

September 2022

## CDP WHAT NEXT

An update from Minister for Indigenous Australians - Minister Burney office media release

"The Australian Government is committed to replacing the Community Development Program (CDP) with a program with real jobs, proper wages and decent conditions. To begin discussions, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, Linda Burney today hosted the Remote Employment Roundtable in Canberra, in the lead up to the Jobs and Skills Summit.

The Roundtable was designed to bring a number of experts together to share their insights on employment challenges and labour markets in remote Australia, before more targeted consultations are held in remote communities.

The Minister hosted representatives from peak bodies, relevant alliances and unions, community and business leaders as well as a number of local councils, to have frank and open discussions on key employment challenges and opportunities in remote Australia.

As a first step towards a new program, the CDP will be adjusted to give providers the opportunity to work with remote communities to trial new approaches to real jobs.

The Roundtable discussion, community consultations and learnings from trialling new approaches will inform the new program."

<https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/burney/2022/putting-remote-employment-issues-table>

More information to come soon, we will keep everyone updated on what next.

## PROJECT UPDATES



### Civil Cert Training Tennant Creek

RN Employment Services in conjunction with Charles Darwin University, provided an amazing opportunity in Tennant Creek for people to take part in a ten-week Civil Training Course. Everyone learned new skills and they gained tickets on different machinery and plant operation. During the training the participants completed written assessments in the classroom. Most of the training was on the tools and on the ground getting real experience in Civil works including how to operator a Skid Steer, Mini Excavator and how to set up and operator a Dumpy level. The last part of the training was gaining their Traffic Management ticket.

All this training could not have happened without the generous support of Barkly Regional Council for allowing the team to access the dump. All the participants really enjoyed digging holes, build sand pads, and using the Dumpy level. Thank you to Willie the trainer from CDU for supporting the team and sharing your knowledge to upskill everyone.

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## Elliott getting ready for wet season

The men and ladies at Elliott have been busy with cleaning the compound in ready for the wet season and getting the garden ready for next planting. New areas for the fires pits now cleaned out and collecting wood for cooking and keeping warm too. The ladies have started work on turtle shells with wonderful creative art.



## Welding Course Ali Curung

Ali Curung had a great turn out for Welding training held by Batchlor institute in Ali Curung. The training covered off safety in the workshop and the gentlemen got to make a toolbox and BBQ during the course. A big thank you Alvin from Batchlor, who is always great in delivering training in our communities. The men now are doing a lot of project using the welder from making beds and recycling projects.



## Paint up a Storm in Mutitjulu

The ladies in Mutitjulu painting up a storm and enjoy the lovely fire boxes to keep them warm. The ladies are doing a number of paints for consideration for the art competition.

It is great to see a few ladies enjoying coming together and have a good laugh and yarn too.



## Murray Downs keeping busy

Now we have our new supervisor Jacithnia on the ground 5 days in community, we are seeing more and more ladies and men getting involved in the activities around the community. The men have been working on cleaning up around the community and yards are looking good with the ladies creating wonderful pieces of art work including a new sign out of old car bonnet.

# PROJECT UPDATES



## Marlinja clean-up has started

With your new Supervisor Cheryl now in place at Marlinja the community are working together to clean up the old CDP shed. There is a new door added a number of repairs completed and clearing of the old garden to make ready for new projects including new garden planned.

## Collecting Wood at Mutitjulu

With the cool snap happening across Australia, it has been especially cold in the morning in Mutitjulu community. There as been an on-going project to go out and collect wood to keep our clients warm and to fire up the wood fire oven from time to time too. We want to support the community over this unusual cold weather in central Australia.



## Imanpa new band equipment has arrived

At the end of June the RN Employment Service team supported the Imanpa community with delivery of band equipment arranged by CLC. The church is now the new home to a lot of great music equipment, for everyone to use and learn. Looking forward to hearing lots of great new songs coming out of community.



## Healthy eating Ali Curung

The RN Employment Services team in Ali Curung have a healthy eating day each week for all our clients. With our team cooking up great food from soups, BBQ breakfast, Salads and stews plus a few great curries too. When the weather gets warmer they are looking more salads, sandwiches and fruit.

# PROJECT UPDATES

## Hot Soup and cooking in Epenarra



The Consultant in Epenarra Miss Heura has been teaching our clients how to make Banana bread, and other wonderful cakes. The ladies also have been sharing ideas for soups and working together to make lovely hot soup for the community to share.

A Big thank you to the Outback stores in Epenarra and Canteen Creek who donate old banana to the the baking classes. The extra cakes are share around the community.



## All happening with the Ladies in Tennant Creek

The ladies group in Tennant creek had a big week of racing to see who could finish puzzle first - it was a week of laughing and some even trying to make the pieces fit.

The group has been making lots of items with the sewing machines, from hats to bags to paint brush holders. Other ladies have been sharing cooking skills and each week now have a full morning of cooking from pancakes, stews, soups, tacos and pizzas to name a few of the yummy food. The ladies have also been making flower arrangements and providing them to others for sorry business and to bright up their homes too.



## Tenannt Creek Men keeping busy

The Men at the shed have been busy using their great welding skills to recycle donated old gas bottle into portable BBQs or heating pots which as been great with the cold Barkly breeze that has been keeping temperature down.

The have made beds, tables and also doing repairs on bikes, doing the gardens at church, parks and NLC too.



## New Slasher for Tara

The crew at Tara have a new slasher to help the clean up the spinifix grass around the community. The new slasher eats all up with now issues and is easy for everyone to use as it is a push slasher. Rodney our supervisor on the ground is loving it hard part is getting him to allow other clients to use. The place is looking great.

# SOME OF OUR RAFFLE WINNERS

Remember for everyone who attends our projects will gain a ticket in a monthly raffle with the big Christmas prizes to be won just for coming along.

Elliott - Jeremy



Tenannt Creek - Greg



Mutitjulu - Lena



## ACTIVITY GIVE AWAYS!

Monthly prizes and  
a huge End of year  
"Christmas Draw"

**Everyday you attend  
you get an entry to  
WIN!!**

Drawn at the end of each month until Dec  
End of year "Christmas Draw" on 16th Dec

**IT WILL BE BIG!!**

Must be an eligible RN participant to enter draw

# TRAINING UPDATE



## DHD is back



RN Employment Services are excited to be supporting Deadly Hair Dudes who has joined forces with Charles Darwin University to give the local people of Elliott the chance to learn a new skill and create an ongoing service to their town.

Deadly Hair Dude team approached the Barkly Regional Deal for funding to deliver Certificate training in Elliott. This comes on the back of the very successful tasters which RN Employment Services engaged Deadly Hair Dude in the Barkly.

This is an amazing chance for the small community of Elliott and the opportunity for those that take part to create a new business for Elliott.



## Defence visits to region



**DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING**

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## **Central Aus Regional Tour**

Defence Force Recruiting Darwin's Careers Promotions Team will be conducting a tour throughout the following locations; Katherine, Tennant Creek, Ali Curung, Willowra, Yuendumu, Nyirripi & Elliott.

Please see dates below that the team will be in your location. If you would like to arrange a meeting or our team to have a yarn to your job seekers, please contact Events Coordinator—Ginevra Dundara on the details below.



# Batchelor Institute

## White Card training Tennant Creek

Friday 21st October 2022

Are you interested in learning some new skills?

We have an exciting opportunity for the whole community to take part in training.

This will be a short one-day course learning about safety on a construction site.

This training is also handy if you would like to get a job on a mine site or construction site as a cleaner or even if you think you might like to work on the construction site as an assistant

8:30am Barkly House - Upstairs Training Room, Tennant Creek

Attend on the day with USI Number and ID

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Football Sponsorship

This year RN Employment Services sponsored a number of football teams across our regions. The money provided from some clubs they brought new playing uniforms, other's boots, and some use the money for team registration.

We are proud to support our communities and support their success in playing. Each year we look to sponsor a different team from the last to ensure everyone is supported - Well done to all the teams this year for great games.



## Helping out when and where we can

RN Employment Services have provided much needed humanitarian aid to Jerry out at Pukalki a small homeland about 90KM out of Tennant Creek. Jerry lives alone with his three dogs; he does not drive and has to depend on family support for supplies. Unfortunately, the other week he was out of food, he reached out to our Regional Activity Coordinator, who only visited him the week before for his regular monthly visit.

We were happy to assist with a big box of food for him and his dogs, donated some warm clothing and a blanket, which with this sudden cold and wet snap we're experiencing in the Barkly will support him to keep well and warm.



## Supporting our Veterans

RN Employment Services are proud to be a Soldier On 2022 Gold Pledge company. By providing this support RN Employment Services is demonstrating our commitment and dedicated to being a veteran-friendly recruitment, retention and workplace. Soldier On is a great organisation which is doing a lot for veterans and their families with lots of supportive programs.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## PPK Kangaroo Tail Cook up

RN Employment Services have built a great relationship with Management of PPK in Tennant Creek this has seen a monthly Kangaroo Tail cook up with our ladies group helping with the cooking and our men's team collecting wood for the cook up. We now have a monthly cook up with the Elders our lovely ladies then sit down and have a yarn and enjoy some fresh cooked Kangaroo tail.



## Voyages donation to community

Voyages have kindly donated furniture to RN Employment Services and to the community of Mutitjulu table and chairs to be used for projects or in people's homes.

The guys went and loaded and unpacked on site provide much need resources to the community.



## Helping out Elder Alex in Tennant Creek

The Men's project group in Tennant Creek were has to help out Alex an Elder who has to use a wheelchair to get around. The issue Alex was facing was been unable to access this back yard to access his shipping container.

At our shed we have number of pavers and agreed to build him a pathway so he could access all part of his garden, and not get bogged in the mud.

Alex was so happy with results and the gentlemen where happy they could support this lovely older gentleman.



## Mutitjulu held its annual Clean Up Community Day

This year RN Employment services provided two Swags as prizes for those who participated in the annual community clean up day in Mutitjulu.

The clean up was a big success with over two dump trucks filled and the place is looking great. Elder Patsy drew out the winners for Activity prize.

## Mutitjulu - Bessie





# NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We would like to welcome new staff to the RN team.

## Jacintha Morrison

Murray Downs Supervisor

Jacintha has been keen to work with RN Employment services for some time now but with Covid impacts delayed her start, but now she has started is great and she is very much important part of our team. Jacintha already has engaged back with community and seeing many people getting involved in community clean up and arts again



## Cheryl Dixon

Marlinja Supervisor

Cheryl comes to us with good all round work experience and drive that is seeing the community come together and work together to get the old CDP shed repaired and storing equipment, with plans being drafted for new garden space from flowers to vegetables. Cheryl is going a great job in a short period already



## John O'Cleary

Tennant Creek Mens Supervisor

John is new supervisor at the Tennant Creek men's shed. John has great skills with IT and on the tools he is looking forwarding sharing his skills with others



# 12 MONTHS OF SERVICE

*Congratulations!*

Congratulation to Denise Richards for being part of our wonderful team at RN Employment Services for 12 months.

Denise is Consultant at our Tennant Creek office.



# JOBS OF THE MONTH

## RED CENTRE CAFÉ & TAKEAWAY

Customer Service/All Rounder

Red Centre Café are looking for front house staff who is capable of working in the busy situations. And someone who is also reliable and friendly.

Key Duties you will be doing:

Taking orders

Customer service

Taking food and coffee to the tables and clearing them after.

Do the stock fill.

Help barista with coffee by making coffee shots and iced drinks

Cleaning up after we finish the cafe.



If you wish to apply for this position, please speak with a consultant today.

# 1000 JOB SEEKERS!

RN Employment Services hit the milestone of 1000 Job Seekers supported into employment in August 2022.

2nd August, the team at Tennant creek made a call to Edward to advise he was the Lucky 1000th person placed into work and had won himself a new phone. When advising Edward, his first response was "Are you playing game with me?" he was advised that it was not a game and when he could to come, and claim is prize. Edward was super happy and very thankful.

From 2018 to 2022 RN Employment Services has placed over 1000 of our clients into employment

1000

Have you started work in September?

Would you like \$100

RN Employment Services are offering all CDP Participants that have started work in September a \$100 voucher to support you in your new job. This voucher can be used for fuel, food or phone credit.

We are offering this extra support plus more. To find out more please talk to your consultant and while you are check our job list too.





**Artwork by Michael Carr - Tennant Creek**

**Thanks to the Ladies activity for design support in creating newsletter.**

**We welcome your feedback and are always looking for partners to support our communities.**

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