

Yugul-Ngukurr Nyus

Wanbala Bois – Bigis Ma Langgus

February, 2019



New Directors for Yugul Mangi Development

Yugul Mangi Development held their Annual General Meeting on the 20th November last year. At that meeting, the Directors below were elected. The next board meeting is 19th February 2019, 10 am at the Guluman Centre.

CLAN	DIRECTORS		PROXY
Alawa	Priscilla Dixon	Roland Lansen	Brian Robertson
Ngalakan	Roger Thompson	Cynthia Turner	Sammy Ponto
Ngandi	Owen Turner	Michael Thompson	Ammeretta Wesan
Mara	Grace Daniels	Melinda Thompson	Emmanuel Huddleston
Wandarrang	Gregory Daniels	Regina Rogers	Kevin Rogers
Nunggubuyu	Bobby Nunggumajbarr	Daphne Daniels	Ambrose Daniels
Ritharrngu	Laurie Wilfred	Benjamin Wilfred	Erica Wilfred

Change of CEO

CEO Bill Blackley has informed the Yugul Mangi Development Board that he is stepping down. Martin Schahinger will be stepping into the role as Acting CEO while the Board decide on a permanent replacement. Bill has worked with Yugul Mangi Development since 2011. The Board of Directors appreciate all the hard work, dedication and passion Bill has given to Ngukurr in his service.

Martin has been working on job opportunities for Ngukurr. The Northern Territory Government is very keen to work with Yugul Mangi Development and wants to see more local employment, especially using Yugul Mangi's heavy equipment. There are many opportunities coming up with roadworks and construction and Yugul Mangi Development is keen to have these jobs done by local community members.



Civil Superintendent

You might have seen Ian Mason around community. He's been working with Yugul Mangi Development, helping to get our heavy machinery working. Ian will be training the guys up on how to do roadworks so that Yugul Mangi Development can get more work, which will mean more jobs for local community. Ian has a lot of experience in roadworks. Some in community might remember him from when he worked out at Western Desert Resources.

Stronger Communities Program



The Stronger Communities Program was officially taken over on 16 April 2018 by Yugul Mangi Development as the Facilitating Partner that will work with the Strongbala Pipul Wanbala Bois Komiti (the Komiti) that represent the Ngukurr community. Julie-ann Bassinder has moved across from the Darlala Motel to work closely with Ian Gumbula and the Komiti to support their vision:

Respecting our past and present, one mob working together, leading both ways to create a safe, strong, vibrant and sustainable community for future generations

Ngukurr Nyus

Ngukurr Nyus is the voice of the Ngukurr community. We want to keep you up to date with what is happening in Ngukurr, like upcoming events and important things that are going on.

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The Federal Government has allocated \$1.2 million towards activities to support children and families. These activities will be determined by the Komiti at a workshop to be held in February that will go through the results of the Community Engagement Study and Adult Education Feasibility Study.

Key areas the Board will focus on include:

- Strengthening community governance and decision-making.
- Strengthening traditional languages at the school and in community.
- Developing Kriol literacy (reading and writing) at the school and through adult education.
- Strengthening culture in the school and through cultural camps for families.
- Supporting youth through Youth Diversion, more activities, employment pathways, and cultural camps.
- Offering Counselling and greater support for young people and families.