



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AGM (annual general meeting)

On 6 December 2019, Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation conducted its Annual General Meeting, 2 new Directors were voted in and 2 current Directors were revoked. DAC is maturing into an organisation that will in time be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with larger organisations such as the Broome Shire, our compliance and governance, although not world class, is certainly being worked on at a vigorous pace. We intend on having policy and procedures for all programs in place by the end of 2020.

The future looks optimistic for DAC, we have the current airport which is helping us fund our own community programs and assist with creating employment, however we are

coming to a crossroads where Djarindjin community members need to step up and recognise that if we do not plan for our communities future, we will end up putting our hands out again for government funding. The DAC Board have a vision for this organisation and this community, which includes the Dampier Peninsula, this vision is contained in the Strategic Plan, if you haven't received a copy, please head up to the Community Resource Centre or see Nathan and he will give you a copy.

Its time to get serious about where the money is coming from...do you know that by 2022 DAC plans on being the owner AND operator of the Djarindjin Airport? Did you know

that we are 70% self-funded, which means that 70% of the funding received from the airport operations comes straight to DAC? Did you know that the rest goes to Broome International Airport? In 2022 we are working towards ensuring that all of the funding will come to DAC. Our goal is to ensure there are funds put aside to assist the community going into the future, we have already saved a few million dollars by doing that.

2020 is a new year and there is a lot to accomplish during this time. I hope that you all will be part of that journey with us.

Positions vacant

Safehouse-

Assistant Team Leader

Please see Sommer Meadows at the CRC for job description and applications.

Applications close 11/01/2020

DAC

Youth Services (female)

Please see Sommer Meadows at the CRC for job description and applications (extended).

Applications close 14/01/2020



Christmas time in Djarindjin

Djarindjin was lucky enough to have Santa and the Abominable Snowman visit the community children at the Christ The Kings and DAC's Community Christmas Concert.

Santa informed us that the children had been very good this year with all children receiving presents from them. Awards and prizes were also handed out to several outstanding students in categories such as attendance and language etc. The students and teachers put on wonderful performances with singing and nativities before the Abominable Snowman arrived on a motorbike and Santa on a truck.



Christmas Decorations Competition was a success with many homes involved in decorating their homes, the winners were-

1st place- Bundy Chaquebor

2nd place- Kamis Bin-Swani

3rd place- Samarah Cox

A delicious buffet dinner was provided along with the Christmas cake and children had face painting and Christmas stories to keep them entertained.

Christmas food hampers and bed sheet sets were also supplied to each household thanks to DAC, Christ The Kings and the Clinic

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the community support and involvement so we would like to extend an enormous 'Thank You' to everyone for their efforts.



Top right- Santa and the Abominable Snowman
Right- Christmas cake decorated by Sommer
Left- Christmas hampers for households



DAC Christmas Staff Party

Djarindjin also had a Christmas Party for all their staff that was held at Koojamin. DAC would like to thank the staff at Koojamin for decorating for the party and the amazing buffet lunch that was supplied. A great afternoon with competitions and staff getting to know one and other.

A big thank you to Nathan and Justin for all their hard work over the last few months and to all staff members for contributing to this great community. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed and we thank you.



Above- DAC staff

Announcements

Djarindjin Store-

Movie Nights every Thursday (weather pending) and don't forget the store does meal specials for movie night.

Kullarri-

KRCI will be holding their AGM at Beagle Bay on the 22/01/20. If you need information regarding this, please contact (08) 9194 1900.

CRC-

The CRC still have secondhand computers available for \$100 each. Don't forget the custom print shop for custom mugs etc.

Unsupervised children and property damage

Notice to parents and guardians regarding unsupervised children prowling the Djarindjin streets at night doing damage to DAC, school, personal property and dangerous behaviors-

The DAC Board has requested a notice to parents/guardians of children that consistently walk the streets at night, damaging property, throwing stones or hard objects, blocking roads and other dangerous behaviors.

We have been instructed to start sending you invoices for the damage caused by your child, whether it be break and enter, damage to vehicles, windows, doors, youth center equipment or anything that belongs to DAC. Over the years DAC has had to pay for thousands and thousands of dollars of repairs due mainly to children damaging property.

That is money which could have been spent on the community for other important things but because unsupervised children think they can just destroy property without consequence DAC has continued to pay for this senseless damage.

DAC is not prepared to accept this anymore!

If your child is found on the streets after 9:30pm you will receive a letter from the Board. If your child is found to have damaged property or has been associated with the people who have committed crimes in community DAC will notify police and we will send you an invoice to fix/repair or replace the damaged items.



Right- Two Night Patrol staff members beginning their shift patrolling the community.

Night Patrol-

Night Patrol are out in the community every night checking on people and property.

What night patrol can do in the community-

- Notify police of anti-social behavior (fighting, abusive behavior and crimes).
- Record the location and activities of children out at night.
- Tell kids to go home.
- Talk to them about what's happening at home and in the community.

What you can do to help in the community-

- Know where your children are and what they are doing.
- Make sure children are home by 9:30 at night.
- Respect community members and community property.

The local community

West Kimberley Grants Scheme-

The Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation would like to thank the West Kimberley Grant Scheme for providing \$6000 in 2018/2019 to fund the purchase of fruit trees for Djarindjin Community.

These trees have been planted in people's yards and will soon be producing native fruit for the community to enjoy

CHSP (Commonwealth Home Support Program)

CHSP (formerly HAAC) Commonwealth Home Support Package is designed to provide services and support to elders and their careers in remote aboriginal communities. Djarindjin CHSP services both Djarindjin and Beagle Bay communities.

In December the CHSP staff along with the Bardi Rangers took the elderly clients out for a boat trip aboard the Almban at One Arm Point for the day. DAC provided lunch and cold drinks for the yearly event. This is a great way for our elders to stay connected with country.

Senior Men's Boat trips are also a yearly event held at Cygnet Bay from 9am-2pm with drinks and lunch provided by Cygnet Bay.



Services provided-

- Meals on Wheels
- Personal care
- Cleaning
- Laundry Chores
- Shopping
- Transport
- Respite (including outings)
- Day Centre Visits
- Social Support
- Yard work



Left- Native fruit tree in community yard Right top and bottom- Bardi Rangers & CHSP

Cyclone Blake

As you are all aware, we had Cyclone Blake passed us on the 06/01/2020. No major damage has been reported. Mainly just road damage and a few trees down. Here are some photos from Cyclone Blake.

Right- Town road, Middle- Track to the beach, Left- Roadhouse

