



MEDIA STATEMENT

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DAC awarded the Remote Communities Pilot Program for Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills (LLND) Development for Western Australia.

Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation (DAC) will deliver the Remote Communities Pilot Program for Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills (LLND) Development in Western Australia for the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE).

The \$52.5 million [Foundation Skills for Your Future Program](#) and the \$9.9 million Remote Community Pilots initiative are part of the Federal Government's \$585 million Delivering Skills for Today and Tomorrow 2019-20 budget package.

DAC has managed the business interests of the Bardi and Jawi people for over thirty years and is 100% owned by members of the Djarindjin community. Their aim is to create an economically sustainable future that takes care of Country and helps them to thrive as a community. To achieve this, DAC has recognized that the community needs alternative methods to improve their literacy and numeracy in order to participate in economic opportunities.

DAC's program provides free education for post-school aged adults who want additional training in reading, writing, math, the English language and digital skills to improve their opportunities in gaining employment. Each participant will have their learning program tailored to their individual needs and learning preferences. The program involves self-paced learning that gives participants the opportunity to begin or cease training at any time and return later if they wish.

The program is currently being designed with the community and will be rolled out in the dry season of 2021. It will run until the 30th of June 2023. Using a blend of face-to-face and online modes of delivery, much of the learning will use VR and app-based technologies and include a one-on one teaching component.

DAC will be the project-lead in assisting the delivery of this program to four of the remote Indigenous communities in the Kimberley, including Ardyaloon, Beagle Bay, Djarindjin and Lombadina. This will be managed in partnership with Business Foundations, who will provide project management support, and delivered in conjunction with Murdoch University and Agenda Communication who will develop the learning program.

DAC hopes that the skills learned through the program will help participants achieve their individual goals, including securing well-paying jobs to support their families and community.

DAC CEO Nathan McIvor said:

"DAC recognises they must take control of the future of their community and the communities on the Dampier Peninsula and strive for better outcomes for local indigenous people in education and employment. DAC is empowered to take on this challenge and are determined to succeed in providing pathways for individuals across the Dampier Peninsula in their own and their communities success."

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