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Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa Jigalong Committee

The KJ Jigalong Committee met in Jigalong on 24th March in the Jigalong Board Room.

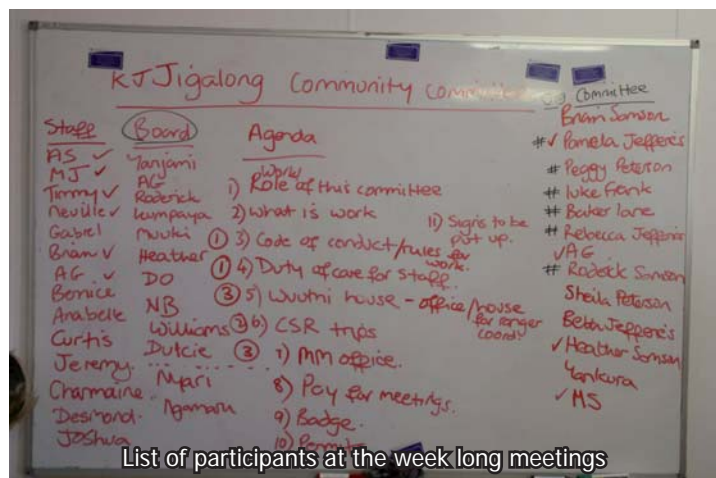
The Community Committee members are: Billy Atkins, Brian Samson, Pamela Jefferies, Luke Frank, Peggy Peterson, Anthony Gibbs, Beth Jefferies, Sheila Paterson, Baker Lane and Roderick Samson.

This committee will be looking after all the KJ activities that are done in Jigalong.

Two members of this committee are on the KJ Board of Directors – Anthony Gibbs and Roderick Samson.

The committee agreed to some rules by which KJ staff will work.

1. Martu and whitefellas work together, in partnership
2. We listen to each other and explain things carefully
3. We keep a good feeling in KJ
4. We look after each other
5. No wama at work
6. We let our team know if we can't come to work
7. Whitefellas have to learn about Martu and help Martu
8. The young generation must learn from the older people
9. We understand that Martu and whitefellas have different knowledge and different work. We respect both
10. We use money properly and talk straight about money
11. We work together on Government wangka and Government mirli-mirli
12. We look after Toyotas in the right way
13. You only get paid if you work



List of participants at the week long meetings



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Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa Staff and Board of Directors and Members Meeting



Jeremy Sammy explaining KJ's programs in Martu Wangka.

This meeting was held in Jigalong on Thursday and Friday 25th and 26th March.

A lot of people came to this meeting:

Muuki Taylor, Arthur Samson, Timmy Paterson, Mark Jefferies, Brian Arnott, Baker Lane, Janice Nixon, Heather Samson, Thelma Judson, Pamela Jefferies, Peter Rowlands, Margy Samson, Billy Atkins, Kumpaya Girgiba, Lindsay Crusoe, Helen Samson, Peggy Peterson, Curtis Taylor, Jeremy Sammy, Brian Samson, Curtis Taylor, Sidney Tinker, Beth Jefferies, Ned Booth, Darson Wuumi.

There were also the KJ whitefella staff Richard Taylor, Peter Johnson, Heather Coburn, Zan King, Harry Thorman, Emma Stock, Nicki Everson, Dave Wells, Sue Davenport and Kym Coburn.



AS showing areas where the Jigalong Rangers will travel to mark out and map waterholes

At the meeting we talked about the kind of things that we would call work for KJ. For example:

- driving a car,
- cooking, washing,
- learning,
- burning,
- clearing rock holes,
- cleaning,
- training,
- making films,
- walking and looking for tracks,
- talking to tourists and whitefellas,
- teach whitefellas,
- paper work,
- attending meetings,
- teaching young ones,
- talking to government,
- looking after money,
- looking after motor cars.
- And lots more.....

The kind of things that are not work:

- smoko,
- not turning up,
- sleeping,
- sitting in a car or under a tree,
- drinking Wama,
- not helping.

The meeting was a really good meeting with lots of great discussion about KJ's work. Thank you to Jigalong for letting us meet in the Board Room.



Meeting in Jigalong Board Room



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Land Management Program

Southern Rangers (Jigalong)

These past two months have been mostly about preparing and planning for the 2010 field season.

The ranger team has been holding lots of meetings and we hope to get our own office space organised this year.

Perth Trip

The Rangers travelled to Perth to buy equipment and collect two new Toyotas for Ranger work.



The Jigalong Rangers packed up after their shopping ready to head home

Whilst in Perth we also met up with Lindsey Langford, Yulalla Boss, Mad Dog and Robbie Wongawol at the Central Desert Native Title Service (CDNTS).

We will be working together at Kaalpi and will conduct some joint training exercises.

Timmy, AS and Brian went to the Perth Museum storage facility to inspect some Martu artefacts that had been collected from the country around Wiluna and taken to Perth.

Karratha trip

The rangers met with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and Department of Agriculture & Food (DAFWA) to plan our year together.

The Rangers told these government people about our work for last year and we talked about working together looking after Martu country.

DEC will work with Martu on burning country and provide some training with Ritchie Boykett later this year for both Jigalong and Parnngurr.

The mob at DEC are very happy with the work the Martu Rangers do and are happy to support us where they can.

Ngurrawaana Rangers



Jigalong Rangers together with the Ngurrawaana Rangers

Bevan Gray Indigenous Facilitator from Rangelands WA asked the Martu Rangers to call in to Roebourne to talk about our ranger program and help guide the development of a new Ngurrawaana Rangers team.

The Martu rangers invited this mob to join one of our trips in August to show them how we work.

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KLC Ranger Forum

Timmy, MJ, Zan and Wurlku were invited to take part in the first annual Ranger Forum at Home Valley Station in April this year.



Jigalong Rangers with other indigenous rangers at the KLC Ranger forum at Home Valley Station

It was a very special meeting with important Government people, Ranger teams from all over Australia and NRM experts holding workshops for the Rangers to develop their skills.



Zan, MJ, Timmy and Wurlku with Minister Garret and Minister Ferguson

The Forum was a great success and it was wonderful to learn about other teams and how they look after country. There were many family members that Timmy and MJ met and they were proud to tell their Ranger story to their fellow Rangers.



MJ talks with the 'Bush mechanic' about his experiences with Toyotas in the rugged bush around Jigalong



MJ and Timmy learn about healthy water animals and so some water quality testing



Timmy and MJ presenting the work they have completed in 2009



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New Ranger Coordinator

A new Ranger Coordinator Tim Schneider for the team at Jigalong went out with the Rangers on a great trip to Jilakurru.



Wuriku with new ranger coordinator Tim Schneider

The whole team had a good time returning to the Canning Stock Route and Pinpi. We saw plenty of bush turkey and emus but too many camels and donkeys.

Tim has been a Senior Ranger with Parks Victoria and Queensland National Parks Service for many years and he brings important new skills. He will be joining the team with his wife, Kylie and two young children Zeb (5) and Raffi (3) in June this year.



Flat number two on the trip!



Timmy, MJ, Gabriel, Tim, Neville, MJ and Brian

On a little sad note I will be leaving in May after an amazing year working with the Rangers and Martu community.

Almost everything worked well and the Ranger team achieved some really good things.

There are many highlights and a lifetime of memories that will live with me forever, the most powerful experience being that Martu and Country are connected as one.

It was wonderful to be a small part of that connection and to feel the spirit of Martu, past, present and future. Thank you all.



Wuriku aka Harry



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Ranger tour of Jilakurru, Wala and McKay Ranges

The Jigalong Ranger team recently took some whitefella mobs on a trip to see Martu country. When WDLAC agreed to the Martu plan for looking after country it included working with partners so that we could combine Martu knowledge of culture and country with whitefella science to make the country healthy again.



Waka Taylor and Ross Hamilton

The whitefella mobs that went on the trip were:

- Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) – this government mob pays for the Martu rangers as well as the mankarr work
- BHP Billiton Iron Ore – this mob have provided money to KJ this year and want to help Martu look after country
- Greening Australia – this mob are interested in helping Martu with looking after country using whitefella science
- The Nature Conservancy – this mob work with other Indigenous mobs such as KLC to help them look after country

The Jigalong rangers took them along the Puntawarri track to Jilakurru and north along the Canning Stock Route to Georgia Bore before meeting up with Wakka and other Martu from Parnngurr.

The whitefella mobs were very impressed with the rangers and how beautiful Martu country was.



Checking out Savoury Creek

KJ will be talking to those mobs some more about how they can help get more Martu back out to country and looking after country.



Jigalong Rangers with the Parnngurr crew



Farewell Harry

Thank you Harry for all of your efforts and work over the past year.



Wurku the Master Chef

It has been a big year, with a number of wonderful successes.

Being the first ranger coordinator was always going to be a challenging job and one Harry has taken in his stride with a great sense of humour along the way.

Like many Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa jobs, the work is long, challenging but very rewarding. Harry has given it his all and consistently gone out of his way to assist and help others out.

Harry has also earned the respect and affection of the ranger team. He has supported them and worked with them to ensure that they have got out regularly to their country.

On behalf of KJ we would like to thank you Harry and wish you all the best for your future. May it be filled with good times and dreams you care to follow.



Wurkul and his bad luck with tyres

Parnngurr Ranger Team Kicks-off

After lots of talking the Parnngurr ranger team has moved a step closer to starting work now that the new coordinator (aka – Warta Man) has arrived.

It will be a great opportunity for the Martu rangers who join the team to get out and learn new skills while doing important work looking after country.

Warta Man is looking forward to learning from the Martu rangers and Martu elders to make sure we are looking after country the right way.

In the first week Warta Man, Waka, Muuki, Danny, Ian, and Hayden have been out on short trips around Parnngurr, including a camp out with the Jigalong Rangers, DEWHA representatives, BHP and potential KJ partners at the Yurlpu soak.

The Ranger team will be finalised in early June when everybody has been consulted.

Watch out for the next issue to see what the Parnngurr Rangers team have been up to.



Everybody out for a tour around Parnngurr



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Threatened Species Work

The cool change has just started and the Threatened Species Program began in April with trips commencing in Jigalong.

The groups went out and conducted a number of fauna monitoring surveys and environmental surveys.



Old woomera

At the end of April the field coordinators travelled to Lorna Glen to undertake training in fauna monitoring and plant identification with the Central Desert mob. Rick Southgate provided our training in fauna survey methodology and Alison McGilvray from DEC in plant identification.

It was a very productive trip and we all feel very equipped to continue delivering the program this year.



Tracking out near a waterhole outside of Jigalong

During the surveys we found evidence of echidnas, emus and an abundance of bustards and kangaroos. Unfortunately there was also evidence of numerous camels.



A recently trapped bandicoot



Kids with the woomera they found

At one waterhole where we conducted a fauna monitoring survey and water quality testing we found an old woomera.

It is wonderful coming across old artefacts during our work.



LL, Alison, Rick, Kristo and Zan brainstorming Cybertracker sequences



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Karlamilyi Park Council meeting in March 2010

What it was about.

The DEC (CALM) mob met with Martu from Papanjinya, Parnngurr, Nullagine and some from Country on 28 March 2010. These people make up the Park Council that is working with DEC to look after the national park. Not everyone came, there were some people missing from 33, Punmu and most people from Country.

It was the first park council meeting for four years. KJ organized the food, and helped to get people there. The main thing we talked about was the road from Parnngurr to Punmu.

Who came along.

Martu Park Council Members

Amy French, Ian Taylor, Lily Long, May Brooks, Muuki Taylor, Nancy Taylor, Nola Taylor, Nyari Morgan, Waka Taylor.

Community members

Jimmy Willams, Ngamaru Bidu, Sidney Tinker, Girls from Jigalong.

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Anthony Bullen, Curtis Taylor, Dave Wells, Hayden Taylor, Roderick Butt.

DEC

Big boss Peter Sharp, Pilbara boss Allisdair MacDonald, Peter Kendrick, Waru man Richard Boykett, Alex Bowlay, Johlene Shalders (Karijini ranger), Alison McGilvray.

Newcrest

Leon van Erp, Gae Sinnot, Steven training man, John King (road engineer), Australian Government person.

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The Nyiminjarra Road.

WDLAC haven't given DEC the OK to make the road in the past because DEC hadn't talked to Martu enough about it. At the AGM last year Martu agreed that Park Council was the best group to decide how and where to build the road.

Who will the road belong to?

We talked about the palya and walyku of the road belonging to the Shire or Martu. If it was a Martu road, only Martu could use it and tourists couldn't get to ngurlu places. But if there was an accident, no-one would be covered by insurance. Martu would also have to pay to look after it. If it was a Shire road, the Shire (or DEC) would have to pay to maintain it. But tourists would be close to ngurlu places.



Consultation about the proposed road



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What we decided:

The Nyiminjarra Road will be a public road. Tracks to ngurlu places will be open to Martu only, and Martu Rangers will look after this. Senior Martu who own the country between Punmu and Parnngurr will do heritage surveys to decide exactly where the road goes.

Making the road.

Newcrest talked about the size of the road — whether it should be a little road like the Camp Tracy track or a big road like the Talawana. We need to talk more about this.

The road must not go near special places near Taarl and the lakes. Roads to these places should only be used by Martu.

Martu can help with making the road. They can get paid to learn how to do this work, and learn how to look after it.

What happens now?

Newcrest will organise training for Martu to help build the road.

DEC will talk to the Shire about helping to pay for it.

Heritage surveys will be done with a few owners for the country between Parnngurr and Punmu. Not many people can fit in the helicopter, so it might only be two or three people from each community. The helicopter needs to put some big markers on the ground for aerial survey photographs at the same time.

Then we do some on ground work, to make sure the road won't go too close to special places, or important plants and animals.



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Looking after the national park.

Martu and DEC will work on a plan to look after the culture, special places, animals and plants in the park.

Whitefella law in Karlamilyi.

Martu rangers can't enforce whitefella law now. They can't hand out fines or take people to court if they are doing the wrong thing in the national park. There is no Native Title in the National Park. The government wants to change that, but it will be some time away.

In the meantime, Martu and DEC can set up a mirli mirli (agreement) so that Martu Rangers will be Honorary DEC Rangers.

They can do everything a DEC Ranger can do except give out fines.

Peter See will also try to get more money to look after Karlamilyi through the IPA program.

Waru. (Fire)

Waru man Boykett talked for a little bit about burning. Wiluna Martu mob may be burning soon with the Jigalong Rangers in country east of Jigalong. DEC is also hoping to run some training with the Ranger teams this year.



Burning the land to keep the country healthy

Camels.

There is a big mob of camels in Karlamilyi. They are causing lots of problems in the waterholes and changing the homes of native animals.

We decided that camels should not be shot near rivers, roads or special places. Elders should be taken up in helicopters to decide where it is ok to shoot. This will take a while to happen because DEC needs to make sure shooting from helicopters is safe.



Camels spotted on the way to Parnngurr

Next Meeting.

The next meeting is to happen on country, maybe at the end of this year. We will try to get as many people on the Park Council there from Punmu, Parnngurr, 33 and Jigalong. But if not everybody can come, the people that are there will be able to make decisions on everyone's behalf.

For more information, contact DEC in Karratha on 9182 2000.

Written by DEC



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Cultural Awareness

The year the Cultural Awareness program has grown with a number of new clients coming on board.

Macmahon Contracting, BHP and HWE have signed up to undertake 4 days Cultural Awareness training each month.

The program is delivered out of the new Newman House building in Newman.

The core team this year comprises Joshua Booth, Heather Samson, Peter Tinker and Charmaine Gibbs. Coordinating the program is Naomi Kozak.

During the day the participants learn about Martu history, Martu society and structure, Martu culture, bush tucker and hunting and economic activities Martu are involved in today.

If you are interested in having this program delivered for your company or colleagues please contact Naomi Kozak on 08 9175 5737 or naomi.kozak@kj.org.au



Mr Tinker, Heather and Joshua contributing in the course



Zan introducing Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa



Naomi assisting Martu in presenting Martu History

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Contact Movie

On March 2nd the premiere of the Contact film was shown on ABC television.

The film depicts an amazing story of Yuwali's first encounter with Europeans in 1964 in the Percival Lakes region in the Western Desert.

The film portrays both Yuwali's feelings as well as those of Terry Long, the Native Patrol Officer who went out to the area to warn Martu still living in the area of the rocket launches.

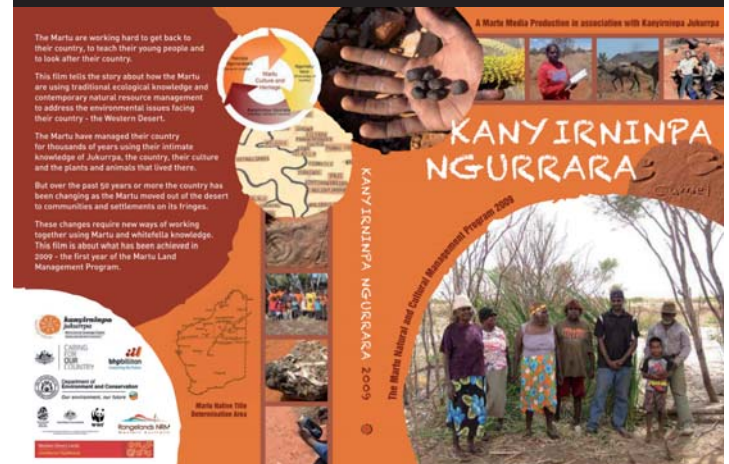
The film is based on the book "Cleared Out" written by Sue Davenport, Peter Johnson and Yuwali.

The film and book are available for purchase through the Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa office.



Yuwali at the Sydney Premiere

Land Management Movie



Martu Media Productions in association with Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa has produced a DVD on the Martu Natural and Cultural Management Program highlighting the achievements of the program in 2009.

This film tells the story about how the Martu are using traditional ecological knowledge and contemporary natural resource management to address the environmental issues facing their country - the Western Desert.

The Martu have managed their country for thousands of years using their intimate knowledge of Jukurrpa, the country, their culture and the plants and animals that lived there.

But over the past 50 years or more the country has been changing as the Martu moved out of the desert to communities and settlements on its fringes.

These changes require new ways of working together using Martu and whitefella knowledge.

The Martu are working hard to get back to their country, to teach their young people and to look after their country.

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May / June Events

- 30 April - 4 May: Parnngurr Threatened Species Field Work
- 7 - 12 May: Punmu Threatened Species Field Work
- 17 - 21 May: Parnngurr Rangers 4WD Training
- 24 - 29 May: Punmu Threatened Species Field Work
- 24 - 28 May: Newman Cultural Awareness Courses
- 31 May - 5 June: Parnngurr Threatened Species Field Work
- 31 May - 14 June: Martu Media Team in Sydney
- 20 - 25 June: Parnngurr Threatened Species Field Work
- 21 - 25 June: Jigalong Threatened Species Field Work
- 28 June - 2 July: Newman Cultural Awareness Courses

Jukurrpa Ninti Trips

- 17 - 28 May: CSR - Well 1 -16
- 3 - 11 June: Crusoe Jukurrpa Ninti
- 21 June - 10 July: CSR - Jilakurru, Kaalpi, Mungalu
- 14 - 22 July: Pitu/Wikiri Jukurrpa Ninti
- 19 August - 29 August: Karlamilyi Jukurrpa Ninti

KJ Board Meetings

- 27th May
- 20th June
- 29th July
- AGM 7 - 11 October (with WDLAC and Martu Trust)



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