

# Yugul-Ngukurr Nyus

## *Wanbala Bois – Bigis Ma Langgus*

May/June 2019

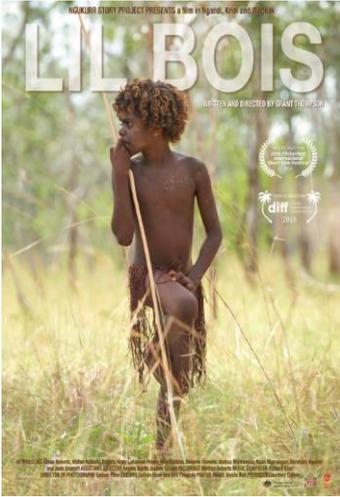


### **IMPORTANT MEETING ABOUT LOCAL DECISION MAKING**

Yugul Mangi Development Directors, Stronger Communities Board Members, and senior community leaders held a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June with the Northern Territory government, local government and Department of Chief Minister in response to issues and complaints from residents about Roper Gulf Regional Council and the need for greater local decision-making and community engagement. Yugul Mangi and the Strongbala Pipul Wanbala Bois Komiti (under the Stronger Communities Program) are working with these three levels of government to improve community governance through a governance mapping project aimed at strengthening local decision-making and community engagement.

Mandai Julai 3, bigwan miting gada Yugul dairekta, Strongbala Komyuniti dairekta gada sinya yugul mangi eldis. Thei bin abu det miting gada local gabmen, PM&C mob, en Nothin Teritri gabmen. Det miting ba tok gija ba Ngukurr fyutja. Yugul Mangi bin tok la gabmen ba hau thei garra wek bla fyutja disishin making. Mijimet gabmen en yugul mangi, thei garra wek wanbala garra that agriment ba Ngukurr fyutja.

## LIL BOIS FILM AWARD



Lil Bois film was played in a Russian international film festival. It played to sold out houses and great response from audiences. News in from closing night at the Cheboksary International Film Festival is the Lil Bois won the best ensemble acting award! Congratulations! The Australian Embassy will send out the statue in the diplomatic mail soon.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Community Development Program (CDP) will change to the new provider MY CDP NGUKURR URAPUNGA from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.



MY CDP is a new partnership between Yugul Mangi Development & ITEC. The Stronger Communities Program is working closely with MY CDP to connect activities to the Ngukurr Community Plan. Activity ideas are also coming in from Urapunga and Ngukurr community members.

If you have an idea for a CDP activity you can see Tim Cram our new CDP Operations Manager and Mr Paul Francis CEO MY CDP Ngukurr Numbulwar Pty Ltd who will be getting programs up and running from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

**JULY CDP RECRUITMENT:** We are planning a CDP recruitment drive for new and existing CDP participants throughout July. This will include support for people to get their ID and help with signing up for CDP.

**COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING CDP:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Notices will be put up around community to confirm the location and time.

**LOCAL JOBS:** There are local jobs here to, see the ad for Positions Vacant:

- Local CDP Manager
- CDP Supervisors
- CDP Coordinators
- CDP Employment Consultants

# NGUKURR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STATS

Attendance Return from 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Congratulation Year 3 for best attendance between 30<sup>th</sup> Jan to 12<sup>th</sup> April this year with 67% attendance with Year 6 not far behind. Total attendance for this year so far is 48.48%. Year 3 also has the best attendance between 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May. Total attendance for the period is 45.93%

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES KRIOL PROGRAMS STARTING

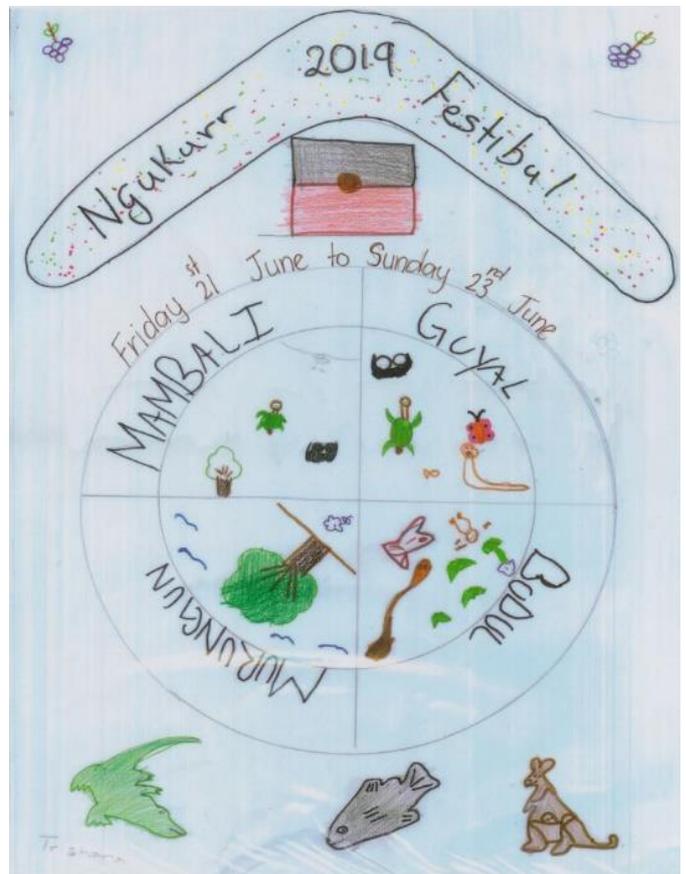


Greg Dickson has started work with Stronger Communities as program manager- Languages and Culture. Greg has worked in Ngukurr before and is now back to work on Kriol projects for Stronger Communities. Greg is keen to employ a couple of Kriol language workers and help the community with different programs, like teaching adults to read and write Kriol better, build a transition service and run Kriol lessons for Munanga after they have done Ngukurr Language Centre's Kriol course. Greg is also keen to help the school include Kriol in their curriculum more.

Greg Dickson, (Wamut) bin stat wek gada Stronger Community. Bla im job "Project Manager-Language and Culture. Wamut bin wek iya la Ropa longtaim, en imin kambek na bla wek bla difren kriol proujek bla Stronger Communities. Wamut im wandi faindim kapula weka from iya bla album komyumidi. Alabat maitbi gada duwum kriol lesin bla blekbala mob en larnim alabat bla raidimdan kriol gudwei. Natha ting im bla larnim Munanga bla mowa Kriol en bla pudum mowa Kriol la skul.

## YUGUL MANGI FESTIVAL 21-23 JUNE 2019

Yugul Mangi Festival will be held from Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June. Programs for the festival weekend include football basketball, Bunggul dance, spear throwing competition, local bands – Fri & Sat nights, community stalls and greasy pole.



# YOUNG DAD'S PROGRAM EATING HEALTHY WITH SUNRISE

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> the first healthy eating and nutrition session was held with Young Dads' Program at Guluman CFC with Sunrise Health Service Aboriginal Corporation (SHSAC)'s Dietitian, Lisa Nguyen, in Ngukurr, as part of a well-established relationship with the Guluman CFC.

"It is exciting this new program with young dads and uncles has been established, providing the opportunity to strengthen this partnership and to work with a different demographic in this capacity in Ngukurr", said Lisa Nguyen. The event highlighted the positive work and facilitation of community empowerment that could be achieved through having community members, education, and health collaborate.

With a \$60 budget, Young Dads' Program participants cooked around 30 meals in less than an hour and shared meals together. Proud of their accomplishment, they took the leftover home to share with community members and families: "I feel on top of the world", "Today was a wonderful day", were expressed by participants. The Young Dads program were keen to commence a cooking and nutrition program with SHSAC's Dietitian, Lisa Nguyen.

SHSAC would like to thank Guluman CFC Manager, Melissa Watters for her support, collaboration and partnership in this initiative. Thanks to staff in the kitchen for being very accommodating in lending their equipment, and Young Parents' Program's Fathers and leaders, Matty and Anton, for their enthusiasm and proactiveness in leading the group in cooking 30 meals for their community and family. "Everyone left with a full belly and a full heart", happily quoted, Lisa Nguyen.

The next cooking and nutrition program will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.



## NGUKURR STORE HOSTING LUCKY DIP VOUCHER

Outback Stores are committed to providing remote Aboriginal communities with the best possible quality and range of fresh fruit and vegetable as well as providing a good range of low or no sugar products. As we all know, these are not always the first choice items shopped, so Outback Stores run regular promotions to encourage customers to buy more fruit and veg and low/lite or no sugar products.

At the moment Ngukurr Store is running a competition for their customers who spend \$5 or more on any fresh fruit or vegetable produce. Those customers' receipts go into the box on register one to be drawn by one of the store's Directors on the 30th of June 2019.

Ngukurr Store also has a promotion on their range of No-Sugar soft drinks where customers can buy two 1.25 bottles of Kirks or Coca Cola brand drinks for \$5.99. The Takeaway shop also has two healthy choice deals: buy a hot meal and a 375ml can of diet or no-sugar drink for \$8 or a sandwich and a bottle of 600ml water for \$6.

Ngukurr Store also has many other specials displayed around the store.



# BARUNGA FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Ngukurr community participated in this year Barunga Festival with four local sports teams in basketball and football.

Teams that went and represented Ngukurr were Bulldogs A (senior team) and Bulldogs B (junior team) in football and Bulldogs and Yugul Power in basketball.

All teams did well. In football Bulldogs B lost, but Bulldogs A ended up in the elimination finals and got defeated by Gurindji Tigers. The Ngukurr women's basketball Bulldogs A grade and Yugul B grade ended up playing each other at the elimination finals and Yugul Power won and ended playing Arnhem Crows in the finals. Crows defeated Yugul Power in the grand finals.

Local band Lonely Boys performed their new single Bare Foot Girl also paid tribute to the Joshua families. Big thanks to Stronger Communities Ngukurr for the support with transport, gate fees and food and to 88 store and Roper Gulf



## 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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