



Nyiyaparli Mirlimirli

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Artwork by Justine Wheelock

COVER ARTWORK

We are delighted to showcase the wonderful art from this years NAIDOC Nyiyaparli artist **Justine Wheelock**.

The 2026 NAIDOC theme, *50 years Deadly*, is beautifully represented in this piece by Justine.

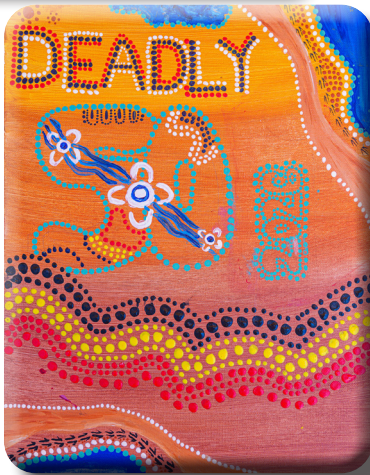
Each year we design member polo shirts for NAIDOC week and these were distributed recently at the beneficiaries meeting. We quickly ran out of the adults polo shirts as this design proved very popular with **marlpa**.

We still have a few kiddies sizes left so if you missed out for the little ones reach out to Keely at the KNAC office in Hedland.

Thanks again to Justine for providing us with this art and allowing us to provide such a deadly top for our members to wear!



Marpa rocking our new tops at the Beneficiaries meeting.



We know that there are many more Nyiyaparli Artists out there!

We love seeing our marlpa proudly wearing art produced by one of our own. And we regularly get requests from stakeholders and other interested parties for Nyiyaparli art.



Did you know, for example, that the planned major re-development of the **Panpatina** Airport will showcase several new pieces of Nyiyaparli Art?

We want to make sure that we showcase as much **Yankurri** art, by as many of our mob as we can, in all that we do here within KNAC and around Nyiyaparli **Yurlu**.

This is why we have set up the Nyiyaparli Artist Register.

To make sure you don't miss out when we are looking for **karnanmarra** (new) artwork for the many exciting projects coming up, contact Keely at the Hedland office to register yourself as an artist interested in doing commissioned pieces.

Throughout this, and all our publications, we are committed to use as much Nyiyaparli Language as we can. It begins with this Edition being the first to step away from the English name of *Nyiyaparli Newsletter* and instead to name it in language as **Nyiyaparli Mirlimirli**.

We have highlighted the **Nyiyaparli** words throughout as we use them, and any explanatory *English* we have put in italics.

Here is an GLOSSARY of many of the words we use within this **Nyiyaparli Mirlimirli** which can assist the non Nyiyaparli speaker with understanding and pronunciation.

NYIYAPARLI	PRONUNCIATION	ENGLISH
Panpatina	bun-bah-dee-nah	<i>Newman</i>
Marlpa	mal-bah	<i>People</i>
Yankurri	yan-goo-dee	<i>Amazing! (really good at)</i>
Yurlu	yoo-loo	<i>Country</i>
Karnanmarra	garn-nun-mah-dah	<i>New</i>
Mirlimirli	milly-milly	<i>Paper</i>
Marlpa Purtayi	mal-bah boor-day	<i>Team</i>
Ngooru	noor-loo	<i>Culture</i>
Nampalurra	num-bah-lo-rah	<i>Active</i>
Karnti Marnarnu	gun-dee mar-nar-dah	<i>Split Jack</i>
Papa	bubba	<i>Water</i>
Wungka	oon-gah	<i>Creek</i>
Murnto	murn-doo	<i>Included</i>
Janturu	jan-doo-roo	<i>Bee (Honey)</i>
Yalthago	yal-jal-goo	<i>Learn</i>
Malykanpa	mal-gun-bah	<i>Snappy Gum</i>
Wanparra	wan-bah-rah	<i>Together</i>
Parkarrpa	bah-gard-bah	<i>Community</i>
Ngarlinpa	ngar-lin-bah	<i>Share</i>
Karnanmarra	garn-nun-mah-dah	<i>New</i>
Milara	mil-ar-rah	<i>Connection</i>
Maya	may-yah	<i>Home</i>
Thapata	jan-bah-dah	<i>Food</i>
Wangkama	wan-gah-mah	<i>Talk</i>
Yintilpa	yin-dil-bah	<i>Rain</i>
Jumpakuta	joom-bah-goo-dah	<i>Small</i>
Jilgi	jill-gee	<i>Red Claw Crayfish</i>
Manganyah	marng-arn-yah	<i>Fish</i>
Mangkurtu	mung-goor-doo	<i>Marsh</i>
Karla	gar-lah	<i>Fire</i>
Mirranga	mid-an-nga	<i>Old</i>
Jilya	jil-yah	<i>Young</i>
Kutawa	goo-doo-wah	<i>Ethel Creek</i>

Chairpersons Report



Streamy enjoying a well earned break!

Over the past few months there has been lots going on to support our members, our **yurlu** (country) and the **marlpa** (people) on our **yurlu**. There's lots to read about so grab a **nyilla** (tea) and enjoy this **mirlimirli**!

There is information for all the areas of the corporation that are working with and for Niyaparli everyday. This activity also comes to the Board when we meet every month and informs the decisions we make in line with our responsibilities and your expectations. You can read about some of those recent things that concern our **Yurlu** in the Native Title section starting on page 11 and the member only quarterly Future Acts report will be sent out soon too to help you stay up to date.

This information also recently informed our decision to approve the next financial year budget. This budget continues to ensure we source income for various sources, not just the Niyaparli Trust. In fact trust funds make up less than 50% of this budget's income. We are also pleased that it will deliver three major projects in the next 12 months for the benefit of our people:

- i. Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Centre in Perth
- ii. Hedland Shed Refurbishments - Community Hall and On **Yurlu** Office space
- iii. Ranger On-**Yurlu** Hub (read more on page 25)

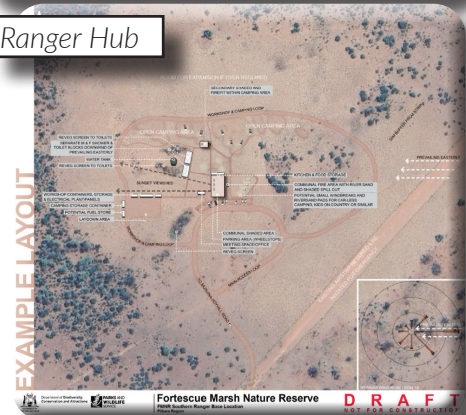
Hedland Shed Refurbishment



Health and Wellbeing Centre in Perth



Ranger Hub



With so much growth in the capacity and activity of our corporation in the last few years, we know we need to keep an eye on making sure all parts of KNAC keep up. So you can also read about some of the evaluations we have completed as a Board on our programs and operations to make sure that they are still providing direct benefit to our **parkarrpa** (community) - including our commercial operations, agreements and investments (see page 49). This year we are also working through an evaluation of our Rule Book and our membership application processes (like the application form) to check they are also still in line with our responsibilities and your expectations. If we agree any updates should be made to our Rule Book, I will be explaining these at the AGM in November and put them to a vote (Special Resolution). These kinds of changes can only happen if most of our members at the meeting agree, and if ORIC then also confirms any proposed changes are lawful and in the best interests of all of our members.

The Board have also been working with management to confirm the terms of our new Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Nyiyaparli Trustee (Mutual Trust). This agreement sets out how KNAC and Mutual must work **wanparra** (together) for the benefit of the Nyiyaparli people as well as the roles, rights and responsibilities of each party. So far there has been a lot of agreement between us and the DMC, TO Council and Trustee on updates to the old 2022 SLA. We look forward to confirming finalising the new agreement by the deadline of 30 June.



Inspecting the shed refurbishment



Kutawa - Ethel Creek

I am also very pleased to have had the chance to join our Pastoral team on **yurlu** recently. It was great to see some of the recent developments, hear about the Aboriginal Stockman program and Nyiyaparli Meat Label project. We want more of our **marlpa** working on our stations and involved in the pastoral industry. I'm proud to see some of our family already taking up these opportunities (see page 52). If stations

are not for you remember there are LOTS of ways to get involved! In addition to on **Yurlu** trips we are looking for more **marlpa** to join our meeting committees. This is a great way to learn about what's going on and discuss the opportunities for our **marlpa**. You can find out more about joining in from Georgie at ntio@karlka.com.au.

Finally I wish to thank Sharon Warburton for all the work she did for KNAC as an Independent Director. Sharon joined our Board at the end of 2020 and served with great energy, commitment and expertise until her last meeting in May this year. During this time she also served as Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee and has overseen significant changes to our reporting and systems as well as excellent finance performance. We thank her for her service and support and wish her all the best for her next chapter. Equally I look forward to working with Kellie Benda who will join our Board as an Independent Director and Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee from our June Board meeting.



Sharon Warbuton (2nd from left) with the Directors who presented her with the gift of an original piece of art from Nyiyaparli artist Rosina Parker.

As always, thank you to my fellow Directors, other Nyiyaparli leaders and our staff who work so hard for the benefit of our people. Together we can make the oldies proud.

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Leonard Michael Stream
KNAC Chairperson

Chief Executive Officer Update



Welcome to the 12th Edition of our **Nyiyaparli Mirlimirli!** With so much activity at KNAC it can be hard to keep up, but I appreciate your feedback that you find this publication a good place to start. Of course, there is no better way than just having a **wangkama** (talk) and I'm so pleased that we get to do that often too - on **Yurlu**, in our offices, at meetings and in the community.

Our level of activity are one of the reasons our annual all staff training days each June are so important. They provide 2 days for our **marlpa purtayi** (teams) to come **wanparra** (together) as one, reconnect and reflect, celebrate achievements and plan together for the year ahead. This years gathering in Hedland was made even more special with a Nyiyaparli Language lesson from Senior Language Speakers. One of the things they taught us was the Nyiyaparli words that they have confirmed to name all of our office spaces in the current and new buildings. We look forward to sharing this special element at the community opening of the new buildings in Hedland later this year.



We also spent time discussing the implementation of the budget for the next financial year. I'm very grateful to our Board for their approval to manage this budget which provides increased opportunities to support our members while decreasing the reliance on the Nyiyaparli Trust to do so. Key assets will be delivered - including the Nyiyaparli Wellbeing Centre in Perth (Henley Brooke). This supported accommodation forms one part of the Nyiyaparli Health & Wellbeing Project (read more at page 41) - a key part delivered in partnership with Foundation for Indigenous Sustainable Health (FISH). And the centre is already delivering training, employment and business contracting opportunities for our members facilitated by the Centre Manager Tracey Geesu, so you can just have a yarn with Tracey to find out more!

Our Board of Directors have also been very busy ensuring we maintain our excellent governance standards by reviewing various KNAC operations in light of our substantial growth over the last few years. Assessment of our Native Title, Heritage and Environment Services has led to the approval of some additional internal resources due to the ongoing significant growth in requirements, requests, data and the activity that maintains our best practice approaches and results. Details of the review of our commercial operations is outlined on page 57, including the development of an updated Investment Strategy that ensures alignment of former and future



investments with member benefit and our current Strategic Plan. A revisit of our internal reporting management structure and financial reporting structure has also led to further improvements that will allow even greater operational and cost efficiencies, transparency, accountability, records and data management.

Our Board have also recently directed Expression of Interest processes for both Agreement Implementation Committees and Nyiyaparli Young Leaders Program participation. Both processes have been open to members and provide another opportunity to get involved in the decisions that are made by our members and that direct the work of the corporation. There are lots of other opportunities available too - read on! - including the Nyiyaparli Artists Register, on **Yurlu** jobs (part time, casual, fulltime) and KNAC role too.



I also want to thank the Nyiyaparli Trust DMC, Traditional Owners Council and Trustee (Mutual Trust) for the collaboration we have undertaken over the last few months in particular. Our co-design of the Service Level Agreement and confirmation of the pre-approval requirements and development of the **karnamarra** (new) KNAC budget both substantially increase the



sustainability of KNAC service delivery for the benefit of our members. As we now work to develop a Funding Agreement to formalise these arrangements for the future, our shared goal to sustainably support Nyiyaparli **marlpa** continues to strengthen. This aligns with the ongoing work of our **marlpa purtayi** (teams) and leaders to continue to improve the consistency of our communication, policy support and responsiveness to the requirements and expectations of the Nyiyaparli **parkarrpa** (community).

Finally thank you, as always, to our members. I have been reminded on multiple occasions recently of just how much pride and privilege I feel to work with and for you. Recent events including the Nyiyaparli Health and Wellbeing Centre Expo at Henley Brook, Perth are timely reminders of the vision and commitment of this **parkarrpa**. Our commitment to working with you to deliver is equally strong. The dedication of our Cultural Working Group is another example of inspiring leadership in action, as is the constant commitment of our Board of Directors and key committee representatives.. The ideas and vision you provide us with is nothing without our members stepping up and leading the way.

Manu. Yinga Yalana.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Cate'.

Cate Ballantyne
KNAC Chief Executive Officer

Director Attendance

Board Meeting Attendance July 2025 - May 2026	
Director	Attendance
Leonard Stream	9/10
Christina Stone	10/10
Linda Parker	9/10
Carol Anne Tucker	6/10
Kimmy Yuline	8/10
Kevin Nelson	4/5
Keith Hall	4/5
Sharon Warburton	9/10
Tony Adcock	8/10

2026 Nyiyaparli Young Leaders Program

Nominations for this program have now closed with 10 excellent nominations received! Our Board are due to finalise the 2026 participants by the end of the month and we look forward to announcing them very soon.

This year's program will run from July to November with 6 sessions in total - 3 in South Hedland and 3 in Perth. They will be co-delivered by Aboriginal facilitator Christine Ross and Directors from our Board. Other Nyiyaparli **marlpa** (people) will also attend sessions to provide support, information and inspiration. The final session is talking to the Board about the experiences at the last Board meeting of the year in November. All expenses are covered during the program and all participants are supported to participate and succeed.



Pictured here from a May program planning meeting:

KNAC CEO, Cate Ballantyne (KNAC CEO), Christina Ross (Christina Ross Consultancy), Christina Stone (KNAC Vice Chairperson) and Barb Wood (Integral Leadership)

KNAC Staffing Update

We are delighted to introduce another 10 new members of staff who have joined the KNAC **marlpa purtayi** (team) since our last update.



Jesse Wheelock
Karlka Pastoral Station Hand



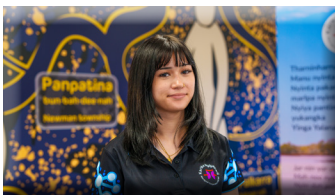
Lorraine Hicks
*Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing
Liaison Officer*



Buddy Cassidy
Home Program Support Officer



Reggie Mphela
Technology Services Coordinator



Shyanne Price
Heritage Services Logistics Officer



Bronwyn Gardiner
Receptionist



Skye Johnston
Ranger Programs Project Officer



Vaughn Shandley
Community Partnerships Officer



Shania Hall
Member Support Officer



Tyros Handley
Station Hand





Native Title, Heritage & Environment

Country Strategic Pillar Goal

Caring for Country and empowering Nyiyaparli People to exercise native title rights;

and

facilitating better cultural heritage, environmental and land management outcomes.

NATIVE TITLE UPDATE

Future Acts

As the Registered Native Title Body Corporate for the Nyiyaparli Determination, KNAC holds the native title rights and interests of the Nyiyaparli Common Law Holders (Nyiyaparli People) in trust and is the 'native title party' for the purposes of notification, consultation and negotiation under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**Native Title Act**).

KNAC is responsible for processing and progressing future act matters in accordance with instructions from the KNAC Board and Common Law Holders Standing Instructions.

Why is it important to monitor and respond to expedited procedure notices?

If the State of Western Australia (acting through Dept of Mines, Petroleum and Exploration) gives a notice under **section 29** of the Native Title Act which includes the **expedited procedure** statement, then affected Native Title Parties have **four months** from the notification day to lodge an objection against the use of expedited procedure. If there is no objection lodged within four months, the tenements may be granted without the **right to negotiate** applying and there is no requirement to negotiate or enter into a Heritage Agreement or Native Title Agreement.

Why are Heritage Agreements important?

When expedited procedure objections are lodged, KNAC seeks to resolve objections by negotiating and entering into Heritage Agreements with proponents to protect Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and manage the impact of the activities.

Heritage Agreements provide for:

- Exclusion Zones where agreed activities may proceed only after following appropriate consultation and consent processes
- notification of 'low impact activities' so KNAC can review proposed activities and identify actions to reduce risks to cultural heritage or cultural safety
- detailed Heritage Notices – this allows KNAC to review the proposed activities, check previous surveys, review the survey scope and appoint consultants and KNAC Representatives to conduct Heritage Surveys
- engagement Cultural Heritage Monitors
- structured and funded heritage approval consultation processes to support informed decision making and practical outcomes
- paid engagement of KNAC Representatives, Consultants and contribution to KNAC's administrative and logistical costs

KNAC was pleased to finalise an updated Exploration Heritage Agreement with **Greenmount Resources Pty Ltd** in April 2026, including uplift of existing agreement terms to reflect better cultural heritage practices.

KNAC also finalised new Heritage Agreements with **Mark Gareth Creasy** and **Heidelberg Materials Pty Ltd** in May 2026.

We look forward to continuing to work with agreement partners on Niyaparli **Yurlu** (Country).

The KNAC Board is currently considering **5 active right to negotiate matters** relating to mining lease applications lodged under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)* (**Mining Act**). The terms of any proposed mining agreements will be presented to a Niyaparli Common Law Holders meeting for consultation and consent prior to the KNAC Board making any high level native title decisions (to sign the agreements).

The KNAC Board is also currently participating in **7 active right to consult matters** relating to miscellaneous licence applications lodged under the Mining Act.

Agreement Review - Agreement Review Committee

The KNAC Board established an Agreement Review Committee (**ARC**) in 2023. The purpose of the ARC is to provide an additional forum to consider the terms of identified priority agreements and workshop how the agreements can be changed to improve outcomes for the Community; to protect and manage Country; and to maximise Commercial terms for the benefit of the Niyaparli People in line with the KNAC Agreement Principles.

The ARC provides recommendations to the KNAC Board and the KNAC Board will consult with, and obtain the consent of, the Niyaparli Common Law Holders before making any high level native title decisions.

ARC meetings have been held on 12 March 2026 and 14 May 2026. The ARC's current focus areas include:

- Cultural Heritage and Environment management processes, including on-Country engagements (surveys, monitoring, workshops) and agreed consultation processes for approvals
- Exclusion Zones – protecting special places from impact
- Engagement Plans for business, employment and training
- Social investment and community development initiatives

ARC Members

Leonard Stream (Chair), Christina Stone, Linda Parker, Kevin Nelson, Brian Tucker, Victor Parker, Thomas Monaghan, Robert Monaghan and Glenys Muccan.

Agreement Implementation

Following the successful completion of negotiations and the signing of agreements, KNAC is responsible for the ongoing implementation of and compliance with those agreements for the benefit of the Niyaparli Common Law Holders.

	Implementation Committee	Heritage & Environment Committee
Role & Function	Forum for information sharing and consultation in relation to: • Financial Benefits • Employment & Training • Business & Contracting • Cultural Awareness • Social and Community Development Initiatives	Forum for consultation on mining/project operations and any effects such operations have on heritage, environment, and land (including Life of Project Planning and Tenure); and decision making in relation to: • Cultural Heritage Management & Approvals • Environmental Management & Approvals • Land Access

KNAC has facilitated a total of **5** Implementation Committee meetings and **10** Heritage & Environment Committee meetings this year with agreement partners. We recognise the commitment of the **19** different Niyaparli people who have attended Agreement Committee meetings as committee members or approved proxies so far this year.

Heritage & Environment Committee (HEC) Members

Jasmine Anthony, Keanan Hall, Kevin Nelson, Linda Parker, Roderick Parker, Victor Parker, Brian Tucker, Christina Stone, Leonard Stream, Kimmy Yuline.

What does the KNAC HEC do?

The purpose of the KNAC HEC is to:

- provide recommendations to the KNAC Board and instructions to KNAC Staff on matters arising under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA)* (Aboriginal Heritage Act) and any other law for the protection and management of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and the Environment;
- consult with Government and Proponents about cultural heritage and environmental management (including life of mine planning and land access); and
- make decisions in relation to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Environmental approval applications (regulatory approvals).

The HEC also provides recommendations to the KNAC Board on contractual Exclusion Zones for inclusion into KNAC Agreements.

The HEC considers results and recommendations from Ethnographic and Archaeological Surveys and the outcomes of Environmental Consultations (including social surrounds) when making decisions.

HERITAGE UPDATE

A key component of agreement negotiation and implementation is ongoing consultation with KNAC Representatives on-Yurlu (country).

KNAC Agreements provide a structured approach to notification, consultation and approvals above and beyond what State and Commonwealth laws currently require.

Recommendations from on-Yurlu engagements are considered by the KNAC Board and KNAC HEC and often form the basis for protective measures (for example, Exclusion Zones) and mitigation measures, including:

- salvage, storage and repatriation of cultural material;
- display and cultural celebration projects;
- monitoring programs;
- demarcation (signage, fencing, flagging).

Heritage surveys record cultural values, and where appropriate, form the basis for the formal registration of Aboriginal Sites.

Consultant Guidelines

In February 2026 KNAC distributed its first version of detailed Heritage Consultant Guidelines. These guidelines outline KNAC's expectations in relation to heritage survey and reporting approaches. The purpose of the guidelines is to foster consistency, best practice and professional standards in heritage survey engagements and management. The Guidelines cover a range of practical standards and requirements including qualifications, recording and reporting standards.

Site Registration

KNAC acknowledges that Aboriginal Cultural Heritage is not limited to what is covered under the Aboriginal Heritage Act. However, the Aboriginal Heritage Act is the main legal framework for the protection and management of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Western Australia. Subsequently, KNAC's site registration processes and approval processes are heavily influenced by the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

How does KNAC assist with site registration and protection?

Heritage surveys are the main way to record information about Aboriginal cultural heritage and support site registration (where recommended by KNAC Representatives or the HEC).

KNAC also plays a role in supporting site registration through procedural fairness processes (for example, where DPLH concludes that a submitted place does not meet the requirements of section 5 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act, KNAC can make additional submissions to the ACHC supporting site registration). KNAC successfully argued for the registration of Mindy Mindy Creek in March 2026 through the procedural fairness process. Mindy Mindy Creek was added to the Register of Places and Objects in May 2026.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, including places not deemed to meet the 's5 criteria', are also protected and managed through negotiated cultural heritage management plans and agreement exclusion zones.

ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

We have had a steady start to the year for Environmental work with over 30 KNAC representatives engaged in a wide range of on **Yurlu** trips so far.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Fortescue: Mindy

In February we were back out on **Yurlu** for our first trip for 2026, a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) trip with Fortescue Ltd, around the Mindy Creek and Mindy Gorge area. These TEK trips focus on documenting cultural values connected to plants, animals and other environmental elements to allow deeper understanding and better protection of these values on **Yurlu**.



FMG TEK field team

This TEK trip was requested by KNAC Representatives to be undertaken during or following the hot and wet summer months when important plants are fruiting and animals are more **nampalurra** (active), as the previous TEK trip in this area was undertaken in the dry season. The trip in February meant we could check in on **Yurlu** during a different season to better record and capture the values across all times of the year.



Fruit from Karnti Marnarnu

There was still a little bit of fruit on bush plants as well as some bush gum still around before it disappears again for the season. The group was excited to find some fruits from **Karnti Marnarnu** bush medicine (split jack) - its scientific name is *Capparis lasiantha*.

Environmental Monitoring

There have also been a few environmental monitoring trips happening so far this year, these trips provide KNAC representatives opportunities to participate in various environmental monitoring surveys with proponents for knowledge building and to support two-way science.

The first monitoring trip of the year was out along Mindy Creek, where KNAC reps assisted hydrologists in checking and monitoring surface **papa** (water) conditions along the **wungka** (creek) area.

We also got involved in helping set up recording devices for a Night Parrot environmental survey with MinRes within the Wonmunna Project area.

In April KNAC representatives participated in a fauna survey out at Balfour Downs with Pilbara Manganese to help identify the species and presence of animals using camera traps within the area.

In May we also facilitated the post wet season Living Waters Survey with Rio Tinto and BNTAC checking back in on Weeli Wolli creek and continuing the ongoing monitoring work along the **wungka**.



Vynka Parker



Surveys like the above help proponents gather baseline data and understand existing conditions to ensure that project planning can avoid or mitigate further impacts to Nyiyaparli Fauna and Flora and Environment.

Alicia Stevens & Thelma Parker - Living waters

Environmental Workshops

Biologic: Data Collection

In March, the KNAC Environment **marlpa purtayi** (team), in collaboration with Biologic, hosted an environmental workshop at the Biologic office in Perth. The workshop aimed to support capacity building for KNAC representatives by providing an overview of environmental fieldwork from a western science perspective.

Sue Parker and Ethel Drage
- Biologic workshop



This **murnto** (included) topics such as how data is collected in the field, how flora and fauna samples are identified, and how this information is processed and interpreted back in the office. Data that is collected also contributes to impact assessments, supporting the prediction, discussion, and management of potential environmental impacts. The workshop explained how these processes then assist in reporting and in aligning with observations and recommendations provided by KNAC representatives in the field.

KNAC representatives enjoyed a tour of the Biologic office, including the herbarium and laboratories. Highlights included viewing native **Janturu** (bee) specimens and aquatic samples in rehydration tanks, and using the microscopes to view invertebrates.

We thank the Biologic **marlpa purtayi** for the time that they put into this workshop and their support of KNAC representatives in recording features of **Yurlu** that are important to Nyiyaparli.

BHP: Mine Closure Workshop

In May BHP hosted KNAC representatives for the next iteration of BHP's Mine Closure Workshops, this time focusing on Whaleback. The visit provided KNAC representatives with an early opportunity to **yalthago** (learn) about BHP's proposed mine closure plans and approaches, including how they plan to manage key concerns such as Acid Mine Drainage, waste rock landforms, the long-term sustainability of rehabilitation, post mining land use, waterways, and cumulative impacts.



BHP Closure workshop field team

This early engagement allows KNAC representatives to provide recommendations during the planning process, helping ensure that Traditional Owner feedback and perspectives are considered and incorporated from the outset.

During the trip, representatives also returned to the BHP Nursery to visit the **malykanpa** (Snappy Gum) seeds planted by KNAC representatives a year earlier. All of the seeds were successful and have now grown into healthy **malykanpa** saplings standing nearly one metre tall. The saplings have since been planted at the BHP Nursery site.

Workshops like these equip KNAC representatives with more knowledge and confidence to provide feedback on **Yurlu** during trips such as Social Surrounds and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. KNAC looks forward to hosting and facilitating more of these workshops in the future.

Social Surrounds Consultations

APA: Newman Renewable Energy Hub Project

We also had our first social surrounds of the year, which was the fourth on **Yurlu** social surrounds trip with APA regarding their Newman Renewable Energy Hub (NREH) project. KNAC representatives got back out on **Yurlu** in the project area to hear and see APA's responses to their concerns and queries that had been raised over the last 12 months in relation to the NREH project. APA responded to concerns regarding surface and ground **papa** (water) impact, culturally significant flora and fauna, as well as noise. KNAC were

representatives given a sound demonstration of what the turbines may sound like at multiple locations across the proposed NREH site.



APA Sound demonstration



APA Social Surrounds

Although this was the last on **Yurlu** social surrounds consult for the project in relation to the initial environmental impact assessment and approval, consultation will be ongoing with KNAC throughout the life of the project and into closure.

Fortescue: Mindy South

Mindy South Social Surrounds consultations also continued at the end of May. Which saw KNAC reps getting back out on **Yurlu** in and around the Mindy Creek and Gorge area. The



Mindy Social Surrounds Group

focus for this trip was on the updated project design and **papa**. KNAC representatives were presented with in-depth information on the baseline **papa** studies of both surface and ground **papa** as well as further information on the various pools found within the development area.

KNAC representatives emphasised the importance of **papa** on Niyiyaparli **Yurlu** and that cumulative impacts particularly regarding **papa** need to be considered and managed appropriately.

Special Places

In early April the KNAC Environment and Heritage team along with KNAC representatives worked **wanparra** together on **Yurlu** with RTIO to facilitate the Rio Tinto 'Special Places Mapping' trip. This trip was driven by recommendations from KNAC representatives during Social Surrounds consultations to ensure that **Yurlu** is mapped and boundaries are placed appropriately. This has led to the creation of multiple areas being labelled 'Special Places'.

A Special Place refers to an area on **Yurlu** with multiple Niyaparli values that combine to enhance the overall social values and appreciation of a place, centred mostly upon a sense of place. These values typically include: cultural heritage, **papa** (water) sources, a concentration of culturally valued plants, importance to fauna (habitats and resources), and aesthetics (what a place looks and feels like).

The outcomes from this engagement will be used by Rio Tinto in the design of its Rhodes Ridge project. The trip was one of the first of its kind for KNAC and emphasised the value of working together to ensure Niyaparli environmental and heritage values are both meaningfully considered in project design and management.



KNAC's Katie and Jess
on Special Places trip



RTIO Special Places trip

To find out more about our upcoming environment trips and to get involved please contact
Katie - KNAC Environment Project Officer, at
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0457 604 394

Nyiyaparli Rangers

It has been a busy first half of the year for the Nyiyaparli Ranger **marlpa purtayi** which has seen:

- Project planning workshops with key partners such as DBCA, HIO, Vicki Long and IndoPacific Environmental
- Two Calotropis weed management trips to the Cooks Pool and Munjina Rd infestation sites.
- An aquatic sampling/**papa** (water) monitoring with our project partners HIO and IndoPacific Environmental.
- Welcome Skye as Ranger Project Officer to the **marlpa purtayi**.
- Rangers complete 4 more units towards their Cert II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management with our trainer Gerard
- Our first official Joint Management Body meeting as we transition from interim management.
- Kids on Country planning workshops with the Nyiyaparli Kids on Country Planning Committee and our project partner Red Country Management.
- Ranger Program representation on Pilbara Ranger Network (PRN) Governing Committee and Bawa Papa Wangka (Water) Working Groups
- Ranger Program Manager, Mel, co-present with Jo Searle from Dept of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) on the PRN-DWER Water Partnership to the National Groundwater Sub-Committee.
- A vegetation monitoring reccy trip as we look to expand on our current vegetation monitoring program across the reserve.
- A hydrology workshop with DBCA hydrologist, Gavin, as we look to incorporate surface and ground **papa** depth modelling into our current aquatic monitoring program.
- Two prescribed burn trips with the DBCA fire and Joint Management **marlpa purtayi** and the completion of fire training practical assessments

Highlights!

Calotropis Controlled at Cook's Pool

We're pleased to report that rangers hard work has led to no Calotropis regrowth at Cook's Pool in the most recent survey conducted in April. This is an excellent result, with around 83 plants treated at the site so far. The work is not over, however, as Calotropis seeds can remain in the soil for many years and re-emerge, especially after **yintilpa** (rain). We will continue monitoring the site for any **karnanmarra** (new) growth, as this declared weed can outcompete native species if left untreated.

This result highlights the value of tackling weed infestations early. Early action reduces the amount of work needed over time and helps prevent weeds from spreading to other areas and becoming a larger problem. Well done, **marlpa purtayi**!

More Rangers Complete Certificates

Trainer Gerard joined us again in March as the rangers completed four more units toward their Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management. The units completed were:

- AHCWRK211 Participate in Environmentally Sustainable Work Practices
- AHCFAU202 Recognise Fauna
- AHCFAU202 Recognise Fauna AHCLPW313 Undertake Sampling and Testing of Water
- AHCWHS202 Participate in WHS Processes

Eight of the **marlpa purtayi** have now completed their Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, with another six on track to finish by the end of the year.

Congratulations to Jason Anthony Jnr, Jaselle Tucker, Sherry Parker and Cedric Law on completing their certificates in March. They join earlier graduates in Carol-Anne Tucker, Carol-Lee Tucker, Lauren Lyndon and Beverley Tucker in completing their Certificate II. Well done to everyone!!

We look forward to celebrating all graduates at a ceremony later this year.

Kids on Country

Planning for Kids on Country is on track and the Nyiyaparli Kids on Country Planning Committee are please to present the Activities Program for 2026.

Thank you to all those who already registered. If you haven't registered yet but would like to come along, please register with our project partners Red Country Management by texting 0428 505 108 who will forward you a link to register (registration assists us with catering).

Activities start Monday evening with a live concert by Kasey Chambers and friends and conclude Thursday evening with a slideshow of the week's activities.

We also have some great merch this year with our first official Kids on Country t-shirt featuring the artwork of kids from the 2024 Kids on Country camp.

Welcome Skye to the Team!

Skye recently moved to Newman all the way from Melbourne, Victoria, and is loving the change. Skye has a background in animal and environmental science, and brings experience in project coordination, stakeholder engagement and field-based operational roles. Skye grew up camping, exploring,

and spending as much time out bush as possible – so is absolutely ecstatic to swap city life for wide open skies and starry nights.

Skye loves staying **nampalurra** (active) and enjoys all kinds of sports and values the strong sense of **parkarrpa** (community) that comes with rural towns like **Panpatina**. Since arriving, she has felt inspired by the work that KNAC does and by the **marlpa purtayi** and individuals she has started to meet. She can't wait to be an **nampalurra** contributor in the space and grow alongside the KNAC **marlpa purtayi** doing such meaningful work.



Ranger Skye

It's great to Ranger **marlpa purtayi** staff member now based in **Panpatina** on Nyiyaparli **yurlu** and to support our growing Nyiyaparli Ranger crew based in **Panpatina**. Welcome to the **marlpa purtayi** Skye!!

2026 Kids on Country Activity Plan *

*Subject to Change

MONDAY 13 JUL	TUESDAY 14 JUL		WEDNESDAY 15 JUL		THURSDAY 16 JUL	TIME
Scavenger Hunt throughout the week!!	Group 1	Group 2	Group 1	Group 2		
	BREAKFAST				WACA Sports Session	7-8am
	Build a Tough Shed	Kasey Chambers Music Workshop	Bush Food Walk Seed Collection	Bush Food Walk Seed Collection		8:30-10:30am
	MORNING TEA					10:30am
	Kasey Chambers Music Workshop	Build a Tough Shed	Damper Making & Roo Tail		Basket Weaving	11am-1pm
	LUNCH					1pm
	Language Workshop		Language Games	Mini Medics	Deadly Science	2-3pm
AFTERNOON TEA						3pm
	WACA Sports Session	Deadly Science	Mini Medics	Boomerang Making & Parfiling	Bush Soap Making	3:30-4:30pm
FREE TIME						
DINNER						
Welcome to Country	Kasey Chambers Live		Movie Night		Camp Slideshow	6pm
Kasey Chambers Live						7pm

*KNAC Ranger Team will be on-site from Sunday afternoon. Attendees are welcome to travel out Sunday but please note Sunday night is not catered for.





Aquatic Surveys – Moving Toward Independent Delivery

Rangers once again headed out to the Fortescue River/Marsh in April with the **marlpa purtayi** from HIO and IndoPacific Environmental to carry out post wet season aquatic surveys.

Following a very dry wet season, 22 Mile yinda was reduced to a **jumpakuta** (small) puddle, the lowest level recorded there in some time. **Papa** levels were too low to carry out fish or macro and micro invertebrate surveys. One benefit of these low levels was the number of dead **Jilgi** (red claw) seen along the bank, reducing the presence of this invasive species, which preys on native **manganyah** (fish).

The **marlpa purtayi** counted more than 1,200 Spangled Perch at 14 Mile **yinda** (water hole), all measuring around 30–35 mm. This uniform **jumpakuta** size was unusual, as previous surveys at this site recorded a wider range of sizes. We suspect this indicates a recent spawning event and highlights the important role of shallow areas as refuges for young **manganyah**.

We were joined on the trip by Dani from Saltbush Geo, who is helping us strengthen data collection consistency and quality in our fieldwork so we can better track and tell the story of what we are observing over time.

In more exciting news, KNAC has successfully received a DPIRD exemption permit to allow the Nyiyaparli Rangers to independently and legally use fyke and opera house nets for environmental monitoring purposes. This means that the Nyiyaparli Ranger **marlpa purtayi** is able to independently continue the delivery of this project and expand its work to other **yindas**. The building of ranger capacity, skills and knowledge to achieve this independent delivery is a wonderful outcome of the three-year partnership with HIO and IndoPacific Environmental, and we thank Dean, Tess, Will and Hollie for sharing your skills and knowledge with the **marlpa purtayi**, and HIO for their ongoing support of the project.

Prescribed Burn Trips and Fire Training Practical Assessments



Rangers recently completed two weeks of prescribed burns in May and June. The burns focused on the southern side of the **Mangkurtu** (Marsh), where patch burns were used to break up areas of regrowth from previous **Karla** (fire) scars and help protect refuges of old spinifex—important habitat for the critically endangered Night Parrot. The aim is to maintain a mosaic of spinifex at different ages, from **jilya** (young) to **mirranga** (old), so that if a natural bushfire starts, reduced fuel loads will help slow its spread and protect these important refuges. Burns also help to freshen up **yurlu** and bring back **karnanmarra** (new) growth, especially after a welcome bit of **yintilpa** (rain) post the burn.



On each of the trips, Rangers also completed the practical component of their accredited crew member training, ticking off participating in safety briefings, the safe use of drip torches and matches, putting in a rake hoe line, and the use of **karla** PPE, under the guidance of experienced DBCA **karla** staff.

The **marlpa purtayi** also did some early planning for a possible aerial burn next year with some reccy helicopter flights over areas unable to be accessed by ground. KNAC and DBCA teams will use imagery taken during these reccy flights to access where **karla** may be needed and possible aerial drop points/ignition lines.

A second reccy to Weeli Wolli Creek was done to assess the fuel loads in and around the creek after several fuel load management discussions with tenure holders over the past few years. More assessment in collaboration with key stakeholders is needed to determine whether a prescribed burn along the creek is safe, feasible and culturally appropriate.

Project Officer Noel Co-leads Burn Planning

This year has seen our Project Officer, Noel Taylor, step up to co-lead the Nyiyaparli **yurlu** prescribed burn planning alongside DBCA Regional Fire Coordinator, Pedro.

Noel used the NAFI (Northern Australian Fire Information) spatial data, alongside DBCA **karla** spatial data and KNAC heritage spatial data to produce burn plan maps for each of the May and June prescribed burn trips this year; putting into practice the learnings from the GIS support provided by Dani from Saltbush Geo over the past 12 months. Noel used these maps to present the burn plan to the Fortescue Marsh Joint Management Body on April 1.

Noel also co-led on **yurlu** briefings and in-burn communications on each trip alongside DBCA operation leads Pedro and Jo. Well done to Noel in stepping up to lead. We hope to provide more opportunities for Nyiyaparli to lead projects, move into specialised areas and build **karnanmarra** (new) skills as the ranger program continues to grow.





Weeli Wolli Spring

On-yurlu Infrastructure Update

Lots has been happening in the background over the past few months as we continue to progress the construction of some on-yurlu infrastructure for both ranger operations and parkarrpa (community) events.

What has progressed since our last update?

Field Station Design Steering Committee meeting held in **Panpatina** with design recommendations made to the Joint Management Body (JMB) (end of Feb)

Site heritage surveys completed by Nyiyaparli representatives and recommendations noted and incorporated into plans (end of March). Field Station Design Steering

Committee design recommendations presented to and endorsed by the JMB with proposed amendments to allow for multi-purpose function of facilities (beginning of April)

Funding proposal presented to the Mutual Trust DMC to enable multi-purpose function of facilities (beginning of May) – approved by the DMC and Mutual Trust.

Drafting of a co-contribution (KNAC-DBCA) funding agreement by KNAC legal consultants (in progress)

DBCA continues to progress government approval and procurement processes with the aim of putting construction works out to tender by the end of October.

Nyiyaparli Rangers in action



First Official Joint Management Body Meeting

April 1 saw members of the Fortescue Marsh Joint Management Body (JMB) come **wanparra** (together) for the first official JMB meeting after the execution of the Joint Management Agreement earlier this year and the transition from interim management. It was a momentous occasion celebrated with cake, of course!



Key outcomes from the April 1 meeting include:

- Carry forward of interim JMB Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct to the JMB.
- Membership confirmed in transition from interim JMB to JMB.
- Leonard Stream confirmed as Chair of the JMB for a further 12 months.
- Implementation of the Joint Management Plan (JMP) Key Performance Indicator's (KPI's) reviewed with a new JMP KPI tracker tabled to provide transparency to the JMB on JMP KPI progress. All KPI's are currently on track, either completed, or ongoing/in-progress. The tracker will incorporate a traffic light system moving forward for ease of reporting.
- Final design plan/budget for the on-country ranger/community camp reviewed, with the final design/budget endorsed pending heritage survey outcomes. Proposed camp access track upgrades were also endorsed pending heritage survey outcomes.
- Endorsement of the proposed 2026 Fortescue Marsh Burn Plan by the JMB.

Co-presentation to the National Groundwater Sub-Committee

In April, KNAC Ranger Program Manager Mel co-presented with Jo Searle from the WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to the National Groundwater Sub-Committee on behalf of the Pilbara Ranger Network's Bawa Papa Wangka (Water Working Group). The sub-committee sits under, and advises, the National Water Reform Committee within the federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCEEW).

The National Water Reform Committee oversees implementation of the National Water Initiative (NWI), which aims to strengthen First Nations involvement in **papa** management. To support this goal, the National Groundwater Sub-Committee has adopted a standing agenda item for a First Nations Water Interests Community of Practice. This provides a forum for sharing approaches to embedding First Nations cultural, social, economic and environmental values in **papa** planning and management. It also helps government bodies learn from one another, solve problems, strengthen networks, coordinate activities, build shared knowledge, and move toward best practice.

The DWER-PRN Water Partnership is a practical example of this work in action. It builds ranger program capacity to carry out **papa** and aquatic monitoring on **Yurlu**, creates opportunities for peer-to-peer learning through ranger exchanges, supports data sharing initiatives, connects ranger programs with technical expertise, and strengthens understanding of state **papa** policies and plans to support Traditional Owner input into water decision-making.

Jo and Mel spoke about the partnership's progress to date, the current three-year workplan, key outcomes achieved so far, and some of the lessons learned along the way.





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Corporate and Community Services

It's been another busy period for Corporate and Community **marlpa purtayi** (team) here at KNAC across all aspects of member support and **parkarrpa** (community) engagement. We are pleased to **ngarlinpa** (share) our updates with you and we are also excited to introduce you to several **karnanmarra** (new) member and **parkarrpa** facing **marlpa purtayi** members.

We hope you enjoy reading about our activities and would love to see you in our Hedland or **Panpatina** office for a yarn about anything in this **Niyaparli mirlimilri** (newsletter) or to let you know more about our services and supports.

Karnanmarra Starters

We are excited to introduce to our newest member and **parkarrpa** facing **marlpa purtayi** members who are already making a deadly impact in their roles. Please do pop into the office for a yarn to get to know them better!



Bronwyn Gardiner - Receptionist

We are delighted to have Bronwyn join the KNAC **marlpa purtayi** as our **karnanmarra** (new) Receptionist in the South Hedland office. As a proud Niyaparli woman, Bronwyn brings a wonderful sense of familiarity, **milara** (connection), and warmth to our office. Her friendly and welcoming nature helps members feel comfortable from the moment they walk through the door.

It is especially lovely to hear Bronwyn speaking Niyaparli with members and greeting them in language, creating a welcoming and culturally safe environment as their first point of contact at KNAC.

We are grateful to have Bronwyn on our **marlpa purtayi** and look forward to the positive impact she will continue to make for our members and **parkarrpa**.



Shania Hall - Member Support Officer

We are pleased to introduce Shania Hall, our **karnanmarra**. Member Support Officer (MSO) based in the South Hedland office. Shania comes to us with a great deal of enthusiasm, a positive attitude, and a strong willingness to **yalthago** (learn) in this role. We are excited to have her join our **marlpa purtayi** and look forward to seeing her grow in the role.

Please join us in welcoming Shania to the KNAC offices and supporting her as she settles into her **karnanmarra** position.

Vaughn Shandley – Community Partnerships Liaison Officer



Based in **Panpatina** (Newman), Vaughn's role is to provide direct engagement with members and the broader **parkarrpa**. Vaughn comes to us from the Kimberly where he has been working for Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation. Vaughn's experience working in **parkarrpa** focused environments, supporting programs and working closely with **parkarrpa** to build engagement and positive outcomes is a great fit for KNAC.

Vaughn is already making an impact and we look forward to seeing more of the great work he can do to support our members and our partners on Nyiyaparli **Yurlu**.

Lorraine Hicks – Nyiyaparli Health & Wellbeing Liaison Officer



Lorraine has recently joined the KNAC Community **marlpa purtayi** based in South Hedland. Lorraine is a proud Ngarluma/Yindjibarndi woman with family **milara** in the surrounding Pilbara region.

Lorraine has a long history of **parkarrpa** support roles, most recently as the Aboriginal Liaison Officer at Hedland Health Campus and Pilbara Community Age Care Services. Lorraine is very well placed in her role to advocate for, and support members to, access quality health care, in particular in relation to kidney health.

Lorraine has really hit the ground running and is providing outstanding care and support for our members based locally and remotely. **Wanparra** (together) with Jasmin, she is also providing support for our more vulnerable members while Soraya is busy on parental leave.

We are delighted to share that Soraya had a beautiful baby girl Gianna who arrived into this world a healthy 5kg! We wish mum and bub well and look forward to seeing both their smiling faces in the KNAC office soon.

baby Gianna



Indigenous mental health conference

In line with our focus on supporting health and wellbeing, in particular mental health for our members and our staff, three of our **Parkarrpa** and Corporate **marlpa purtayi** recently attended the 2026 National Indigenous Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Conference on Kurna Country in Tarntanya (Adelaide), South Australia hosted by Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association.

The purpose of the conference was to bring **wanparra** (together) **parkarrpa** members, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, mental health practitioners, lived experience advocates, researchers and policymakers from across Australia to strengthen **parkarrpa** led approaches to mental health, healing and suicide prevention, while providing a culturally grounded space that honoured Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing.



Conference attendants

Wanparra, with more than 500 attendees, the **marlpa purtayi** learnt from powerful speakers and strong individuals who were willing to **ngarlinpa** (share) their stories and personal experiences. The **marlpa purtayi** have bought back ideas and **karnanmarra milara** (new connections) to help build on our focus and strengthen our local support structures.

We continue to partner with local **parkarrpa** organisations, such as Nih Kaartdijin Mia to provide quality support and services to our members and staff.

Staff Development and Workplace Safety

At KNAC, our staff regularly undertake training and professional development to build their skills and knowledge for the benefit of our members and organisation. Having trained First Aid Officers and Fire Wardens within our **marlpa purtayi** helps ensure that we can continue to operate safely and effectively from the KNAC offices. These roles are essential in supporting the wellbeing of our staff, members, and visitors and in responding appropriately during emergencies.

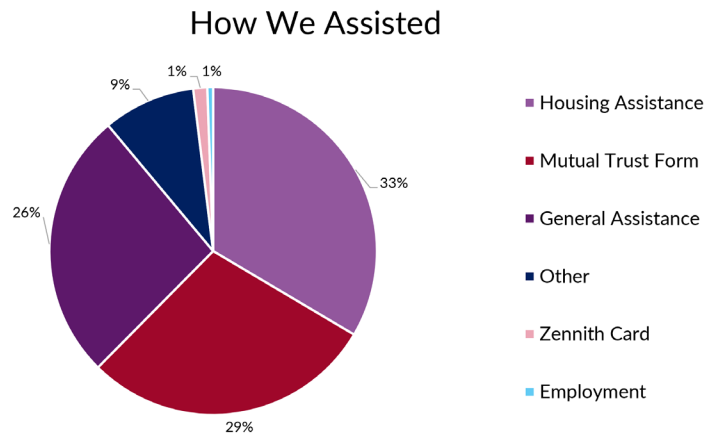
As KNAC continues to grow, it is important that Work Health and Safety (WHS) compliance remains a top priority. By investing in training and maintaining strong safety practices, we can provide a safe, supportive, and compliant workplace for everyone who enters our offices.

We congratulate Senior Member Services Officer, Jasmin Barunga who has completed her First Aid training, Fire Warden training and de-escalation training as well as KNAC Receptionist, Bronwyn Gardiner who has completed de-escalation training. We appreciate the commitment of our staff who take on these additional responsibilities and contribute to creating a safe environment for our **parkarrpa**.

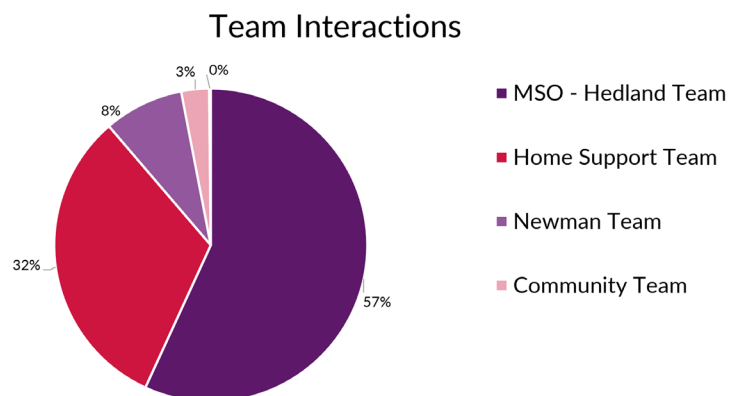
Member Support Services

We love to see and support our members – whether it be in the office, in their own **maya** (homes) or out and about in the **parkarrpa** or just having a yarn on the phone. Since February this year, our member facing staff have collectively had over 3,000 interactions with more than 220 of our members! Here is a snapshot of how we have helped:

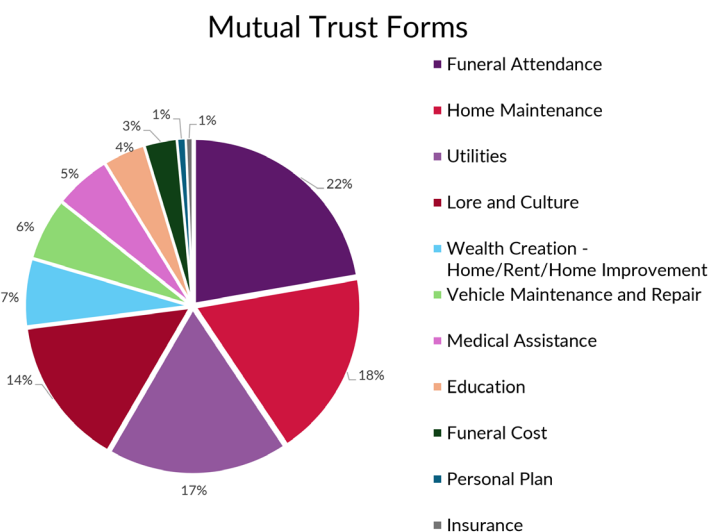
Here is a breakdown of how our **marlpa purtayi** provide assistance:



Here is a breakdown of the **marlpa purtayis** that provide member assistance:



About 33% of our **marlpa purtayi** assistance relate to the completion of Mutual Trust forms – here are the forms we help with the most:



You may be aware that Mutual Trust have recently launched a **karnanmarra** (new) online portal that can help make submitting an application quicker and easier. The new portal will allow members to:

- View their policy balances in real time
- Submit applications electronically and have records sent immediately to Mutual Trust (MT)
- Check on the status of Mutual Trust policy applications

While this **karnanmarra** technology provides greater convenience and faster access to information, we encourage members to visit, or call, the Hedland or **Panpatina** (Newman) office where they may need support. We have introduced **karnanmarra** iPads in the South Hedland office reception to assist members to access the Trust Portal. We always enjoy having a yarn and providing face-to-face support to our members as needed.

Member Support Case Study - Supporting Our Vulnerable Members

Did you know that our Member Support **marlpa purtayi** can assist vulnerable members with a range of services and support?

We understand that life can present many challenges, and our **marlpa purtayi** is committed to helping members access the assistance they need when they need it. This can include support with Sorry Business, access to health services or wellbeing needs, and coordinating care arrangements so members can attend important medical appointments, such as dialysis treatments.

Recently, our **marlpa purtayi** assisted a member who was struggling to attend dialysis three times a week due to caring responsibilities. By helping to find and organise daycare for a child in their care, we were able to provide peace of mind that the child would be safe and well cared for while the member received their essential treatment.

These types of supports can make a significant difference in the lives of our members, reducing stress and helping them focus on their health and wellbeing. Our Member Support **marlpa purtayi** is here to listen, advocate, and work alongside members to find practical solutions that meet their individual needs.

If you or someone you know may need assistance, please reach out to our Member Support **marlpa purtayi**—we are here to help.

Home Support Program

The Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation (KNAC) Home Support Program **Marlpa Purtayi** (team) have been busy supporting members with maintaining their **mayas** (homes), purchasing **mayas** and facilitating the Home Ready Program.

Since the KNAC Home Ready Program commenced in October 2025 we have delivered workshops in multiple locations within Western Australia, as well as Queensland, to make sure we can get to as many members as possible. The total number of members to successfully complete our Home Ready Program workshops is 71 to date.

Feedback from members across all workshops has been that they were very engaging and the information was delivered in a way that was well understood. Members have been especially interested in the policies available to them to help maintain their **mayas** and complete **maya** repairs and renovations as well support available to upgrade or purchase **karnanmarra mayas** through the Nyiyaparli Housing Project and information on pre-nuptials to safeguard members and protect their **mayas** and other assets.

Here is what some of our members have had to say:

Member Testimonial 1

"This workshop is good for members that need help with their home especially if they come from community and living in town in their new house"

Member Testimonial 2

"It was good because we talk about everything for our home. Bills, drinking, drugs, fighting, kids gotta go school, look for job, keep house clean and bills paid for light and water"

Member Testimonial 3

"The program was excellent. Thank you! God Bless!"

Member Testimonial 4

"The workshop was great. Taught me to be more frugal with my finances."



Our next Home Ready Workshop is in South Hedland in July. We'd love to see as many members there as possible. Please register your interest for this, or future workshops, with the Home Support team.

Our Home Program **Marlpa Purtayi** has also been busy providing support to our members to maintain their **mayas**; especially internal and external cleaning to encourage a healthy **maya**, lifestyle and prolonged life. It has been identified by our members as well as their neighbours, shire council officer and **parkarrpa** members that some members **mayas** have excessive rubbish due to family overcrowding, drinking, syringes, medical conditions and forgetting to put the shire council bin out for weekly collection.

In partnership with a few of our dedicated cleaning suppliers that are known for their exceptional work we have set up either weekly or monthly plans to manage the rubbish and ensure a clean and safe environment. This also helps keep the costs down for our members as a big clean can cost a thousand dollars or more whereas a fortnightly clean will usually be kept to a few hundred dollars. As well as support to develop a practical program, we try to educate and support our members to spend their policies wisely.

The Home Program **marlpa purtayi** will soon be promoting valuable information, education and awareness workshops on cleaning to support members with physical demonstrations and also generic cleaning items to do the job.

Watch this space.....

Before and after photos showing the benefit of a regular cleaning program:



Case study

A member purchased a large property together with a family member as joint homeowners through the Niyaparli Housing Project. The family member had a medical condition that required disability access and modifications which were provided throughout the whole property for their wellbeing, comfort and safety.

Sadly, a short time after the purchase the family member passed, unfortunately without a Will in place stating their wishes for their **ngarlinpa** (share) of the property. The member came into the KNAC office distraught and informed the Home Support Officer (HPSO) that they wanted to sell the property as it was causing more grief, stress, frustration. It was too big to clean and maintain and every time they would go out to **parkarrpa** for family or cultural business the property would get broken into, burgled and vandalised.

The HPSO organised for a building supplier to meet the following day. A plan was made that best suited the member to repair damages and upgrade furnishings as needed.

These activities included:

- Internal and external yards cleaned and tidied
- Wall patching and painting of walls and ceilings
- Doors, and security doors fixed, glass windows replaced
- Air conditioner and kitchen bench replaced
- Electricals repaired and made safe
- Mailbox fixed
- Front sliding gate fixed
- Arranging appropriate property insurance

Within 4 weeks of the plan being drawn up 90% of all the works had already been completed.

The property will have a last clean and will then be referred to a designated Real Estate for valuation and to be put on the market for sale.

Once sold the member will be able to buy themselves a smaller, more suitable property.

The HPSO will continue to work closely and support the member throughout this transition. The care and support provided by the KNAC team has helped to make a difficult situation a little less challenging.

Panpatina Update

The **Panpatina** (Newman) **marlpa purtayi** (team) have been busy supporting members in the office, but that hasn't stopped them from getting out into the **parkarrpa** (community). Over the last quarter, KNAC has supported 19 **parkarrpa** events on Niyaparli **Yurlu**. Many activities were designed to achieve outcomes across multiple focus areas that are important to our purpose:

- **Parkarrpa** Focused
- Youth Engagement
- Building Strong Local Partnerships
- Language Promotion
- Niyaparli Representation

These activities highlight KNAC's commitment to creating opportunities for **parkarrpa milara**, supporting young **marlpa** and strengthening partnerships across Niyaparli **Yurlu** for the benefit of Niyaparli **Marlpa**, our **Yurlu** and the people on our **Yurlu**. **Parkarrpa** Events and Youth Engagement continue to be the focus to help build **parkarrpa milara** and strong local partnerships to support our purpose.

Here is a snapshot of activities the **Panpatina marlpa purtayi** has supported and a teaser for what's to come...

Niyaparli Language in Panpatina

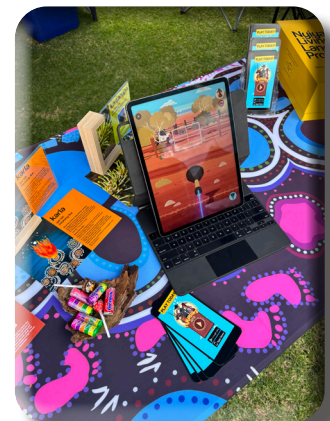
The **Panpatina marlpa purtayi** continues to have a strong focus on promoting Niyaparli language on **Yurlu**. To date, the Niyaparli Living Language Project (NLLP) Stalls and Niyaparli Widi on **Yurlu** has focused on sharing Niyaparli language and awareness through local **parkarrpa** events like the Warlawuurru Cup and Youth Week 2026: 'Strength in Our Stories.'

It's been so great to see Niyaparli Widi in action at these events and seeing young people and **parkarrpa** connect and engage with Niyaparli language and **Ngooru** (culture).

In 2026, our focus is expanding beyond event-based engagement, with the introduction of Niyaparli Widi Workshops, bringing language learning and **Ngooru ngarlinpa** (cultural sharing) into other local **parkarrpa** spaces beyond events. We look forward to **ngarlinpa** more about these workshops with our Members.



James from BHP Community, Jessica from KNAC, Rick the Rock and Jess Rentsch West Coast Eagles AFLW players



We are always exploring how to create more opportunities for young people to interact with Niyaparli Widi and **yalthago** (learn) language, so watch this space. If members are interested in being involved in activities about **ngarlinpa** Niyaparli Widi and the Niyaparli Living Language Project in **Panpatina**, please reach out to the **Panpatina marlpa purtayi**.

Youth Events

♥ East Newman Activations on Wednesdays at Train Park

This Program is run by the Shire of East Pilbara and supported by local service providers in **Panpatina** to create a space for **milara** with young people and families in the heart of East **Panpatina**. Our **marlpa purtayi** continue to be involved to support and enhance this program so members and other families can enjoy the weekly activities, food and services provided.

♥ Nightfields Footy on Thursdays at Boomerang Oval

We support this fun, safe, and engaging football Program for children and young people aged 5 and up, made possible by The Y and sponsored by the West Coast Eagles and the Royal Lifesaving WA Talent Pool. This Program runs during School Terms 2 and Term 3, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, but you're welcome to drop in at any time. Helping young people build teamwork, fitness, and **parkarrpa milara** through friendly evening games and football skills training with free dinner provided.

♥ Spotlight on West Coast Eagles Warlawuurru Cup

West Coast Eagles Warlawuurru Cup once again brought excitement, **milara** and opportunity to young people across the Pilbara, with another successful event held on Nyiyaparli **Yurlu**.

KNAC is proud to continue supporting this important **parkarrpa** event, which has grown year on year and provides a positive space for young **marlpa** to come **wanparra** (together) through footy, teamwork and healthy competition. This year's event saw strong collaboration, with 52 Stakeholders attending to support the day and contribute to its success. The Warlawuurru Cup demonstrates what can be achieved when we come together to create meaningful opportunities for our young **marlpa**.

A particular highlight of the day was the involvement of two West Coast Eagles AFLW players; Lucia Painter and Jess Rentsch, who spent time in **Panpatina** to engage and inspire the next generation of football players. The event also features girls' matches, providing young women with the opportunity to showcase their skills, build confidence and participate in a supportive environment.

We extend our thanks to Brendan Daily, West Coast Eagles, BHP, The Shire of East Pilbara, our own **Panpatina** staff and volunteers who helped make the event possible. Most importantly, congratulations to all the deadly young **marlpa** who participated. Seeing both boys and girls take the Boomerang field and remote and regional communities across the Pilbara coming **wanparra**, was a wonderful reminder of the positive impact **parkarrpa** sport can have.



KNAC looks forward to continuing its support of the Warlawuurru Cup and working alongside our local partners to ensure opportunities for local young people continue to grow and thrive on Nyiyaparli **Yurlu**.

♥ Spotlight on The Kayak Club

KNAC is proud to sponsor The Y's Kayak Club, a successful program that has been extended and will be starting up again in September.

Kayak Club is a free 8-week program aimed at helping young **marlpa** in **Panpatina** build **papa** (water) safety skills, stay active and **milara** (connect) to future training and employment opportunities.



- Starts in September 2026
- KNAC proudly sponsors the **thapata** (food) & **papa** (water) for this program
- In February, 41 young **marlpa** and 15 adults attended
- The program continues to see good participation numbers, and we would love to see members and their family involved too!

If you have any question about The Y's youth program, come into the **Panpatina** office and chat to Vaughn, our new Community Partnerships Liaison Officer.

NAIDOC

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, **ngooru** (culture) and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Each year, NAIDOC Week has had a theme that has called for truth, celebrated **ngooru**, honoured resistance, and reminded the nation of who we are and the strength of our **marlpa**. This year, the theme "50 Years of Deadly" is a tribute to the people who built the movement, the Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, and the **parkarrpa** who keep showing up, year after year.

This year we incorporated the artwork of Niyiyaparli Artist Justine Wheelock to design special NAIDOC merchandise for our **marlpa**. (Read about this and the specially designed polo shirts on Page 1).



In addition to the tops that were recently handed out at the Beneficiaries meeting we have a heap of deadly Tote Bags and Bucket Hats available.

These great items, designed for NAIDOC 2026 and using the **yankurri** (amazing) art of Justine Wheelock, will be available in **Panpatina** during NAIDOC week. These items will also be available for Hedland **marlpa** attending NAIDOC events in Hedland.



Thanks again to Justine for the deadly art on these Tote bags and Bucket Hats that we eager to **ngarlinpa** (share) with you.

We look forward to support and participation in NAIDOC week activities between 5-12 July 2026 on **Yurlu** in **Panpatina**:

- ♥ Junior NAIDOC Disco on Monday 6 July at **Panpatina Parkarrpa** (Newman Community) Hall aka The Beach - KNAC will be supporting this **parkarrpa** event and **ngarlinpa** Niyaparli Widi at The Y's Junior NAIDOC Disco for children and young **marlpa** aged 0 to 11 years old. All welcome to attend this free event with **thapata** (food), drinks and music. Adult supervision is required.

- ♥ **Thapata Yurlu** NAIDOC Week Event on Friday 10 July at Boomerang Oval



Join us for this year's NAIDOC Week event **Thapata Yurlu** on Niyaparli **Yurlu**!

KNAC are hosting this family friendly gathering to **yalthago** (learn), yarn, have a feed and celebrate Niyaparli **Ngooru** while honouring this year's NAIDOC Theme: 50 Years of Deadly.



Register using the QR code or reach out to Vaughn or Jessica at the **Panpatina** Office to find out more about the event or how to attend.

Name of Event: Thapata Yurlu
Location: Boomerang Oval, Panpatina
Date of Event: 10 July 2026
Time of Event: 1PM to 3PM

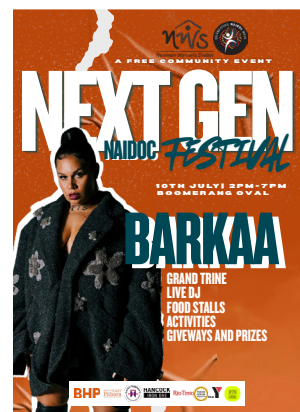
This NAIDOC Week Activity is delivered with funding support from the National Indigenous Australians Agency. Event delivery proudly supported by Niyaparli businesses Red Country Management and Jirntu Photography.

- ♥ Newman Women's Shelter is hosting the Next Gen NAIDOC Week Program from Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July.

KNAC is proudly sponsoring the catering for this five day youth celebration across **Panpatina** and Jigalong, which will bring young **marlpa wanparra** through creative workshops, **ngooru** and wellbeing activities and finishing with the Next Gen Festival and live performances.



Reach out to Vaughn or Jessica at the **Panpatina** Office to find out more about the program or how to attend.



- ♥ We will also be supporting the IBN run NAIDOC activities in Hedland on Wednesday the 8th July and the local activities in Marble Bar organised by Baz at the Community Resource Centre. If you need a hand to get along just give Jasmin or Lorraine a call at out Hedland Office.

Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Project

Welcome Lorraine Hicks!

We are very pleased to welcome Lorraine Hicks to the team as our **karnanmarra** (new) Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Liaison Officer.

Lorraine is a proud Ngarluma/Yindjibarndi woman with family **milara** (connections) across the Pilbara. She brings extensive experience supporting **parkarrpa** (community) through roles including Employment Consultant, Employment Pathway Advisor, Medical Receptionist, Aboriginal Liaison Officer with YMAC, and most recently Aboriginal Liaison Officer roles at Hedland Health Campus and Pilbara Community Aged Care Services.



As part of the KNAC Community **marlpa purtayi** (team) and Niyaparli Health and Wellbeing Project, Lorraine supports and advocates for Niyaparli members to access quality health care and services.

If you or a family member would like support with health care in Port Hedland, please get in touch with Lorraine. She will also liaise with Purple House in Perth to support Niyaparli **marlpa** travelling to Perth for kidney-related treatment and care.

Healing Centre Expo and New Service Manager

In April, KNAC and FISH coordinated the Healing Centre Expo at the future Healing Centre site in Henley Brook. The event was proudly supported by Coongan and began with a Welcome to Country from Whadjuk Noongar, Ballardong and Yued representative Barry McGuire.

The Expo provided an opportunity for Niyaparli members and partners to learn more about plans for the Healing Centre and **milara** (connect) with organisations involved in the project.

We are also excited to **ngarlinpa** (share) that Niyaparli woman Tracey Geesu has been appointed as the Healing Centre Service Manager. Tracey is leading the next stage of planning and development for the Healing Centre, with a range of employment opportunities expected to become available as the project grows.

Keep an eye on KNAC Facebook updates for future opportunities or contact Tracey Geesu at FISH for more information or to express your interest: tracey.geesu@fish.asn.au.





Learning Together About Kidney Health

In May, project partner Kidney Health Australia facilitated a kidney health co-design workshop with Steering Committee members and Nyiyaparli **parkarrpa** members.

The workshop explored what kidneys do, how to keep them healthy, and the different treatment and support options available if you or a loved one develops kidney disease. Participants shared ideas, experiences and feedback that will help shape future Nyiyaparli kidney health education resources.

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed their knowledge, stories and ideas.

Welcoming **Karnanmarra** (New) Steering Committee Members

In May, we welcomed Peter Yuline and Kevin Nelson to the Nyiyaparli Health and Wellbeing Project Steering Committee.

Peter and Kevin both bring lived experience of kidney disease, providing valuable insight into the realities faced by Nyiyaparli **marlpa** and families navigating kidney care. They also bring deep cultural knowledge, strong **milara** to **parkarrpa**, and are respected Nyiyaparli language speakers whose voices will help guide the project as it continues to grow.

We look forward to their contributions and leadership as we work towards a healthier future for Nyiyaparli **marlpa**.







Zebra Finches on Nyiyaparli Yurlu

Niyaparli Living Language Project

We're already halfway through another big year for the NLLP, and we're excited to continue working alongside our senior language speakers, the Cultural Working Group, and everyone at KNAC who contributes to this important language conservation program.

Major projects this year include:

- the Flora and Place Name Notifications Project- which will bring a major upgrade to the **Jirntalpa Karnti** (Niyaparli Flora) apps,
- the Pronunciation Education Videos Project, and
- the Children's Book Project- which will help families share a Niyaparli **ngooru** story with young ones in both Niyaparli and English

We're also working with KNAC **marlpa purtayi** to transition some of the beautiful language resources produced by the NLLP into day-to-day KNAC activities. These currently include KNAC banners and naming of current and future KNAC buildings and work spaces for example.

Here's a quick update on some of the large projects we've been working on this year to date.

Karnanmarra (New) Digital Language Learning Projects In Production!

The Niyaparli Living Language Project (NLLP) **marlpa purtayi** has had a busy few months working on a **karnanmarra** set of digital projects designed to help keep Niyaparli language visible in everyday life.

From smartphone wallpapers and place alerts through to short pronunciation **yalthago** (learning) videos, these new projects are all about creating more opportunities for **parkarrpa** members, families and young **marlpa** to see, hear, practice and **ngarlinpa** Niyaparli words in simple, useful and fun ways.

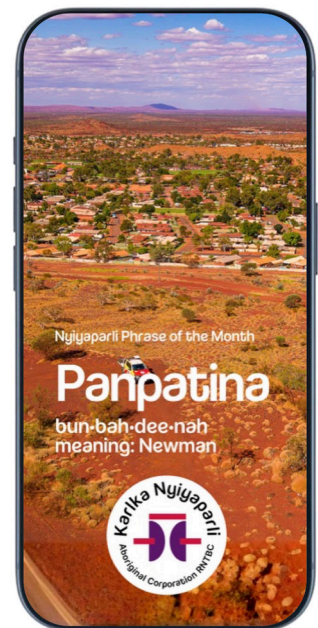
Niyaparli Smartphone Wallpapers – Ready for Download Soon!

Ever wanted to carry a little piece of Niyaparli **yurlu**, language and **ngooru** with you every day? The NLLP and KNAC Media & Communications **marlpa purtayi** are working **wanparra** to create a beautiful new series of smartphone wallpapers for both Android and iPhones.

The wallpapers will feature Niyaparli **yurlu**, places and plants, bringing **wanparra** strong visual design, **Yurlu**, **ngooru** knowledge and language learning in a format that **marlpa** can use every time they pick up their phone.

Each wallpaper will be designed to make language feel part of everyday life. A phone background might seem like a small thing, but seeing Niyaparli words regularly can help **marlpa** become more familiar with the pronunciation, spelling and meaning of language. It is another simple way of making sure Niyaparli words are seen, **ngarlinpa** and remembered.

Stay tuned. Downloads are coming soon to niyaparli.live!



Karnanmarra Niyiyaparli Place and Flora Alerts for Smartphones

Exciting **karnanmarra** Niyiyaparli place and plant name geo-alerts are coming to KNAC's **Jirntalpa Karnti** (Niyiyaparli Flora) apps.



If you use the Niyiyaparli Flora App, you'll soon be able to opt in to receive place-specific notifications when you're close to a Niyiyaparli town or place of **ngooru** significance. These handy alerts will help users **yalthago** the Niyiyaparli names for important places, both inside and outside the Niyiyaparli determination area.

The NLLP **marlpa purtayi** is currently working closely with the Cultural Working Group, Senior Language Speakers and Niyiyaparli Rangers to build a database of culturally relevant place names in Niyiyaparli language for integration into the app.

This is an important step in helping **milara** language learning back to **yurlu**. Place names carry story, memory, history and **ngooru** meaning. When people are travelling through **yurlu**, these alerts will create gentle prompts to stop, notice and **yalthago** the Niyiyaparli names for the places around them.

App users will also receive notifications when they're close to Niyiyaparli flora, giving everyone more opportunities to **yalthago** about our beautiful plants, language and **yurlu**. These alerts build on the original purpose of the Jirntalpa Karnti / Niyiyaparli Flora Book and Apps by helping people keep learning in real places, at real moments, while they are out and about.

We'll let you know as soon as this exciting **karnanmarra** feature is available. In the meantime, visit www.niyiyaparliflora.com.au for more information or to download the Niyiyaparli Flora app from the App Store or Google Play.

Niyiyaparli Pronunciation Education Videos Project

Ever wanted to learn how to pronounce Niyiyaparli words? The NLLP **marlpa purtayi**, Cultural Working Group and Senior Language Speakers are getting ready to film a new series of short educational videos teaching Niyiyaparli pronunciation.

These bite-sized learning videos will begin rolling out in the second half of 2026 and will be available on niyiyaparli.live and the KNAC YouTube channel.



The videos will support **marlpa** to hear Niyiyaparli words spoken clearly by Senior Language Speakers and other **parkarrpa** members. For many learners, hearing pronunciation is just as important as reading the word on a page or screen. These short lessons will help **marlpa** practice at their own pace, replay words when they need to, and build confidence speaking Niyiyaparli out loud.

This project is also about recording and **ngarlinpa** the knowledge of our Senior Language Speakers in a respectful and practical way. Every recording helps strengthen the Niyiyaparli language resources available to current and future generations. These videos will become another important part of the growing NLLP digital language archive and learning toolkit. We hope you're looking forward to learning from our Senior Language Speakers and other members of the **parkarrpa**. Too deadly!

Wangkama Nyiyaparli (Talk Nyiyaparli)

Have you seen **Wangkama Nyiyaparli** (Talk Nyiyaparli) yet?

Our beautiful 15-minute short-documentary tells the story of the NLLP to date and discusses its origins and the important cultural linguistic work being done by the **parkarrpa** to keep Nyiyaparli language alive forever.

If you haven't managed to view the film yet you can catch up on viewing Wangkama Nyiyaparli here: <https://nyiyaparli.live/wangkama/>

(Note: **Ngooru** Warning to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders - This short-film contains names, images, videos and voices of people who have passed away including those who may have recently passed.)



NLLP Cultural Working Group Shout Out

Once again, the NLLP **marlpa purtayi** would like to send a massive thank you to our Cultural Working Group (CWG) and Senior Language Speaker (SLS) group including Stanley Watson, Peter Flann, Julie Fland, Kevin Nelson, Kimmy Yuline, Margaret Yuline, Peter Yuline and Michael Stream.

The CWG is now meeting weekly due to their increased workload and doing an outstanding job! Without the ongoing expert **Ngooru** advice, counsel and hard work of the CWG and SLS's, the NLLP would not be possible.

Keeping Nyiyaparli Language Alive Forever

Together, these various projects show how the NLLP is continuing to find small, simple and powerful ways to help Nyiyaparli language live in everyday spaces: on our phones, when we are travelling through **yurlu**, and when we are learning how to speak and pronounce words properly.

The goal of the NLLP is simple...to keep Nyiyaparli language alive forever.

Would you like to get involved in the NLLP?

If you're a senior community member and fluent or semi-fluent Nyiyaparli language speaker and would like to get involved in the NLLP, please get in contact with Simon or Keely through the KNAC office in Hedland for a wangka about the project.

KNAC members who would like to get involved or just stay in touch with the NLLP can register their interest by signing up at www.nyiyaparli.live



Karlka Commerce

Member Business Support

Under the Nyiyaparli Trust Business Advisory committee process, **karnanmarra** member businesses are now referred to Karlka Commerce to provide direct member support to complete the first steps required under the Trust Beneficiary Business Application process.

KNAC also have an agreement with IPS Consultants (IPS) to provide independent business advice. Members can be referred to IPS to help build a business case that meets Trust application requirements.

This includes:

- What the business is and its goals
- Who the customers are and the market
- What the business sells and why it's valuable
- How the business will run
- Possible risks and how to handle them
- How much funding is needed and what it will achieve

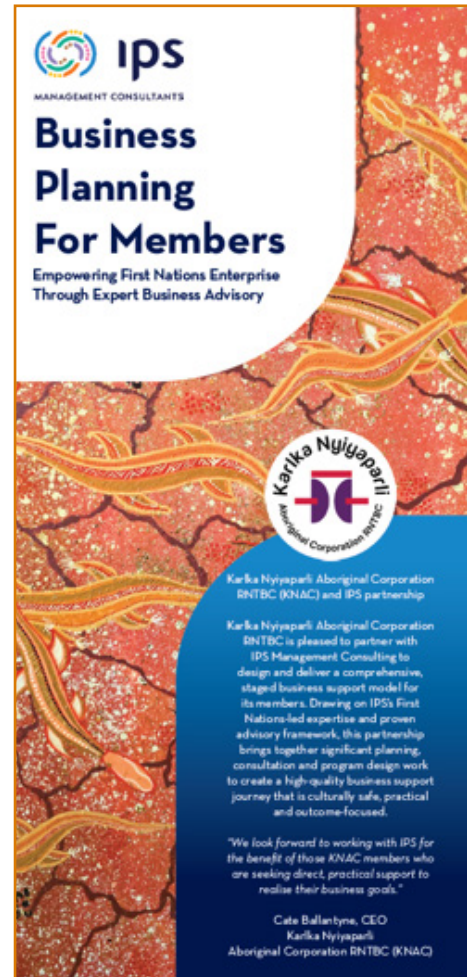
Under KNAC and IPS agreement, members work closely with experienced IPS consultants through each step:

- **Project start:** We begin with a discovery session to understand the business idea and needs.
- **Information gathering:** We hold meetings with you to confirm key details about finances, marketing and operations for the business
- **Draft review:** We prepare and share a draft business plan and gather your feedback.
- **Final delivery:** We deliver a final business plan ready to use with your Beneficiary Business application.

Karlka Commerce then submits the application to Mutual Trust who refer the application to the Business Advisory Committee who assign a Business Advisor to support the application referral to the DMC.

Remember, any KNAC Member Business can reach out to Karlka Commerce for support to:

- Register your business on the KNAC Member Business Register
- Connect you in with IPS Business Advisor
- Introduce you to mining company Indigenous Business Development teams



KNAC Employment Opportunities

Here are current job opportunities available through KNAC. We would love to receive application from members or assist in the preparation of an application. All positions are based in **Panpatina** (Newman) or Hedland.

KNAC Training and Employment Program Coordinator

The KNAC Employment and Training Programs Coordinator is responsible for:

- Developing and implementing employment and training programs that increase employment opportunities and pathways for Nyiyaparli people.
- Helping connect Members to jobs across KNAC programs including Rangers, Pastoral Innovation, Health and Wellbeing, Heritage and Environmental programs.
- Works closely with partners and manages key programs including The Nyiyaparli Land Rehabilitation Traineeship and Regional Jobs and Economic Development Program.
- Support traineeships, develop and maintain a member skills register.
- Ensure programs align with KNAC values and support employment outcomes.

Karlka Commerce Implementation Officer

The Karlka Commerce Implementation Officer supports the KC General Manager by improving systems, reporting, and day-to-day administration.

The Implementation Officer is responsible for:

- Building strong relationships with stakeholders including community, industry, and partners.
- Supporting the administration and reporting requirements of Karlka Commerce including business, training, and employment opportunities for Nyiyaparli people.
- Supporting the Agreement Implementation Committees including preparation for meetings, technical meetings and implementation of Engagement Plans

KNAC Landcare Supervisor

The KNAC Landcare Supervisor (botanical focus) leads a team delivering botanical and broader land management activities under the KNAC Landcare Program for KNAC Pastoral and Newman properties.

The position is responsible for:

- Planning and delivery of KNAC Landcare program including botanical restoration, revegetation, weed management, and ecosystem conservation projects.
- Supervising positions employed under the Regional Job and Economic Development funding.
- Supporting employees with on-the-job skill development and completion of Certificate II in Environment and Ecosystems.
- Providing positive, safe and culturally respectful work environments.
- Building strong relationships with stakeholders including the Shire of East Pilbara, Newman Futures and Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation.

Remote Jobs and Economic Development

KNAC has secured funding through the Remote Jobs and Economic Development program to create new casual Landcare roles in Newman provides job opportunities for members and other Maripa.

The initial funding is to establish a KNAC Landcare focus on Pastoral Rangeland Management, working with Karlka Pastoral on:

- Land management, with specific focus on weed management
- Helping build skills and pathways into long-term employment.
- Completion of Certificate II in Environment and Ecosystems.

The program may support work done by Rangers and the Environmental team, but it is a separate program focused on KNAC Pastoral and Newman properties.

Marble Bar Fencing Project

This Fencing Labourer supports the installation of fencing for the Karlka Fencewright Marble Bar project. This is a remote position working in the Pilbara, the hands-on role involves:

- Handling materials, using tools safely, digging and setting posts.
- Working as part of a team to deliver quality project.
- Following site instructions and safety standards.
- Opportunities to build skills and progress into other fencing positions.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Angela for more information.

KARLKA COMMERCE – MEMBER EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING



LATEST OPPORTUNITIES

19 May 2026

Mineral Resources

Women in Operations - Talent Community

- Newman, WA, Australia, 6753
- Permanent, Full time

Empowering women. Strengthening industry. Building the future together.

At MinRes, we recognise the valuable contribution female Mobile Plant Operators and female Drill and Blast crews make across the mining and resources sector. As part of our commitment to building a diverse and inclusive workforce, we are inviting skilled and motivated women to join our Talent community for upcoming opportunities across our WA operations.

Whether you're an experienced Operator looking for your next opportunity or seeking long-term career growth within the mining and resources sector, we would love to hear from you



Scan for More Info

Allrounder Operator - Hope Downs 2

- Newman, WA, Australia, 6753
- Permanent, Full time

Be part of a brand-new opportunity and be part of something new from day one.

Exciting opportunities are now available to join our Heavy Haulage Team at a brand-new site start-up. You'll be operating a premium fleet of new ancillary machinery including **Graders, Watercarts and Loaders.**

Work within a small, close-knit crew backed by **state-of-the-art facilities**, including new offices and crib rooms, purpose-built undercover workshops designed to reduce dust, a dedicated wash pad, and an on-site refuelling station.

We're offering **permanent full-time positions** on a **2/1 roster** with day and night shift rotation. Fly In, Fly Out is offered from Perth, WA.



Scan for More Info

Don't forget to check the KNAC website for employment opportunities on Nyiyaparli Country

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Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

Training & Employment

As part of reviewing how Karlka Commerce supports our members, and in line with KNAC's focus on self-determination, training and employment support has been reassessed, leading to a **karnanmarra** (new) approach.

The **karnanmarra** Training and Employment Program Coordinator will focus on creating training and employment programs and pathways, working with members and other **Marlpa** to build skills and strengthen **parkarrpa** connections to **Yurlu**.

The Training and Employment Programs Coordinator will also continue to grow and support the programs outlined below:

Niyaparli Land Rehabilitation Traineeship

Entering it's third year, the program has expanded to KNAC Members based in Perth to join the FIFO team. In June, the first FIFO position commenced, with 2 more positions to commence by the end of June.

While 2026 opportunities are now closed, we encourage KNAC Members to register an Expression of Interest for 2027.

This program will be reviewed over the next 6 months to make sure there is a clear **ngarlinpa** (shared) agreement on how it runs and what it aims to achieve. This includes defining the program structure, roles, and expected outcomes, and making sure everything aligns with the KNAC Strategic Plan and supports our long-term goals.

Niyaparli Branded Beef Accelerator Program

Sponsored by our partners at Meat Livestock Australia (MLA), the Branded Beef Accelerator Program is part of the Karlka Pastoral Innovation Program. KNAC is offering two KNAC Members the opportunity to be paid participants in the development of a feasibility study this year to **yalthago** (learn) about the marketing and development of Niyaparli beef products.

Over the next 8-month, the program will cover:

- Customer Discovery
- Product Development
- Business Model
- Branding
- Growth and Funding
- Founder Mental Health
- Go2Market Roadmap
- Pitch Presentation

The participants will be supported to:

- Build valuable business skills and industry connections though:
 - One-on-one coaching,
 - Mentorship
 - Hands-on experience across the full supply chain

Stockmanship Mentor Program

Another part of our partnership with MLA and Pastoral Innovation program is the Stockmanship Mentor Program. Read more about this great initiative on the next page!

If you want to find out more about any of these opportunities, just get in touch with Angela Nicholls at our Newman Office.



More news from Karlka Pastoral

The start of the year across Ethel Creek, Marillana and Walagunya stations has brought very minimal rainfall, with only approximately 53mm recorded since January. The dry conditions have continued to challenge both pasture growth and overall seasonal conditions across the properties.

Despite the tough season, significant progress has been made with infrastructure upgrades. The **marlpa purtayi** (team) has been busy installing three **karnanmarra** (new) **papa** (water) tanks at Walagunya Station, which will allow cattle to be safely and effectively run in the area moving forward. These upgrades are an important step in improving **papa** accessibility and increasing operational capacity across the station.

In addition to the infrastructure upgrades, the installation of **karnanmarra** men's quarters at Ethel Creek Station are underway, as are accommodation plans at Marillana Station.

Mustering operations commenced in May this year to help accommodate the ongoing dry conditions and ensure cattle are managed appropriately as we head into the cooler months - and KNAC Members Jesse Wheelock and Tyros Handley have joined the Karlka Pastoral **marlpa purtayi**.

Weaner training has also commenced, led by Marshall Bowey with assistance from Tyros and Jesse, alongside Marshalls team of highly capable working dogs. Early progress has been positive, and the **marlpa purtayi** is doing an excellent job preparing young stock for the next stage of production.



Karlka Pastoral Innovation Program

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) has partnered with KNAC to deliver a multi year collaborative co-innovation program aimed at strengthening sustainable pastoral development, Indigenous employment and **karnanmarra** market led opportunities across the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Over the life of the program, MLA and KNAC will work collaboratively across the agreed focus areas, to evaluate potential opportunities and improvement to the Karlka Pastoral including:

- Training and employment pathways for Nyiyaparli and other local Aboriginal **marlpa**, including engagement with schools and early career development;
- Development of Nyiyaparli branded beef opportunities;
- Regenerative land management and conservation, working alongside KNAC to support sustainable rangeland practices;
- Carbon management and emissions reduction, including development of baselines and pathways toward improved environmental performance; and
- Cultural and eco tourism opportunities linked to pastoral operations and Country.

Pastoral Innovation Manager Richard Gratte is leading the program, working with MLA and our **parkarrpa** (community), to deliver pastoral training programs and research into improved cattle stock and land management.

Deliver Pastoral Training Programs



The initial stockman training pilot, delivered in partnership with Karlka Pastoral and the Newman Horse Club recently offered horsemanship and stockmanship training in **Panpatina**.

Led by Steve Burke, the program ran over three sessions with Karlka Pastoral **marlpa purtayi** members Jesse Wheelock, Tyros Handley and Tristan Flanagan. Training took place at the Newman Rodeo Grounds and Ethel Creek yards, building practical skills and understanding of safe, calm livestock handling—with plenty of hands-on **yalthago** learning throughout.

Research Into Improved Cattle Stock

In September 2025, **Kutawa** (Ethel Creek) entered steers into the 2026 Harvest Road Feedlot and Carcass Competition. This is an important event that helps benchmark performance against other beef producers across the state.

Results were received in April, with **Kutawa** placing 6th, 13th and 21st in our category - a strong effort and great **yalthago** opportunity for the program.







Karlka Commerce Stakeholder Engagements

Karlka Commerce continues to participate in external meetings with key stakeholders, strengthening relationships, **ngarlinpa** (sharing) information, and progressing opportunities that support Nyiyaparli **marlpa**.

This includes Agreement Implementation Committee Meetings which support the implementation, compliance and updates on:

- Employment & Training
- Business & Contracting
- Cultural Awareness
- Community Events

To support Karlka Commerce's delivery, engagement plans are currently being developed in collaboration with stakeholders to deliver on Nyiyaparli country:

- Employment & Training
- Business & Contracting

The purpose of the Engagement Plan is to:

- » Build relationships with proponents
- » **Ngarlinpa** information transparently, for benefit of KNAC Members
- » Provide structured process for technical engagements
- » Support better decision-making on proponent contributions
- » Deliver benefits for KNAC and the **parkarrpa** (community) that meet the expectations of the KNAC Board and members
- » Guide the delivery of commercial outcomes that benefit Nyiyaparli **marlpa**, supporting meaningful employment and business opportunities which are then reported on at each Implementation Committee meeting

Karlka Commerce Independent Review

The Independent Review of Karlka Commerce has been completed and endorsed by the Board.

As a result, a series of strategic decisions have been endorsed by the KNAC Board to ensure alignment with KNAC's long-term vision. These decisions are outlined below and represent a continued commitment to strengthening our sustainability and overall impact.

REVIEW	STRATEGIC PURPOSE	COMMENCED	STATUS
Newman Satellite Hub	Review of the Karlka Commerce focus and the shift of Newman Initiatives staff into the Corporate and Community services team.	Jan 2026	Completed Jan 2026
Investment Strategy	The updated KNAC Investment Strategy provides clear direction on the future KNAC commercial investment focus and expectations.	March 2026	Completed May 2026
Karlka Fencewright QLD	Decision to close the KFW QLD branch by 30 June 2026 and transfer the relevant services and assets to the KFW WA branch.	March 2026	In progress
Karlka Recruiting Group (KRG) Review	KNAC Board endorsed independent review of KRG JV to ensure the business still aligns with the new Investment Strategy. At the same time KRG Board, endorsed a review of our current Shareholder and Shared Service Agreements between partners.	March 2026	In progress
Karlka Fencewright WA	Business as usual to ensure stabilisation of business following the closure of QLD branch and restructure of shared services.	March 2026	In progress

Karlka Commerce – Investment Strategy

The **karnanmarra** KNAC Investment Strategy provides clear direction for future commercial investments and ensures our commercial activities align with the KNAC Strategic Plan and member expectations.

All KNAC investments aim to deliver a set Return on Investment. While having different income sources is important, investments should only proceed if they are likely to meet this target.

In addition, options should aim to deliver:

- a. Nyiyaparli Employment & Training, Business and/or **Ngooru** (Cultural) Awareness Opportunities; and/or
- b. Working On **Yurlu**

The Board will not support investments where KNAC staff need to run a business day-to-day, unless the overall strength of the business case warrants exception. For example, this does not apply to KNAC Pastoral Properties due to their **ngooru** and heritage importance to our members.

KNAC's investment strategy will therefore focus on creating economic benefits through:

- Joint ventures
- Pastoral work on **Yurlu**
- Property investments
- Smaller investment opportunities

KNAC Shed opening

The KNAC Shed Refurbishment at our Hedland Office is progressing well and remains on budget, with completion expected mid-July 2026.



In early May, KNAC Directors and staff toured the site, where the completed internal walls helped bring the **karnanmarra** layout to life.

From July, our On **Yurlu** teams (Native Title, Heritage and Environment team and the Ranger team) will move into the **karnanmarra** office space.

The **karnanmarra parkarrpa** space will offer exciting opportunities to run **parkarrpa** programs and meetings on site. With capacity for up to 200 people it also features a commercial kitchen, large hall, and training rooms.

We look forward to officially opening this great **karnanmarra** space later this year at a **parkarrpa** event!

Karlka Fencewright WA Operations

KNAC Member Chloe Ugle, has joined the KFW Corporate Services **marlpa purtayi** as a part-time Marketing Support, assisting with marketing, social media, website and promotional materials, and attending future trade shows.



Karlka Fencewright (KFW) has also said farewell to:

- Chris Watson, Finance Manager,
- Jared Thomas, National Sales Manager and
- Erika Molnar, QSE Officer

As the staff leaving all delivered services for both WA and QLD KFW business, the upcoming closure of KFW QLD has provided the opportunity to restructure and engage KFW WA business staff only.

KFW WA has been busy working towards securing larger projects and recently successfully awarded a number of large projects, including the Fortescue Solomon Solar Hub Project and the Hanroy Marble Bar Road Project. **Marlpa purtayi** are scheduled to commence work in June 2026.

If you are interested in casual work with the **marlpa purtayi**, reach out to Karlka Fencewright HR, Petrina Porter petrinap@fencewright.com.au.

As a KNAC subsidiary, it is really important for the **marlpa purtayi** to quote for KNAC projects and works on **Yurlu**. Over the last six months, you may have seen the **marlpa purtayi** on **yurlu** and/or with KNAC partners including:

- KNAC Shed Refurbishment projects
- Rio Tinto delineation contracts
- Nyiyaparli Health and Wellbeing Centre fencing
- Fencing in Newman, working for Ahren's as part of the BHP housing refurbishment project.



We are also excited to see the continued growth of manufacturing in Malaga, with increasing supply-only sales. The **marlpa purtayi** is streamlining manufacturing across all three chainmesh machines, and the barbwire and tie wire machine is fully operational to keep up with orders. While our supply-only is targeted at commercial builders and fencing contractors.

While we do not have regional offices, if KNAC Members are looking for comparative quoting for commercial projects, we encourage you to reach out to the Karlka Fencewright Sales team, Jenna Brown, jennab@fencewright.com.au.

Karlka Fencewright QLD Branch Closure

In March, the CEO and General Manager, Karlka Commerce, visited the KFW QLD branch to advise employees that, following the KNAC Board's Karlka Commerce Independent review (including KFW Operations) the decision was made to restructure KFW operations to WA, with the closure of the QLD branch by 30 June 2026.

The KFW QLD **marlpa purtayi** have acted professionally and demonstrated commitment to the company by working to complete the current projects, in line with the branch closure.



Karlka Recruiting Group

Supply Nation audits are an important part of ensuring strong governance and accountability for KNAC. Following this year's audit, Karlka Recruiting Group (KRG) has successfully renewed its Supply Nation Registered status.

This is important for KRG, as it works closely with government agencies as a pre-approved supplier. The team supports around 100 clients and provides skilled workers in areas like administration, finance, and management.

KRG also delivers the Niyaparli Land Rehabilitation Trainees program for KNAC, which sits outside its usual labour hire model and supports KNAC's broader goals by creating employment pathways for Members.

As part of the Karlka Commerce review, the joint venture agreement is being reviewed alongside the new Investment Strategy and the transition to Supply Nation Certification.

Connect 2026 – Supply Nation

KNAC subsidiaries KFW and KRG are both on the Supply Nation Indigenous Business Register and will attend the Connect 2026 Indigenous Business Tradeshow at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Boorloo the 11th and 12th August.

Karlka Fencewright Pty Ltd nominated in the Supply Nation Supplier Diversity Awards and has been selected as a finalist for the Certified Supplier of the Year.

We invite all registered KNAC Member businesses to contact the Karlka Commerce Team to secure their tickets.







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