Members, of which many are here tonight including our own 90 years young Dora Dann. Dora has been involved with Bundiyarra since the late 1950's and has been instrumental in the Corporations development. Dora, our sister girl, named Bundiyarra, meaning a good place to go, and right she is.

We sincerely thank WA's Film & Television Institute, and all funding bodies for making the filming of Indigenous Community Stories possible.

As already mentioned, without partners like Rio Tinto, Screenwest, Leighton and Ngarda Civil and Mining, our true Australian history would be lost. We thank you for understanding the importance of recording Aboriginal stories.

Thanks to ABC Open - Chris Lewis, Reconciliation WA, Quest Apartments, the Water Corporation, Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Services and Geraldton Streetworkers Aboriginal Corporation for assisting us in making this trip to Perth a reality, on such a significant day, the 6th Anniversary of Kevin Rudd's National Apology.

By Marchelle McMath

The story 'Bundiyarra - a good place to go', will be launched locally during NAIDOC Week Celebrations.



Pictured from top: Jill Abdulla and Tiambra Calvin, Donna Ronan, Tiambra Calvin, Marchelle McMath, Jennifer Gregory - Kniveton and Joan Gray on arrival Rob Ronan on the big silver screen

Photographs by Chris Lewis - ABC Open



CHRISTOPHER LEWIS

ABC Open Producer
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Biography

Christopher was born for this job. At the age of nine, he stole his father's VHS video camera and shot a series of stop motion videos using matchbox cars and food items from his mother's pantry. In his teenage years Chris's passion for film continued to grow and he developed his skills with various guerrilla film making experiments such as trippy surf videos and directing his younger brother in comedy action montages. Christopher moved from Melbourne to Geraldton at a young age and has called the Midwest his home for the past 25 years. He studied Multimedia at the Central West College of TAFE in Geraldton and cut his teeth working in commercial media broadcasting and production houses in Perth and Geraldton. However, while attempting the fine balance of the commercial and the

creative, Chris never abandoned his love of regional stories and in 2009 he started his own independent production company and roaming outdoor cinema. Chris presented the Midwest with art house and foreign films through the roaming outdoor cinema, with screenings in local parks, on the foreshore, in cafés and across the outback. Chris cherishes history, knowing we can all learn from the past and for heritage week in 2011, he produced an independent feature-length documentary on the history of Geraldton, exclusively for cinema, titled 'Gerald's Town'. Christopher is a questioner, and loves to explore life's idiosyncrasies through film and media. He enjoys discovering tales from within the community and is excited to be working with the people of the Midwest.

The importance of recording stories

Over the past twelve months Bundiyarra has called on ABC Open - Chris Lewis to record local stories to share with the world.

Piecing together the story of Bundiyarra, commenced in February 2013.

Chris has joined us on the journey, interviewing many of our Life and Honary Members along with Board Members, staff and community members involved with Bundiyarra.

These stories have been produced into several short films, all can be watched on the ABC Open website. The importance of recording stories is invaluable.

Jennifer Kniveton says, "Storytelling is so important because it's already part of our culture. We are people of oral history and that's how a lot of our history is passed on.

"It's very important for Aboriginal people to pass on their stories to others because if the stories don't get passed on, it can create a chasm in our history," Jennifer says. It's fair to say Bundiyarra's story of fighting for land and their culture is just the beginning. The many stories yet to be told by many Aboriginal people are still to be recorded, sharing a light on the past so that we may see a glimpse of the future.

Perhaps there is a light in all of us, if only we're willing to share it with others?

If you would like to share your story, phone Chris Lewis at ABC Open on (08) 9923 4111

Bundiyarra short films now available

A Good Place

<https://open.abc.net.au/openregions/wa-mid-west-35nL7oA/posts/a-good-place-37kk6tq>

Celebrating 15 Years - A Good Place to Go

<https://open.abc.net.au/people/christopher-39sf2xw/posts/celebrating-15-years-of-a-good-place-78hj3up/in/tags/bundiyarra>

Acknowledging the Past for a Better Future

<https://open.abc.net.au/people/christopher-39sf2xw/posts/acknowledging-the-past-for-a-better-future-83qt6jg/in/tags/bundiyarra>

Filming the Filmers

<http://vimeo.com/69727935>

Sharing Stories on the Silver Screen

<https://open.abc.net.au/posts/sharing-stories-on-the-silver-screen-21nr6sl>

Road to Reconciliation

<https://open.abc.net.au/posts/road-to-reconciliation-04ct3cj>



National Reconciliation Week 2014 27 May to 3 June

Kathleen Gregory – Footprints in the Sand

Don't have hate in your heart to anybody. You have to love people, and don't be mean and you know, I always thought of that when I was a child. Mum always said walk tall, walk proud and look the world in the eye.

Opening Ceremony Mullewa Event, Mullewa District Office Tuesday 27th May 8.30am – 11am

Reconciliation Week Opening Ceremony, a flag raising ceremony has been organised by the Council and will be followed by a Community Morning tea at the Mullewa District Office.

Mullewa Film Festival, Mullewa Town Centre Tuesday 27th May 1pm – 2.10pm

Schools and Community members are invited to attend a series of four short films at the Mullewa Town Centre.
 Primary School 1pm – 1.30pm
 High School 1.30pm – 3.00pm
 Community members are welcome to attend both sessions.

ARCHIE ROACH and Yamaji Music Showcase

Nganhu Yara Wangga Jigu (translation: we all go and talk) Thursday 29th May 5.30pm til late

Celebrate Reconciliation Together!

Local artists and performers will provide you with an evening full of music and culture. Tickets can be booked at the Queens Park Theatre Box office (08) 9956 6662 or at the Civic Centre (08) 9956 6600, prices range between \$10-\$30. For more details contact the Box Office or the Civic Centre or queensparktheatre.com.au or on the Queens Park Theatre Facebook page.

Concert will feature:

- Archie Roach
- Red Ochre
- Deadly Old Divas and Irra Wangga Language Centre
- Wajarri Band
- Reynold Indich Dance Group
- Midwest Yamaji Band

Aboriginal art will also be displayed in the Queens Park Theatre Lower Foyer, Charmaine Green will be doing a special presentation in the Mezzanine Room at 4.30pm

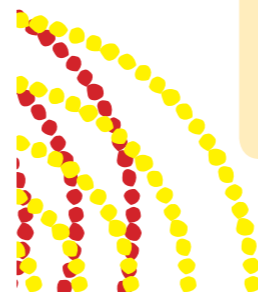


ARCHIE ROACH

Softball Carnival, Uta Karra Ball Park and Greenough Oval (Rovers Football Club) Friday 30th May & Sunday 1st June 8am

The Geraldton Softball Association June Carnival has been running for 39 years and is the most anticipated softball event on Western Australia's Softball Club's calendars. Each year the event draws more than 650 softballers and support staff to Geraldton from all over Western Australia.

The carnival commences on Friday 30th May and concludes on Sunday 1st June. Competition commences at 8am on Saturday and Sunday and 6pm on Friday with 144 fixture games taking place on two facilities.





6-13 July
2014 | **SERVING COUNTRY – CENTENARY & BEYOND**

GERALDTON
Western Australia
July 2013

This year's NAIDOC theme honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have fought in defence of country.

From our warriors in the Frontier Wars to our warriors who have served with honour and pride in Australia's military conflicts and engagements across the globe.

We proudly highlight and recognise the role they have played in shaping our identity and pause to reflect on their sacrifice. We celebrate and honour their priceless contribution to our nation.

Calendar of Events

6-13 July
2014

SERVING COUNTRY – CENTENARY & BEYOND

Thursday July **3**



NAIDOC School Carnival
Utakarra Ball Park
Contact: Margaret Maxwell
E: margaret.maxwell@education.wa.edu.au

Friday July **4**



NAIDOC Awards
Wintersun Hotel
Doors open 6.30pm
Contact: Laine Forsyth
E: laine@edcentre.wa.edu.au

Saturday July **5**



GNFL Yamaji Indigenous Football Round
Mullewa vs Brigades at Mullewa
Railways vs Rovers at Recreational Ground
Northampton vs Towns at Northampton
Bye: Chapman Valley
Colts at 10.30am
Reserves at 12.30pm
League at 2.30pm

CHOCKO FARRELL MEMORIAL SOFTBALL CHALLENGE
Utakarra Ball Park, Utakarra Road, Geraldton
Contact: Glenis Little
Phone: 0400 185 378

Sunday July **6**



NAIDOC Dawn Service
Birdwood House
RSL Hall
Time: 5.45am
Contact: Alan McDonald or Eric Dalgetty
Phone: 9956 6500




Monday July



NAIDOC March
Geraldton Forshore
Banner Making & Face Painting near DOME from 3pm
March commences at 5pm
Contact: Charmaine Green
E: tjarmaan@hotmail.com

Tuesday July **8**



NAIDOC Family Day
at Bundiyarra Community Grounds
Cnr Eastward & Blencowe Rds
Time: 7.00am - 2.30pm
Presented by Bundiyarra, STREETIES, Yamaji Arts, Radio Mama and MAOA

Including -

- STREETIES Big Breakfast from 7.00am
- Official Ceremony from 10.30am
- Entertainment by Radio Mama from 11.00am - 2.30pm
- Bundiyarra Serving Country VIP Luncheon from 12 noon
- Basket Weaving with Yamaji Arts

- Outdoor Children's activities with Bundiyarra Environmental Health Services
- Storytelling with Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre
- Loads of Stall Holders

Activities and fun for the whole family. Make this a School Holiday must do event!

Contact: Marchelle McMath
Phone: 9920 7900
E: manager@bundiyarra.org.au


Wednesday July **9**

NAIDOC Writers Night
Yamaji Art Centre
\$5 entry
Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Contact: Charmaine Green
E: tjarmaan@hotmail.com

Thursday July **10**

NAIDOC Seniors and Pensioners Lunch
Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Services (GRAMS)
Rifle Range Road
Time: 12 noon
Contact: Gwen Rakabula
Phone: 9956 6500

Friday July **11**



NAIDOC Waggajimanha Master Chef Cook Off
at Geraldton Streetwork Aboriginal Corporation (STREETIES)
Time: 11.30am
Contact: Julie Coffin
Email: julie.coffin@grams.asn.au

Saturday July **12**



NAIDOC Cabaret
Wintersun Hotel
Doors open 6.30pm
Contact: Laine Forsyth
E: laine@edcentre.wa.edu.au

Reconciliation Week 27th May - 3rd June

ARCHIE ROACH

and Yamaji Music Collective
Nganhu Yara Wangga Jigu
(translation: we all go and talk)

QUEENS PARK THEATRE

Thursday 29th May
5.30pm

Supported by:

- Red Ochre
- Deadly Old Divas and Irra Wangga Language Centre
- Wajarri Band
- Reynold Indich Dance Group
- Midwest Yamaji Band

BOOKINGS

Queens Park Theatre Box Office - 08 9956 6662
www.queensparktheatre.com.au

City of Greater Geraldton Civic Centre - 08 9956 6600

TICKETS:

- Adult - \$30
- Friend/Pensioner/Senior - \$25
- Community Group 20+ - \$20
- Child/Secondary Student - \$15
- Family (2 + 2) - \$20 per ticket
- School Group 20+ - \$10 per ticket



ARCHIE
ROACH



Journey to Reconciliation

The Journey to Recognition stopped in Geraldton in November to build community support for constitutional recognition of indigenous Australians. About 30 people came together at Bundiyarra to meet campaigners and participate in an open discussion at Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation.

Recognise campaigner Dale Agius said the journey was about getting out into the heart of the nation and meeting as many Australians as possible.

"We want to spread the message of this movement," he said.

"The Journey left Melbourne on a cold morning in May and now we've come as far as Geraldton.

"Every Australian can share in this important moment in history."

RECOGNISE is the people's movement to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Constitution.

We need to fix the historical exclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from Australia's Constitution. And we need to remove

discrimination – like the section of our Constitution that says people can be banned from voting based on race.

Tens of thousands of Australians from all walks of life have already declared their support to recognise the first Australians in our founding document.

We want to see fairness and respect at the heart of our Constitution, and to remove discrimination from it. Our goal is a more united nation. This is a chance for Australia to acknowledge the first chapter of our national story, and to forge our future together - after so many chapters apart.

RECOGNISE acknowledges the Traditional Owners across the nation.

We honour them as the custodians of the lands and waters and Australia's ancient cultural knowledge.

RECOGNISE is a part of Reconciliation Australia, and are governed by the Board of Reconciliation Australia.

To stay in touch with the journey log onto www.recognise.org.au/thejourney



Our Black Pearl, Jennifer Gregory - Kniveton

Locally born and bred in Geraldton, Jennifer has spent the past 12 years dedicated to Bundiyarra.

Her passion for the Corporation comes from continuing her Mother Kathleens Gregory's dream of designing and delivering Programs and Services for the betterment of Aboriginal people.

Jenny commenced as Chief Executive Officer in 2002 and has also been a Board Member and for the past four years the Coordinator of the Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre.

The Centre is committed to restoring, preserving and educating language and Aboriginal culture.

Jenny is a well educated lady and is an experienced presenter who has worked across WA for several years.

This wealth of experience oozes when Jenny delivers Connecting Cultures - Cultural Awareness Training, a package written by Jenny for the benefit of Bundiyarra and community.

Her qualifications include:

- Batchelor of Social Science specialising in Aboriginal Community Development and Community Management
- Qualified Cert IV Train the Trainer

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I really enjoyed the way Jenny facilitated along with the other guests - very informative and I learnt a lot



Connecting Cultures

Cultural Awareness Training

What is Aboriginal Cultural Awareness?

Aboriginal Cultural Awareness means having knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal people's histories, values, belief systems, experience and lifestyles.

It is not about becoming an expert on Aboriginal culture; however it is about being aware of the cultural differences that exist, appreciating and having an understanding of those differences, and accepting them.

This training package has been written by Jennifer Kniveton for the benefit of Bundiyarra and Aboriginal community.

Durack Institute of Technology recently engaged in Bundiyarra's Connecting Cultures - Cultural Awareness Training.

At the end of the day, participants are asked to complete an Evaluation of the training. The Evaluation allows participants to score each section of the training from one to five. One being poor and five being excellent.

The average score from the two days of training was 4.5. In general participants loved the facilitation of the training along with being able to interact with a variety of guest speakers and story tellers.

Could your business or organisation benefit from understanding Aboriginal culture better? Could you work better with Aboriginal people.

Connecting Cultures - Cultural Awareness Training includes six modules being;

1. Self as a worker
2. The past and present history of Aboriginal Australia
3. Identity and everyday ways of life
4. Communicating and relating
5. Working in your local community
6. Bus tour to significant land and sea sites

For further information, including a copy of the *Course Outline*, please contact Jennifer Gregory - Kniveton on (08) 9920 7900 or email: projects@bundiyarra.org.au



“Very engaging, knowledgeable and interactive”

Bundiyarra Staff Member focus



“Language is the Road Map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going” - *Leeann Merritt*

Working with Aboriginal Languages at Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre gives me a sense of belonging in a team of significant people in the community.

Language is important, Culture is important and the Valuable people who bring their knowledge into our Language Program are very important.

Aboriginal Languages hold a place of high importance in the history of Australia, also in the preservation of Aboriginal Culture.

Leeann is currently teaching Wajarri Classes at Meekaway Kindy at Beachlands Primary School and she is happy to see schools are playing their part in keeping the languages alive and giving the children the opportunity to learn 'their own' language.

PROFILE

From: My mother is from Mullewa and my father is from Carnarvon, so I grew up between the 2 towns.

Language: My mothers language is Wajarri and my fathers language is Nhanda.

Role: Our main role as a team at Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language is to preserve, maintain and revitalise seven languages in the Midwest and Gascoyne regions. These languages include Yingkarta, Malgana, Nhanda, Wajarri, Badimaya, Wiridi and Thaagurda. Other roles include transcribing, Teaching in schools, fieldtrips to gather information and assist in educational workshops.

Training: Currently, I am undertaking a 3 year course, 'Aboriginal Languages Teacher's Training' to become a qualified Language Teacher.

Dream: My dream is to see Aboriginal Languages being taught in every school in Australia and to learn whatever I can.

About the Wajarri Language

Wajarri is the language spoken by the people who originally lived along the upper reaches of the Murchison River, from around Yallalong Station in the west, to near Meekatharra in the east, from north of Mt Augustus, to south of Talarang Peak.

The language is sometimes incorrectly and confusingly referred to as Yamaji. This is a word from the Wajarri language which traditionally meant an Aboriginal man of a certain status.

Today its meaning has been extended to included Aboriginal men, women and children from the several language groups in the wider Midwest of Western Australia. Hence Yamaji has become a regional name for the people, but it is not a language name.



Guest Speaker Program Thriving

Why have a Guest Speaker Program?

- To promote to our children and wider community that Aboriginal culture and identity is a positive part of the world or community they live in.
- To encourage and support local Aboriginal people in our community to showcase and share their rich culture, identity and skills to the wider community.
- To promote reconciliation and respect for Aboriginal people and their culture
- To provide schools/community agencies with a structured cultural program that meets their needs

What is the criteria of the Program?

- Must be Aboriginal
- Willing to work with Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal people (eg in schools and local community)
- Be confident, reliable and punctual and able to work in big or small groups
- Respect your culture and language
- Have skills in Art, Language,

Culture, poetry, music, acting, role model history, bush skills, other special interests

- Be willing to work as part of a team

How can you join the Program?

Ring Bundiyarra on 99207900 We will invite you in to talk about the program and complete a Guest Speaker registration form, working with children's check and police clearance (if you are registered with a job network they can help with this, otherwise we pay up front for these)

Your name is placed on the list of guest speakers A school or agency rings us and asks for someone with specific skills We contact you and refer you to the school or agency Bundiyarra will do the initial induction and introduction with you to the school or agency and support you as required until you are confident.

The program is a fee for service and we charge the school and pay you an hourly rate while you are working in

the program.

What sorts of activities are Aboriginal Guest Speakers already doing through this program?

- Wajarri Language Classes with 4 year olds at Meekaway Aboriginal Pre Primary in Beachlands.
- Wajarri Language support to Aboriginal students at Geraldton Secondary College
- Cultural support for John Willcock High School students
- Language Classes on Saturday mornings at Bundiyarra
- Working with the Geraldton Museum during school holiday programs

Ring Jennifer Kniveton-Gregory at Bundiyarra on 99207900 or call into Bundiyarra and have a yarn about the program.

Pictured above: Consultant Lois Spehn-Jackson, Carmen Simpson, Leeann Merritt, Edie Mahr, Nadine Taylor and Rebecca Cotterill

Wajarri Language Corner

WAJARRI WORDSLUTH
All the words below relate to people.
The remaining letters form the name of a local Aboriginal Agency. Which one is it?

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N	G	B	A	R	R	A	N	G	B	A	R	R	A	N	G	E	R	A
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B	E	L	L	Y	B	U	T	T	O	N	W	A	U	L	R	A	Y	N

Wajarri	English
warri	abdomen
marbu	Achilles tendon
winjayimanha	ageing
barlba	ankle
galya	armpit
barrang-barrang	backbone
binji	belly button
maga	head
guru	eye
nyarlu	female
birri	finger nail
jina	foot
yunda	hair
janda	leg, calf
janja	skin
yurla	male
aba	nanna
warri	stomach
wirlga	tooth
nyarlu	woman
binji	navel
mulya	nose
jinjamarda	baby

Wajarri song

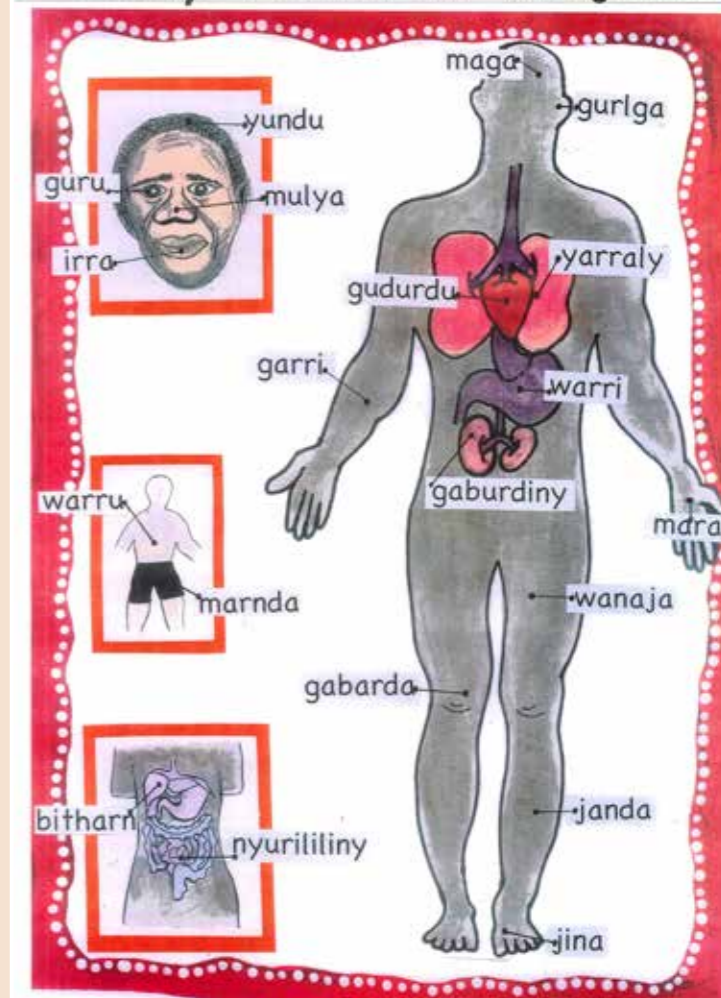
Nyinda Barndi

(use the same tune as 'bananas in pajamas')

Nyinda Barndi, nyinda barndi?
Guwa ngatha barndi
Ngatha barndi, ngatha barndi
Guwa ngatha barndi
Nyinda, ngatha, nhurra,
Guwa guwa ngatha barndi

Are you good, are you good
Yes, I'm good
I'm good, I'm good
Yes, I'm good
You, me, everyone
Yes, yes, everyone good

Body Parts in Wajarri





Pictured above: Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre Linguist James Bednall with Coordinator Jennifer Gregory - Kniveton

Midwest Aboriginal Languages embrace technology

The Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre is continuing to embrace new technology with the recent edition of 'Speaker Pen'. Since February 2013, Bundiyarra has launched their website and in August 2013, appointed an inaugural Website and IT Officer Dwayne Smith. In November, the 'Online Book Store' was made live and now sees up to 100 visitors per day. Sales of Midwest and Gascoyne Language Resources and Storybooks has increased over 400 percent. In early April, the Language Centre travelled to Kirkalocka Station for the launch of the Badimaya Dictionary, Badimaya Gwaga and Badimaya Alphabet Poster. Badimaya community was thrilled with the results of all publications with special mention being made to the addition of a 'Speaker Pen'. Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language

Centre Linguist, Mr James Bednall, travelled to America in early 2013 to the National Linguist Conference where he discovered a unique concept to help with the learning of language - the 'Speaker Pen'. Mr James Bednall said "the technology is delivered by the Language Resources being printed on a very find sound paper and the audio files being uploaded to the 'Speaker Pen' "When a user holds the 'Speaker Pen' over the words on either the Badimaya Gwaga or Badimaya Alphabet Poster, you will hear the words being pronounced in language. "This technology will assist in teaching language and you can hear the way the words sound". he said. There are multiple Language Resources and Storybooks available through the Irra Wangga Language Centre, visit www.bundiyarra.com.au



Pictured above: Bundiyarra - Irra Wangga Language Centre Senior Language Worker Leanne Merritt with Language Worker Rosalie Jones in front the ever expanding range of Resources and Story Books



High Demand for Bundiyarra Environmental Health Services

Each month, the demand for the services provided by the Environmental Health Program increases.

In fact, the Program receives up to 100 calls per month from residents needing assistance with a range of services.

The service provides a comprehensive program to the Kardaloo and Pia remote communities and assist where possible and in like fashion, other Aboriginal communities in the region such as Buttah Windee, Yulga Jinna, Mt Magnet, Burringurah and Mungala.

It is acknowledged that interagency partnerships have been developed with the Department of Families, Department of Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs via Municipal service providers such as Yulella and MEEDAC to assist in service delivery.

A Memorandum of Understanding is also in place with the City of Greater Geraldton.

A point for all residents to remember is while we would like to offer a same day service, it is impossible to deliver with just three full time employees.

The Output Services on offer include;

- Rubbish removal programs
- Dog health
- Pest control
- Dust suppression
- Septic tank/leach drain maintenance
- Maintenance to facilities and equipment
- Community plumbing and other rudimentary repairs
- Provide support and education
- Advance and promote Environmental Health principals to community

Referrals continue to be conducted in the Geraldton City area.

Where possible the assistance of the occupants is requested. Education and promotion of Environmental Health is provided

to the occupant/s at the time of the referral.

Referral works completed include;

- Pest control
- Rubbish removal
- Yard clean-ups
- Mould assessment and treatments
- Septic inspections

We ask residents to please remember that while these services are available for all Aboriginal residents, priority is given to;

- The issue or request should have a negative impact upon people's health (eg breeding of cockroaches, mosquitos or mice)
- Be an aged pensioner
- Do not have a vehicle or trailer
- No drivers licence
- Lives below the poverty line (struggling for money)
- Have no family or other support to help do it or
- Have been referred by another Agency or department.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Health





High Demand for Bundiyarra Environmental Health Services Continued

Basic Service delivered to households

- Disposal of yard rubbish
- Mowing of lawns
- Whipper snipping
- Weed spraying
- Spraying of insects (ants etc)
- Repair of water leaks where applicable
- Reaming of household taps
- Possible unblocking of septic pipes
- Hiab Crane made available where heavy lifting is required
- Furniture removed (where people are in urgent need)

Instances where we won't deliver services

- Where alcohol or drugs are being consumed
- Where people have no inclination to help themselves
- Where there are large numbers of members but no-one doing anything to help
- Where people have previously abused the service for any reason
- Angry dogs

Community empowerment

- Where applicable, arrangements can be made for trailer or minor tools left with members to maintain their own residential and community environment.
- Members are encouraged to participate in service delivery where possible
- Members must be available when work is being undertaken in their home
- Workers must have clear access to the work area. This does not include leaving the key for a worker to get access to the house and/or yard.

Equipment and tools available for use

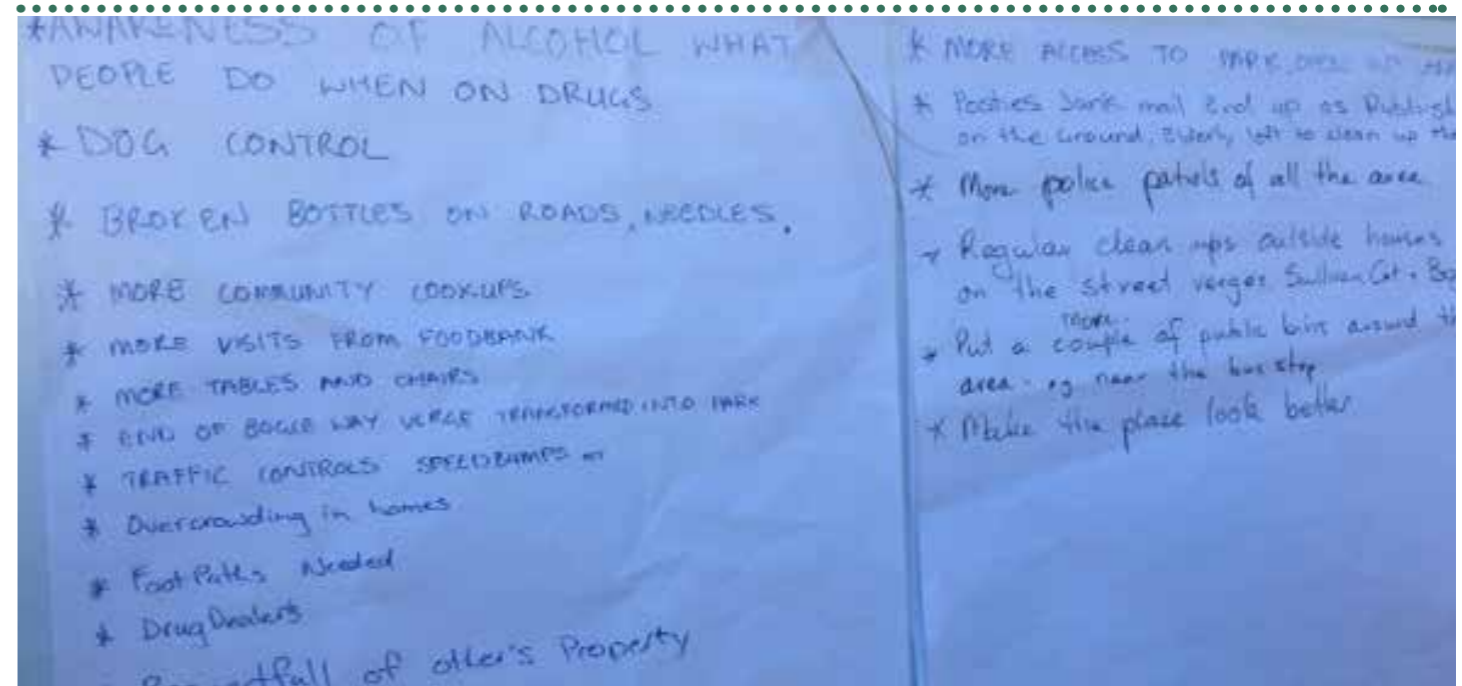
- Trailors
- Rakes
- Shovels
- Spades
- Whipper Snipper
- Lawn Mowers

The loan and use of tools and equipment is a privilege and not a right.

They must be taken care of and put away in a safe place when not in use. A time line should be agreed to by Bundiyarra and the Tenant for the use of the equipment. Unless agreed to by Bundiyarra Environmental Health Services, the equipment must not be taken away for use by other tenants even if the work is not complete. Bundiyarra should be contacted immediately on 9920 7900 when work is finished or tools go missing.

We ask tenants and homeowners to please respect this Service. As previously stated, we receive up to 100 phone calls per month from people requiring help and it is our duty to ensure that we assist priority calls first.

If you require one of the Output or Referral Services on offer you can contact the Environmental Health team by phoning 9920 7900.



Bogle Way residents contribute to future planning

Bundiyarra Environmental Health Services have recently facilitated two Community Gatherings at Bogle Way in Spalding.

Prior the gatherings, Environmental Health Services Coordinator Gordon Gray, coordinated a series of meetings with the City of Greater Geraldton, Department of Housing and Mission Australia to discuss the current issues, why they may be occurring, how they could potentially be rectified and how each of the Agencies can work together to assist better outcomes.

Each of the Agencies have attended the gatherings. Residents were invited to come along, share their frustrations of

what they find difficult about living in the area and what improvements they would like to see occur. Some of the topics provided to date include;

- Residents want more education about drugs and alcohol and what it does to people.
- Better dog control
- Be involved in more community cookups
- More visitation from Foodbank
- More tables and chairs in the parks
- More traffic control and the installation of speed humps
- Overcrowding in homes
- Lack of footpaths
- More Police patrols in the area
- Regular cleanups in the area

- More bins
- Each Agency has a record of the information and will continue to work together to rectify some of the outlined issues.

In addition, residents were asked what type of equipment they required to be able to conduct cleanups of their own houses. The main items included mops and mop buckets, hoses, rakes, kitchen bins, cleaning products and shovels. These items will be purchased through a City of Greater Geraldton Community Grant and made available to families who engage in the Environmental Health Program from early June.



Mungullah and Carnarvon Town Clean Up

This exercise was undertaken during the week, 14th – 17th April 2014. The clean up and visit was undertaken in conjunction with Greg McConkey training program in Carnarvon. Greg had committed to the training of a group of 14 trainees from Carnarvon undergoing Cert II in IEH training with Empower Education.

13 of these trainees were from Gascoyne Asset Maintenance (GAMS), the RJCP provider for this region and one (Jeffrey Ryder) is employed as an AEHW with the Gascoyne Population Health Unit in Carnarvon.

The program is also strongly supported by the City of Greater Geraldton with funds provided for the clean up.

The clean up and visit was undertaken in partnership and coordination with Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation Environmental Health Team, lead by Gordon Gray and including Colin Jones, Ron Cross and Wes Hedlam. In attendance also was Greg McConkey Empower Education, Graham Hulett from Dept of Hous-

ing Canarvon, Gary Heir Dept of Housing Geraldton, Mungullah Community and Women's coordinator at Mungullah, Leisha Norling, Jeffery Ryder of Population Health, Carnarvon.

In all around approximately 20 environmental health workers and trainees took part in the exercise. In addition a number of Community members gave a hand where possible, and children also took part where and when they could get either a cool drink from Mr McConkey or a football or Basketball from Mr Gray. There was around 42 houses at Mungullah and 14 in town done in the 3 days.

Approximately 30 tandem trailer loads were recorded as taken from Carnarvon town and 12 trailer loads from Mungullah. It is clear that Mungullah is becoming more conscious about their rubbish, considering the huge amount of rubbish that was taken from the community last year. In terms of volume of rubbish, the Carnarvon tip has a new weigh-

bridge and it has a built in digital weight gauge.

While each individual trailer load was not recorded each trip, it was noted that the heaviest load was around 500ks and the lightest was approximately 300ks.

If we average that out amongst the total loads at say 400ks, it would indicate we delivered around 16 ton of household rubbish to the Carnarvon tip.

We can now understand why they asked us to move to another area. The main purposes of the clean ups are; To greatly reduce health related illnesses to residents of the Aboriginal community as well as visitors.

The illnesses can be much of the following and the most common in Aboriginal communities; Gastroenteritis, diarrhoea, pneumonia, skin infections colds and flu, scabies, lice and hookworm.

The build up of particularly household rubbish also causes the breeding of cockroaches, spiders, fleas, mice and other insects that carry viruses ect.

Another major purpose of the clean-ups is not only to help residents reduce health related issues, but a major fact of the cause it created from overcrowding in homes, people not having a vehicle or a trailer, or anyone having a drivers licence.

As with other regions throughout West Aust, many people and families are moving into major towns such as Carnarvon, Meekatharra and Geraldton due to the lack of services and program, as well as dysfunction within the remote communities. Families who have a house in such towns are obligated to take in their families that move there, which of course leads to overcrowding and disfunction in individual households, in addition to pressure on power, water and sewerage systems.

One of the major factors in favour of the tenants is it allows them to comply with orders issued by the home owners and that is to dispose of rubbish and keep yards clear of

grass ect. This is a vital service to tenants who cannot undertake the requirements themselves. Some tenants expressed extreme gratitude that we had undertaken the work and even offered to pay for the service.

In reference to the traineeships, Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation for the past 3 years has provided support and advice to Service Agencies to help develop a regional Environmental Health Program in the Gascoyne Region. This would include, Mungullah and the town of Carnarvon, Gascoyne Junction(Woodgimia), and Burringurrah. There has been a reasonable amount of interest in the past and now it would appear a further step has been taken with GAMS being the local RJCP provider in conjunction with EP Services have provided an undertaking to train some young people to be candidates for the future.

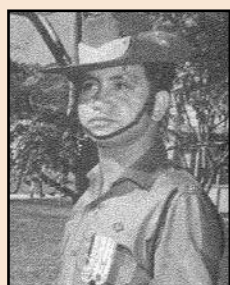
The Department of Health through Population Health already provide a position for EH along with the Town

Council of Carnarvon.

Many of the trainees mentioned above are already administered by GAMS and it would be beneficial for this program to become an ongoing commitment to service the region. However, additional capital resources are required before this can take place and it would require the full support of the service providers and the Aboriginal Community to agree to such a proposal.

While it is acknowledged that there is no EH Program in the Gascoyne Region, the benefit to the trainees are great and as soon as they complete their training and receive their certificates they can be engaged immediately to undertake all aspects of EH work in an Aboriginal community or town. In all, it was a very successful program and one that clearly shows the actual need is great.

*Gordon Gray
EH Coordinator*



Pictured: Mr Graham Taylor wears his medals in honor of his term Serving for Country

**TAYLOR
Graham Peter**

56212 Private, Graham Peter Taylor born 9.5.1952 at Three Springs WA. Son of George Cyril Taylor and Pauline Ethel Wheelock. Enlisted Royal Australian Infantry Corps. Served Vietnam. 4th Battalion. The Royal Australian Regiment 13.5.1971 - 17.12.1971

Information from 'Forever Warriors' written by Jan 'Kalbarri' James



Pictured: Mr Alan Headland wears his father's Mr Hubert Charles Headland, medals with great pride

**HEADLAND
Hubert Charles**

WX22476 Private, Hubert Charles Headland born 21.7.1927 Bassendean WA. Died 25.2.1986 Perth WA, buried Karrakatta, Perth WA. Son of William John Headland and Mary Cecilia Wilkes. Pre-war occupation Fram Hand. Enlisted 6.7.1943 at Karrakatta, Perth WA. Embarked at Brisbane Qld per 'Seasnipe' 21.11.1944 and disembarked 12.12.1944 at Bouganville. Embarked Torokina per 'Kanimbla' 28.9.1974. Embarked Rabaul per 'Kanimbla' 26.5.1946 and disembarked Sydney 1.6.1946. Discharged 15.11.1946, 55/53rd Australian Infantry Battalion.



Pictured left: Ms Gloria Fogerty wears her father's Mr Arthur Thomas Fogerty, medals with pride

**FOGERTY
Arthur Thomas**

WX36930 (W42853) Private, Arthur Thomas Fogerty born 7.10.1922 Mt Magnet WA. Son of Arthur Fogerty and Bridget (Topsy) Little. Pre-war occupation Shearer. Enlisted 18.2.1942-24.3.1943 in the CMF. Enlisted AIF at Field NT 25.3.1943-19.6.1946. Embarked Darwin 23.11.1944 per USA 'James Adams'. Disembarked Jacquinet Bay 3.12.1944. Served New Britain 25.11.1944-17.3.1946. Demob 11th AIB.

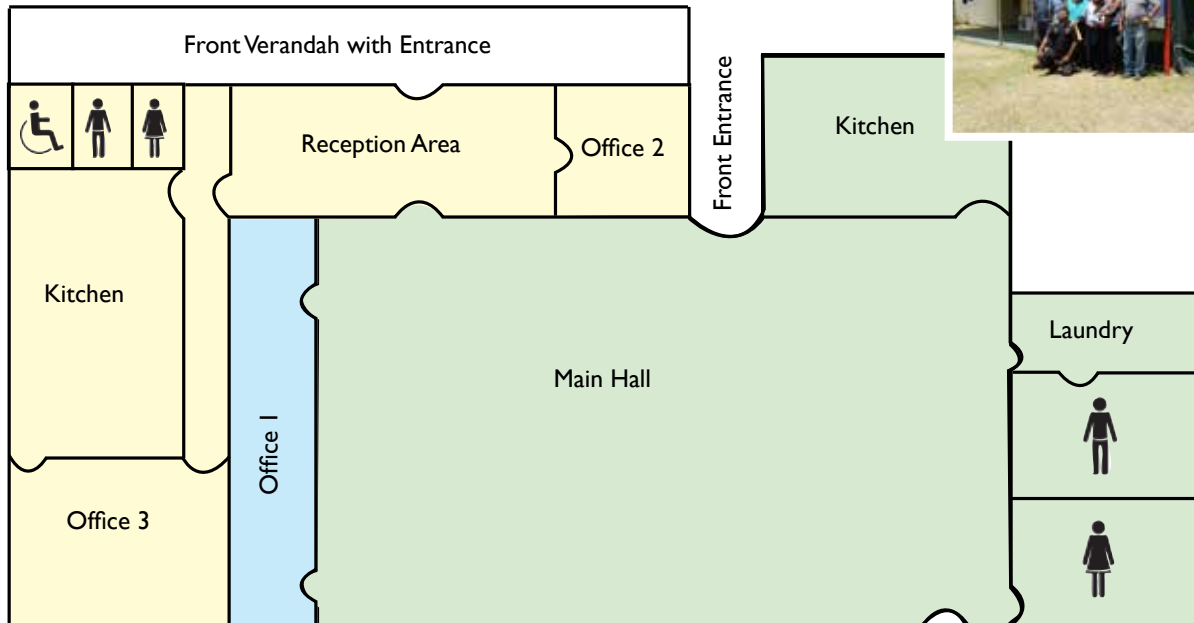
Anzac Day at Birdwood House

The R&SL Geraldton in conjunction with The City of Greater Geraldton conducted its annual ANZAC Day commemorative Service at Birdwood House, Forrest Street on Friday 25th April 2014.

Mr Alan Hedland, Graham Taylor and Gloria Fogerty joined the March and ceremony in honor of their fathers and personal time Serving for Country. On Tuesday, 8 July 2014, Bundiyarra in partnership with Yamaji Marlpa and Department of Aboriginal Affairs will host a VIP Luncheon for local Aboriginal families who have spent time Serving for Country. The Bundiyarra Conference room will be converted into a Memorial Hall for the week of NAIDOC 2014.

Office and Meeting Space for Rent

Yanaji Yanma Hall 163 Fraser Street
Beachlands



MAIN HALL

Casual Booking Area

Help us revitalise Yanaji Yanma Hall!
The money from every booking will be used to continually improve the Hall facilities including new tables, chairs and painting.

This area includes a large meeting space with separate kitchen and toilet facilities.

Perfect area for:

- Committee Meetings
- Wakes
- Gatherings
- Music Rehearsals
- Programs

Half Day \$75 plus \$50 bond
3 hour booking including time required for cleaning

Full Day \$150 plus \$50 bond

The bond is returned once the Hall has been checked for cleaning and the key has been returned. Please allow up to 48 hours for bond return.

LONG TERM OFFICES

Central Location

This area includes its own front entry reception/waiting area, two separate lockable offices, kitchen and toilet facilities.

Fraser Street connects to Francis Street, one of the main entry roads into Geraldton from the Beachlands area.

Bundiyarra is willing to discuss any opportunities for this space.
Minimum 6 months lease.

Agencies requiring some offices with the additional of a meeting/function area will be delighted to see the set up of this multi-purpose Hall.

\$330.00 per week

Shed

Yanaji Yanma History

The Yanaji Yanma Hall in Beachlands has been part of the Aboriginal Community since the early 1960's. The building was left in the will of Mrs Daley who stated that the purpose of the building was for the benefit of Aboriginal Community. Once known as Gurinja Winja Dooa, the first Aboriginal Council for Geraldton, it then became Boomerang Council for Geraldton before its current title of Yanaji Yanma. The Hall has been an incubator to many Aboriginal organisations including the beginning of Meekaway Pre-Primary, GRAMS, CDP (Wila Gutharra) and Bundiyarra along with several community programs and hosting an array of events such as balls, wakes and birthdays.

The money raised from every 'Casual' booking will be used to improve the Hall facilities including new tables, chairs and painting.

For further information or an inspection please phone Marchelle McMath on (08) 9920 7900