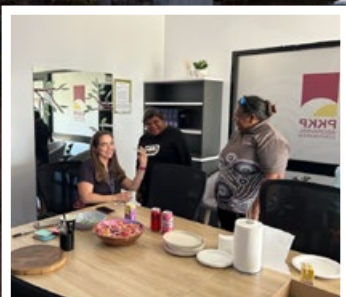


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We acknowledge
our PKKP Community,
especially our Elders,
both past, present
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PKKP 10 YEARS

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With so many images in the 10 Year Celebration section, we decided not to caption any of them. Hope you enjoy the photos!



We have a Special 10 Year Anniversary Edition of the Newsletter for you this month.

With our event taking place early in September, we wanted to show everyone the wonderful photos from the whole event, even some behind the scenes shots of the team getting the event ready. Don't worry, we have also included some other great stories and updates from all the team at PKKP AC.

Special Edition – 10 Year Celebrations

Check out all the shots from all four days, and a link to a fantastic video we had made to make sure we can look back on what a great event it was. As well as a highlights video, there is a link to the entire House Creek Ceremony, just in case you missed the event, and the Live Stream.

Nhamarribala – Nanutarra Homestead

Everyone who went to the event got to see all the work our Ranger team and staff have put into the Homestead. But we wanted to share some more with you including a link to a fantastic video of the vision for Nanutarra

A few of the regulars

Another quarter and we have more new team members so we wanted to introduce you to them and include some of the favourite sections of the newsletter.



GENERAL NEWS



10 Year Celebration of Native Title Determination

August 31- September 3, 2025

What an event! After working together for so long to make this event very special for the PKKP Members and their families, we were so pleased to present Nanutarra Homestead in all its glory, and for all to see.

It was also amazing to see so many members of the broader PKKP community attend our very special ceremony at House Creek, sharing their memories and looking to the future together.

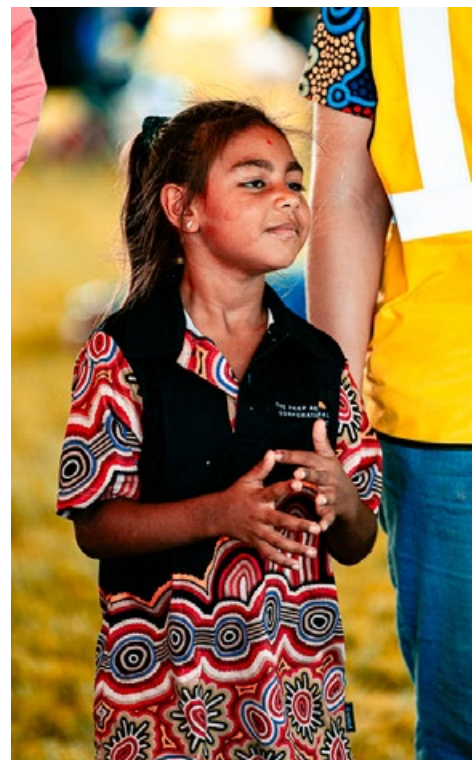


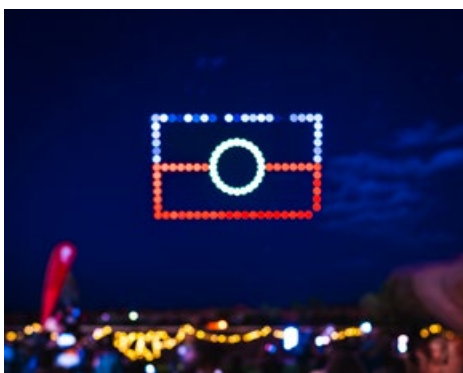


Our first full day at Nanutarra was exactly that, very full. We had music, weaving, painting, egg carving, Roo and Emu cooking and Damper making (that always turns into a competition), Kids Club, site tours, a video and picture presentation from our Architect, a photographic trip down memory lane, food, fun and even a helicopter landing.

But definitely the highlight, followed closely by the Family Shoveller Band, was the drone show. Taking over the northern sky next to the homestead, backed by a soundtrack which included many reflections from members and pieces in language, the beautiful drone images will live in the memories of all those who attended.







WATCH THE DRONE SHOW

If you weren't there, check out the video [by clicking on the link here](#); not as good as being there but still you will get to see the biggest PKKPAC logo ever created, plus a whole lot more.



PJ's Cooking Masterclass

Peter Jeffries kindly put his hand up to not only cook Emu, Kangaroo and Roo Tails, but to also pass on knowledge to those interested in cooking the traditional way.

A crowd gathered behind the catering tent where fire pits were prepared. Roo tails, Emu and Kangaroo made for a busy bush kitchen.

Many laughs were had about the competing damper of the Perpetual and PKKPAC CEO's.







Growing more memories

200 trees were made available for members to plant at the event as a personal legacy of their attendance. This also forms part of the Nanutarra re-wilding program.

The Ranger team did an amazing job of preparing holes for the Eucalyptus Victrix trees that are endemic to this part of the Pilbara.

Each tree was staked and marked with the person's name and date, so that plaques can be placed with the trees in future.





House Creek Ceremony

Over 200 members, family, PKKPAC and PKKP Enterprises staff and guests made the trip out to House Creek to celebrate the 10th Anniversary. A live stream of the whole event for those who couldn't make it in person was watched by over 140 people.

From Rangers to Elders and others who have engaged with the community, everyone spoke about their time shared with family on-country, the legacy and hard work of past generations and the importance of future generations to carry on the spirit and culture of their Elders.

It was a day of celebration and achievement and many members and guests spent hours sharing stories and reflecting on the day.







THE VISION FOR NHAMARRIBALA!

During the event we had the team from Slavin Architects join us for 2 days to share the vision for the homestead. This came in the form of a 3d rendered virtual fly through of the site, which was a hit with members who saw it at the Homestead. It was in stark contrast to some of the images that were also on display that showed the Homestead, not only prior to the event, but in some images more than 20 years before. The video is on our website and [you can view it by clicking here.](#)

Behind the scenes

“Of course everything ran smoothly. No, there were not any issues or mishaps in the lead up to Day 1, it was just perfect...”

As with any event there was plenty of pivoting, changing, substituting and meetings to manage everything that just popped up. We got through it with a great team that dealt with plenty of contingencies. Here are some pictures of heavy rain, snakes, dust storms, trucks turning up, trucks not turning up, tents and gazebos flying through the air, et-al.

Lots of hard work and laughter, sweat, tears and insect bites, teamwork and determination was shared.









Welcome to Our New Staff

Sean Amonini

GIS Specialist, Perth, joined in September

With strong spatial background as a surveyor and GIS/geomatics specialist, Sean has spent 16 years predominantly working in the mining industry. Born and raised in the southwest with Irish and Italian background, Sean considers himself a bit of a foodie, so he likes to cook, explore restaurants with his wife and making homemade sausages. Come footy season he'll be found out on the field (until his body gives out). Sean is a lover of fun facts and curious in nature, loving being a dad and spending as much time with his wife and 2-year-old little man.

Sean has always loved a challenge and believes that if something can be thought of it can be done, so he is looking forward to bringing value to the PKKP community.



Hayley Mead

Manager, Health and Programs, Karratha, joined in September

Before joining the PKKP team, Hayley was improving healthcare access across the towns and communities of the West Pilbara through her work coordinating the Strengthening Aboriginal Health program, so if her face looks familiar, that's probably where you've seen her!

Hayley grew up in Kinjarling (Albany) on Menang Noongar Country. Her background is in Human Biology & Anatomy and Humanities in Health & Medicine, and she is deeply passionate about disease prevention, mental health, dementia care, and aging well.

Hayley has a profound appreciation for the Indigenous cultures of Australia, and she values the strength that comes from connecting, listening, and learning.

Outside of work, Hayley is always up for a challenge, whether that's snowboarding, ruck taps on the footy field, climbing mountains, fishing, or holding her own on the basketball court. Just be careful if you challenge her to a game of Skip-Bo, you might unleash her competitive streak!



Pravashni Ragooloo

Finance Manager, Perth, joined September

Pravashni is a Chartered Accountant with 13 years of experience, including leading ERP transitions and enhancing financial controls. Since joining us, she's already improved our reporting and payment processes and added structure to our financial close. Originally from South Africa, Pravashni claims that she is "not the most interesting or exciting person" but outside of work she enjoys reading, spending time with her kids, watching Netflix, travelling and she absolutely love dogs! From a work perspective, Pravashni is passionate about learning and development, and has successfully mentored three accounting trainees who has since qualified as Chartered Accountants.



Important Dates and Events

On top of the big 10 Year Celebration of Native Title Determination, here are just a few other things that have taken place at PKKPAC recently.

Healthy Country Planning Training Darwin

Congratulations to the rangers who attended our Healthy Country Planning training at the beautiful Riyala (outside Darwin) at the start of July.

The five-day live-in course is an intensive introduction to the Healthy Country Planning framework, an adaptation of the Conservation Standards, specifically for use in community contexts where cultural and natural values are deeply connected.

For this training participants worked in five teams, each led by Indigenous corporations or land managers who brought their own case studies to focus on for the week. Groups applied all elements of the Healthy Country Planning cycle to these live scenarios, with leadership and guidance from the Indigenous teams who are at different stages of their own plan development, delivery or review. Applying learning processes to tangible scenarios allows participants to challenge the theory and cement the concepts.

At the end of the week, each team presented their plan back to the broader group, in some very funny and moving presentations.

They had the privilege of being welcomed to country by Wulna Traditional Owners Lynette and Tarisma from Pudukul who we also visited mid-week for a generous and insightful cultural tour – a highlight of the week for many.

It is an intense week of sharing, learning, laughter and personal and professional growth, which is only possible with the enthusiasm, questions, openness and hard work of the participants. Thank you all for making it a memorable and rewarding week.



See if you can spot any of our ranger team in these shots

PKKP Attends FNCEN

The First Nations Clean Energy Symposium was held on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 August at the Sunshine Coast Convention Centre, QLD. It was run by the First Nations Clean Energy Network (FNCEN). It was attended by Gary Dean, Kaitlyn Hayes (Community Director of PKKP Enterprises - Puutu Kunti Kurrama), and Priscilla Jilba (Community Director of PKKP Enterprises - Pinikura) pictured here.

By all reports the Symposium was well organised and informative with key presentations on

- First Nations need to lead the clean energy revolution and are central to decisions about their lands, resources, and futures.
- Breakthrough moments: implementing the First Nations Clean Energy best practice principles to ensure co-design, partnership, ownership and participation of First Nations peoples
- Lessons in negotiation: strong agreements, negotiation strategies, co-ownership pathways that uphold sovereignty, deliver real benefits, and ensure free, prior and informed consent.
- Better housing for a changing climate: improving housing quality and energy efficiency.
- First Nations landscape: the context of climate change
- Getting decarbonisation right: models emerging between government utilities and First Nations communities
- Policy impacting people: government needs to deliver on First Nations participation and benefit sharing
- Cultural heritage: taking control of cultural mapping, risk assessment and land access to ensure cultural heritage is respected, protected and prioritised in clean energy planning and delivery.
- Building energy justice; what it is; challenges to be overcome
- Making equity equitable: First Nations equity participation in clean energy projects

Some 450 people attended the gathering of First Nations leaders, Traditional Owners, communities, government, unions, academics, community organisations, industry and allies driving real outcomes for First Nations in Australia's clean energy transition.

This Symposium was about the doing — about showing up, sharing knowledge, learning from each other, working on the challenges and building on the work we are already doing together. There is a lot for us to consider when it comes to clean energy and the future of not only PKKP Country, but also on a global scale.





COMMUNITY, CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE



Community Services and Engagement

Your Members Hub is opened

Our official opening of the new Members Hub was on October 8! That's right, we officially opened the doors and had lots of PKKPAC staff and members come along to check out this great space. So if you missed out, here is a little summary of what the Members Hub is for, when it is open and a few pictures of the day.

Opening hours – Tuesday and Thursday 9am-3pm

Whats in there? – A big space for meetings of up to 10 people, another smaller table for meeting, 4 desks and computers ready for members to log in and get some help with just about anything, printers, a small kitchen and a couple of very comfortable lounges.

Watch out for a new Members Hub page coming soon on the website.



Claudia, Rebecca McKay and her support worker Patricia Roberts



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Patsy Chubby and her son, Chayse Chubby with Claudia



COUNTRY, CULTURE AND PARTNERSHIPS



Country, Culture and Partnerships

Update on CMA Implementation

We're pleased to share that we've now entered Phase 3 of the CMA implementation, with great progress being made across the board. A major milestone has been the rollout of new functionality on our ESS software, including calendar functionality and easier-to-manage task lists. This upgrade is making it simpler and more efficient for our heritage team to manage and organise surveys – as we anticipate the number of heritage surveys to rise within the coming years. To support the rollout, we've recorded a suite of training videos and are preparing a user guide – ensuring both existing staff and new starters have the tools and information they need to confidently use ESS.

We're also focused on building capability across our stakeholder groups. A three-day training program is in development for Traditional Owners, designed to improve their experience when working alongside heritage consultants, with a focus also on safety in the field. At the same time, we're in the process of creating new training materials for consultants, staff, members, and proponents, to ensure everyone understands their role in the co-management journey.

Finally, we've begun work on a robust succession plan for both members and corporate staff, with a long-term strategy being shaped through collaboration with key stakeholders to support continuity and leadership into the future.



Language Team Updates

PULiIMA Conference

In August, the Language Team, along with Mitchell Drage, had a wonderful time at the PULiIMA Indigenous Language and Technology Conference, held in Darwin. We gave two presentations: in one, we shared our process of training Community Language Officers; in the other, we discussed the benefits of research into other languages when building up a language database. PULiIMA is the main conference for Indigenous language work in Australia, one of the main conferences of this type in the world, so this was a very exciting opportunity for our team.

We also learnt heaps from other language programs around Australia and the world, and we were able to strengthen our networks with language centres and universities.



The Language team with Deloris Satrick and Mitchell Drage



The PKKP Language team

Cultural mapping trip

Chanice and Brea joined a cultural mapping trip on Country at Mitala Gap in late September. We recorded people's stories and language (we made four hours of recordings!), and we really enjoyed time having cuppas and chats with members who were on the trip. Hopefully, you'll see us with our recorders out on Country more often next year!

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

The Language Team has a new email address! You can contact us at language@pkkp.org.au if you have any questions or feedback for us.

