

PUUTU KUNTI KURRAMA & PINIKURA PEOPLE

# PKKP AC NEWSLETTER

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

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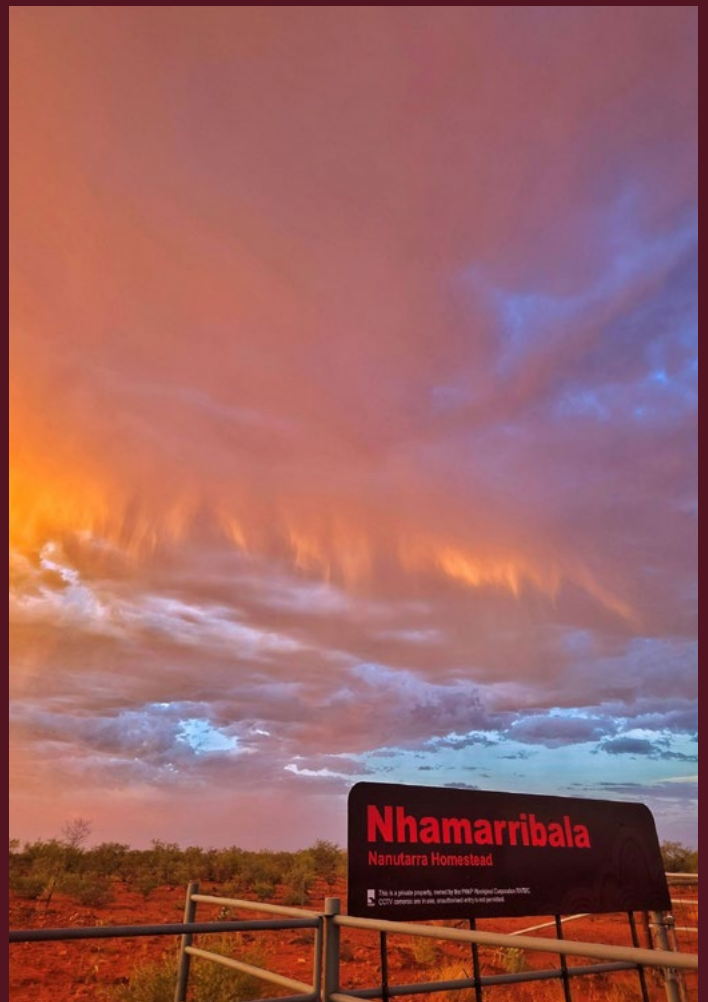
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 "Rain over Nhamarribala"  
 taken by Ash Chitty

# Hi Members,

## Welcome to our first 2026 Newsletter!

This quarter we welcome a lot of new staff who started between December and the time of release. 2025 was a big year for us all, and 2026 doesn't look like slowing down...well maybe just a little.

Our Ranger program continues to forge ahead and we have updates on our Board, some great success stories in our community and a little bit of healthy inspiration from within the PKKPAC team.





# GENERAL NEWS



# General News

## Board Changes

At our February Board meeting, a new Chairperson was elected. Congratulations to Sandra Hayes who is now the new Chairperson for PKKP Aboriginal Corporation. Sandra has served on the board and many committees for many years and along with her family, was part of the very first Survey done on country. It is fantastic to have her as our new Chairperson.

A special thanks goes out to Terry Drage who hands over the title as Chairperson to Sandra after his time in the position and takes the Chairperson role at PKKP Enterprises. Terry has led the organisation well including leading us through one of the biggest years the Corporation has seen when we celebrated 10 Years of Native Title Determination last year. Thanks for your commitment and tireless work Terry and congratulations on your new role at PKKPE.

Also, congratulations to our two new Board members, Todd Morgan and Fabian Hayes, it is great to have you as part of the PKKP AC Board.



*From top to bottom: Sandra, Terry, Todd, Fabian*



### Important Dates (April - June 2026)

Anzac Day (Public Holiday)	25 April
PKKP Enterprises Board Meeting	6 May
PKKP Peoples' Meeting	8-9 May
Mirdawandi Board Meeting	11-12 May
Puutu Kunti Kurrama Land Committee Meeting	18 May
Pinikura Land Committee Meeting	19 May
Shared Land Committee Meeting	20 May
PKKPAC Board Meeting	21-22 May
Western Australia Day (Public Holiday)	1 June
Puutu Kunti Kurrama Heritage Committee Meeting	3 June
Pinikura Heritage Committee Meeting	4 June
Community Meeting	11 June
PKKPAC Board Meeting Planning and Approvals	22 June
Youth Council	24-25 June

### Mirdawandi Limited



We are pleased to hear that Mirdawandi Limited has been established and is now the Trustee of the Peoples Trust. We congratulate the appointment of the first Chair, Nicola Hearman, on her appointment.

A reminder that if you have not applied to be a member, you can do so at any time using [the form found here on this link.](#)

# New starters at PKKP AC

## Gaye Eacott DECEMBER 2025

*Community Engagement Officer, Perth based*

A long-time Manjimup local, Gaye is a dedicated administrative professional with more than 20 years' experience across property services, health support, employment consulting, and NDIS coordination. With strengths in organisation, communication, and client support, and qualifications in mental health, property services, and business, Gaye values integrity, collaboration, and culturally informed practice.

Outside of work, Gaye is deeply connected to the outdoors and loves spending time in the bush, whether it's walking, exploring, or simply enjoying the quiet. She is happiest around family and friends, and enjoys gardening, reading, sewing and a variety of crafts along with getting creative with hands on projects. Gaye also loves old fashioned board games like chess and enjoys tackling jigsaw puzzles. Basketball is another long-time passion, playing, umpiring, coaching, and watching. Gaye is also committed to supporting local events and volunteering in the community, especially in those neighbourly, old fashioned ways that bring people together.

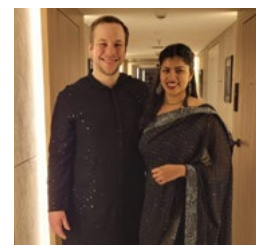
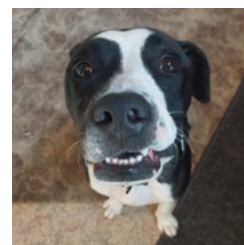


## Christine Zaccheus JANUARY 2026

*HR Officer*

Chris is a Psychology and Human Resources graduate who is drawn to the theory behind human behaviour, motivation, and wellbeing. After beginning her career in HR in the government sector, she transitioned into PKKP to be part of an organisation that better aligns her work with her personal principles and desire to create meaningful impact. She grew up in the Pilbara, where her and her family all still live.

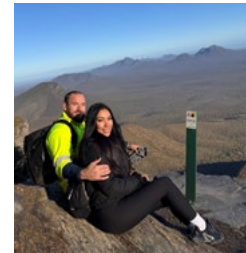
Outside of work, Chris loves to travel, is an avid animal lover and jokingly describes herself as being in a long-distance relationship with both her dog, Dagaz, and her fiancé, Ryan whom she is marrying later this year. Fun fact: Chris is known as the "grandma" of her friend group, she favours nights in reading or crocheting, often with a cup of tea. She also proudly identifies as a professional procrastinator channelling her energy from put-off tasks into homemade treats which she will almost certainly bring into share



**Natika Orchard** JANUARY 2026  
*Property Coordination Officer*

Natika is a Bardi and Nyul Nyul woman from the Kimberley region of Western Australia, with strong connections to Country and community. She grew up in Port Hedland and relocated to Perth in 2022. She has experience working in various collaborative, people focused roles and has a background in fashion design, reflecting her interest in creativity and cultural expression.

Preferring to be called Nat, outside of work, she loves staying active and training, spending time with her daughter and family, travelling, and working on her swimwear label. Nat is also passionate about health, wellness and personal development, always learning, building and creating.



**Rachel Passmore** JANUARY 2026  
*Community Support Officer*

Rachel’s career has been shaped by a strong passion for helping others and working alongside people in meaningful ways. She brings experience from roles including Members Unit Officer with Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation, Assistant Nurse in Aged Care, and earlier in her career, completing an Electrical Apprenticeship, a journey that’s given Rachel a diverse and people-focused skill set.

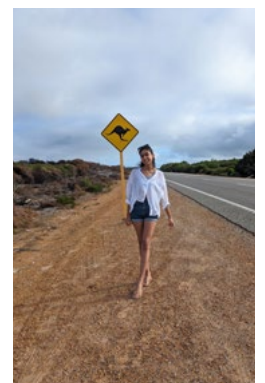
Rachel is a big advocate for mental health and believes strongly in supporting people to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential. She is excited to contribute, learn, and support the team and members however she can. Outside of work, her world revolves around her fur babies, two very loved Cocker Spaniels, Miley and Phoebe, and her husband Hayden (a close second to the fur babies). They love living in Karratha and meeting people who quickly become a part of their family.



**Kayser Garshasbi** JANUARY 2026 –  
*Community Health and Wellbeing Officer (Female)*

Kayser completed her Master of Public Health from Edith Cowan University and has been living in Australia for more than two years now and it has truly become a second home to her. Before moving into the health promotion space, Kayser was an overseas-licensed physiotherapist with experience working in both a hospital and private health clinic.

Giving a bit of insight into Kayser’s personality, she is easy-going and quite adventurous. She loves music and enjoys singing a lot. Kayser also enjoys meeting new people and trying new things and is really looking forward to getting into her new role, learning from everyone along the way and contributing to all the amazing work already done by PKKPAC.



**Alexandra Eadie** FEBRUARY 2026  
*Stakeholder Engagement Specialist*

Alex is excited to be joining PKKP AC in her new role, based in Karratha. Having dreamt of moving to the Pilbara since she was a teenager, for both its dynamic work opportunities and its remarkable landscapes, she's welcoming the change after a lifetime spent in Melbourne. Alex began her career as an urban planner, developing a foundation in applying statutory policy, primarily in water legislation. She later completed a master's degree in cultural heritage and went on to work in heritage consulting, engaging with both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage matters.

Outside of work, Alex is passionate about the outdoors and is always keen for camping, hiking, or 4WD adventures, although any skill in fishing remains to be seen. She also enjoys experimenting with film photography, cooking (then eating), and is looking forward to reclaiming time for reading now that her spare time isn't spent sitting in Melbourne traffic.



**Amber Norrish** FEBRUARY 2026  
*Stakeholder Engagement Specialist*

Amber has joined Pietro's Stakeholder Engagement team and is based in the Perth office. Originally from Mukinbudin, she has worked across Western Australia in the arts sector with a strong focus on artistic and business capacity building, community programming, and audience engagement. Her experience working closely with remote and regional communities, along with her passion for building meaningful relationships, aligns strongly with her new role supporting PKKP Stakeholder Engagement.

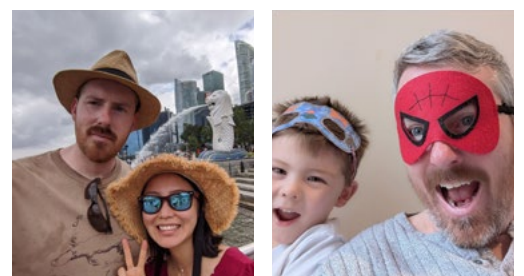
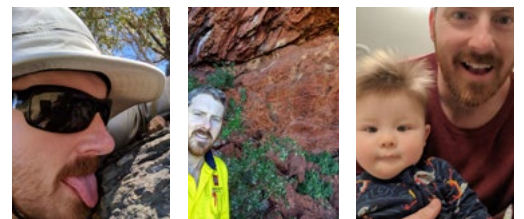
Outside of work, Amber spends her time in her Midland studio making art and playing footy with the Koongamia Football Team. Fun fact: Amber is an identical twin.



**Mathew Passmore** FEBRUARY 2026  
*Director Land and Heritage*

In a professional capacity Mat is an archaeologist by trade but a 'heritage professional' by nature. He has worked in a variety of capacities across numerous legislative contexts and locations, though Mat is always called back to the Pilbara as the place where he spent the majority of his career and a place that is special to him.

At home, Mat is a proud dad of two incredible boys who've just turned 2 and 5. Yes his house is loud, and yes, he knows it will get worse. In his spare time (what little there is) Mat loves to play video games and cook, the latter getting much more attention these days than the former.



**Tiarnie Hill** FEBRUARY 2026  
**Community Programs and Health Support Officer**

Tiarnie is excited to begin her position as the Community Programs Support Officer, and is passionate about building strong, positive relationships within communities. She is known for being friendly, approachable, and confident, with a bubbly personality and genuine love for connecting with people and as a proud Koori woman from Gunai, Yorta Yorta and Wiradjuri tribes down NSW and VIC and a mother of two, Tiarnie values family, culture and creating meaningful impact through her work.

Tiarnie's goal is to continue to grow professionally, support community outcomes and contribute to programs that make a difference. Outside of work Tiarnie loves spending time with her husband and two daughters, she enjoys being creative through art, staying active by playing netball, and more relaxing hobbies like cooking and fishing, which all bring her connection, balance and enjoyment to everyday life.



**Lavanya Nadarajah** FEBRUARY 2026  
**Business Improvement and Impact Specialist**

Lavanya's background is in strategy, business improvement and transformation, and has worked across large organisations and fast-moving teams, focusing on practical improvements to processes, reporting, and day-to-day ways of working. She enjoys partnering with people across the business to strengthen how they work and deliver better outcomes.

Lavanya is genuinely excited to be part of PKKP Aboriginal Corporation and to contribute to work that strengthens community, reflects cultural values, and delivers lasting impact. She is keen to learn from the team, build strong relationships, and support initiatives shaped by community priorities. Outside of work, Lavanya has a family of four with two sons aged 7 and 9 who keep life busy, fun, and full of learning. She loves travelling when she can, and switches off with a bit of watercolour painting.



**Logan Simpson** FEBRUARY 2026  
**Community Language Manager**

Logan is joining us from London, where he recently completed a PhD in Linguistics at Queen Mary University of London. His research focused on newly developed writing systems for Indigenous languages around the world, and Logan previously worked as a linguist at the Wangka Maya Language Centre in South Hedland for two and a half years.

Logan grew up in Colorado and California and has lived internationally for the past 14 years. He is very pleased to be returning to Western Australia and very excited about what we have planned with the Language team in the future.



**Mary-Ann Toner** MARCH 2026  
*Governance Specialist*

Mary-Ann worked in a range of roles across the Pilbara, including Acting General Manager, People & Organisational Services at Ngarliyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation and Manager Corporate Services at EPIC. Through these positions, she gained experience across governance, compliance, risk, and corporate services, supporting teams and leaders to keep operations running effectively and responsibly.

Mary-Ann values a collaborative approach and likes working alongside others to find straightforward solutions to complex challenges.

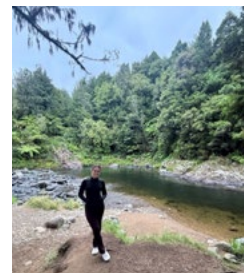
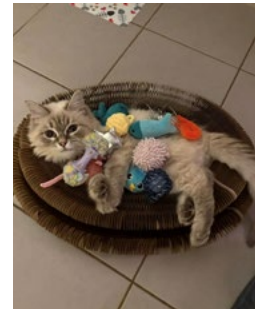
Mary-Ann has called the Pilbara home for over five years, loves the heat, the lifestyle, and the strong sense of community across the region—though she'll happily admit winter is perfect for camping adventures. Outside of work, you'll usually find Mary-Ann out on the water boating or fishing, setting up camp somewhere off the beaten track, or spending time with animals and at home, she swaps the outdoors for the kitchen, where she's mastered the art of sourdough and is always ready to bake up a storm.



**Ingrid Zuijdgeest** MARCH 2026  
*Community Programs Officer*

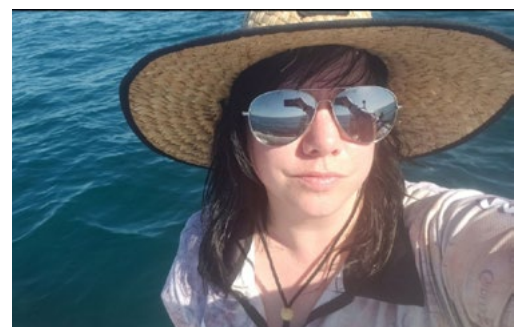
Ingrid refers to herself as “Third Culture”. She was born in The Netherlands but has lived in over 10 different places throughout her life with the last 2 years in Karratha.

With her educational background in Community Development, Ingrid is looking forward to working with community members to create sustainable programs so if you have any ideas she would love to hear them. Her upbringing has left Ingrid with a profound passion for people, culture, and especially food. Recently engaged, Ingrid loves to travel and explore new countries, go diving and spearfishing, spending time with her kitten and of course planning a wedding.



**Samantha Benaddi** MARCH 2026  
*Business, Travel and Events Officer*

While Annie Kamp is on maternity leave, Sam Bennaddi will be covering for her role at PKKPAC. Sam, as she is preferred to be called, is a big reader and loves sci-fi. She enjoys the outdoors, 4WD adventures, camping and travelling and is also a big fan of movies, especially comedies and stand-up.





# COMMUNITY, CORPORATE & GOVERNANCE



# Community Services and Engagement

There is always lots of news from our Community Services and Engagement team. You see them all the time when they visit during Outreach, but we want to make sure you are kept up to date.

## Community Breakfast

The Community Engagement and Health teams along with a PKKP member joined the community breakfast organised by Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation. This event is held on the first Friday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

This event brings together local businesses, community members, jobseekers and it is the perfect plan to stay connected, share ideas and build partnerships.

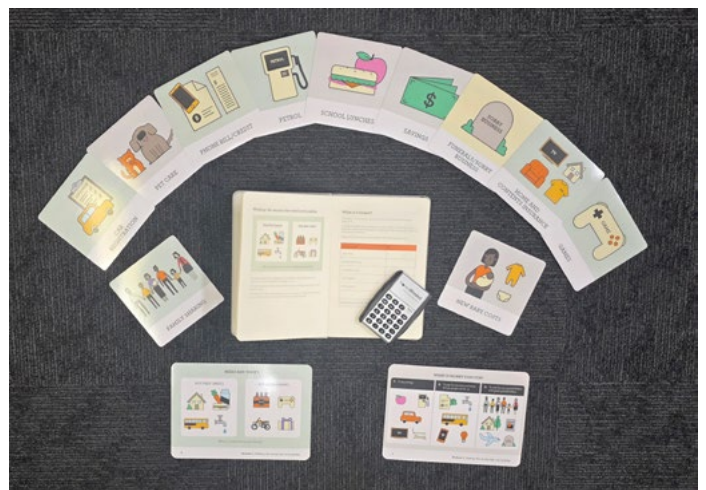
- Strong community.
- Strong partnerships.
- Strong opportunities



## Financial Workshop: Your Money, Your Business

Our recent financial workshop, Your Money, Your Business, brought Members together to reflect on their first memories of money and how these experiences shape financial habits. The session also explored what families need to stay strong and healthy, encouraging practical conversations around managing money, needs and wants and positives steps toward budgeting and financial wellbeing.

These workshops will be delivered quarterly from the Members Hub as well as in Perth area. Please stay tuned for further information and upcoming dates.



**Coming Soon:  
Local Service Provider Directory!**

We've compiled a list of trusted service providers across the areas where Members live, making it easier than ever to find the support you need.

We'll be sharing this list by location via email, and it will soon be available on our website as well.

Stay tuned for your local resources, all in one convenient place!

*COMING SOON*

**Community Service Provider List**



**ALL of your local resources, all in one place**

## Community Engagement and Outreach


The Community Outcomes Unit Teams have once again had the privilege to be welcomed in your communities. Over the first three months of the year, we have been out and about across multiple regions, engaging with members in multiple locations. These outreach activities have been a wonderful opportunity for us to meet face-to-face with our community, listen to members' needs, and share information about the services and support available through PKKP AC.

We are especially grateful to our members for welcoming us into their communities and taking the time to share their stories, feedback, and aspirations. Outreach also allows us to connect with local stakeholders, building stronger networks and bridges to ensure our members have access to the support and opportunities they deserve. During this period, we spent **25 days** in the community across **18 total trips**.

Thank you to everyone who has met with us so far – we look forward to continuing these connections and supporting our community together.

## Engagement data (Jan 26 - Mar 26)

 **147**  
office visits

 **78**  
face-to-face visits

 **1131**  
phone calls + text message + emails



*Khyesha Ryan and Kayser in Carnarvon*



*Khyesha's daughter and Claudia in Carnarvon*



*Angie Cox with Julie, Gaye, Nat and Rachel in Onslow*



*Juhani Ashburton and Claudia in Carnarvon*

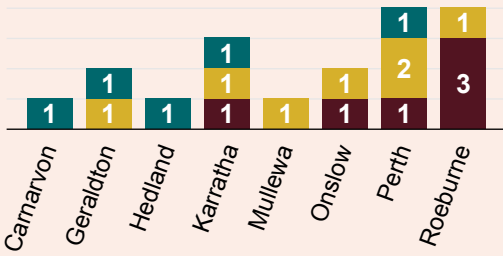


*Susanne Hay-Hughes, Teresa Hughes, their cousin and Prince in Perth*



*Patriah Papertalk with Gaye and Nat in Mullewa*

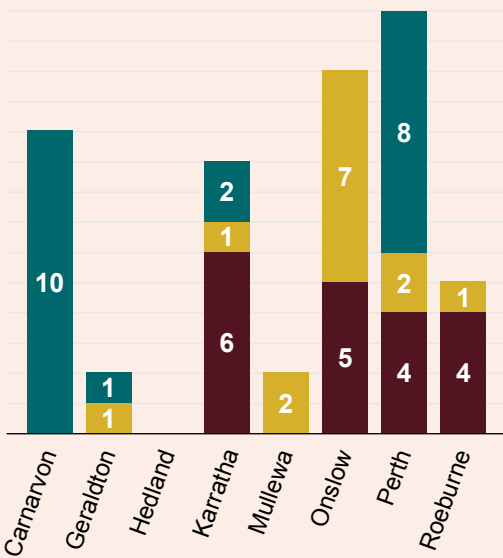
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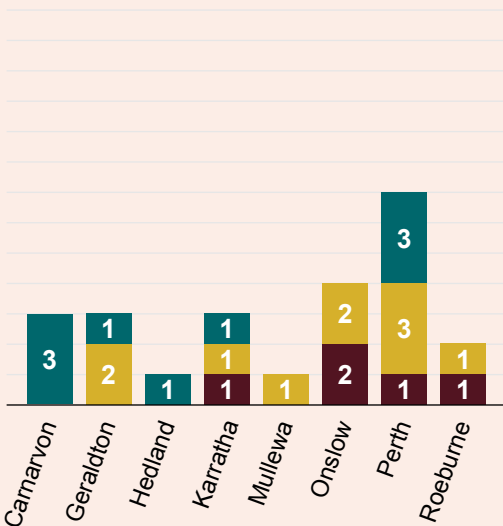
### Team Visits

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- Health team
- Housing team

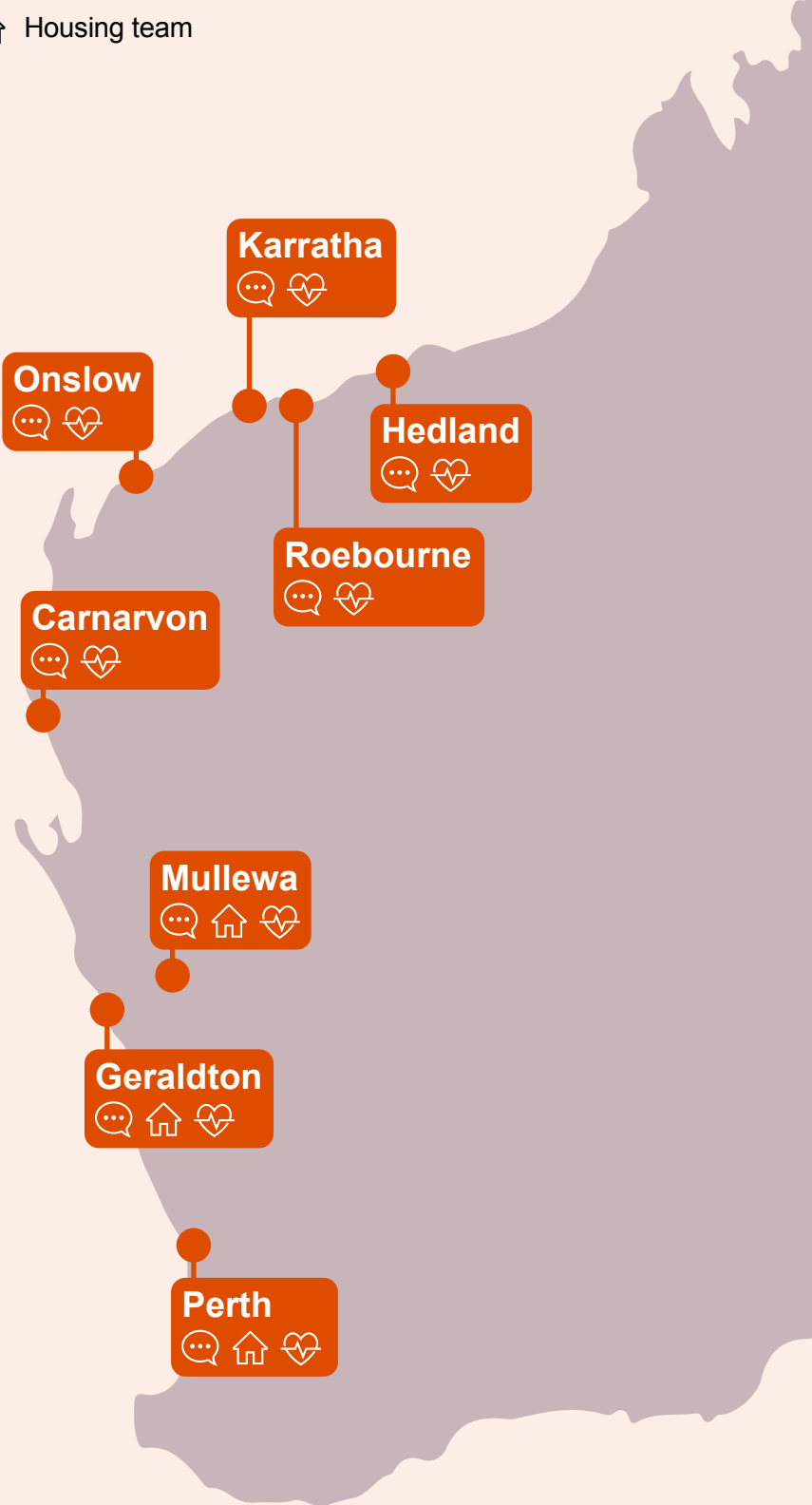
### Home Visits Conducted



### Days in the Community



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## Staying in Touch in the South

COU Perth team recently met with stakeholders in Perth, Geraldton, and Mullewa to introduce our new team members and strengthen local relationships. These meetings reinforce PKKP's commitment to ensuring our voices, culture, and priorities are heard within the wider community, while keeping members informed about local events and activities.

This month, our team visited Fremantle to join the community at Tuart Place for their redress event. Tuart Place provides a welcoming and supportive environment and having the opportunity to listen to people's stories and understand their ongoing experiences was truly grounding.

We also connected with stakeholders in Geraldton, including RAW, Desert Blue, and Transport, as well as with the Nurses' Post, Tourist Bureau, and a local Aboriginal Corporation in Mullewa.

We look forward to continuing these relationships and staying connected with community partners into the future.



*Darryl Hughes and Prince during Darryl's stay in Perth.*



*Linda Smirke, her niece Ruth Alexander, Gaye and Nat in Perth.*



*Claudia and Kayser at Wirraka Maya Health Service in Hedland*

## First Morning Tea in Carnarvon

We were delighted to host our first morning tea in Carnarvon, with 7 members and a total of 12 people attending. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to connect and share ideas.

During the gathering, we introduced a few initiatives and informative sessions, including skin care and fall prevention, and discussed replicating the clothing swap initiative currently taking place in Karratha.



## Community Engagement Unit

*Get in touch with the team for more help and information.*



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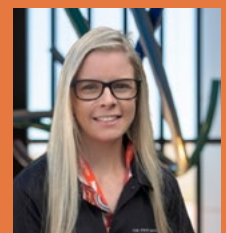
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# Community Housing

We continue to see members taking big steps in the housing space with our support and it certainly pays off. Check out a couple of great success stories and we have thrown in some information to help homeowners with Home and Contents Insurance.

## *PKKP Home Ownership Program*

### **The Journey Begins for Juhani Ashburton**

Recently, the PKKP Housing team had the opportunity to work alongside Juhani Ashburton as he progressed his application for the PKKP Home Ownership Grant.

This is a key part of our role, not only providing access to funding, but actively supporting members through each step of the home ownership journey.

For many of our members, navigating applications, understanding requirements, and planning for home ownership can feel overwhelming at first. Our focus is on making this process more accessible by offering practical, hands on support, sitting down together, working through documentation, and ensuring members feel informed and confident in their decisions.

Juhani approached the process with strong commitment, taking the time to understand each stage and what it means for his future. It's encouraging to see members engaging in this way and taking meaningful steps toward long term stability and independence.

The PKKP Home Ownership Program is about more than just financial assistance, it's about building capability, strengthening confidence, and creating real, sustainable pathways to home ownership for our members.



**PKKP Home Ownership Program**  
**New Home for Zaharnna**

On the 2nd of February 2026, PKKP member Zaharnna Papertalk reached a significant life milestone, purchasing her very first home. This was a long journey that started back in June 2025.

Through the support of the PKKP Home Ownership Grant, Zaharnna was able to take a powerful step toward long term stability, independence, and financial security. Like many of our members, the journey to home ownership came with its challenges, but with determination and the right support, Zaharnna turned her goal into a reality.

Owning a home is more than just having a place to live, it's about creating a safe and secure foundation for the future. It opens the door to new opportunities, builds confidence, and allows individuals and families to truly put down roots in their community.

Zaharnna's achievement reflects exactly what the Home Ownership Grant is designed to support: empowering PKKP members to move into home ownership and build sustainable, independent futures.

We are incredibly proud to celebrate this milestone with Zaharnna and look forward to seeing her continue to thrive in this next chapter.



Zaharnna in front of her new home in Mullewa with Gaye and Prince

**Contractor Lists**

AC Housing team has worked intensively over the past year to build strong relationships with multiples contractors in various locations where our members live.

These lists have been emailed out to all members but don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need any work done at your place and you are looking for a reliable contractor to help.

The lists will be published by area on the website soon.

**Engagement data (Jan 26 - Mar 26)**



**1**  
settlement



**28**  
renovation applications



Contractor lists  
**All complete**

# Protect your home and what matters most

Home and contents insurance helps keep your things safe if accidents happen, like fire, theft, or storm damage. It means peace of mind for you and your family.



## Did you know?

- You could get up to \$3,000 to help pay for your insurance!
- We can help you apply



# Three things to know before getting insurance



1. Insurance does not cover everything. Some damage or events may not be included. It's important to check what your policy covers before you sign.



2. You need insurance before something goes wrong. Insurance only helps if it is in place. Getting cover early can protect you.



3. It's okay to ask for help. You don't need to understand insurance on your own. There is no shame in asking questions - we're here to help you understand your options.

**Need help or have questions? Come have a yarn with us!**

CALL: (08) 9185 5000 - EMAIL: [cou@pkkp.org.au](mailto:cou@pkkp.org.au)

## Community Housing Unit

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# Community Health

Finally now we have a full team and we can all start kicking goals with our health and wellbeing. There is so much going on in the community health team and with winter around the corner you need to take care of yourself. This edition we have also added a little inspiration from our AC team!

## Dental Disaster Avoided

Rheaharne (Rio) Stewart recently completed major dental treatment, with only a few follow-ups remaining. This was a significant achievement, as he had avoided dental care for years due to negative past experiences with the medical system.

After engaging with Prince from the Health Team in mid-2025 via regular wellbeing check-ins and culturally safe yarning helped build trust and increased access to healthcare. The team identified challenges and supported Rio's determination to build health literacy, financial understanding, and service coordination.

Through education, planning, and comprehensive care coordination, Rio gradually gained confidence and health knowledge. Despite long standing fear, he chose to begin treatment, which is a clear demonstration of resilience. Prince and the Health Team supported him with clinic selection, paperwork, appointment preparation, and arranging trusted staff to accompany him.

With this support and Rio's perseverance, he completed his treatment plan. Since then, he has shown more confidence, increased independence in managing his health and finances, and improved engagement with services.

Rio's story highlights how culturally safe, person-centred support, combined with one's own strength and determination can help overcome long-standing barriers and improve wellbeing.



Prince Kuthial & Rheaharne Stewart

## Congratulations Kayser

Huge shout out to our new Female Health & Wellbeing Officer, Kayser Garshasbi, for being awarded the Melius Consulting Master of Public Health Academic Prize 2025 from ECU. The award is presented annually to the student with the highest course weighted average mark.

We are very lucky to have such a brilliant and dedicated professional join our team, providing high quality health care and support to the PKKP community. Congratulations Kayser on your amazing achievement.

## Shout out to Nisha

2026 is Nisha's year - Congratulations to our Chief Operating Officer for quitting smoking! It takes real discipline, and determination to make that change, and Nisha absolutely smashed it.

This is a significant milestone, that reflects commitment, resilience, and honourable leadership. Congratulations Nisha and thank you for setting the bar high with such a positive example of your strength.

If you would like to follow Nisha's lead and never purchase another packet again, reach out to the Health and Wellbeing Team for some useful tips and considerations.

## Infection Protection

As the holidays bring family and friends together, it is essential to reflect on infection control strategies to prevent the spread of sickness.

Getting a seasonal flu vaccination is an effortless way better protect yourself and safeguard the community against its spread. Book your seasonal flu vaccination by contacting your GP or nearest Chemist. Please feel free to contact PKKP Health Team for more information or assistance with making a booking.

## Upcoming Outreach Clinics in April

PKKP will be joining the Karratha Central Healthcare team for outreach in Onslow and Bindi Community on the 21st and 22nd of April to deliver Jina Doctor and Physio services to the community.

## Onslow Falls Prevention Workshop: 24th Feb

The Health and Programs team collaborated with Karratha Central Healthcare (KCH) to deliver a Falls Prevention Workshop for community members in Onslow.

A Physiotherapist and Podiatrist from KCH demonstrated exercises to improve balance and strength, safe falling and standing measures, and discussed conditions that can worsen one's risk of falling. Falls Prevention take-home packages were also provided to members to implement falls prevention measure in the home.



Hayley, Abby, Mackenzie, and Kayser



Mackenzie and Abby facilitating the Falls Prevention workshop at the Onslow Multipurpose Building.

# 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

# OUTREACH CLINIC

## PHYSIO + PODIATRY Appointments

### ONSLOW GP CLINIC

TUESDAY APRIL 21

Appointments  
from 12PM

### BINDI COMMUNITY WALK IN CLINIC

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

9AM - 12PM

Contact us  
on 9144 6900  
or book  
online via  
the QR code:



Appointment fee to be paid at time of booking, private health claims and medicare rebates available.

There is no cost for eligible Strengthening Aboriginal Health clients.



Mackenzie - Podiatry



Abby - Physiotherapy



## Some healthy inspiration from within...

### Ultra-Marathon

In April this year, our very own GM ICT David Martin will be competing in an Ultra-Marathon. The event, held between April 8-12 goes from Northcliffe to Albany along the Bibbulmun Track. The length of the run is 200 Miles!!! That's 342km for reference, and for obvious reasons the event is called Delirious West.

David combines swimming, weights and running (80km per week) in his training regime and has worked his way up from fun runs to marathons and now to one of the Top 10 hardest Ultra-Marathons in the world and is looking to complete it in under 90 hours. Well done Dave, we wish you the best, we will not ask you any work questions for a few days after until your delirium subsides.



### Laps for Life

6 members of the PKKPAC team raised \$3040 for Laps for Life in March. Our "Laps for Life" team of Hayley, Kayser, Christine, Jordan, Logan and Matt set themselves targets to achieve in the pool for the whole month of March with a combined distance of 82km. The money raised is helping young people access vital mental health support through ReachOut. ReachOut provides a safe, online place for young people to chat anonymously, get support, and feel better. ReachOut's resources for parents and schools provide valuable information and advice to help them better support the young people in their lives.

Well done team. With that number of kilometres swum, you should all now seriously consider joining the Karratha Water Polo club next season!



## Community Health Unit

Get in touch with the team for more help and information.



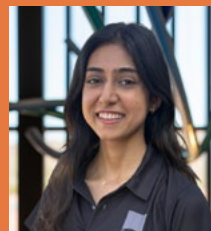
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# Community Programs

Another team that is now back up to speed with staff and with the Members Hub fully operational, all our members have lots of opportunities to join in with the programs we have coming through for the rest of the year.

If you have any ideas we would also love to hear them.

## Roebourne Education & Training Expo

PKKP Aboriginal Corporation attended the Roebourne Education and Training Expo at the Roebourne Prison on Friday the 6th of March. Ione Griffiths (Director Community Outcomes), Hayley Mead (Manager Health & Programs), and Tiarnie Hill (Community Programs Support Officer) all attended.

The expo brought together a range of organisations and service providers to support individuals in exploring education, training and employment opportunities.

The event created a positive and engaging environment where participants were able to connect directly with local providers, gaining valuable insight into pathways available both during and after their time in custody.

Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions, gather information and begin thinking about their future goals. The expo highlighted the importance of access to education and training as a key step toward personal development, independence and reintegration into the community, another highlight was Mitchell Drage's positive presence up and down the Pilbara for all ages in communities.

The Roebourne education and training expo was a successful initiative showcasing the impact that accessible education and strong community partnerships can have in empowering individuals and strengthen communities.



*Tiarnie Hill, Ione Griffiths & Hayley Mead*

## National Indigenous Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Conference

Kurna Country, Adelaide  
24th – 26th March

Panashe, Gary, and Hayley from PKKP attended to learn and listen alongside 20 PKKP members, which showcases the importance of mental health and suicide prevention amongst the PKKP communities.

The three-day conference consisted of two days of learning about the most up-to-date frameworks and delivery methods from nationally and internationally recognised leaders in the field. The vital information shared has been brought back to PKKP communities to support social and emotional wellbeing and suicide prevention.

The third day of the conference offered the opportunity to learn about the Kurna people and their culture at the Living Kurna Cultural Centre through song writing, basket weaving, and walking through culturally significant sites.



*Pictured left to right: Doris Hughes, Jacinta Brockman, Heidi Parker, Marjorie Hughes, Karen Burkenhagan, Andrea Stewart, & Shirlene Cox*

## National Reconciliation Week

27th May – 3rd June 2026

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is *All In*, which is a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

All in makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

The City of Karratha will be hosting a series of events during National Reconciliation Week to support ongoing efforts for change.



### National Reconciliation Week Events

(REAP) Community Screening of Growing Up Nyima: Between Two World, including Q&A with Nyima after the screening	24 May 2pm
(REAP) Breakfast, including WTC and local feature before livestreaming Perth Reconciliation WA event	27 May 7:30am
NRW Colouring-in competition for children aged 0 -12 (Three age group categories)	27 May - 6 June
Story time with an Elder at all libraries	27 May - 6 June
(Ngunin Cultural Centre) Walk for reconciliation, including community BBQ breakfast, walk around Ngunin Bush Tucker Trail, art/language/ music workshop for Elders, & Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation stalls	6 June 8am

## The Members Hub

Reminder: The Members Hub is open weekly!

Tuesday 9.00am - 3.00pm:  
PKKP Health Team

Thursday 9.00am - 3.00pm:  
Employment & Training Support

## Members Hub Calendar

The Members' Hub calendar is now live on the PKKP website.

You can access key information on what workshops, services, and programs are happening at the Hub.

View the calendar here:

[PKKP Members Hub | Member Information](#)

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2 RIO TINTO & MINERAL RESOURCES EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT 9:00AM-12:00PM	3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY	6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	7 PKKP HEALTH SUPPORT 9:00AM-3:00PM	8	9 PKKP PROGRAMS SUPPORT 9:00AM-3:00PM	10	11
12	13	14 PKKP HEALTH SUPPORT 9:00AM-3:00PM	15	16 RIO TINTO & MINERAL RESOURCES EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT 9:00AM-12:00PM	17	18
19	20	21 PKKP HEALTH SUPPORT 9:00AM-3:00PM	22	23 PKKP PROGRAMS SUPPORT 9:00AM-3:00PM	24	25
26	27 PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY	28 PKKP HEALTH SUPPORT 9:00AM-3:00PM	29	30 RIO TINTO & MINERAL RESOURCES EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT 9:00AM-12:00PM	1	2

## Mineral Resources & Rio Tinto Members Hub Attendance

Every second Thursday from 9.00am - 12.00pm, the Indigenous Employment Support Teams from Mineral Resources and Rio Tinto are available at the Hub for members to access job readiness support.

9am - 12pm

Thursday 2nd April

Thursday 16th April

Thursday 30th April



*Ingrid and Tony Stewart at the Members Hub*

## Fortescue Grant

Thank you to Fortescue Metal Group for funding iPads and Computers for PKKP members to utilise at the members hub. The IT equipment significantly improves access for members to apply for jobs, participate in online training modules, and other online activities.

For more information, contact Ingrid on 0473 066 926.

## Beyond the Brush

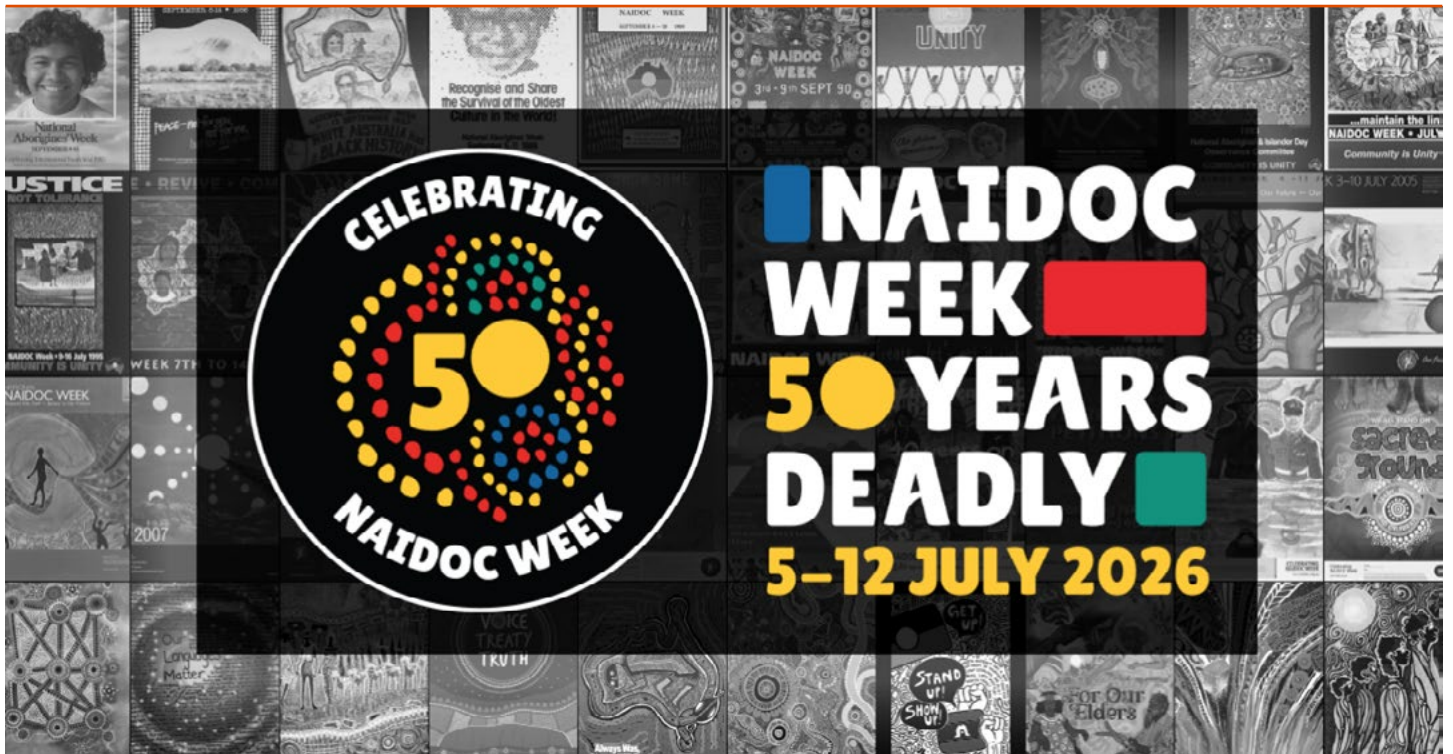
We have received the first art piece from the Beyond the Brush art program to help decorate the Members Hub!

A big thank you to Delores Drage for allowing us to display her beautiful artwork, we hope you enjoyed the mindfulness process and opportunity to create, as we certainly enjoy your wonderful art.

If you received a Beyond the Brush art pack and want to return your art piece, please reach out to our office and we can send a return parcel or collect it at our next outreach event. If you would like to join the program, we can send you an art pack which includes a canvas, paints, palettes and brushes! We'd love to see your art displayed at the Members Hub.



*Delores Drage*



## NAIDOC Week – 50 Years of Deadly

This year, NAIDOC week is July 5th - July 12th.

For five decades, NAIDOC Week has celebrated the voices of our communities, steady, unapologetically, and proud. Each year, its themes have called for truth, celebrated culture and honoured resistance.

Fifty Years of Deadly marks a milestone. It's a tribute to the people who built this movement. The Elders who stood firm, the organisers who made space, the artists who turned resistance into expression, and the communities who keep showing up, year after year.

NAIDOC has always been more than a week, it's a platform, a protest, a celebration, and a statement of survival.

To mark the event this year PKKPAC is holding the following event:

Family friendly day, arts & crafts, coffee van and food (traditional foods), music, and yarns.

Date: 9th of July  
 Time: 10am-2pm  
 Location: Grassed area between PKKP office and ANZ bank

Fifty Years of Deadly is a marker, not just of time passed, but of the momentum still building. It's proof of what our people build when culture leads and community comes first. NAIDOC belongs to mob. It always has, and we encourage all members to participate in events if you can make it.

## National Justice Forum

Last year our staff and members attended the 4th National Justice Forum in Brisbane on December 2-5. It was an important gathering focused on addressing the drivers of incarceration and pushing for real systemic reform.

The forum centred cultural safety, community-led solutions, and the voices of lived experience, creating space for genuine dialogue and practical action.

Thanks to Third Sector Au, and through powerful keynotes, practical workshops, and meaningful connections, we gained valuable insights and partnerships to strengthen culturally safe, fair, and effective justice outcomes for our communities.



*Pictured left to right: Hayley Mead, Selina Stewart, Mitchell Drage, Andrea Stewart, & Lone Griffiths*



## Community Programs Unit

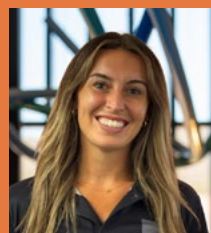
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# COUNTRY, CULTURE & PARTNERSHIPS



# Country, Culture and Partnerships

As we embed the philosophy of Co-Management across all agreements it is important to keep you up to date with everything happening in this area and as always our language team just keeps kicking goals. Our rangers are really getting stuck into some very interesting work, check it out below.

## Co-Management Continues

Since well before the historic agreement with Rio Tinto was signed in June 2025, our team has been driving change with the new vision for Co-Management across the organisation. We had the Roadshow that travelled far and wide visiting members all over WA prior to the Rio Tinto signing and after that, a lot of work has gone into meeting our objectives of:

- **Robust succession plan**
- **Bulletproof Heritage Survey Process**
- **Lived CMA Values and Culture**

In 2026, we are now ticking off the items on the list. For our Succession Plan, internal work has been completed to understand external landscape and to commence engaging with the community to develop a community lead succession plan that clearly meet the immediate needs of the CMA yet ensuring the longer-term sustainability of the community.

For Heritage Surveys, Co-Management Committee related processes and templates have been developed, internal Heritage Survey processes have been streamlined with clear step by step process maps and accountability matrix. The ESS platform used for survey monitoring has undergone an overhaul to improve functionality and a CMA handbook and Heritage Survey user guide have been developed. Finally for Values and Culture, training sessions for Traditional Owners was held in January, workshops with RTIO have been completed, and Staff Lunch and Learn sessions will be held throughout 2026.

So, it is all systems go, and CMA is becoming “business as usual” for PKKPAC and our partners which will only strengthen our position in the future and continue to drive our desire for self-determination.





## Co-Management Agreement Memorabilia

*L-R: Jordan, Matthew, Terry, Nisha, and Caitlin.*

In December last year, our chair, Terry Drage, along with Jordan Ralph and Nisha Keetels, dropped by the Rio Tinto Head Office in Perth to deliver some CMA Memorabilia. Tokens of our appreciation for the groundbreaking agreement we signed in June 2025 included a special medallion (held by Jordan), a beautifully framed poster with the signatures of all members who were at the historic event in Karratha and a bound copy of the Agreement.

There to receive these gifts were Chief Executive Iron Ore Matthew Holcz and Caitlin Westgarth, Rio Tinto Vice President Health, Safety, Environment and Communities. Copies of the poster are also proudly hanging in the Perth and Karratha offices as a reminder of this special event in 2025.

# Language Update

It was a little quiet for the Language team in the last few months, but only because there has been a lot to catch up on.

We have welcomed our new Manager Logan and there is a lot going on behind the scenes, so watch this space for some exciting news in the next edition.

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## AGM week activities, November 2025

The Language Team had a great time catching up with members during the AGM week in November 2025. We ran a training session for our Kurrama Community Language Officers and held a small language teaching workshop for Pinikura members. We also enjoyed getting to say hi to members at our AGM stall and had fun running a language learning activity for the kids!

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## Australian Linguistics Society Conference, December 2025

Chanice, Brea and our former intern, Kat Froedrich, had the opportunity to present at the Australian Linguistics Society's annual conference in December 2025. We spoke about Kat's collaboration with the Language Team, and the ways this helped both our team's work and Kat's PhD fieldwork. We also learnt from mob around Australia running language programs at language centres, schools and universities, and brought back lots of inspiration for our own work.

## Contact us!

As always, if you have any questions about our work or would like to get involved, feel free to get in touch! You can drop in and see us at the office, email us at [language@pkkp.org.au](mailto:language@pkkp.org.au), or call Logan (0497 071 668) or Brea (0427 347 187).

# Ranger Update

Our Ranger team continues to grow with two new Kurrama members joining the team. Welcome Kobie Tittums and Camille Ashburton. We are still looking for more Kurrama Rangers so if you are interested get in touch with Ash Chitty to have a chat about what we need and what you will be getting up to with the Rangers.

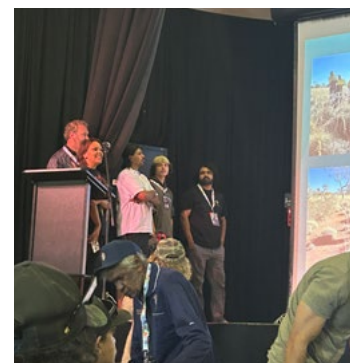
Here are a few highlights from the last few months.

## November 2025

### *Pilbara Ranger Network Forum*

Over 3 days on November 11th to 14th the Rangers attended the Pilbara Ranger Network Forum, hosted in Karratha. There were 14 ranger teams, 150+ rangers in attendance, and over 210 participants total of partners, funders, event stall holders, stakeholders and including special guests from Kimberley Land Council and Qld Junior Rangers programs (Girrigun and Mandubarra).

The PKKP Rangers gave a presentation on what they've been up to this year – with the homestead lawn timelapse a crowd favourite!



## December 2025

### AAA Conference

Attended by Tony Stewart, Madi Jilba and Jess Drage with PKKPAC staff

### Nhamarribala (Nanutarra Homestead)

Work continues at Nanutarra homestead and as the temperatures warmed up, it has been gradual, with regular monitoring and maintenance of the property, lawns, tree health and irrigation systems happening before the Christmas close-down.

PKKP Rangers recently started a small-scale propagation project on native tree and shrub species around the homestead, with mapping and navigation skills being learnt and monitoring each swing underway. With this project we hope to determine which species can be propagated into seedlings without detriment to the plant and progressing the rewilding of the homestead vegetation and capacity building for our plant knowledge. If they can be grown from pods this speeds up the rate at which new plants reach maturity and can seed on country as they get their genetic age from the parent plant and don't start at 0 like a seed does.

The Rewilding of itself is not funded but it is a very important piece of work for our Ranger team. The main drivers of the Rewilding program are that the TO's care about country and want to see it healthy, that the country is not what it looked like 200yrs ago (pre pastoralisation) and to try and combat climate issues caused by degraded wilderness and continued mining work.

The first stage in this was prepping for the 200 Victrix at the 10yr to get an idea of the work required and how well established plants will go in the Pilbara environment. We are working with Pilbara Ecological to gain knowledge around seed ID, collection and distribution for the best results on country.



## January 2026

The new year brought new ideas and more training for all – healthy country planning, 4WD, fire training and building on our existing skills, knowledge and familiarisation of flora and fauna in the area. Planning is also underway for 2026 language workshops, Return to Country trips, and building the team up for more on-Country ranger activities. (Don't worry, they still have to mow the lawn!)

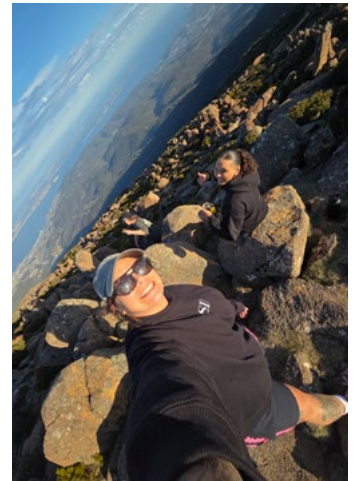
### **Healthy Country Planning – lutriwita (Hobart) January 19th - 23rd**

Summah Papertalk and Jess Drage attended HCP Training in January hosted by Our Common Place. Days of sticky notes, roadmaps, identifying value health and threats to Country they learnt how to break this all down and map out a Healthy Country Plan on their case study – Wukaluwikiwayna (Maria Island).

They also had the privilege to have one of the trainers a Palawa/Pakana man, Jarrod. Highlights were: Seeing different Country, Networking HCP with mob, Aurora Australis!! Leadership and presenting in front of others, Summah's birthday abroad.



*Aurora Australis*



*Jess, Ash and Summah*



*Exploring the beautiful country.*



## February 2026

In February our first cohort of 9 Ranger Team members started their Certificate III in Conservation & Ecosystem Management, at Karratha TAFE. This will be completed over the next 12 months and bring many technical and sustainable skills to their already broad training profile that will continue to grow their roles in caring for Country. They ended the month strong by having the Rangers present an update to the Elders Forum, showing family what they have been up to since April 2025 and having a yarn about significant places and old memories brought everyone together.

## March 2026

We have officially welcomed Chanice Daulbin-Satrick over from the language team, now in the role as our Ranger Projects Officer. Her skills and experience as a CLO will be an important and rewarding element to ranger work and future development of materials.

The COU team hosted a workshop around financial literacy and how to use handy tools and budget templates for us to accomplish our finance goals, to be continued with a Part 2 further in the year.

So far this year we have spent over 10 days at Nhamarribala (Nanutarra Homestead), now setting motion cameras to see different fauna roaming while we are away. We also learnt some tricky bits of camera setting include not having Buffel grass blowing in the wind in front of the camera....99,999 pictures of Buffel later....

Two new Kurrama Rangers join us, Kobie Tittums and Camille Ashburton on the 16th March and we look forward to seeing them continue with us.



*PKKP Rangers during their TAFE Block 2, conducting line intercept data recording, behind the Karratha Leisureplex.*

**Make sure you share any stories  
with the PKKPAC team next time  
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