

PKKPAC NEWSLETTER

August 2025



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We acknowledge
our PKKP Community,
especially our Elders,
both past, present
and emerging.

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**ON THE COVER
AND ON THIS PAGE**

Shared Country, Mt Stuart.
Credit: Leroy McKay



Hi Members, welcome to the August 2025 newsletter, packed full of stories and photos of what's been happening over the past few months – just in case you missed it!

We always love sharing stories about members and the corporation, especially those success stories we are part of and hear about. Make sure you share any stories with the PKKPAC team next time you see them or you can send us something by email, we would love to hear all about it.

Did You Hear About Our Rangers?

Our Ranger program got the green light and we are now in full swing with our Ranger Program. We are all excited about this finally getting underway, especially our new rangers – and we are still looking for more. Find out a little bit about what they are getting up to now the program has begun.

Co-management Comes to Life

Find out more about what happened on that day in May where years of work, by lots of members and staff finally found its way to the end, or was it a new start. It was great to have so many members and staff attending this historic day for us all and it sets us up very nicely for the future with all our mining proponents.

It's Getting Close!

The 10 year Celebration is only days away and the team behind the event is still running on all cylinders to make sure it will be a memorable event. Some exciting news for you to read about on this too, so you don't miss out. Even if you can't make it there will be something for you as well.



GENERAL NEWS



Welcome to Our New Staff

Our team continues to grow, and this time around we have added some extra special new team members in our new extra special program.

A Special Welcome to Our Rangers

As you will see a little further into this newsletter, we recently received funding to start our Ranger program. So, we jumped straight into recruitment, then training, more recruitment, some work on Nanutarra and more training. Our new ranger team has well and truly hit the ground running and so far, we have the following members who are now fully fledged PKKP Rangers:

- Caydon Drummond, Pinikura
- Zeke Stewart, Pinikura
- Tony Stewart, Pinikura
- Madison Jilba, Pinikura
- Delilah Corbett, Pinikura
- Alicia Drage, Pinikura
- Summah-Rayne Papertalk, Pinikura
- Savannah Papertalk, Pinikura
- Ro-Hannah Hayes, Puutu Kunti Kurrama
- Jesper Hayes, Puutu Kunti Kurrama
- Cimmaron Smirke, Puutu Kunti Kurrama
- Latham Smirke, Puutu Kunti Kurrama

Welcome to the team rangers, we can't wait to see all the good work you will be doing on country.

We still have several Puutu Kunti Kurrama Ranger positions available, so any members who think this would be a great way to be part of the future of the PKKP community and looking after country, then get in touch with Kingsley Murray or Misha Toptchi and have a chat about what's involved.



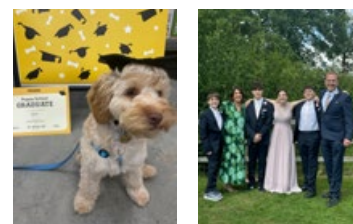
Picture left to right Jesper, Ro-Hannah, Alicia, (Kingsley), Maddison, Tony, Zeke and Caydon, not pictured Summah-Rayne, Delilah, Latham and Cimmaron

Zheela Volkes

Manager Culture Research, joined in May

Zheela is based in our Perth office, and has a background in Human Rights and Humanitarian Settlement and five years in the Australian Public Service, she brings a wealth of experience and passion for supporting diverse communities. Born in London, Zheela migrated to Karachi at age 12 (where her parents were from), has lived in the US, New Zealand (through earthquakes!), South-West Uganda, and now calls Australia home and loves the beaches of Perth.

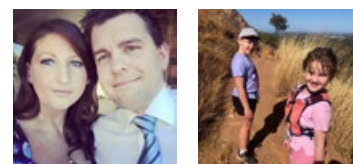
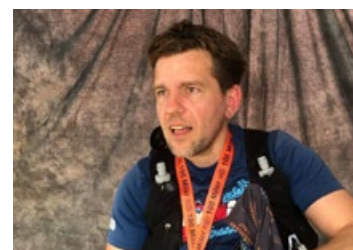
Zheela stays busy with her husband Richard (ask her about dodging and arranged marriage), their four hungry children, five easy-going goldfish, and Byron the teddy-bear dog. She enjoys reading, yoga, summer swims, comedy nights with the family, and has a secret love for disco and cheesy pop sing-alongs. Fun fact: she used her famously loud school voice to become an English and Drama teacher and recently published a book about Runes earlier this year.



David Martin

Director ICT, joined in July

David, or Dave, is an ultra-marathon runner known for tackling 100-mile "Miler" events and serving on the national committee that governs and selects athletes for international ultra-running competitions. Born and bred in Perth with Polish, Russian, and Ukrainian heritage, he's even managed to get his kids involved in running by bribing them with doughnuts to join shorter events in the Perth hills. He loves numbers, puzzles, and big challenges, and thrives on change – which is why he is so excited to be joining PKKP at such a pivotal time. David hopes to bring his experience, skills, and determination to contribute meaningfully to such an interesting and worthwhile organisation.

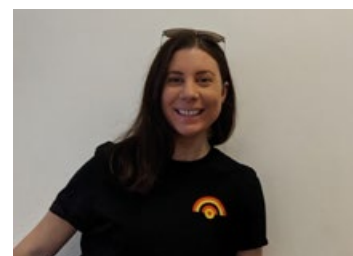


Breanna Szwecow

Cultural Heritage Specialist, joined in May

Breanna is a Menang Noongar woman born and raised in Kinjarling (Albany) WA, with a deep passion for Aboriginal culture and history. She recently lived in Brisbane for 10 years while her husband served with the RAAF until returning to Perth in 2022 with their two young kids who are now 3 and 7 years old.

Breanna and her family have always been drawn to the ocean, and they love taking time out with their families down south to enjoy all the best camping, fishing and beach spots. She has enjoyed her time with the corporation so far and looks forward to learning all that she can from the PKKP community. Fun fact, Breanna's surname, her husband's family name is Russian, when you speak to Breanna, ask her all about the history of Szwecow.

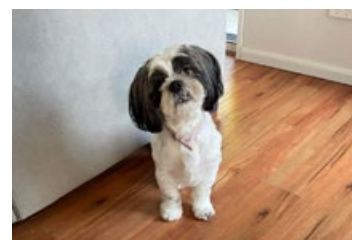


Chanel Darling

Coordination Officer, joined in June

Before stepping into this role, Chanel worked in the Disability and Mental Health sector, where she developed a strong passion for supporting people and working closely with the community. Chanel is excited to be part of the PKKP family that values culture, connection and heritage and is looking forward to learning more about the region and contributing meaningful work. Chanel's partner, 18-month-old, and fur baby Coco recently made the move from Perth to Karratha and are enjoying the slower pace and spending more quality time together as a family.

Outside of work, Chanel is passionate about travelling to new countries, enjoy camping, fishing and heading out on their little tinny to explore the Pilbara coastline. Fun fact - I grew up in Scotland and came to Australia when I was 18 for a "gap year" and never left!



SORRY TO SEE THEM GO

Since our last newsletter we have sadly said goodbye to Ella Harris, Carley Blakney, Matey Martin-Farrell, Ash Busyiah, and Tairi Adams. We wish them all every success in the future and thank them for being part of the PKKPAC story.

Important Dates and Events

There has been so much happening at PKKPAC over the last few months, here are just a few things that took place very recently and most importantly some information on our big 10 Year Celebration of Native Title Determination.

10 Year Celebration

For those members who are going to this event, you have been sent emails with details including the Event Rules, Closure of House Creek Notice and a more detailed Program that has all you need to know about what is happening and when.

Here are some links to those pieces of information, just in case you missed them:

[Safety and Event Rules](#)

[House Creek Closure](#)

Our celebration is now all locked in, with some fantastic cultural activities and other special, super secret surprises for attendees. 10 years is a fantastic milestone to celebrate and the whole team at PKKPAC is looking forward to hosting all the members and their families.

House Creek Event Live Stream

We understand not everyone is able to make the 10 Year Celebration at Nanutarra Homestead and House Creek from August 31 to September 3, but at least you will be able to watch some of it. We are pleased to announce that the official ceremony on September 2, at House Creek, will be live streamed live, in full for all members that can't make it in person. Simply scan or click on the link below just before 10am on September 2 and sit back and enjoy the ceremony.

[Live Stream Link](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

**10 Year Celebration of
Native Title Determination**
31 August to 3 September 2025

House Creek Ceremony
2 September 2025

Youth Forum
15-16 September 2025

Elders Forum
17-18 September 2025

NAIDOC Week 6-13 July 2025

Another NAIDOC week has come and gone, and this year and with some great work by Erin and Bonny, we had an amazing and memorable public event, held right next to the office on Thursday the 10th of July. By far the biggest and most well received event we have had, with representatives and stalls from Karratha Central Healthcare, Hope Community Services, Headspace, Handy Hands, our neighbours from Robe River just to name a few. Plenty of time to have a yarn, participate in fun games and activities and the biggest hit of the day was the Roo Stew cooked by Kylie Mowarin, it was gone in no time!

Brea Kelly and Kat Froedrich from the Language team set up a "Language Team table", which showcased some of the team's recent work at the public event. They also displayed a wide variety of fun storybooks, dictionaries and grammar books from different areas to provide inspiration for future PKKP language projects. Brea and Kat enjoyed chatting to people about all things language and joining in with the craft activities on offer, too.

Earlier in the day, some of our members and PKKPAC staff attended a special ceremony run by the City of Karratha, where our team were part of the City Flag Raising Ceremony.

NAIDOC week would not be complete without our own internal NAIDOC celebrations. First, we had some presentations from Matey on what NAIDOC Week this year was all about which was *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*. This was followed by some fun and of course the "Great Johnny Cake Cook Off". The teams battled it out for the first prize and the judges, Tara and Matey, were both surprised and impressed with the offerings that ranged from rock hard to really, really good.



AIATSIS Summit

June this year was a jam-packed month of big events and conferences, luckily, they were all pretty much in the same location.

First cab off the rank was AIATSIS, which for those who don't know what AIATSIS stands for its the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. AIATSIS was established to collect, preserve, and make accessible information about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for research and cultural preservation. AIATSIS plays a vital role in safeguarding Indigenous knowledge and ensuring its accessibility for future generations. It also works to shape Australia's national narrative by promoting a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

So our team including our Chair and board members Terry, Ethan, Toni and Ray, plus Grant, Jordan, Nisha, Bec, Gary and Maryanne, headed to Darwin for the 2025 Summit, held on Larrakia Country, to listen to, and take part in Cultural Programs (which included tours, some food and of course some crocs) and Summit sessions based around the theme of Voices of Empowerment: Strengthening our Future. By all accounts it was another great summit, and the team learnt a lot and had some fun along the way.



NEW LOOK FOR WWW.PKKP.ORG.AU

If you haven't seen it yet, our website has had a facelift. All the existing information was transferred across to the new look template in July. From here we will now build some new pages to help members and the community connect with PKKP through the website.

World Archaeological Congress

The last event in June, again in Darwin, was the World Archaeological Congress or WAC-10 as it was called this year. At this event that PKKPAC was a sponsor of, people gathered from all over the world to talk about all things archaeological, exchange information and ideas and celebrate culture. This was another event full of cultural activities and learning sessions that have words that only an Archaeologist would understand! Definitely the biggest news from WAC-10, was that our very own Dr Jordan Ralph was appointed as the President of the WAC, an appointment that reflects his commitment to global archaeology and the respect his peers here and around the world have for him. Congratulations Jordan, we are very proud to have you as part of the PKKP team.



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COMMUNITY, CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE



Community Outcomes

This month, on top of all our regular reports on Outreach and Housing and Health and Community events, and a recipe. We have a special story about a member reaching new heights in the business world, and just a little something on the new members hub.

Eva Stewart Named Among Western Australia's Top 40 Under 40 Business Leaders

Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura (PKKP) member Eva Stewart has been recognised as one of Western Australia's top emerging leaders, receiving a coveted 40under40 Award at the Business News gala in Perth on May 2.

The annual 40under40 Awards celebrate the achievements of Western Australia's most outstanding young entrepreneurs, innovators, and future business leaders under the age of 40. This year's ceremony, held before more than 600 guests from across the state's business community, honoured individuals for their commercial success, leadership, and contributions to community.

At just 29, Eva Stewart is already redefining leadership in the resources sector. Born as a proud Pinikura woman, and a member of the Puutu Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura Aboriginal Corporation (PKKP), she grew up in the Pilbara and now leads two thriving Indigenous-owned companies as Managing Director of Australian Indigenous Group (AIG) and Australian Indigenous Enterprises.

Eva's business partner Jason Chong nominated her for the award, recognising her tireless dedication to building businesses that create opportunity, strengthen community, and ensure cultural safety across operations.

Winning a 40under40 Award is a significant milestone, providing recognition, networking, and media opportunities to propel careers and businesses to new heights. Stewart joins a celebrated list of past recipients whose work continues to shape the future of Western Australia.

For Eva, her achievements are not just about personal success, but about creating pathways, changing systems, and leaving a legacy for future generations.

PKKP Aboriginal Corporation is proud to have Eva as a member of our community, and her success as a young leader in her community and businesses. She is an inspiration for our members and a shining light for young women to follow.



Eva receiving her award



Eva amongst the 40 under 40 award recipients



Eva with her team

Community Services and Engagement

We're truly excited to continue connecting with Members, strengthening relationships, and working together to support our community.

Members Hub Comes to Life

Our new Members Hub is now almost ready for members to use!

Just a 2 minutes' walk from the PKKPAC office, the Members Hub is now decked out with meeting spaces and desks and soon will receive the finishing touches so it is ready to open.

[Check out our video tour here.](#)

New Members Onboarding Session

Being part of the onboarding session gave us a valuable opportunity to share an overview of the Corporation's work and highlight how we can best support our Members.

It was a fantastic way to start building relationships, share key information, and pave the way for successful collaboration.

What a great start!



Members left to right: Drew Woodley, CherryRosie Hubert, Ziona Parker, Tashanti Da Silva

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES UNIT



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Panashe Murape

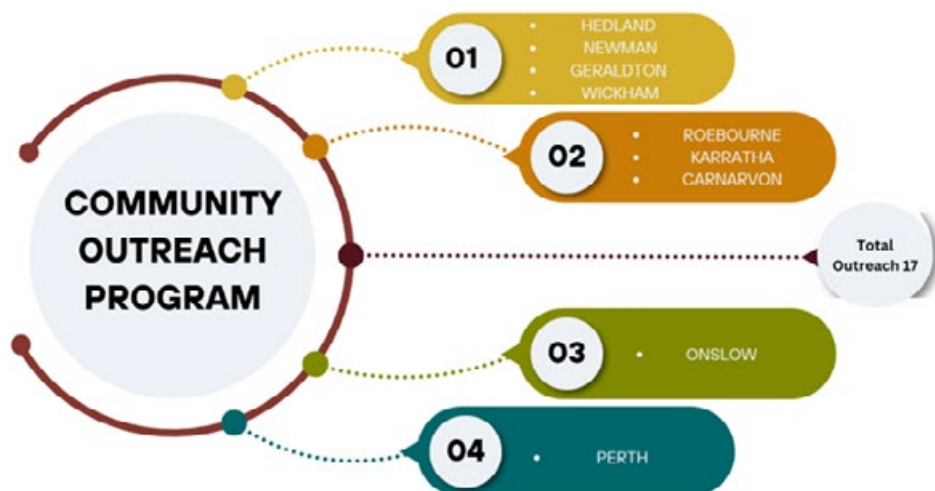
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Outreach Program

Our outreach efforts continue to grow, allowing us to connect with more Members, listen to their needs, and ensure that support and information are accessible to everyone in the community.

Thanks so much for having us, your hospitality was truly appreciated!



Patsy Ashburton and her little boy



Teresa Hughes and her Husband

April to June



204
office visits



57
home visits



717
phone calls + text messages

Every interaction is an opportunity to listen, support, and grow together.



A very shy little PKKP member to be

Community Housing

There is some really exciting stuff happening in Community Housing, so if you have a house or you are looking to get one, make sure you read this section and get in touch with the team for more help and information.

Congratulations to our New Homeowners!

A big congratulations to Maurice Daulbin and Cassius Hayes on becoming proud new homeowners! This is an exciting milestone, and we're thrilled to see you both take this big step toward independence and security. Wishing you all the best as you settle into your new homes!

COMMUNITY HOUSING UNIT



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Maurice Daulbin

Home Maintenance Pilot Program

The Home Maintenance Pilot Program has officially wrapped up, and we want to say a huge thank you to all the homeowners who took part. Your time, honesty, and openness in welcoming us into your homes have been invaluable.

Over the course of the program, 39 Members across Perth, Geraldton, Mullewa, Onslow, Carnarvon, Karratha, Roebourne, Wickham, Port Hedland, and Newman engaged with the initiative. Our team conducted home visits and created tailored reports to identify safety concerns and maintenance needs. These reports are already helping Members better understand their homes and plan for future repairs or improvements.

A special thank you goes to Jamie Stewart, whose dedication and hard work during inspections played a crucial role in the program's success. We're also grateful to Jamie's family for their support throughout – we know it takes a team effort.

We've seen a noticeable increase in renovation interest since the program began, with more Members requesting quotes – a promising sign for future Home Ownership Grant (HOG) renovation applications.

Remember: taking quick action can stop a small issue from becoming a big one. Even though the program has ended, we encourage everyone to stay proactive with home maintenance.



Our team did the rounds with...



Teresa Hughes



Nolene Oliver



Rebecca Chubby

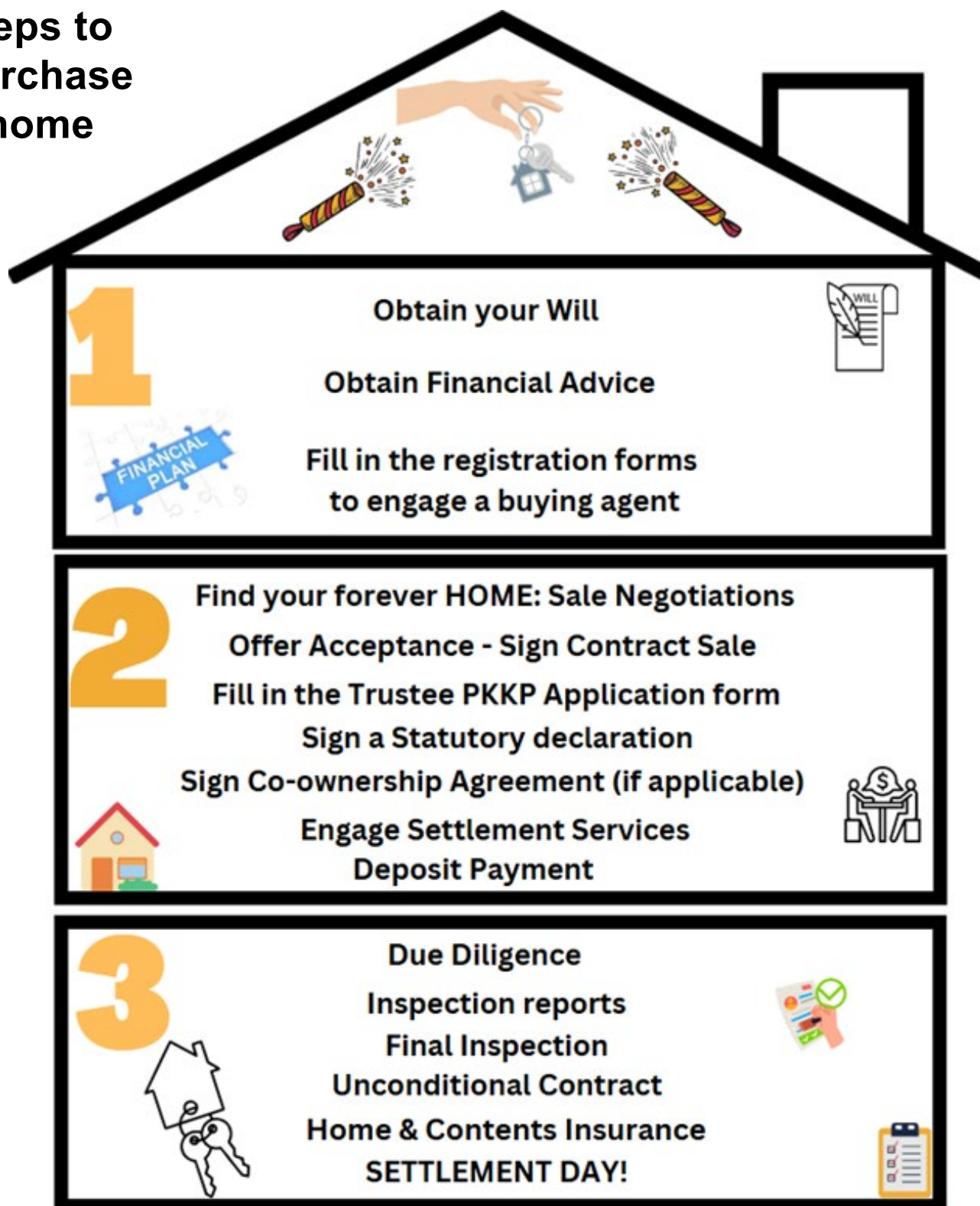


Andrea Stewart, Jamie Stewart, and Selina Stewart



Mitchell Drage

Steps to purchase a home



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 Buying Agent 0421 192 229

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Merinda Logie or Jim Bartlett
 Lawyers 0403 496 956

Scott McAlees RSM
 Financial Planner (08) 9261 9514

YOU CAN'T SMELL SMOKE IN YOUR SLEEP

Only working smoke
alarms save lives.

Home safety check list:

- ✓ Test your smoke alarm regularly by holding down the test button until you hear a loud alert tone, then release.
- ✓ If your smoke alarm has a user replaceable battery, change it every year.
- ✓ Even mains powered smoke alarms have a back-up battery that may need replacing.
- ✓ Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years, regardless the type of smoke alarm you have.

For more information visit dfes.wa.gov.au



DFES
Department of Fire and
Emergency Services

[Click here to watch a video on the importance of smoke alarms.](#)

Community Health and Partnerships

With increased travel to and out of Pilbara due to seasonal rush, prioritise your health and social emotional wellbeing by actively focusing on your strengths and strategies to overcome any concerns. Please reach out to the PKKP health and wellbeing team for assistance in creating a tailored action plan if you are struggling.

Our Partnerships

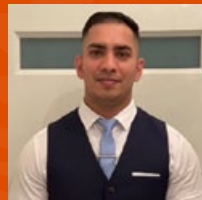
We continued to strengthen our partnership with external community stakeholders by actively looking into our members support needs. We have evaluated a couple of health insurance providers and their benefits and are at the last stage, which is presenting it to the board and members for approval. We have also noticed a few changes that need to be made to the Living Waters Home Care Services contract before final approvals, however our members are encouraged to express interest in what services they need. We have also formed an ongoing relationship with MTO, registered aged care and NDIS provider in Pilbara to provide a choice of service providers to our members.

A big thank you to PKKP Elders for attending the Elder's Forum and completing the Elder's Questionnaire. This will assist us in creating an Elder's strategy to address concerns highlighted.

Success Story

We continue to support our PKKP members and their families in navigating mainstream health care system. We are so proud to inform you that we successfully assisted a PKKP elder in their return to community with optimal support after multiple surgeries and hospital admissions since late last year after being in hospital for almost 7 months. They successfully completed rehab with their treating allied health professionals with continued support from the PKKP Health team prior to their return home. A big shout out to the PKKP Community Engagements Team for their ongoing assistance in making this transition back home smooth for our Elder.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS UNIT



Prince Kuthial

Community Health & Wellbeing Officer

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My Aged Care

We completed six new My Aged Care Assessment registrations of eligible PKKP members in May and June this year. They are at the final stage of having a physical assessment scheduled. We have been improving our connections and partnerships with local community support providers to improve access to better support options for our members.

You can use the below guide to access My Aged Care, but there is also a much quicker new way to register for assessment. All you need is a valid Medicare card and up to date contact information to register for assessment online. If you need help but are unsure about your eligibility, it is best to complete assessment registration and let qualified assessors assist.

To assist with registration and if you require further information, please contact your Community Health and Wellbeing Officer, Prince Kuthial, at prince.kuthial@pkkp.org.au or 0447 987 050

Please see flyer on the next page for more details.

Infection Control

As the holiday season brings more people to the Pilbara Region, it is essential to reflect on infection control strategies to prevent the spread of germs.

Getting a seasonal flu vaccination is an effortless way to break a chain of infection and safeguard the community against its spread. Book your seasonal flu vaccination by contacting your GP or nearest Chemist.

If you need more information or assistance with making a booking, please contact Prince Kuthial at prince.kuthial@pkkp.org.au or 0447 987 050.

Please see flyer on Page 23 for more details.

Health Community Event

Yarning with PKKP Elders about their health and wellbeing challenges, and formal, informal and mainstream support. We successfully joined our community partners in two community BBQs in last three months and continue to support with regular Health BBQs in the community our members live in.

Please see flyer on Page 24 for upcoming Health Community events.

Your guide to Home Care Package (HCP) and Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)

HOW TO JOIN

MY AGED CARE

If you are aged 50 years and over, you are eligible to receive government funded support to live independently at your home and plan a respite service so your carer can have a break.

YOUR HEALTH OFFICER IS HERE TO ASSIST YOU ALONG EACH STEP OF THE WAY PLEASE CONTACT PRINCE KUTHIAL ON 0448 987 050 AND WE CAN WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS TOGETHER



1

Contact

Contact My Aged Care, over the phone 1800 200 422, online by visiting My Aged Care Website or face-to-face by visiting Services Australia centers.

2

Register

My Aged Care Contact Center staff completes registration by creating a client record and identification number.

3

Screen and Referral

Contact center staff screen the clients eligibility for assessment and completes a referral to a Regional Assessment Service (RAS).

4

Assessment

RAS Assessor completes an Assessment referred to as ACAT Assessment (Aged Care Assessment Team) or Integrated Assessment Tool (IAT).

5

Referral Code

RAS assessor provides a referral code for eligible services based on your needs.

Prevent the Spread of Infections



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue.

Throw away used tissues immediately.



Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth.



Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds,

especially after being in public, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces,

especially when someone is sick.



Keep at least 2 metres from others, whenever possible.



Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands.

Find a way to greet that doesn't involve touching.



Stay home if you are sick.



KARRATHA

Central Healthcare

2025 Outreach Clinics

Podiatry
Dietetics
Physiotherapy
Diabetes Education

Onslow

25th February
29th April
17th June
19th August
14th October
9th December

Bindi Community

26th February
30th April
18th June
20th August
15th October
10th December

Paraburdoo

17th March
12th May
21st July
15th September
10th November

Tom Price

19th March
14th May
23rd July
17th September
12th November

Bellary Springs & Wakathuni Communities

18th March
13th May
22nd July
16th September
11th November

Private & Referred Clients Welcome!

**For more information or to book early
please contact us on 9144 6900**

Or call our Aboriginal & Remote
Community Health Coordinator
Hayley on 0438 333 141

08 9144 6900

info@karrathahealthcare.org.au

66 Welcome Road Karratha

Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm



Registered NDIS Provider

Recipe: Chocolate Coconut Energy Bites

Ingredients: (makes 15 bites)

- 1 cup rolled oats
- ½ cup natural peanut butter or almond butter
- ¼ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- ¼ cup honey or maple syrup
- 2 tbsp of cocoa powder
- Pinch of salt

Instructions:

1. In a mixing bowl, combine oats, shredded coconut, cocoa powder and salt.
2. Add peanut butter, honey, and vanilla extract. Stir until fully combined.
3. Roll into small balls.
4. Chill in the fridge for 30-60 minutes to firm up.

Special Tip:

You can add a few scoops of protein powder to increase the protein content of bites.

Storage:

Keep in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.



Community Programs and Employment

Please contact the Community Programs team for all matters of programs, employment, and training opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thinking about a career in mining but not sure where to begin?

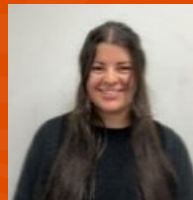
Start with Rio Tinto's 'Get Career Ready Conversations.'

Facilitated by Shona Park (Rio Tinto) these sessions offer PKKP members a chance to discuss career pathways, gain insights into industry opportunities, and receive personalised guidance.

Whether you're interested in the ATAL Program, upcoming traineeship or apprenticeship opportunities with Rio Tinto, or have general questions about working in mining – these conversations are a valuable resource to help you get started.

Please see flyer on the next page for more details.

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RioTinto

GET CAREER READY CONVERSATIONS

Ready, Set, Rio!

PKKPAC and Rio Tinto are working together to support PKKP members with the skills needed to succeed!

Get Career Ready conversations are about goal setting, aspirations and learning how to build a successful career in mining with Rio Tinto.

Call the PKKP office to ask about the next date for in-person sessions with Shona.

PKKP Employment Officer

M: 0473 066 926

Email: erin.burmaz@pkkp.org.au

Or contact Shona directly:

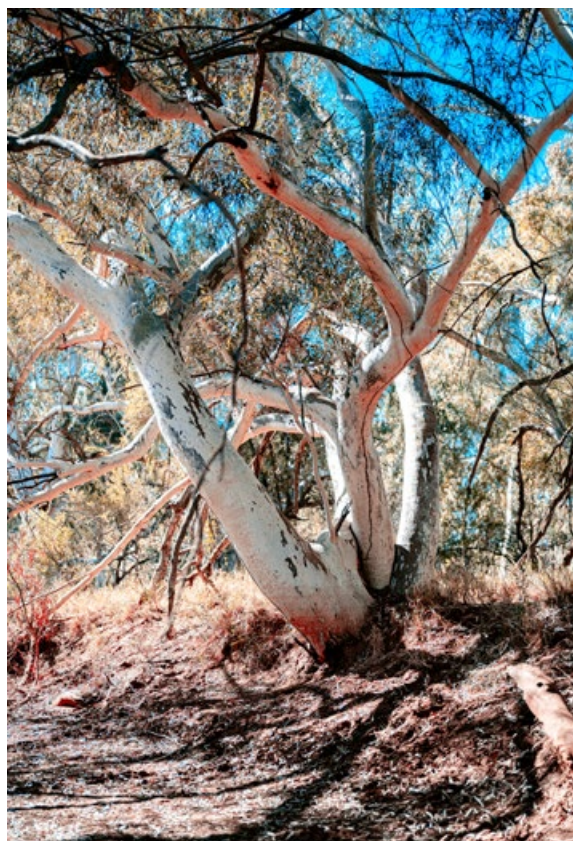
Shona Park

M: 0429 226 204

Email: shona.park@riotinto.com

Community Outcomes Unit and Marketing and Comms Go Bush...

On the 16th of June, with the permission of both heritage consultants and Mt Stuart Station, Matt and I took a photographer out to snap some pictures of the amazing PKKP shared country. After heading into country on the western side of Mt Stuart we found some really nice places to capture images for our annual report, and for various other mediums. On the way we visited Nanutarra, where the Rangers were very busy cleaning up trees, digging trenches for retic and lots of other jobs. We also went and checked out House Creek after we went to Mount Stuart. Here are some pics – Can you guess which ones are from the pro and which ones I took?





COUNTRY, CULTURE AND PARTNERSHIPS



Country, Culture and Partnerships

As we move to the next stage of the CMA it is important we stay up to date with progress. Our newsletter is likely to be a constant reminder of the milestones and this one is no different. Add to that our Ranger program update and the important work being done by the language team and there is lots of information for you to see here.

Historic Day in May

Without question, the event that was held, and agreement that was signed on May 22, 2025, was certainly one of the most historic days for the PKKP community. Well over 100 members, PKKPAC staff, Rio Tinto staff and others witnessed the signing of the first ever Co-Management Agreement, which has been in the making for over 3 years.

Many hours and days of meetings and discussions have taken place to get us to this point and now we have created history with the first agreement of its kind. It will set the benchmark for any future agreements with mining proponents that partner with PKKP and will have ripple effects right throughout the mining industry in Australia and around the world.

Thanks to those members who attended and a big thanks to all the members who have been part of the committees and board over the last few years, without your dedication and support we would have never got to this amazing result.

If you haven't seen it yet:
[check out the video on our website here.](#)



The Implementation of the Co-Management Agreement with Rio Tinto: What’s Happening Behind the Scenes

As you know, back in May the PKKP People and Rio Tinto signed a historic Co-Management Agreement (CMA). Since then, PKKP Aboriginal Corporation has been working hard behind the scenes with Rio Tinto to bring this agreement to life.

The implementation process ensures the CMA isn’t just a document – it’s something we live and breathe every day in the way we protect culture and care for Country, and how we collaborate with the mining industry.

The change plan below outlines how new processes and systems relating to the CMA will be rolled out across four key phases: informing and engaging stakeholders, piloting updated systems and planning materials, adopting new ways of working, and refining everything into business-as-usual.

For those involved, you’ll start to see changes in how heritage surveys are done, how staff and contractors are trained, and how we track and manage our work. Over time, this will make our operations more efficient, transparent and aligned with co-management.

We’re committed to keeping our members and staff informed every step of the way. This plan is about empowering PKKP People, strengthening cultural governance, and ensuring we all understand our roles in this new co-managed future.

You can read more in the CMA change plan overview below, and we’ll continue to provide updates through future newsletters, meetings and training sessions.

ISSUED: 25 JULY 2025

RTIO CMA Change Plan Overview

Accountable: Chief Executive Officer
Responsible: Chief Heritage Officer

A resilient PKKPAC driven by values and culture, strong internal systems, and a commitment to honouring Co-Management through robust succession.

OBJECTIVES

ROBUST SUCCESSION PLAN

BULLETPROOF HERITAGE SURVEY PROCESS

LIVED CMA VALUES AND CULTURE

		2025				2026	
		June	July - September	October - December		January - March	
Robust Succession Plan Owner: Chief Operating Officer	PKKP Members						
	Heritage Team						
	PKKP AC						
Bulletproof Heritage Survey Process Owner: Director Land and Heritage	People						
	Systems						
	Process						
Lived CMA Values and Culture Owner: Chief Heritage Officer	Creating awareness of the CMA						
	Stakeholder specific education and training						

Stakeholder group 1: TOs and Consultants | Stakeholder group 2: Staff | Stakeholder group 3: PKKP Members and Proponents

Ranger Program Underway!

After confirming funding for our ranger program earlier this year through the National Indigenous Australians Agency, our team swung into action and recruited 10 Rangers. With the new team on board and keen to get going, first step was to get some training under their collective belts. They wasted no time completing courses in chainsaw use, chemical handling, snake handling, healthy Country planning and as part of the Pilbara Ranger Network, weed ID, social media usage, fauna management and leadership and teamwork. It has been a steep learning curve for our new rangers, but they have grabbed it with both hands and understand the importance of their new roles and how important they are in caring for Country.



Nanutarra Homestead Restoration Update

Every month or so we will be posting updates on the website to show you the progress of the renovations to the Homestead. But we thought we might drop in some pictures of the Ranger team doing the hard yards now that the masterplan is underway.



Language Team Updates

Kat's Collab!

The Language Team hosted Kat Froedrich again in May and July, this time for a total of six weeks. Kat is a PhD student from the University of Western Australia and a Forrest Research Foundation scholar. Her research is on 'Aboriginal English' – a term used by linguists to describe the English used by First Nations people – spoken in the Pilbara.

In those six weeks, she conducted fieldwork for her Linguistics PhD in Karratha and surrounding towns in the Pilbara. Kat is fascinated by how First Nations speakers use English to express identity, how they combine it with other languages they know, and how their language use changes depending on who they speak to. For her data collection, she records casual yarns between multiple speakers or individual speakers and herself about different topics. Kat is looking for more participants: if you are interested in participating in her project, and being paid for your time, check out the flyer on the next page or email katharina.froedrich@research.uwa.edu.au.

There is also another language research project available for participation: a collaboration between UWA and Google that aims to design inclusive speech technologies for speakers of Aboriginal English. You can also contact Kat at katharina.froedrich@research.uwa.edu.au if you are keen to participate in this project.

In addition to conducting her fieldwork, Kat is also interning with the language team until October, learning how our language program runs, attending CLO training sessions and helping us out with admin, data management, and linguistics tasks.





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LANGUAGE RESEARCH PROJECT

Looking for Aboriginal participants for a study on how English is used in the Pilbara.

Participation involves:

- Have a yarn with me, which I will record.
- A recording session lasts 30 – 60 minutes.
- Get paid for your time (\$50 cash for a session).



Can you tell me a story?

GET IN TOUCH

Kat Froedrich, Linguistics PhD student UWA,
Forrest Research Foundation scholar

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PULiiMA Conference

The PULiiMA Indigenous Language and Technology Conference is fast approaching!

Held in Darwin from August 26 to 29, this conference is the place to be if you're interested in language work in Australia. The PKKP Language Team will be attending PULiiMA (and giving two presentations) – we'd love to have you join us!

Members can access education funds to attend this event. Please contact Brea from the Language Team at breanna.kelly@pkkp.org.au or reach out to the Community Services team if you need any help with this. This conference is happening right before the 10th Anniversary celebrations, so you can choose to attend just part of the conference.

For more information, you can visit the PULiiMA website here: <https://puliima.com/>.

If you'd like to register for the conference, you can do so here: <https://puliima.com/register>.

We hope to see you there!

Writing Systems: Watch This Space!

Have you ever wondered...

- How is that language word spelled?
- Why are language words sometimes spelled one way and sometimes another way?
- How can I learn to spell words in my language?

The answer to all these questions depends on one thing: deciding on a writing system for your language!

The Language Team wants to work with YOU, the members, to set the writing systems for Pinikura and for Kurrama. We'll contact members in the coming weeks, but in the meantime...

Do you want to take part in setting your language's writing system?

Just contact Amanda from the Language Team to learn how: amanda.hamilton-hollaway@pkkp.org.au.

Language Workshops in May; Language Team Visit to Karratha

In May the Language Team hosted the first of what we hope will be many more language learning workshops for both Pinikura and Kurrama language groups. Pinikura Community Language Officers Kristy Stewart and Chanice Daulbin-Satrick led a series of language activities and games with the Pinikura group, teaching everyone how to introduce themselves in Pinikura, how to say some everyday "doing" words, how to say the body parts (including singing "heads, shoulders, knees and toes" in language), and sparking some healthy competition with games of Aunty Says and "the flyswatter game". We had a great bunch of eager students, and we look forward to more lessons soon!

We also had a lovely Kurrama language afternoon, with Joan Ashburton, Larissa Morrison and Teniele Hayes preparing some games and activities to teach introductions, body parts, and kinship and seasonal knowledge in Kurrama. We were fortunate to have some Elders and key Knowledge Holders attending, so we had an afternoon of great conversations and learnings about Kurrama language and culture.

It was wonderful to have the whole Language Team, normally spread across WA, NSW and QLD, come together in Karratha for this event, and spend some time in the office together planning for future activities.



