

MINI NEVER GIVE UP NEWS



MANAGER'S UPDATE

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Welcome to 2020! I hope you are all healthy, safe and looking after each other in these crazy times. Corona virus has completely changed our lives. Our service has to change to be in line with new rules from the Federal Government to make sure everyone stays safe and healthy. Our team have to do things differently for a little while which means our community youth programs will remain open but everyone has to stick to the following rules:

NO rec shed & disco. NO sports.
NO group activities. NO camps or bush trips.
NO to taking young people or community members in the work vehicles.
YES case management support.
YES we can help young people with computer work, ID, Centrelink etc.

If you know of a young people that needs our help, you can still talk with us about this. We can still make a plan and talk about what we can do to help. Talk with your Youth Worker or call our main office (08) 8958 2345. Look out for new youth activities and good messages about how to stay safe on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/npwyc/>

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BOARDING SCHOOL UPDATE

Last year the Boarding School Project supported 15 young people from Amata, Pukatja and Docker River to attend boarding school interstate. In December, Shantaya Barnes from Pukatja graduated year 12! She was attending Clontarf Aboriginal College in Perth. She was supported by her Nana and Pop and Uncle Victor. Congratulations Shantaya!



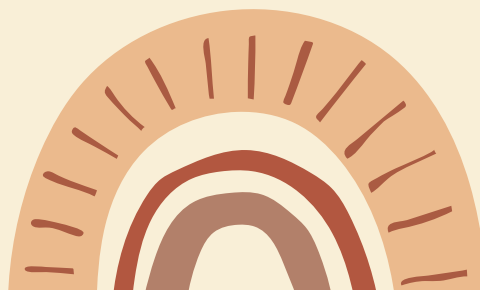
Due to limited funding, there are only 3 communities where our boarding project operates. However, in other communities across the NPY region, our general community based youth programs provide support for young people to attend boarding school as well. Lydia Ward is one of those young people who also graduated from boarding school last year, with the help of our service. Below is a little interview with Lydia.



"When I first went to boarding school I thought it was the scariest moment of my life. When I got there I was feeling shy around them other whitefella students but then the next day they taught me how to be brave and happy. Now I'm finished I feel happy and free. Family were very excited to see me back home." - Lydia Ward, Kiwirrkurra

Lydia Ward graduated from La Salle college in Perth in 2019 and is now working as an Anangu Support Worker in Kiwirrkurra with NPY Women's Council.

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SCHOOL



PUKATJA KUNGKA'S CAMP

The Kungka's camp was a really successful night with lots of activities. There was a women's health workshop with senior women Margaret Dagg and Imuna Kent, a chat about gunja, a meditation session using Uti Kulintjaku and lots of hair and beauty fun! Nine young women attended aged 13-20 years old. The young women also collected lots of brochures with information about various topics to take home and were given prizes in the workshops for the games (prizes donated by Mark Weaver, GBM). Thanks also to Rachel Dempster NPYWC Waltjapiti team member for helping out.



NG LANDS

Ngaanyatjarra Lands Youth Meeting

In November, NPY Women's Council organised for service providers and community members to come together in Warburton to talk about how we can work together to better support young people. We talked about our worries for young people, activities and support that had helped in the past and what we could do now to make things better. A number of ideas came out of this meeting including: having an event for young people to come together and have their say; taking some young people to Perth to visit the Minister for Youth; helping Yarnangu who are already looking after children and young people in their communities; better school holiday programs; support for transition from school into employment and much more. This was just the first of many great discussions to come. Thanks to the Ngaanyatjarra Lands Schools for their financial support and thank you to all the service providers and community members who attended.



Blackstone

The Youth at Blackstone have been busy getting out and about on day trips and bush trips. These photos are from a trip where youth, service providers and elders went together. They cooked up malu wipu (kangaroo tail) and then the young people went out hunting for goanna. Everyone enjoyed getting out on country!



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January School Holidays!



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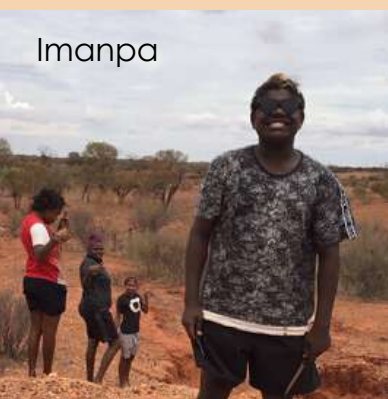
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GETTING CREATIVE!

Christmas at Kiwirrkurra looked like a lot of fun! Christmas trees were made out of upcycled materials and then everyone got involved and had a go at painting them. There were even some presents!



Amata Youth Service has been busy repainting the rec shed with help from Tjala Art volunteers. Photos are of stage 1 and it looks great already!



KIWIRRKURRA BASKETBALL COURT

The Youth Service in Kiwirrkurra worked with the CDP team to paint the basketball court. After talking with the young people, community members and NPYWC's former director Mantua James, a lion pattern was decided on.

A group of young people came together to paint the basketball court, with help from Marty from CDP. Whilst already looking amazing, it is not quite finished yet. Youth Development Officers Pietro and Maysa want to add dots inside the line and write 'Kiwirrkurra Lion' together with young people when the weather cools down a bit. There has already been lots of positive feedback about the painting so well done to everyone involved.

NPYWC Youth Service in Kiwirrkurra also did an upcycling workshop with some young fellas during the January school holidays. They made six seats from old tyres and rims and put them by the basketball courts. The fellas and other community members helped to paint them. We think they look great!





WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



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NPY Women's Council acknowledges the support of the National Indigenous Australians Agency and the South Australian Department of human services 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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