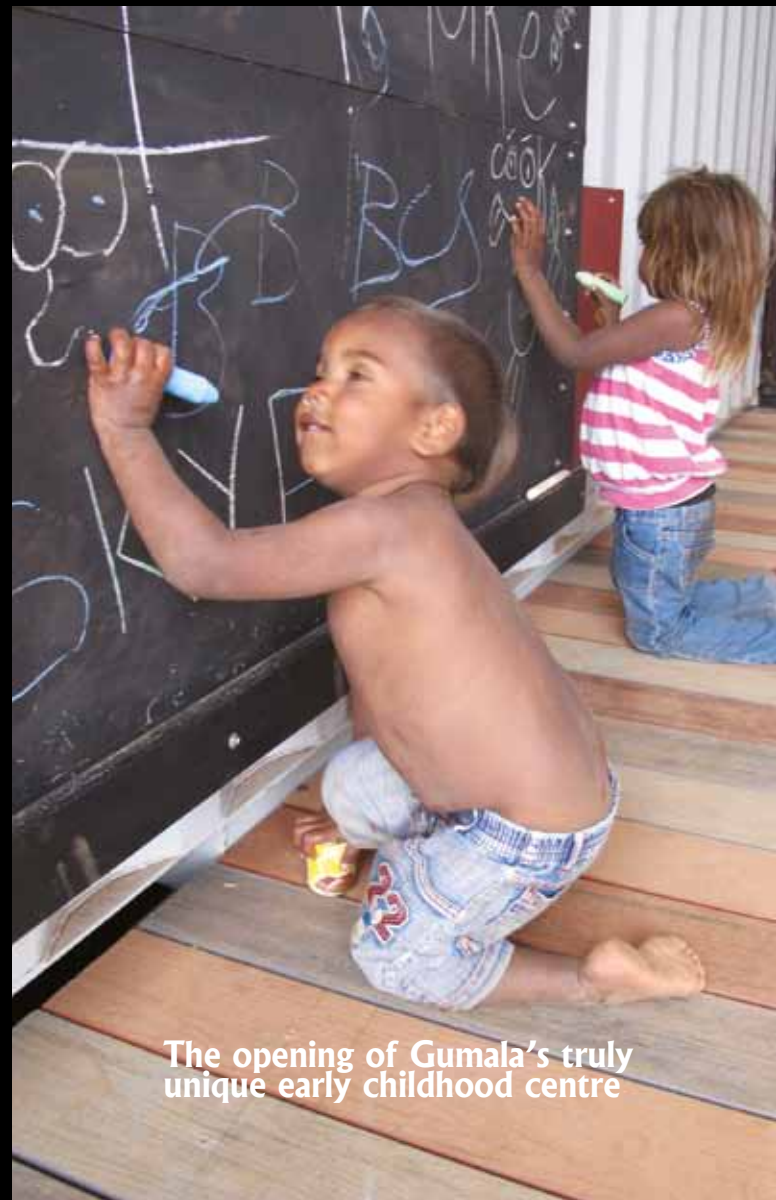


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Our Grand Vision *Chairman Keith Hall*



As the newly appointed Chairman of Gumala Aboriginal Corporation, I would like to thank the Gumala Membership, the Traditional Owners of our lands in the Pilbara, for placing their trust in us.

As Chairman, I want to ensure that the new Board continues the good work carried out by previous Boards... and builds upon it. We all want to help our people. They need our assistance right now. We also have to try to bring about deep-rooted improvements in the future lives of our children and their children's children.

Some of the newly elected Directors, who represent a "younger generation" of Traditional Owners, want to build on the excellent work done by previous Directors. We want to learn from their knowledge and experience. We want to build a strong future. You could say that we are "the new generation" who, like the prior Board, share the Gumala Management's dream of expanding

our organisation further, providing more funding opportunities and therefore creating better lives for the Traditional Owners.

We believe we can become the biggest Indigenous corporation in Australia. We are confident that Gumala will have a strong voice that is heard by all levels of Government, by the private sector and by the local community. We believe we can make a difference.

I believe that self-determination can and will be achieved through the active participation of the Traditional Owners. It's up to the current generation to set a precedent and show the way forward for future generations. The Board of Directors is in the front line of that push.

We must be proud of our past, highly-driven in the present and ambitious about the future. The entire Board of Directors and I are very passionate about what lies ahead. So let's get on with the job.

Keith Hall In Profile

Position – Appointed as Chairman of Gumala Aboriginal Corporation in June 2011

Background – Keith was born in Port Hedland and raised in Marble Bar. He currently resides in South Hedland and is married with three children.

Other roles – Keith is an active member of the Nyiyaparli Native Title Working Group, as well as Spokesperson and Advisory Committee Member to assist special administrators in the return of a newly improved Nyiyaparli corporation. Keith also carries out archaeological and ethnographical surveys on behalf of mining companies in the Pilbara.

Objectives – Keith's key aim as Chairman of the Gumala Board is to ensure that the Directors have a highly active participation in the operations, development and growth of Gumala and take a passionate, hands-on role in the organisation. He also wishes to ensure that Members and their families receive the best possible funding assistance to improve their lives and futures, especially in the vital areas of health and education.

Keith is determined that the "new generation" of younger Directors will build on the important achievements of previous Boards, ensuring that Gumala becomes the biggest, most successful and sustainable Aboriginal corporation in Australia. He has strong relationships with the Nyiyaparli Elders as well as other Gumala Elders and Members, and therefore many words of wisdom and good advice will never be far away.

Past and present Directors gain high praise by the Chairman of Australia's fastest growing Indigenous organisation

Gumala's newly appointed chairman Keith Hall has expressed his thanks to the current Board of Directors for placing their trust in him.

He has also praised the out-going Directors for their hard work and grand achievements during their directorships.

"I am honoured to become the appointed Chairman and would like

to express a sincere thank you to the Board for this opportunity and in placing their trust in me.

"I would also like to thank and praise each and every out-going Director for working tirelessly over the years to help achieve important progress and outcomes for the Traditional Owners.

"I would particularly like to

acknowledge the many years of hard work and significant contributions made by recent out-going Directors Gordon Yuline, Archie Tucker, Churchill Jones and Natalie Parker.

"It is also important to acknowledge our other recent out-going Director, Cecile Parker, and prior to that, Melanie Condon, for their important contributions to this organisation."



Gumala Aboriginal Corporation's current Board of Directors:

Top: Warren Ingie (Innawonga); Lisa Coffin (Nyiyaparli); Keith (Joog) Lethbridge (Banyjima)

Middle: Stuart Ingie Snr (Innawonga); May Byrne (Banyjima); Stephen Peterson (Nyiyaparli) – Secretary

Bottom: Julie Walker (Innawonga); Karen Tommy (Banyjima) – Deputy Chair

Pictured on opposite page: Keith Hall (Nyiyaparli) – Chairman

Gumala 0-5 Studio opens at Wakuthuni

Celebrating a whole-of-community infrastructure initiative made possible thanks to an innovative partnership between Gumala and The University of Melbourne

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) has celebrated the official opening of the Gumala 0-5 Studio, which is a truly unique early childhood learning centre in the remote WA Pilbara community of Wakuthuni.

Gumala employees, as well as some volunteer Gumala Members, worked together with University of Melbourne staff and students, from planning through to construction.

The project has involved the design and construction of an early education centre at Wakuthuni, as well as an early childhood education and care program. Many of the permanent residents living at Wakuthuni, which is located between Tom Price and Paraburadoo, are GAC Members.

This initiative breaks new ground in the systematic development of evidence-based, sustainable education and housing strategies as part of a broad community building exercise.

The project has included the involvement of the Wakuthuni community at all stages and aspects of the research process and the development of project agreements. GAC, the Wakuthuni

community and The University of Melbourne have worked closely together to deliver outcomes based on an agreed and shared vision.

It is anticipated that GAC and The University of Melbourne will explore the development of a long term, integrated partnership.

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation's Chairman, Keith Hall, said the project has been delivered on-time and on-budget.

"We believe it will result in dramatic improvements in the early educations of our youngsters living at Wakuthuni and our other remote communities. During the first five years of the lives of our young children out in these communities, education and care-giving are paramount, and they will now go hand-in-hand thanks to this fantastic project. This will lay the foundation for good outcomes right through their schooling.

"The initiative is going to give our children a vastly increased chance of obtaining great long-term educational outcomes, and as we all know, a good education is a vital way of opening up pathways to a prosperous future. The early childhood centre has been specifically designed for our remote Indigenous community, and includes a care program in the community."



Gumala's Chairman Keith Hall & The University of Melbourne's Dr David O'Brien during the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the centre



Nicholas Cook performed a traditional dance and Welcome to Country



Gumala's Chief Executive Steve Mav (right of picture) was the MC during the opening ceremony celebrations



In addition to the Wakuthuni community, about 100 special guests attended the opening ceremony



Tom Price Primary School Principal Lisa Ledger & Shire of Ashburton Councillor Lisa Shields



Keith Hall & The University of Melbourne's Professor Collette Tayler with one of the stars of the opening ceremony, the Wakuthuni kids!



The University of Melbourne's Theo Gouskos with Gumala's Joyce Gust



Gumala's Bruce Mahy, who was involved in the construction phase of the project



In honour of our Elder Gordon Yuline

Gordon Yuline's legacy runs as deep as the rich red earth running through the veins of the Pilbara.

The highly respected Elder and a founding Member of Gumala Aboriginal Corporation may have recently retired, but he will certainly always be remembered for his many achievements and contributions to our organisation, as well as his determination, perseverance and consistency of remaining true to his beliefs.

For decades Gordon has been a key "go-to" Traditional Owner regarding native title determination matters and other native title issues in the Pilbara. He was a Founding Member and one of the key figures in the setting up of Gumala Aboriginal Corporation.

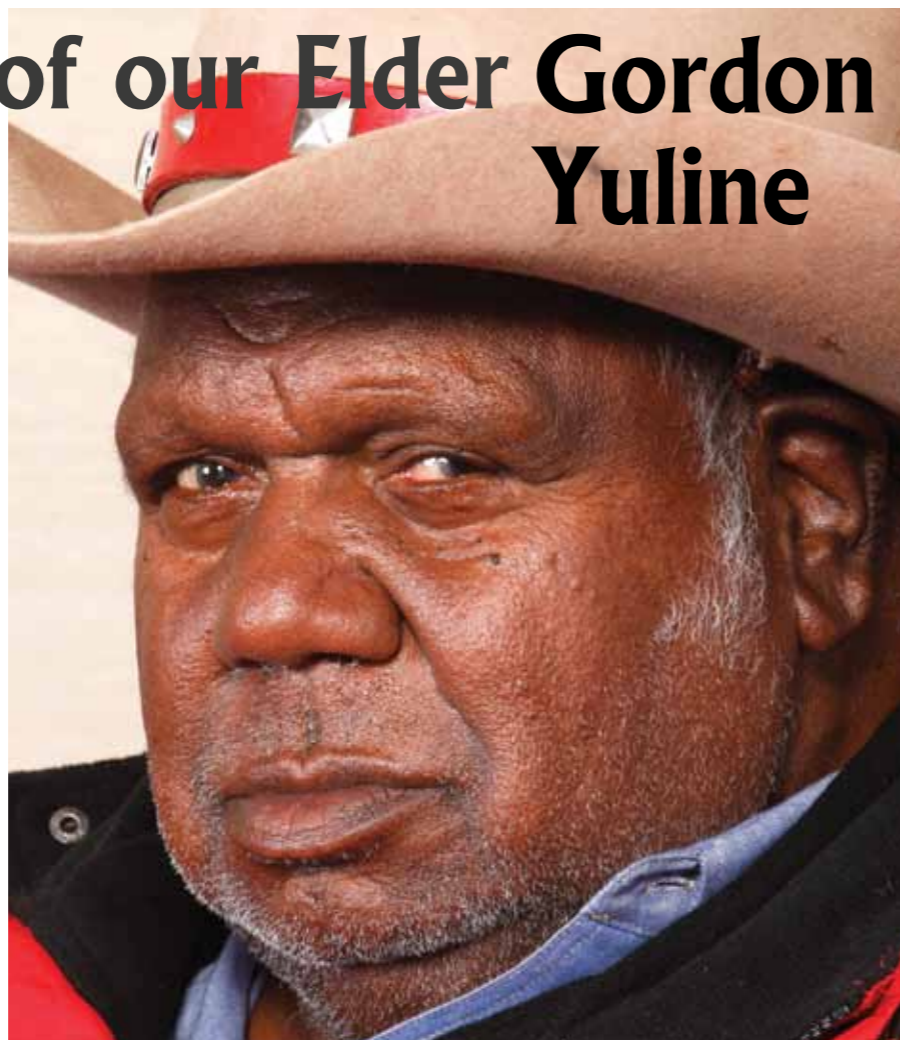
His positive impact on our organisation has been profound: he served on Gumala's Board of Directors for many years, as well as a variety of committees, sub-committees and working groups.

His knowledge, teachings, advice and influence has had a major affect on our organisation, Boards, Elders, Members and Members' children.

Gordon holds immense respect not only in the Aboriginal community but also within the mining community. Over the years he has carried out a variety of heritage, archaeological and ethnographical work for many mining companies (including Rio Tinto Iron Ore and BHP Billiton).

He has held many key roles with other Indigenous organisations, including Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation and Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation.

He played a pivotal role in the founding of Karlka, was its Chairman for many years and always fought hard and strong for the organisation



following its establishment.

At the core of Gordon's approach to his personal and professional life has been his incredible capacity to remain patient, true to the Nyiyaparli people and all Traditional Owners in the Pilbara... and to teach.

Over the many years he has been a wise teacher on various levels. His language skills (he is a fluent Nyiyaparli speaker) have been passed on to younger generations, helping to keep the language alive; he has assisted the Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre in Port Hedland over the years as well as providing assistance with language books and recording of Nyiyaparli language, culture and traditions.

His vast knowledge of lore and culture has been passed on to multiple generations of his people,

including his family. His teachings extend to living and surviving in the bush, as well as bush mechanics (learning how to use the bare necessities around you to repair a vehicle when you are out bush).

Gordon has been a grand role model for the younger generations, and it is an inspiration to be in his presence. His capacity and ability to share his vast knowledge is undisputed.

But with retirement, his good work has not ended! He will continue to be the "go-to" person for consultancy and advice on a wide range of Indigenous matters, but in an informal capacity. Retirement will give Gordon the opportunity to spend more time with his family, including his children and grandchildren.

Although his life has had its share of personal tragedies, especially with the sad passing of two of his

children, his strength of character to be able to get on with life in the face of adversity has been an inspiration to the rest of his family and those around him.

Having lived right across the Pilbara, including his birth town of Marble Bar, Gordon plans to spend his retirement based at his home in South Hedland.

Gumala Chairman Keith Hall, who is to be thanked for much of the information provided in this tribute, added that Gordon's legacy will never be lost.

"I'd like to thank my uncle for teaching me over many years all about traditional lore and culture, archaeological and ethnographical knowledge, our language, and all the wisdom he has passed down. Many people, including myself, will carry on his legacy.

"As Chairman of Gumala, I want



Gordon pictured with fellow Gumala Elders Brian Tucker and David Stock

to say thank you Gordon for all of your hard work and dedication that has helped make us the organisation that we are today. You have been a

strong role model for people like me and many others. You had a vision and you have passed that vision on to others. We thank you for that."

Gumala continues rapid expansion with significant personnel boost & IT upgrades

Gumala's position as one of the biggest and fastest growing Aboriginal corporations has been bolstered by major growth in personnel in both our Tom Price and Perth offices.

The Perth office has recently appointed several new staff, including two new Project Officers, an Education Manager, a Trainee Members Services Manager, a Secretary and two Finance personnel. Several new staff have also joined the Gumala team in our Tom Price office, including new Members Services and Finance personnel.

Our support for Trainees remains of critical importance to us. Recent new Gumala Trainee appointments include Mandy Parker (Members' Services), Simone James (Hope Valley Station) and Ken Ingie Jr (Gumala Contracting).

Gumala has also recently implemented major IT upgrades to our servers, information management system and telephone system.

Our website has also undergone a major revamp. Please visit our website (www.gumala.com.au) to discover a range of information about our organisation, plans and achievements, as well as the projects and programs we provide for the Traditional Owners.



Trainee Members Services Manager Paula White, pictured in Gumala's Perth office with young Dakota Wedge during a visit to the office by Dakota's mum Lisa Wedge

Meet the Karijini girls



Left – right: Latonya Parker, Daliah Parker, Coreen Parker, Renira Parker and Margie Hughes

Meet “the Karijini girls”, the five dedicated staff members who make everyone smile at Karijini National Park’s Visitor Centre.

Latonya, Renira, Daliah and Coreen Parker are all Gumala Members and Traditional Owners. Margie Hughes is the wife of Gumala Elder and Member Maitland Parker, who retired recently after a career spanning 24 years at Karijini.

Every day, the Parker girls meet and greet hundreds of visitors from around Australia and the world. They explain to the visitors many aspects of the National Park, including its history, the Traditional Owners’ strong connection to the land at Karijini, as well as an array of tourist information that visitors typically have a thirst for.

They provide maps and indicate the best places to visit, they provide them with insider tips, advice and assistance, sell them souvenirs and have rich cultural exchanges.

The Visitor Centre is an amazing contemporary building which melts seamlessly into the Karijini National Park landscape.

Margie. Position – Senior Host:

“I’ve been working here at Karijini for over 14 years. When I started, we worked out of the original Visitor

Centre, which was under a big marquee. It included a living area for staff, who lived in on-site caravans. We’ve come a long way since then. This new Visitor Centre, which is now 10 years old, is a great building to work in.

“Our work shifts are eight days on, six days off, and we all live at the rangers headquarters at Karijini. More and more tourists are coming to Karijini every year. Sometimes they ask about Traditional Owner-delivered cultural tours of the National Park, so this might happen down the track if DEC give the go-ahead.”

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) confirmed that it supports and encourages this activity. DEC would enthusiastically approve and support cultural tours operated by traditional owners.

Margie has won three DEC awards over the years: a Certificate of Excellence, a Certificate of Recognition and a Certificate of Long & Meritorious Service.

Renira. Position – Senior Host:

“I’m a Fortescue Banyjima woman. I started working in Karijini at the old Visitor Centre in the tent days on and off over the years, and recently moved back home to Karijini. I’ve been back now for 6 years in the

Visitor Centre. It’s been the best move ever.

“As Traditional Owners working on our traditional land, it’s a very satisfying job. In fact, we have looked into it and we have found out that we are the only Indigenous Traditional Owners working in an Aboriginal tourist centre that is DEC controlled.

“I’m the youngest of three girls. Our parents have also worked here – Dad, Maitland Parker, was the Senior Ranger in charge. He retired in 2009; and Mum, Margie Hughes, has worked at the Visitor Centre since 1994. So that’s where my inspiration comes from. I’ve got a big soft spot for Karijini. There’s nothing I love more than working and living on my homeland.”

DEC manages Karijini National Park, which is the traditional home of the Banyjima, Kurrama and Innawonga people.

Latonya. Position – Host:

“I first worked here in 2006. Later I did a traineeship at Gumala’s head office in Tom Price, and then came back here to work. During peak season, up to five tour buses come through on a daily basis.

“We are usually extremely busy in the mornings and late afternoons.



Images taken during a typical working day at Karijini National Park’s Visitor Centre



Karijini National Park was originally called Hamersley Range National Park. It became a national park in 1969 and was renamed Karijini (which is the Banyjima word for Hamersley Range) in April 1991.

Karijini is the second largest national park in WA. F.T. Gregory led an expedition that explored the area in 1861, naming it Hamersley Range after his friend Edward Hamersley.

GUMALA TOURISM

Karijini National Park is Gumala Tourism Pty Ltd’s flagship natural asset which is located in our Traditional Owners’ homeland.

The Gumala Group operates the tourist award-winning Karijini Eco Retreat in cooperation with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

In 2010 Gumala was awarded \$1 million from the WA State Government to help fund a state-of-the-art cultural amphitheatre and dorm-style accommodation units at Karijini Eco Retreat.

April to October plus school holidays are generally the busiest times of year. We love the job because we get to meet people from all over Australia and the world, and we are able to share with them our knowledge of Karijini, from a Traditional Owner perspective.”

“We’ve come a long way”

Daliah. Position – Host:

“We all started working here with some initial formal training, but a lot of our training has really been done by the on-the-job training we’ve received from each other. We love working here, and we think we’ve come a long way. I’ve worked here since 2008. You only have to look at the Visitors Book to see all the great comments of praise from visitors to the park and the Visitor Centre.

“We are really proud to be sharing our culture with everyone, and they are usually quite blown away by all

of the spectacular sights to see here at Karijini.”

Coreen. Position – Host:

“I started working here in 2009. It’s pretty unique living and working in a national park that is in our Fortescue Banyjima homeland. We tell tourists all about our land, the places of cultural significance within Karijini, plus the history, the symbols, and so on.

“It’s great to work in our country, and great to work in an industry in our homeland that is all to do with the preservation of our land, while at the same time sharing it with people from right around the world.”

Acknowledgement: The Karijini girls wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners that have passed on who have been major contributors to Karijini and the success of the national park, visitor centre and the preservation of their traditional land.

Karijini National Park's Visitor Centre celebrates its 10 Year Anniversary

The Karijini National Park's Visitor Centre celebrated its 10-year-anniversary in late June 2011. The 10-year-anniversary included a traditional dancing ceremony and Welcome to Country. Gumala Members and Elders Guy Parker and Slim Parker performed the MC duties and Welcome to Country ceremony respectively.

Over 130 people, including special VIP invites, Traditional Owners and staff attended the anniversary celebrations. Tourists who were at the Visitor Centre on the day were also invited to join in on the celebrations!

The original Visitor Centre opened in 1994 and operated out of a large marquee at Dales Campground. This was replaced with the current Karijini Visitor Centre, which opened in 2001.



The Visitor Centre features free-standing, overlapping weathered steel wall panels derived from its context - an ancient landscape of rugged ranges and spectacular gorges



The original Visitor Centre



Images taken during the ten year Anniversary celebrations



Your community radio station. Tune in now!

- Bellary 101.7 FM
- Roebourne 102.9 FM
- Onslow 101.7 FM
- Wakuthuni 104.9 FM
- Youngaleena 102.1 FM
- Tom Price 106.5 FM
- Paraburdoo 102.9 FM

Gumala pushes ahead with an ambitious range of projects

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation is continuing to progress a range of projects across the Pilbara, including multi-million dollar Housing Projects in Tom Price and South Hedland, as well as Community Services and Capital Works projects.

TOM PRICE & SOUTH HEDLAND HOUSING PROJECTS

Gumala has recently sought Expressions of Interest (EOI) submissions for the Tom Price Housing Project and South Hedland Housing Project, which marks the beginning of the project's procurement process. The EOI is for the design and construction of up to 17 houses in South Hedland and Tom Price.

These residential dwellings will be built on the land that Gumala purchased in Tom Price in 2011 and in South Hedland in 2010.

Gumala is committed to a 5-year plan to construct approximately 150 homes for our Traditional Owners and their families by 2016. This is in line with Gumala's Housing Strategy, which is designed to ensure that our Members have access to affordable rental accommodation.

TOM PRICE ELDERLY COMPLEX

The Tom Price Elderly Housing Project is currently at the consultation and design development stage. This stage of the project will be progressed in the second half of 2011, with Gumala striving to commence construction shortly after that stage is finalised. The objective of the project is to improve the accommodation and care needs of Gumala's older Members through the delivery of accommodation that is designed, located and managed in a way that best meets the specific



It's full steam ahead for several Gumala projects, including plans to construct approximately 150 homes for our Traditional Owners and their families over the next five years

needs of elderly Gumala Members. The complex will be built on freehold land (near the Tom Price hospital) gifted by Rio Tinto.

OTHER PROJECTS

Gumala is currently at various stages of several other projects, including:

- Gumala 0-5 Studio (see story on page 4-5)
- Capital works: this includes Lore Camp Upgrades (the next upgrades are scheduled to take place at Cane River, Wakuthuni, Bellary Springs and Youngaleena).
- Murdoch University Health Needs Analysis (see page 12-13)
- Renal (Dialysis) Health Project: a scope of works is planned for the project. The key aim of the project is to create a comprehensive plan for a possible renal mobile/satellite health clinic which will serve the Gumala membership living in the Pilbara region
- Community support and maintenance: Gumala provides community support for each of our remote communities, including: regular community visits,

consultations with Elders and other community residents, assessments to ascertain works required and the implementation of those works.

- Ngumee Ngu Community Upgrade. This remote community upgrade project will be progressed following the finalisation of land tenure issues.
- New Community Bus. Our current 21-seater bus, which provides a vital transport service for our communities, is about to get even better. A new, bigger 30-40 seater is planned to be purchased later this year. The new bus will continue to provide regular services to our communities, while the current 21-seater is likely to service Onslow.
- Other initiatives planned for some of our communities include: the provision of tipper trucks, communal phone and internet facilities for five communities with very restricted access to both services and a one-off "Busy-Bee" community clean-up day in Bellary Springs, Youngaleena and Wakuthuni.

Please note that proposed Gumala projects are subject to approvals processes, and alterations to proposed projects may occur.

Partnership between Murdoch University & Gumala steps up a gear with the launch of the Health & Education Needs survey

The first stage of the Gumala and Rio Tinto sponsored health and education needs analysis is about to begin.

This is an exciting project which aims to provide a detailed picture of what is needed in the region to maximise positive health and education outcomes for Aboriginal children, families and communities.

The project is a collaboration

permission.

The first stage will involve a survey of Gumala members about health and education. Gumala members will receive the survey by mail and be asked to return the completed forms as soon as they can.

There will also be an option to complete the survey by phone. Members will also be asked if they would like to be interviewed or

successful programs already in place and explore strategies to build on these successes.

The study will cover the health, support, education and training needs for children, families, school leavers, parents, and grandparents. The project will examine the needs of all age groups, health conditions and education consumers.

The project will have a particular

The project team will work in partnership with communities and Gumala members to develop practical strategies

between Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), Rio Tinto Iron Ore (RTIO) and Murdoch University.

The project has been developed for Gumala members but may be expanded to include other language groups in the Pilbara region. This will only occur after full consultation with those groups and with their

participate in yarning sessions.

The study will look at how needs are currently being met and what (if any) gaps exist. The project team will work in partnership with communities and Gumala members to develop practical strategies to where possible address those gaps.

The study will also highlight

focus on education in the early years and associated parenting, particularly that of young mothers.

It will also focus on barriers and enablers of disease prevention and promotion of healthy activities. Promoting the health of children in the region will be at the heart of the project. The project is due for completion in April 2012.



Murdoch University's Dr Bruce Walker (Project Director) and Ellen Seymour (Project Manager) pictured with young Gumala boy Kiefsen Stream

A special message to our Traditional Owners:

“We need your help!”

Hey Gumala Members!!!!

Murdoch Uni wants to know your views on your **health** and **learning** needs.

They want to find out how to make the system better and easier for **you**.

Murdoch's also looking for ways to stop disease, especially in the kids, and they want to know **what ideas you have** and **what help you want**.

They're going to send out a **survey** with some questions, and please **fill it out and send it back**.

But if you don't like pen and paper,

you can ask to answer them on the phone...

... an Indigenous staff member will call you...

... all it'll cost you is to send a

TXT to 0419199673

to ask for the phone call



Traditional Owners show the way with heritage surveying jobs

Gumala Members Peter White and Nick Wortham have both recently secured mining industry employment, and are both elated to be working in areas that they have a passion for – heritage surveying work in the Pilbara.

Nick Wortham has secured employment for FMG in the company's Heritage Approval's Office. A qualified Anthropologist, Nick's work includes organising the heritage surveys and registering the sites.

"The aim is to ensure that sites of cultural significance are protected," Nick said.

Meanwhile, Peter White has secured employment as a Field Officer for BHP Billiton in the Pilbara. His work includes taking care of and transporting workers to the sites where they are conducting heritage-related survey work. He assists in a wide range of areas, working shifts of 9 days on and 5 days off.

Peter has completed courses in Senior First Aid and four-wheel-

driving, and admits to enjoying the job immensely.

"Everyone at work has welcomed me with open arms," he said. "In the future I'd like to help young Traditional Owners the way my brother helped me.

"That is, to help them get involved in heritage-related work, which is of course very close to our hearts. It was a great thing that my brother did, helping me get this job, and I'd like to help others in turn however ever I can."



Anthropologist Nick Wortham



Peter White in the field

Kiet joins Gumala's education revolution

Kiet Cook is one of dozens of children of Gumala Members who, together with the support of their families and financial assistance from Gumala, is receiving a good quality education and is reaping the rewards.

Kiet is a former Ellenbrook Christian College student who is now studying at Guildford Grammar. The Year 11 student, who is the son of Gumala Members Germaine Condon and Douglas Cook, receives education funding assistance from Gumala (this helps to pay for expenses such as boarding and school fees). Kiet's mum Germaine said that despite the distance from his family (they live in Onslow), Kiet enjoys his school life in Perth and is doing very well academically.

"His favourite subjects include Maths and English, as well as Photography and Electronics," Germaine said. "At this stage he's thinking about becoming an Electrician. He loves Guildford Grammar and is doing very well. But he does miss home."

Germaine's advice for the Gumala youth: "Stay at school and do the best you can. It really will help you in the long run if you stay at school."



Guildford Grammar student Kiet Cook

Gumala features in new permanent museum exhibition in Canberra

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) has had the great honour to be featured in a new permanent exhibition at the National Museum in Canberra.

GAC was approached by the National Museum to take part in the "Landmarks and People and Places across Australia" exhibition, and we were happy to contribute both graphics and information.

One of the graphics used in the exhibition is a spectacular high resolution image of Stuart Ingie Snr taken at the Yandicoogina mine. Stuart is an Innawonga Elder, GAC Director and former Chairman. The image was captured by GAC Secretary Stephen Peterson.

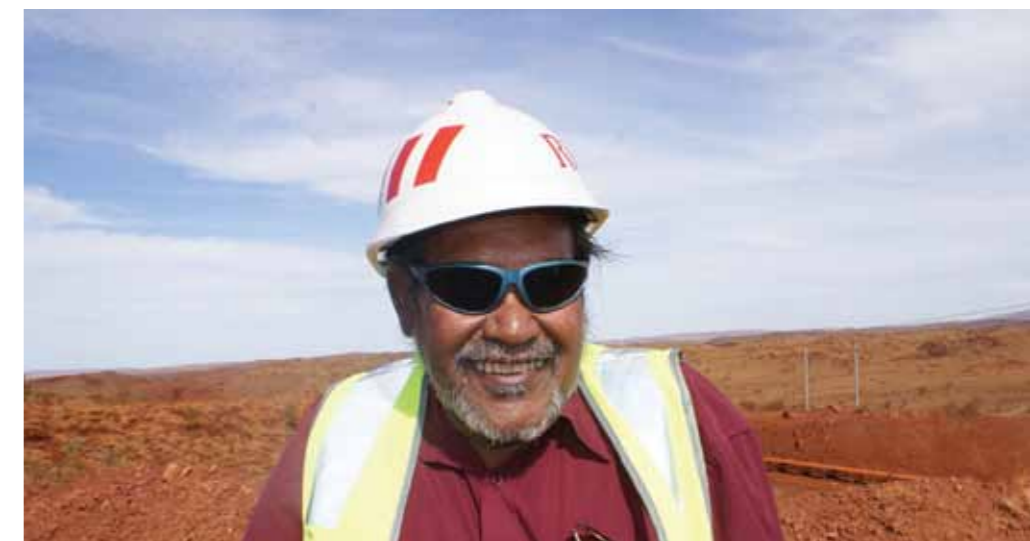
Curator of the "Landmarks and People and Places across Australia" exhibition, Daniel Oakman, said organisations like Gumala formed

an important part of the exhibition, which explores how different places emerged across Australia and how, together, they have created a history of Australia.

"We are really pleased to be able to include Gumala in the exhibit,"

Daniel said.

The exhibition explores how all Australians live in particular locations and how the tenor and trajectories of our lives are both similar to and shared with Australians in other places.



Material provided by Gumala to the National Museum includes this image of Gumala Elder and Director Stuart Ingie Snr taken by Gumala Secretary Stephen Peterson at the Yandicoogina mine

Gumala's Community Message – who we are & what we do

We are the Innawonga, Banyjima and Nyiyapali peoples of the Pilbara. We are a cultural block of Traditional Owners who succeeded in a native title claim over our lands, through our representative body, Gumala Aboriginal Corporation. Gumala means 'all together', and our mission is to continue to help every generation better their lives... together... that's the Gumala way.

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation is one of the largest Indigenous corporations in Australia and is the largest Indigenous corporation in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Created in 1996 to negotiate the Yandi Land Use Agreement, which was the first major land use agreement to be signed in Australia, GAC is a member-based organisation with a membership level of approximately 1200 Traditional Owners.

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation is committed to the continuous delivery of economic and community benefits to our Members and their children, the Nyiyapali, Banyjima and Innawonga peoples of the Pilbara. These benefits are delivered through development programs (such as education funding), health programs, lore and culture programs, housing projects, capital works projects, and our business arm Gumala Enterprises Pty Ltd (GEPL).

Gumala youth shine in Newman's big red dust up!

A recent boxing tournament that took place in Newman turned out to be an outstanding community event that was a big success for the organisers and Gumala youth that competed at the event.

The official Boxing WA event featured 14 fights between boxers of all ages, including Gumala youth Travis White, Julian Jeakings and Jayden Hansen.

A massive turn-out of Newman locals and people from other Pilbara towns flocked to the event and had a great night. Such was the success of the event, that Boxing WA is planning for this to be an annual event in Newman.

Gumala Aboriginal Corporation contributed financially to assist the three Gumala boxers (who all live in Perth) to attend the competition.



Travis White



Jayden Hansen & Claude Anderson



Nathaniel May & Julian Jeakings

Jayden makes Olympics shadow squad

Gumala Member Jayden Hansen has been nominated in the shadow squad by the Australian Olympic Committee, effectively entering him onto the short-list of candidates that hope to box for Australia at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

The next stage in 18-year-old Jayden's strategy to qualify for Olympic Games is:

- He plans to participate in an intense training camp in Cuba, after which he aims to win the State Titles Championship in December.
- Winning the State Titles will qualify him for the Australian National Titles in February 2012. Success at the Australian National Titles will qualify him for the Olympics.

Jayden is supported by Gumala by way of a Boxing Sponsorship Agreement.

Jayden's younger brother Julian Jeakings is also a champion boxer. In June of this year, the 12-year-old won the Golden Gloves boxing tournament in his weight division.



Olympics aspirant Jayden Hansen

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