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# NEWSLETTER

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# **CDP WHAT IS NEW**

The New program to replace CDP is being developed in partnership with First Nations people and remote communities. It will allow communities to determine local projects and job priorities. Communities may also apply for funding to cover capital and equipment cost for new projects or enterprises that will help generate new jobs.

The Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Program will help some CDP participants move to having a real job with an employer. CDP will continue to be available to support all participants including those who require additional support to find a job or who are not work ready.

CDP providers have been extended to ensure that the design of New employment service for remote Australia can develop along side broader employment service reforms.

Through the Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program, the Government is substantially increasing its overall investment in remote employment. There will be an increase in the proportion of funding available for Workforce Development initiatives.

NIAA will require the development of Workforce plans; CDP providers will work with communities and employers to develop new work plans that support local workforce development and providers pathways into employment for participants by new jobs created through RJED and other existing and emerging opportunities.

A New remote employment service is being developed in parallel with broader work across Government on Employment White Paper, the inquiry into Workforce Australia Employment Services, reforms to Disability Employment Services.

Resources are available for RJED Program via NIAA website;

- Prime Minister and Minister for Indigenous Australian's Media Release
- Remote Jobs and Economic Development website including the First Nations Reference Group
- Current job trials underway
- Fact sheet about RJED

## **CDP WHAT IS NEW**

### Community Projects (Trials) Update

Community Projects Pathway to Real Jobs has come to an end and this has seen about 10 participants move into ongoing employment at the end of the trial. This is great news for all involved in the Trial, To celebrate the hard work of Stage 1 participants they were awarded with a purchase order for the local supermarket or store.

Stage 2 has just kicked off with new participants taking part in all 3 regions. Stage 2 of the trial will also see First Aid Training coming to Tennant Creek and Ali Curung with dates to be confirmed. We have also held White Card training as part of the trial to help support employment opportunities for those wishing to work in the construction industry.

We had Arrernte Boxing engage so far in Elliot for the first week as of the 26th of February and they had an amazing time, and the community was very welcoming and engaged well with the team. We were even super lucky to have young man Chabascoe attend with the Team who is a TO for Elliot.

Adam Drake from Balance Choice is down in Mutitjulu for 3 weeks and kicked off in Community on the 11th of March. The community has been amazing and very engaging with Adam. His first week has seen him engage with the College in Yulara and taking part in the Mutitjulu School Sports Carnival; cooking pancakes and taking part in events to encourage and support the kids to get involved. Adam has also been running morning session in the community, which seen one person on the first day and then 11 people turning up before school and taking part in 40 minute training session. RN Staff have welcomed Adam with open arms and have really enjoyed working with Adam and seeing the amazing work that he does.

## **CDP WHAT'S NEW**

### **CDP Trials Good News Story**

Meshach Bonney had previously been under the very first trial rolled out and was place at the Hardware store. Meshach was doing well and enjoying his role and the opportunity to learn many new skills along the journey. At the end of the Trial Meshach was offered ongoing paid employment at the Hardware, however due to financial issues within the business he was made redundant a few week after the offer.

Meshach came to RN Employment for support to gain employment and support as he was feeling a little down and out. Meshach was then offered the chance to be on the new round of the Trials as a Youth Officer with Sports & Rec.

Meshach was happy to have paid employment, however due to the ups and downs of life he went a little off track which affected his attendance in the beginning. With support from both his employer and team at RN Employment, he has now been successful in being offered ongoing employment in his role and has successfully completed the trial placement and proved he is willing and ready to move into fulltime or part time employment

# PROJECT UPDATES

### <u>Imanpa</u>

Imanpa seen two important additions to the community this year. A new playground for the kids and new ARRCS clinic which has proven to be the most beneficial to all in the community.

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### Tennant Creek

BRADAAG had a visit from Senator McCarthy, who was there to share in the Celebration of three RN clients move from the Trial funded roles, into employment as Case Support Workers at BRADAAG. BRADAAG has been a great partner under the trials, fully supporting the program of the flexible employment to build peoples' skills, confidence and allowing them to learn at their pace. Now BRADAAG have three new staff to continue supporting the community via the program.





### Epenarra

New starters Nat & Ray had a welcome session with local community members and stakeholders on Friday 16th Febraury held at the RN office in Epenarra. Everyone had a chance to provide input on ideas. RN staff along with assitsance from the ladies put on afternoon tea/lunch that consisted of fresh sandwiches, freshly baked cakes and a warm stew with rice. Nat & Ray along with the community are all working to support the local football. They have now formed a sporting committee with AFL being a big fav of both Canteen Creek and Epenarra. Ray is now the new coach, with Nat supporting the committee, and organized a recycling Activity that is run in coordination with the Men's and Ladies Activities to fund raise sporting equipment to support the community.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**



#### <u>Kaltukatjara</u>

Docker River will be hosting the Women's Law and Culture meeting that will be held in Docker River between the 3rd to 7th of June. The location is about 10km down the Kulail Rd. We are expecting about 150 women to attend. MK from NPY Women's council has asked RN to help gather and drop Firewood to site in advance, this is very exciting and RN will be working along side Steven Trindle to gather some strong young lads to start gathering firewood for the event. We are hoping to have a nice big pile of wood ready at the site the week before the event.

Docker River School commenced for the start of the new term this week with New School Principal Kyla. Kyla had been teaching here in Docker River for the last six months of 2023 and has now returned to take on the role as Principal, Kyla who is passionate about teaching and a strong advocate for Docker River Primary School to continue running and providing education to the Children of Docker River community. RN will continue to support with school and community events such as Colour Smash and Health Eating picnic day as we did last year.

### Ali Curung

Ali Curung and surrounding communities had the opportunity to participate in several training opportunities run in Ali Curung, White card & Drivesafe. The training had wonderful attendance with 16 of our clients from Ali Curung and Tara Communities have successfully gained their white cards. The Drivesafe training too had great attendance with 15 clients obtaining their Learners, and an additional 9 clients obtaining their provisional licenses.

Centrelink have attended the community; with the support of Staff at RN Employment we have been able to work together to assist clients with their claims and/or information needed.

A family fun day was held at the local school at the end of last year in which RN Employment proudly supported , offering Fresh fruit, and giving away plenty of RN merchandise





## **PROJECT UPDATES**

### <u>Elliott</u>

Big breakfast at the Rec Centre was held on Thursday 11th April, was all about the community and want is needed, it was a wonderful success with many attending and providing their input on how to better their community.

Holiday program at Rec Centre was held for the kids to keep them active during the school break. Activities included Soccer, Basketball, footy and many more. The lovely ladies from the safe house cooked up a storm and provided the kids with lovely cooked breakfast. This program was a great success and gave the kids of Elliott plenty to focus on in their spare time.

Drivesafe had a successful visit with 15 learners achieved along with 7 provisional licenses.



### <u>Mutitjulu</u>

RN and Voyages hold a meet and greet BBQ every second Wednesday in Mutijulu promoting vacancies, providing outlines of the vast range of employment opportunities available in Yulara Resort to local employment.

Job Seeker David joins the MCAC team as an all rounder. David was so excited to start and has made a great impression; feedback was "do we have 4 more of him?" from his supervisor Geoff

RN Employment staff joined in the Docker River, Mutitjulu and Yulara celebrations watching the new Qantas Airbus artwork designed by a local women take its first flight over Uluru. Many from community came out to see the impressive sight as this was an acknowledgment and celebration of the land.

RN staff have had a walkthrough of the new Business Hub that will offer meeting rooms, all staff kitchen, 5 services to operate from the hub, an Amphitheatre all in modern surroundings. We expect RN to be ready to move into our new office by mid-June 2024. MPH Contractors for the site are keen to take on local community member to join their team once completed the White Card training on 14th May 2024.



## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Sponsorships**

RN Employment Services is proud sponsor of Elliott Hawks Ladies football team this year. We are cheering them on for finals win for 2024.



## Barkly Regional Arts

RN Employment Services is proud to sponsor Desert Harmony Festival 2024 being held in Tennant Creek this year- with a youth focus, we look forward to a great attendance.

Chamber of Commerce A Chamber Meeting held in Tennant Creek putting together recommendations to Northern Territory Government on what the Barkly needs them to invest in from Hospital upgrades, roads, youth services and community safety to name only a few

TOYOTA

Support during the floods. The team at Epenarra helping the community, which was cut off due to flooding, loading up food supplies to support the store. During this wet season has seen Epenarra and Canteen Creek cut off, canned supplies getting low, community worked together to ensure everyone was looked after.

OPEN

Visit from Local Member Mr Steve Edington visit to Elliott for Local Authority meeting called in to meet with RNES staff on the ground talk about changes with CDP, jobs and how the community is going in general. We always welcome a visit from our local member for the Barkly.

# **TRAINING UPDATE**

### **Training Completed and Upcoming**

Mutitjulu - White Card Training deliver 14th May. Mutitjulu – First Aid Training held 8th & 9th May. Ali Curung - White Card training delivered 29th January. Tennant Creek - White Card training delivered 30th January First Aid Training Tennant Creek 1st & 2nd July First Aid Training Ali Curung Date to be confirmed.





RSVP Melissa Carse 0429 380 189 RN Employment Services Office

ADAM DRAKE FROM BALANCED CHOICE IS GOING TO BE IN EPENARRA COMMUNITY-THANKS TO RN EMPLOYMENT FOR FULLY FUNDING

Come and learn how to train your Mind, Body and Spirit through fitness, theatre and learned optimism to ground you on your life's journey. Some of the ways we guide each session is by using some of the below Core Values: Connection, Courage, Respect, Relationships Family, Patience, Encouragement, Wellness Gratitude, Self-Love, Forgiveness, Connection



Catering to be supplied

DATES: Monday -Friday 20th May 17th June 2024 TIME: 10am - 3pm



Arrente Community Boxing Academy 'Together, let us share our love of boxing with your Community'

from the 27th May - 31st May

Arrente Community

**Boxing Academy** 

& RN

Contact Melissa on 0429 380 189 or head to the Ali Curung Office to register your interest!!

Buddy Old Man World Masters Boxing Champion

Paul Showtime Fleming Olympian and World Boxing Champion

## **TRAINING UPDATE**



## DRINK DRIVER EDUCATI ON COURSE 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

Training held in Tanami Room – 65 Staunton St, Tennant Creek IMPORTA NT INFORMA TION

\*\*\* RANDOM BREATH TESTING CONDUCTED ON THE DAY

DASA Drug and Alcohol Services Australia Ltd. 4 Schwarz Cres PO BOX 3003 Alice Springs N.T. 0870 p: 08 8950 5000 e: admin@dasa.org.au w: dasa.org.au

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS CASH EFTPOS BASIC CARD

BASIC CARD BANK DEPOSIT CENTREPAY DEDUCTIONS \* ABUTY TO PAY OFF COURSE A VAILABLE ALSO



Mutitjulu - White Card Training to be delivered on 14th May 2024 RN Employment has secured support from SA Tafe in providing trainers to assist RN to deliver training to our Mutitjulu community as they see the benefit in as many locals being successful in gaining their White card with the planned construction to occur over the next 2 years with developing infrastructure in the community and building a tourism platform.



Drivesafe had a pretty good turnout we had also several applications for Birth Certs and a couple of 18 plus cards in all regions. ·55 Learners permits gained. ·29 provisional Licenses Gained ·Total 84 licenses for region 26 and 28

DASA visited Tennant Creek on 06/3/24 . We had 11 clients successfully complete; this is out of a class maximum of 12



Shane Hayes , achieved his learners

# SERVICE WITH RN EMPLOYMENT SERVICES





Patricia Stout Tennant Creek - 1 years

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Melissa Carse Tennant Creek - 3 years



Fiona McCabe Tennant Creek - 3 years

## **NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome new staff to the RN team

## Deng

### Tennant Creek, Consultant

Deng has joined the RN team in Tennant Creek as an Employment Consultant. Deng has travelled the world and managed to find his home here in Tennant Creek with RN as his new adopted family.

## Gavin

### Ali Curung, Consultant

Gavin as Born in Tara QLD, on his birthday he was out providing services to TARA NT. Gavin is the New Employment Consultant in Ali Curung. Gavin joins the family of RN with a history of working with youth and working with job seekers. Gavin enjoys painting and has created some incredible art.



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## Esther

### Tennant Creek,

Esther is our new Administration support to the team based in Tennant Creek. She is keen to learn and is always smiling, a great addition to the team.



## Nat and Ray

### Epennara and Canteen Creek

New couple at Epenarra who have come over from WA, where Nat has been working in employment services for several years and Ray's background is in roads. They have hit ground running in Epenarra and supporting Canteen Creek.

## Kerri

## **Business Manager Region 21**

Kerri has joined our team with years of experience in mentoring and supporting Job Seekers to successfully gain paid employment. Kerri is a woman on a mission and will jump through hoops to assist our clients in achieving their goals to employment.

### Steph PPS Officer

Steph newest remote member to the Post Placement Support team. Steph is a long time local who moved to Tasmania to live in the winter 365 days a year. Steph is the Outcomes officer for all 13 and 26-week claims and Placements also supporting the PPS team with following up with employers and referrals. The sister we don't get to see much

# JOBS OF THE MONTH



## FIRST NATIONS TRAINEESHIP MUTITJULU

OPTIONS OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE MUST BE A FIRST NATIONS AUSTRALIAN PERSONAL CARE WORKER: CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT – AGED CARE WITH GTNT GROUP'S INSTITUTE OF SKILLS AND TRAINING AUSTRALIA HOSPITALITY WORKER: CERTIFICATE III IN COMMERCIAL COOKERY WITH CDU TAFE. LEISURE AND LIFESTYLE OFFICER: CERTIFICATE IV IN LEISURE AND HEALTH WITH DOVASTON TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTRE.IT WORKER: CERTIFICATE III IN IT WITH CDU TAFE.

## JOBS OF THE MONTH

**Aboriginal Interpreter Service** 



INTERPRETERS CROSS ALL REGIONS MUTITJULU DOCKER RIVER AND IMANPA ALI CURUNG TARA EPENARRA AND CANTEEN CREEK TENNANT CREEK AND ELLIOTT

SUPPORT CLIENTS IN UNDERSTANDING PROCEEDINGS, INTERVIEWS AND OTHER ENGAGEMENTS WITH GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SERVICES TO UNDERSTAND IN LANGUAGE OUTCOMES, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES WHICH NEED TO OCCUR. YOU WILL NEED GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND LANGUAGE OF YOUR AREA. BE AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND FACE TO FACE IF REQUIRED. POLICE CHECK AND OCHRE CARD IS REQUIRED



**MURU- WARINYI ANKKUL RANGER** 

ABLE TO GO OUT BUSH AND LEARN ABOUT COUNTRY, ABLE TO LEARN NEW SKILLS ,MEET OTHER RANGERS, ABILITY TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND FAMILY. MUST PASS A POLICE CHECK AND OBTAIN AN OCHRE CARD. LICENCE IS AN ADVANTAGE.





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RN acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

