

# Djarindjin Jawal

## Community Newsletter

From the CEO



Well! It's that time again to write up something for the Djarindjin Jawal. It's been a really good month for Djarindjin. So much has been achieved and in this newsletter you will read some of the great things we have been able to do.

From a strategic point of view, it's clear for me that we need to review our Strategic Plan again and tick off much of what has been achieved this year. Our Strategic Plan provides us with a focus on where we need to go, how we achieve it and ideas for the future.

When I first arrived in Djarindjin back in 2019 there was a direction the organisation wanted to go but there was nothing written down to give a clear indication of where we needed to be.

It's been an encouraging and exciting time over the last 3.5 years, some of our achievements have been:

Paperless Board meetings, business plans completed, Djarindjin Campground constructed and opened, the airport transitioned over to us (one of the single biggest decisions made by the DAC Board, the airport now being the only indigenous owned and operated airport in Australia that does hot-refuelling in the southern hemisphere), website development, Social media presence, numerous awards won, memberships of professional bodies, playgrounds purchased and installed, program development, more staff being employed, larger administration function, machinery and assets purchased, refurbishment of Corporation infrastructure, excellent stakeholder engagement, stronger governance, stronger management, stronger financial independence and oversight, stronger capacity to make decisions without government interference, increased revenue and overall positive engagement with grant funders, delivery of programs for the wider Dampier Peninsula and so much more.

We believe that we must celebrate the wins no matter how small they are. Join with me in celebrating the good work that Djarindjin has been able to achieve over the last 3.5 years. It's time that Djarindjin be recognised by the wider population. We are demonstrating what self-determination and self-empowerment is all about.

Enjoy the read.

*Cheers, Nathan.*

CEO Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation

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# CARAVAN WORLD

At the beginning of the tourist season Julia D’Orazio, a journalist/photographer stayed as a guest at the Campground. The following is part of an article she wrote which was published in Caravan World Magazine.

## PITCH WITH PURPOSE

*Calling the Dampier Peninsula home for a few nights has become much easier with the recently opened Djarindjin Campground along Broome-Cape Leveque Road. The modern campground on Bardi country is part of 'Camping with Custodians' – an Australian-first network of campgrounds on Aboriginal lands. Each campground is owned and operated by local communities, providing employment and generating income for Aboriginal people. A win for all.*

*With the renowned wilderness campsite Kooljaman closed for repairs, Djarindjin is firming up as the region's new favourite base camp. Djarindjin is one of four major Aboriginal communities along the peninsula. On its doorstep are the region's renowned attractions: Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm (27km), One Arm Point (24km), Lombadina (2.8km) with Beagle Bay (75km) slightly further afield. Next door is Djarindjin Roadhouse offering hot takeaway food for lazy days, essential items, and a tour booking office to make exploring the region a stress-free exercise.*

*Besides its convenient location, campers are in for a real treat. Djarindjin boasts 37 powered sites and 10 unpowered sites offering ample room. Its first-rate facilities include an indoor camp kitchen and multiple ablution blocks housed in sleekly designed shipping container-like builds.*

*With the network's aim of deepening connection to country beyond lodging camp pegs, key fixtures in each campground include a yarning circle and fire pit. These communal spaces encourage guests to engage with members of the local community passing through. Interactions may involve hearing local elders tell Dreamtime stories, making damper, and learning about local culture.*

*I quickly appreciated the campground's advantageous location, with most tours in the region starting from the Djarindjin Roadhouse. Locking in tours early is a must if wanting to make the most of exploring the region's remote areas, as it's a numbers game to get organised outings confirmed.*





## TAGALONG FOR THE RIDE

*The Dampier Peninsula is full of lively characters, and Bardi man Brian Lee is one of them.*

*Combined with his tongue-in-cheek banter and traversing untapped coastal gems on a topsy-turvy ride, Brian's tours are the stuff of legend.*

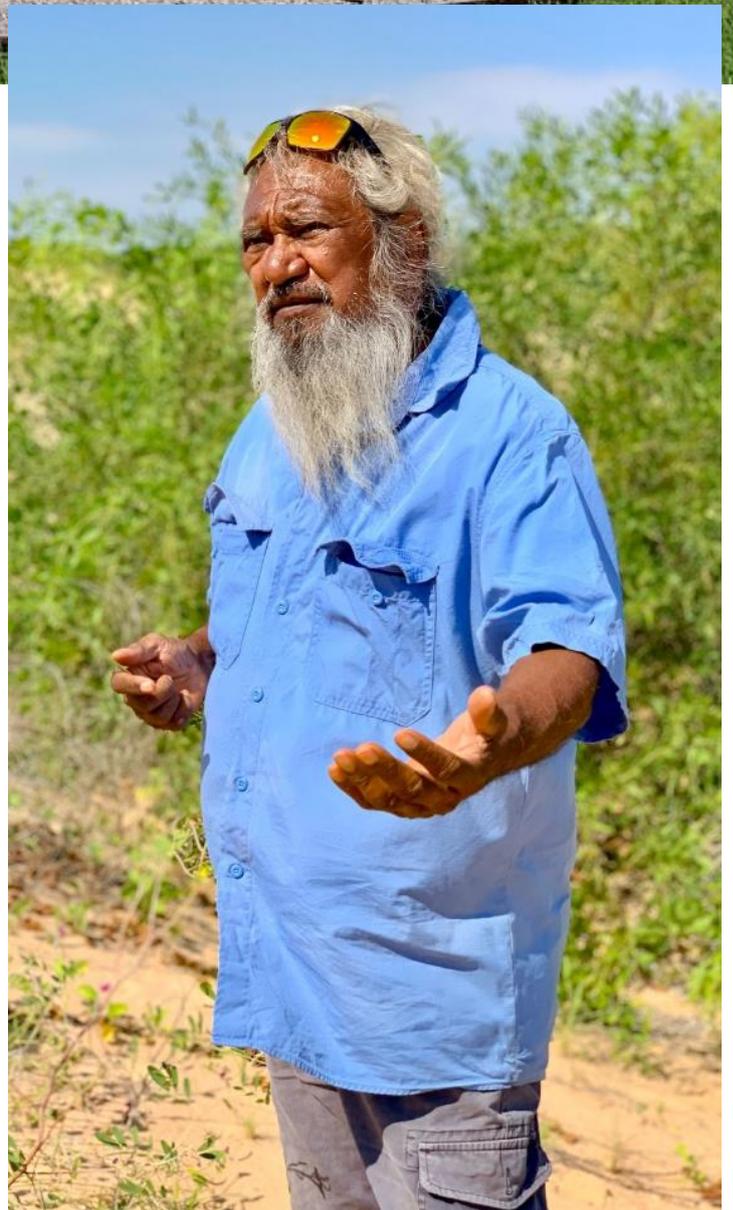
*Brian, with his furry sidekick Roldo, valiantly led five 4WD vehicles with eager drivers (myself included) along Cape Leveque. With Kooljaman closed, joining Brian for a full-throttle adventure is the only way to access parts of the famed northernmost tip. Not that you need an excuse to tag along.*

*Goodbye, ochre-coloured tracks. Tyres down, we blitzed along the sugar-white coastline until we found our patch of sand. Briefly abandoning our wheels, we got to know our tribe mates for the day with a quick dip in the Indian Ocean. Talk about feeling like being on an episode of Survivor. We were all happy to float on with no other souls in sight.*

*As we travelled from coast to creek, Brian shared his cultural perspectives of country, the survival of local tracks and Dreamtime stories. We soon arrived at our final destination, an outback oasis Brian's family has frequented for generations, Hunters Creek. The setting was a real eyeful: aquamarine waters populated by lush mangroves and embraced by creamy dunes. But besides its good looks, there is much to do in this trove.*

*The sun was beating down, and I needed respite. I decided to forgo the happenings on the mainland – fishing and spearfishing for mud crabs – and opted for a solo kayak ride around the serene waterway. Now, this would be something different, steering my way through mangroves. Would I get stuck? Would someone have to enter croc-infested waters to save me?*

*The worst-case scenarios – to get stuck or get eaten – didn't really register. As I carefully journeyed under the canopy of twisted jungles, cooling off under mangrove air-conditioning, I couldn't help but be in ultra-Zen mode. It was pure bliss.*



*Out of the woods, I saw the smoke signal to come back to shore and sample freshly caught mud crabs, mangrove jack, sweet lips, and emperor cooked over a Bardi-style campfire. Condiments and cutlery weren't necessary. My fellow tribe mates and I devoured Brian's catch, picking at the smoky seafood with our fingers and appreciating every bit of omega-three. Yum.*

*Dessert came in the form of a zippy boat ride around the creek to spot native birdlife and the creek's other unspoilt nooks and crannies. From this point on, life couldn't get any sweeter. **Julia D'Orazio***



## 1000<sup>TH</sup> HELICOPTER LANDS



On 17th of September 2022, the 1000th helicopter flight servicing the Browse Basin landed and was hot refuelled at the Djarindjin Airport. This is another milestone for us since DAC took over operations on 1st February 2022. The PHI helicopter VH-IPK landed and disembarked her passengers like any normal operating day at Djarindjin. But for us, this was a momentous occasion and was a day of celebration. We will continue to celebrate the milestones that we achieve.

## BARISTA SKILLS

The Barista Skill Set course run at the school by North Regional TAFE was a great success. It was very well attended by community members from both Djarindjin and Lombadina.

Looks like our Store boys Roley and Josh have added some strings to their bows and maybe we can look forward to sampling their coffees at the shop.



## FAREWELL VINCENT



Vincent has been part of the DAC family for nearly 3 years now. He began working with us in January 2020 as the Roadhouse Chef, when his wife Marielle was posted to the Dampier Peninsula Police Station. By the end of that year he moved to an office position as the Centrelink Manager. When the new WHS position was created at the end of 2021, Vincent was a natural fit. He move across and has been a real asset in that position ever since. Sadly the time has come to say goodbye. Marielle's contract here has finished, and they are leaving the Dampier Peninsula and moving across to Wyndham. Thanks for everything Vincent and good luck.



# BARDI ADULT LANGUAGE CLASSES

## Balab joogarra giija jarda nimoongoon booro Bardi ngaanka jawal.

On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October Vincent McKenzie and Bernadette Angus presented the first Bardi Adult Language Class in the DAC conference room.

There was much excitement as the class was attended by 5 local people all with some basic understanding of the Bardi language. The first lesson was a good chance for Vincent to get to understand the abilities of his students and a good chance for participants to communicate their interests and the direction they wanted the lessons to go.

There were good conversations and lots of laughs along the way, but by the end of the lesson the class was constructing and speaking full sentences in Bardi.

The atmosphere is very encouraging, and participants all felt safe to have a crack at difficult words and pronunciation.

They were all so enthusiastic that they came away with homework.



### Week 1 Homework word

## NOONGOOLONGOOLGAL

English Translation: Talk about / discuss

Learn to pronounce for next week's class – good luck!

By week 2 numbers had grown, and on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October there were 8 participants. Word of mouth about how informative and fun the lessons are, has generated interest in the community, so it's onward and upward from here. We might soon need more space to accommodate everyone.





## SPEAKING UP FOR DJARINDJIN

Last week from 9th October to 15th October, DAPL and DAC Board members travelled to Perth with the DAC CEO to meet with our contracted partners @Regional Airport Management Services (RAMS) who provide us with operational expertise around running an airport, providing mentoring and training and working with stakeholders. Our meeting with Guy and Rod set the tone for the rest of the week. It has been an absolute pleasure working with RAMS over the past 12 months.

During the week we met with our clients Shell and INPEX Australia and our customers CHC and PHI helicopters. The meetings with these organisations were positive, proactive and met with much excitement for our airport in the future. The DAC and DAPL Board would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome, frank conversations and for the commitment you have given us over the years. We look forward to working with you into the future.

We also met with the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) and members of the Department of Lands and Heritage to discuss Djarindjin's By-Laws, a draft set of By-Laws was produced at that meeting and hopefully this will be available for the members to read and approve at our next AGM at the end of the year, before being sent back for the State to confirm.

We visited Parabellum International and discussed many things around providing training for our airport crew in Fire and Emergency response and we also looked at fire trucks and the training offered on site. The DAC CEO was particularly impressed with the battery operated Jaws of Life and was trying to come up with a reason to purchase one.

The DAC CEO met with the Chief of Staff for Minister John Carey the Housing Minister and discussed housing issues for Djarindjin.





# IN PERTH



The Board met with members of the Department of Communities around housing, land tenure, water and sewage upgrades, roads and maintenance contracts. DAC is committed to holding the WA State Government to account with regard to Djarindjin's Land tenure in gaining a lease over the community. Djarindjin's Native Title Holders and Traditional Owners do not have land tenure over their community and the lands that their descendants have lived on for centuries. The State Government has informed us that they are also committed to working with DAC to ensure that Djarindjin becomes proclaimed as a community so that Land Tenure over the community can be reached. We are hopeful that the work we do here now will set Djarindjin up for the future of the community and the organisation.

The week in Perth was successful for Djarindjin, DAC and DAPL. Watch this space. There are many more positive things that will happen for Djarindjin.



# OCTOBER OUTREACH

For her October trip to Djarindjin, Veronica Johnson from Broome Circle travelled to the Dampier Peninsula to deliver a multi-agency outreach. Travelling with her were representatives from Westpac Bank, Consumer Protection WA and Kimberley Community Legal Service (KCLS).

They provided a sausage sizzle at the community hall outside the store in the hope of engaging with all community members. As was highlighted in the "Help Us Understand Your Way" Banking Roundtable Discussion Report, there is a pressing need to make banking and assistance with financial matters accessible to residents of remote communities. We are hoping that this day will be the first of many multi-agency outreach days.

Djarindjin community members were very engaged in the day's activities and participated in a yarning circle at the Safe House. They also planned the next steps for the conference in November.

Next month Michelle Rex and Bernadette Angus will travel to Perth to join Veronica at the Financial Counsellors Association of Western Australia for their annual conference. This is a fantastic opportunity for our ladies to present their 'Money Story' silk artworks and attend some interesting financial discussions with others at the conference. They will also be sponsored to attend the gala dinner on the closing night which should be a very glamorous event.

Veronica will be coming to Djarindjin in the next few weeks to assist the ladies to get ready to present their 'Money Story'.



*'Just would like to say that Broome Circle really greatly appreciates the continued support in everything we have been doing with the Djarindjin community.'*

*Veronica Johnson*



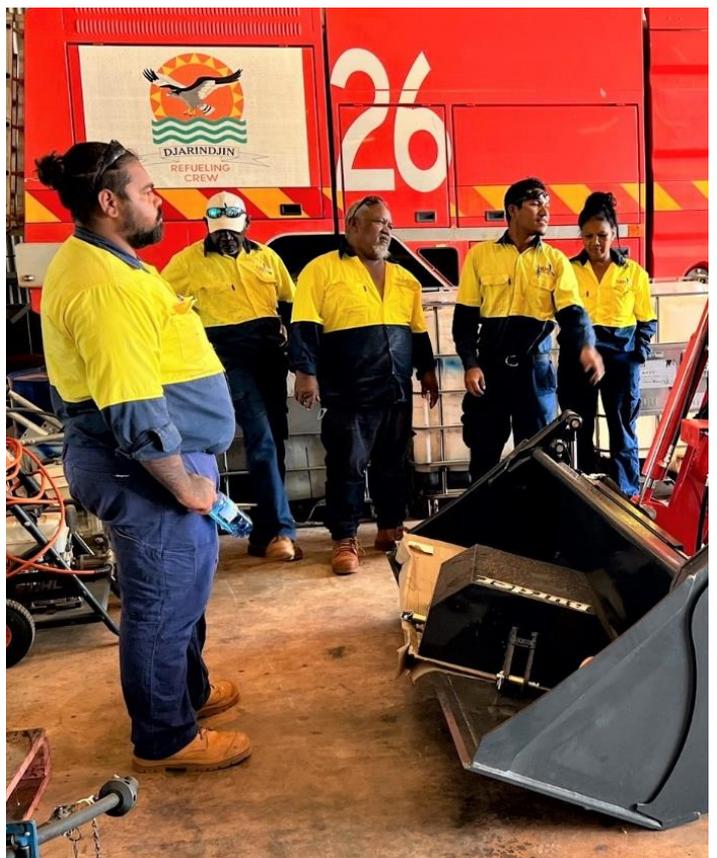


## KIOTI PX1153 4WD TRACTOR

October saw the much anticipated arrival of the new Kioti PX1153 4wd tractor purchased by DAC for use at the airport and in the community. Kioti tractors are made in South Korea, fitted with a Perkins motor, and are very sturdy and reliable machines.

The tractor which even has an airconditioned cab, will be put to good use at the airport, slashing, mowing, digging and general maintenance of the runway, so it is imperative that the airport crew are properly trained in its safe operation.

The crew had an induction this week as part of Airport Safety Week, and we have scheduled training dates in November for operation of the tractor and the community JLB backhoe.





# AIRPORT SAFETY WEEK

17-21 October 2022



Airport Safety Week is a safety campaign that is specifically tailored to engage with employees and contractors working on an aerodrome. The campaign aims to enhance and add to the safety conversation by encouraging all staff and contractors working on an aerodrome to consider their obligations to provide a safe environment for all airport users. Safety topics featured during the campaign aim to enhance the overall safety culture at the airport by creating a forum for information sharing and innovative thinking in the area of airport safety hazards

The DAPL crew took part in Airport Safety Week which took place from 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> of October.

**This year's theme was 'Lifting the Lid on Safety'.**

A toolbox session was carried out for the DAPL crew members to discuss the dangers of Foreign Object Debris (FOD). FOD at airports includes any object found in an inappropriate location that, because of being in that location, can damage equipment or injure personnel. FOD includes a wide range of material, including loose hardware, pavement fragments, catering supplies, building materials, rocks, sand, pieces of luggage, and even wildlife.

A video about FOD was played for the crew and then a discussion was had to talk about what we do, specifically at this airport, in regard to inspection and reporting any Foreign Object Debris. Also a discussion was had about the wildlife hazard management that we carry out at Djarindjin Airport.



# WE'RE HIRING

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On Job Training provided for all positions advertised on these pages

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR

**Job Description:** Manage the Print Shop and CRC office

**Commencement:** Now

**Location:** Djarindjin CRC

**How to Apply:** Application in DAC Office

### Key Skills

- Time management, organisation & communication
- Excellent computer literacy across a number of platforms
- Use and understand Word, Adobe, PowerPoint and Microsoft XL

### Key Responsibilities

- Maintain and manage printshop area
- Respond to emails
- Report to DAC CEO
- Manage and monitor CRC budget and resources

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE WORKER

**Job Description:** Assist CRC coordinator in Print Shop and CRC office

**Commencement:** Now

**Location:** Djarindjin CRC

**How to Apply:** Application in DAC Office

### Key Skills

- Time management, organisation & communication
- Use and understand Word, Adobe, PowerPoint and Microsoft XL

### Key Responsibilities

- Answer phone and read emails
- Report to DAC CRC Manager

## Part time YOUTH PROGRAM WORKER

**Job Description:** Work in the DAC youth Program

**Commencement:** Now

**Location:** Djarindjin CRC

**How to Apply:** Application in DAC Office

### Key Skills

- Time management, organisation & communication
- Ability to communicate well with children/young people
- Ability to take direction and work in a team

### Key Responsibilities

- Assist with delivery of youth programs for after school and school holidays
- Report to DAC Youth Program Coordinator

## CAFÉ ATTENDANT

**Job Description:** Manage/maintain café at CRC

**Commencement:** Now

**Location:** Djarindjin CRC

**How to Apply:** Application in DAC Office

### Key Skills

- Time management & communication
- Basic mathematical skills
- Working in kitchen safely and responsibly

### Key Responsibilities

- Prepare and serve food and beverages
- Operate cash register, payments and prepare sales invoices
- Clean and maintain café

## Part time YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**Job Description:** Manage the DAC youth Program

**Commencement:** Now

**Location:** Djarindjin CRC

**How to Apply:** Application in DAC Office

### Key Skills

- Time management, organisation & communication
- Program development and delivery
- Ability to work with children/young people
- Ability to manage subordinate staff
- Use and understand Word, Adobe, PowerPoint and Microsoft XL

### Key Responsibilities

- Develop and deliver youth programs for after school and school holidays
- Report to DAC CEO

## WORK HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

**Job Description:** Conduct WHS inspections/maintain records

**Commencement:** 1/12/2022

**Location:** Djarindjin Office

**How to Apply:** Application in DAC Office

### Key Skills

- Time management, organisation & communication
- Competent in Microsoft Office package
- Ability to work independently

### Key Responsibilities

- Maintain WHS records
- Conduct WHS inspections
- Ensure WHS standards are met across all areas of DAC, according to Government guidelines



## OPENING HOURS

### STORE

Monday	8.00 – 4.00
Tuesday	8.00 – 4.00
Wednesday	8.00 – 4.00
Thursday	8.00 – 6.00
Friday	8.00 – 4.00
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

### ROADHOUSE

Monday	10.00 – 6.00
Tuesday	10.00 – 6.00
Wednesday	10.00 – 6.00
Thursday	10.00 – 6.00
Friday	8.00 – 6.00
Saturday	8.00 – 6.00
Sunday	8.00 – 6.00

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