



FEATURING BAC DIRECTOR – CYNTHIA BROWN

Cynthia has been a Bawinanga Director since 2020. She is a proud Gaykamangu woman and the Homeland of Yilan is her mother's country.

Cynthia is passionate about promoting education for young ones and believes that education is the key to success in life. She looks after her five grandkids and encourages them to go to school

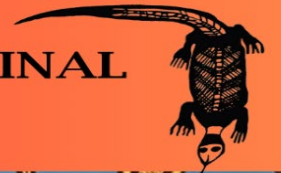
every morning and prioritise their education. She also continues her own studies and is half way through a diploma to become a certified financial counsellor. While working at Money Management, she is advocating for the people in Maningrida, helps them deal with ATO, their super, and teaches people to budget their money.

As a true Maningrida resident, she loves fishing, hunting and gardening.



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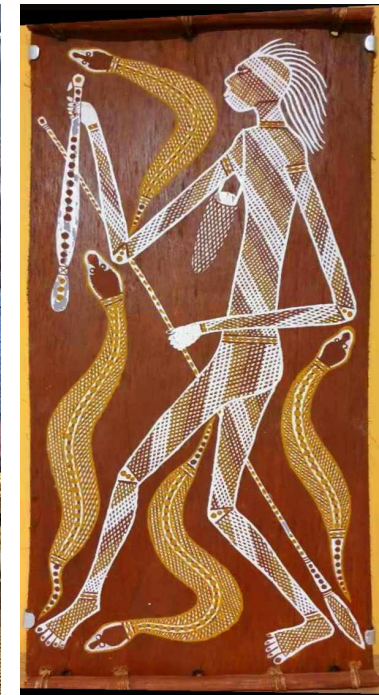


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MANINGRIDA WELCOMES TOURISTS!

This month the Art Center has been busy with Outback Spirit Tour arriving at the Djomi Museum and Art Centre every second day. These tour groups travel overland from Nhulunbhuy in a 4WD bus to Maningrida. The tourists spend the day in Maningrida being guided by our tour guides through the Djomi museum and are shown a demonstration of weaving material preparation up at the art centre. The tourists have been spending lots of money on our artists artworks and we have had incredibly positive responses in our guest book from their art and culture tour.



Namarrkon
by Dennis Rostron

NIGHT PATROL REACHING OUT!

Maningrida Community Patrol spent the NAIDOC week working with the Intensive Outreach teams in Darwin. This partnership is in conjunction with NTG, Darwin City Council and Larrakia Nation. The team spent the week on outreach and community engagement supporting the teams in Darwin to engage with Maningrida residents who are rough sleeping. The team visited many known sights and patrolled at the many NAIDOC events across the week. This is also a form of training for the Maningrida Night Patrol team. Feedback was positive across the organisations and the team did an amazing job!



GO ENTERPRISE!

Enterprise has been incredibly active this month. Our Homelands continue to supply us green ants (around 5 kg) and Kakadu plum (over 500 kg), using the BAC Community troopy, as well as their own transport. We sent off 360 kg of the Kakadu frozen plums to NAAKPA. We also continue to oven dry and pulverize the Kakadu powder for our spices, candles and soaps. **Leyla Nimbadja and Ned Watt** presented at the NAAKPA general meeting in Darwin and made Bawinanga proud.

Simple innovation allowed us to improve the extraction process of pulp/mesocarp. We are involved in field investigation to identify natural pollinators of Kakadu plum, and are considering options to improve fruit setting, potentially for starting a bee/honey industry.



SAFE PROUD PEOPLE CONNECTED TO COUNTRY THROUGH SONG LINE

HAVE YOU NOTICED OUR NEW FASHION CREW? IT'S HARD NOT TO!

Housing, Homelands, Construction and Mudbrick team have recently got new uniforms!

These funky shirts are designed to bring attention to mental health and help support tradies to stick together and support each other in a hard industry.

Our team is participating in “Funky Shirt Fridays” where we have a team catch up to check in and make sure everyone is happy, healthy and strong.

Our tradesmen have been working hard across many projects this month, with the HHIP project at Ji-Bena, Homelands maintenance, sorry business preparations, new CDP office, Ranger office upgrades, and Barlmark refurbishments.



Our main focus right now is HIPP (Homelands Housing Infrastructure Program) which is a program designed to bring Homelands up to meet the 9 Healthy Living Standards so that residents can return to live on country safely, comfortably, and healthily.

Bawinanga applied for \$44.5 mln in funding to improve conditions of the Homelands infrastructure – power, water, wastewater, and dwelling condition. Each Homeland has different needs. The Homelands of Yikarrakkal, Kurrurldul, Milmilngkan and Kolorbidahdah are a priority cluster No 1. The Housing team has been working hard on assessing the Homelands facilities and applying for the infrastructure funding.