

MINI NEVER GIVE UP NEWS



Imanpa Fillies

With Youth Workers Regina McKay & Luka Olesen

MANAGER'S UPDATE

CHRISTINE WILLIAMSON



Welcome to the latest Mini NGU edition! The past three months have been full of changes and surprises due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Our Youth Service has been working hard to keep providing activities and support for young people in our communities. With the lifting of some restrictions, we have been able to organise camps and bush trips as well as sports and targeted activities.

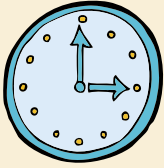
Working in a Tri-State region has been more complicated than usual. It has meant some staff have not been able to leave their community for extended periods of time. Working collaboratively with other service providers has made a significant difference to our ability to provide services on the lands. I would like to thank our remote staff for their hard work and dedication through such a difficult time.

MAY - JULY 2020



CHANGES TO SERVICE DELIVERY

NPYWC Youth Service has had to adapt to new working conditions like so many other organisations during COVID-19. Below is a snapshot of what our Youth Service did in the May - July period.



1,214 Hours of Youth Program
across 13 communities



530 activities run



3,674 young people attended
Youth Program across the NPY
Women's Council region



DANCE COMPETITION

The NPYWC Youth Service Dance Competition was a huge success, with 25 entries that received over 300,000 views. It was great to see so many young people getting involved in virtual activities at a time when it was not possible to run a standard youth program due to COVID-19.

As special mention to the winners below:

People's Choice Winner - Jamaren Wongway

Youth Dance Winner - Maria Davis

Runner Up - Emerson Williamson

View the winning entries on our facebook or [here](#).



We recently launched a new program aimed at assisting young people to gain meaningful employment in their community through the love of sport.

Check out the Iwara program on our [website](#)!

THE YOUTH TEAM ADVOCACY

BOARDING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Despite the extra challenges presented by COVID-19, four boarding school clients returned to school in Term 2, one to Djarragun College in Cairns and three to Clontarf College in Perth. For the students who have not yet been able to get back to school, nine laptops have been delivered to their communities so they can continue their studies remotely.

Photos: below, Anne Marie Burke & Cynthia Bell in Docker River with their laptops; right, Nadia Lewis and her sister Charlene at the Amata airstrip on her way to Djarragun College.



PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO EDUCATION

NPY Women's Council Youth Service created a submission for the Parliamentary Inquiry into education in remote and complex environments, as well as challenges during COVID-19 for boarding school students. You can check it out [here](#).



Amata



MUTITJULU CAMP

During the July school holidays NPYWC Youth Service attended a three week permanent camp, that the Mutitjulu Night Patrol set up at Mantarur Outstation. Central Land Council, Maruku Arts and Mutitjulu Community Aboriginal Corporation also came to the camp. Young people attended the camp in groups for a few days and families and other services were able to come for a day trip. It was great to get so many services working together to create an engaging camp for young people.

Activities included going for bush walks, looking for maku, art, games and storytelling. One of the favourite activities during the camp was the zorb balls (pictured bottom left) which was great for social distancing! Everyone enjoyed getting out of community and spending some time together.



In the July school holidays, the Youth Service in Fregon went on a camp to West Bore, a twenty minute drive from Fregon. The young people were very excited about it as they had been looking forward to it for a long time. The young people enjoyed being out bush with their friends. Everyone shared stories and then listened to senior elder Frank talk about his personal childhood experiences. The youth were fully engaged listening to Frank and asked him lots of questions. Some of the young people shared their worries too, since Frank told them that "it makes you feel better when you share your stories and worries".

After telling stories, everyone shared a big meal and then went out hunting rabbits with the spot lights. Unfortunately, no one was successful in getting any rabbits!



DONATED CLOTHES

Throughout COVID-19 the Youth Service has been collecting donated clothes and getting them sent out to communities. This was especially important during winter when travel to town was restricted.

On the right, the back of a hilux has been turned into a portable Op Shop in Mutitjulu.

From left: Leanne Norman,
Tracey Moneymoon,
Kimberley Davies &
Cheyanne Moneymoon



NT SOFTBALL

In July, MacDonnell Regional Council organised a Northern Territory Softball Competition for the NPY Women's Council and Mac Youth communities in the NT. The competition was held in Alice Springs and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to test their softball skills.

It was an electric two days of softball fun, with tremendous skill on display from all the young women. Nine teams from Kintore, Mt Liebig, Papunya, Haasts Bluff, Areyonga, Hermannsburg, Amoonguna, Finke and Imanpa participated in the event. Despite some strong competition Kintore won the tournament. Finke and Imanpa played incredibly well and came joint 5th place. A big thank you to Ted Lawrence from Mac Youth for all his hard work putting this event together. Everyone is already excited about planning the next competition next year!



Above: Katrina Carroll, Rochelle Mumu, Tameeka Mumu, Cynthia Williamson, Luka Olsen & Lailarni Wiseman

Below: Ida Palmer, Shenille Kenny, Jezabel Stewart, Jamiesha Hoosan, Kashana Goodwin, Jennifer Matasia, Kiya Lionel, Dana Goodwin & Annita



MUSIC TREE DOCKER

In Docker River young people got creative with covid-19 safe activities! One of the most popular activities in Docker River, is practicing drumming in the band room. The Youth Service in Docker River, with help from young people, created a "percussion tree" outside the rec hall. Young people helped to put nails in the tree to hang cymbals and shakers from which were made with empty bottles filled with rocks/sand. They also set up bongo drums around the tree so that young people still felt like they were drumming. Kids would find sticks and drum away! It was very noisy, but lots of fun! Now that COVID-19 restrictions have eased, the band room can be used again, but the percussion tree still has the nails in it, ready to be set up if we need it again!



YOUTH AT RISK RESEARCH NETWORK

NPY Women's Council Youth Service has partnered with the University of New South Wales and the Youth At Risk Research Network to look at what makes an effective Youth Program in remote and regional areas. A survey was developed in collaboration with NPYWC Directors, Anangu staff and young people from the lands, which has been translated into Pitjantjatjara. Liv Alston, the Community Research Officer has been travelling out to the Northern Territory and South Australian communities to complete surveys with young people who are involved in the Youth Service.



If you are interested in getting involved, call 08 8958 2345 and ask to speak to Liv!

Daisy & Ester Giles after doing a survey with Liv in Mutitjulu



Neisha, Jamie, Hazel, Janine, (below) Ronica



Billy & Titus

KIWIRRKURRA

In Kiwirrkurra the Youth Service has been busy running bush trips, self-care sessions, bike hire and exercise programs.

Kiwirrkurra Kungkas love the self-care activity. "We use natural ingredients to take care of our beauty. First, we massage our face with coconut oil. Then, we apply face mask made from oats, milk, honey, and egg white. It makes our skin smooth and fresh. Also, we like to do it out bush because it is so calm and peaceful." Maysa, Youth Development Officer Kiwirrkurra

Bike hire has also been very popular! Billy & Titus (pictured left) were the first kids in Kiwirrkurra to try the new bikes. Before he took off for an adventure, Titus said;

"I'm so happy! Super happy!!"

The Kiwirrkurra young men have been keeping fit and healthy with an exercise program and working out at the gym!



Kingsley, Zach, Jamie-Lee

CAMP OUTS IN AMATA



Young people in Amata have enjoyed getting out on country for fella's camp outs and kungka bush trips.



KP CAMP DOCKER

NPY Women's Council Youth Service Kulintja Palyaringkuny tjaku (KP) Program supports senior community members and young people to talk and learn from each other about mental health, sexual health, alcohol, drugs and healthy relationships.

In July, the Kulintja Palyaringkuny tjaku Project Officers, Anne & Lloyd, traveled out to Docker River for workshops. Anne took some young women out bush to talk about healthy relationships (pictured right). The workshop was co-facilitated by a key community member, the Youth Development Officer, the Anangu Support Worker, the Education Project Officer and six young women.

Lloyd also took some fellas for a workshop and was supported by the Anangu Support Worker and a key community member. They discussed COVID-19 and how to stay safe.



Kiwirrkurra



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Docker River

Kiwirrkurra



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!



Alice Springs



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



TRIX SANSON
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER MIMILI



WAYNE KEN
ANANGU SUPPORT WORKER



MATT SMITH
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER JAMESON

PAULINE COOMBS
ANANGU SUPPORT WORKER



SARAH KARANJA
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER PUKATJA

NPY Women's Council acknowledges PHN Northern Territory for their support of the Youth Program.

Our focus is always on delivering a good quality service and for Anangu to play a big role in helping us to decide on what those services look like. So, if you would like to talk with us about any part of our youth service, make sure you contact the local Youth Worker in your community and come along to our planning meetings. Or you can contact us using the details below.

For more information, help or support for young people, please contact us.

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