

Djarindjin Jawal

Community Newsletter

From the CEO



Well what a start to 2023! I don't think any of us were prepared for the biggest downpour in WA's recorded history, across the Top End of Australia. Widespread flooding, an inland sea, countless displaced people across the region, infrastructure damaged from the rising flood waters, road closures and so the list goes on. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those people who have been affected by this event. From my perspective it

has been very encouraging to see the outpouring of support from so many government, NGO's, national and international companies and individuals volunteering and providing support to those affected. DAC offered our roadhouse during the event for any displaced individuals that couldn't be housed in other areas.

Our store and roadhouse are prepared for events where roads may be cut or there is another pandemic, we try to stock up on goods months prior to the wet season in preparation for the possible event that we are cut off from supply routes south of us. It is a reminder to us all that we must be vigilant and ensure that we are prepared for natural events like cyclones, floods, road closures, pandemics and the like. The world has changed significantly, we can see our weather patterns changing, we can also see how the world can be brought to a complete stand still as we have seen over the past few years.

We are fortunate that we live in part of the world where we can still go out and hunt for food and have access to nature's food storage. However, if it was left up to me to go out fishing...you would all go hungry!

This year will be a significant year for DAC. On 1st February 2023 it will be our one-year anniversary of realising a dream of self-determination and self-empowerment, a dream that has become a reality. This is cause for much celebration for Djarindjin. This is something that you all should be proud of. It has been an absolute honour to be part of this journey with you.

We will be working with the government around finalising our By-Laws and hopefully having the Community of Djarindjin being proclaimed by the Governor as a Community. Once this is realised many years of disenfranchisement and disempowerment will slowly come to an end and Djarindjin will then have her own rights in managing the land and community. I am excited for what's to come for Djarindjin over the next 12 months.

Buckle up! It's gonna be a good one.
Let's get it done!

Cheers, Nathan.

CEO Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation

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WE'RE HIRING



January 2023 has seen the Kimberley hit by ex-tropical cyclone Ellie, causing the worst ever recorded floods in Western Australia.

The Dampier Peninsula, while lashed by strong winds and receiving heavy rainfall, was spared the worst effects of this weather event. To the east, Fitzroy crossing and outlying communities have not been so lucky. They have suffered massive infrastructure damage and people have lost everything as the Martuwarra (Fitzroy River) burst its banks and inundated communities.

The bridge over the Martuwarra (Fitzroy River), part of the main highway linking Broome with Darwin, is almost completely destroyed and authorities believe it will take months to rebuild. Minnie and Cockatoo bridges have also been extensively damaged. To the south the road linking Broome to Port Hedland and Perth is also under water at Roebuck Plains.

This meant that Djarindjin and the Dampier Peninsula were effectively cut off from supplies for an indeterminate length of time. Fortunately the Store and Roadhouse are well stocked and we had enough to tide us over.

Meanwhile at Bobby's Creek, water over the road has created the annual wet season water fun park for locals here, enjoying a bit of freshwater swimming.



AGM 2022

2 NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED TO THE DAC BOARD



LUKE SARIAGO - DIRECTOR

Luke was appointed to the DAC Board, for the first time in 2022. He comes with a can do attitude and plenty of enthusiasm for the future of Djarindjin and its strong leadership. Born in Queensland, Luke moved to WA at age 8, spending his formative years in Broome and Derby. For the past 8 years he has lived in Djarindjin and has served the Community in many ways. His most recent role sees him in the booking office at the Campground. In this capacity he enhances our reputation with his friendly, professional approach to our guests.



SAMARAH COX - DIRECTOR

Samarah joined the DAC Board after being elected at the 2022 AGM. As the youngest member of the Board she is a breath of fresh air and brings a unique perspective to her role. She is a strong young Bardi woman, raising her daughter alone and working hard to create a bright future for herself, her family and the community. Last year Samarah joined the DAC team as the Community Liaison Officer. She is keen to represent the younger generations at a Board level and promote their aspirations for the future of Djarindjin.

NEW FREEZERS FOR ALL!



This year every house in Djarindjin Community has received a new Hisense chest freezer. Djarindjin is in a good financial position again this year thanks to everyone's hard work and it is great to be able to help Community members out with practical household items to make life easier.

Here is what they are saying out there...

'Once again Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation you're a legend. Came home to find a new Chest Freezer on my veranda, every household in the community has been given one each. I've just received mine, it's great to see the Corporation giving back to the Members of Djarindjin Community. Fantastic job, too deadly 2023 this year's house gift to the people.'



HACC / COMMUNITY CARE NEWS



Sharna and Michelle were kept busy last month in Community Care. December saw them distribute Christmas gifts to all of their clients. On Friday December 16th they all hopped aboard the community bus and headed to town for a day of Christmas shopping. They followed this up with a night out at the Gimme Gimme Bar for the last, very popular country and western night of the year. It was great to see a familiar face in the band! Saturday saw them return home tired but happy.





DJARINDJIN STAFF XMAS PARTY

In December DAC had our staff Christmas Party. Cygnet Bay put on a lovely spread for us and staff were able to enjoy a delicious lunch while socialising and catching up with each other from the different departments. After lunch we were able to spend time relaxing by the pool.

It was a great way to finish up another busy year in Djarindjin and good way for DAC to show appreciation for their hardworking staff.

Thankyou Cygnet Bay for hosting this event.



DAPL

DJARINDJIN AIRPORT PTY LTD



NEWS

CELEBRATING THE WINS

Celebrate along with us!

On 1st February 2022, known here as 'Transition Day', Djarindjin Aboriginal Corporation took over operations of the Djarindjin Airport. Over the past 12 months we have celebrated the wins, large and small. You have all come along for the ride with us. Djarindjin Airport Pty Ltd (DAPL) over the past week has reached 3 milestones since Transition Day less than 12 months ago:

1. **2,000,000 litres of Jet A1 fuel has been sold to operators**
2. **1,500 Helicopter Arrivals to our Airport**
3. **17,000 Passengers have come through our Terminal Doors.**

This is a true story of a small Indigenous Organisation being part of a Global enterprise, the only Hot-Refuelling Civil Service in the Southern Hemisphere, an example of self-determination and self-empowerment here and now.

The best is yet to come!





Over the Christmas period DAC CEO and Airport Secretary, Nathan McIvor, was called to work at the Airport as there was some issues around staffing. Nathan in a previous career was an Aerodrome Reporting Officer (ARO) in the NT for 11 remote airstrips and managed them, he was also a baggage handler for an airline company for a few years. He experienced firsthand the high intensity of working at the airport. At one stage 3 helicopters were on the apron, passengers were embarking and disembarking and there was fuel being pumped into the helicopters. Light aircraft were landing at the same time and taxiing up the runway. He sat in the Fire Tender as Safety Vehicle No.2 writing everything down, times of landings, times of passengers getting on and off, how many, how much fuel, communicating with the supervisor about the wind, rain and lightning, double checking passenger numbers, making sure everyone was doing things safely. It was all quite full on and he had to keep his head on a swivel but was very happy to be part of the machine that is DAPL. Nathan was quietly impressed with how the DAPL crew all worked together, seamlessly and everyone had each other's back. It was a week of learning for our CEO, and he saw how professional our crew is on the ground. He has come away from that experience with an even greater respect for ALL of the DAPL crew and our airport Managers RAMS.





2023 HERE WE COME!

Djarindjin Campground is open for business. Luke is up there and ready to take bookings for the 2023 season. We are expecting Sheliah will be back from maternity leave sometime during the year also, so we are looking forward another great year. Check out the excitement we created online after our successful 2022 inaugural season. Here is what they are saying about us...

REVIEWS

'The whole complex looks wonderful, it's a real credit to all of your hard work.'

'I really hope that i get the chance to visit one of the most beautiful places in Australia one more time.'

**'We loved our stay and our tour with Bundy
Would love to come back'**

'Were disappointed we missed the fireside yarns during our visit, another reason to stay again'

*'We enjoyed our stay here middle of 2022!
Thoroughly recommend!!'*

'Great spot and great people'

'Can't wait to visit! August 23'

'...we need to hurry up and get our campervan for our next trip back home'

'Best spot 🍷 hi all from George and Tracy'

'One of the best places we have stayed at . Get your cultural experience on. You will be truly amazed !!'

'Best on tour highly recommend staying here you will love it'

'We were only just there 4 days ago .. we loved it'



Crew Members at Djarindjin Airport Needed

Become one of our highly skilled Airport Crew Members
Casual and Part time

Career opportunities

Live and Work on Country

7 day week operation

Great pay!

Anyone over 18 can apply.

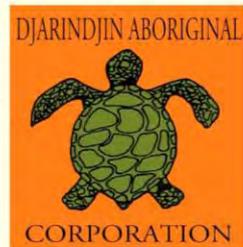
Be part of something global.

Job benefits

- Flexible & family-friendly rosters
- Home every night - no FIFO
- Valued team member doing a job that supports your community
- Part of an exciting industry - Aviation
- DAPL is an equal opportunity employer

What you will learn

- How to wear correct PPE on work site
- Working safely around helicopters
- Assisting airport staff
- **On the job training provided**



Other Enquiries:

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Applicants from Djarindjin, Lombadina, Ardyaloon and Beagle Bay are encouraged to apply.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Check out the jobs listed on the opposite page. Something take your fancy? Well come on down and have a chat with the Ops Manager or the CEO. At DAC we are an equal opportunity employer.

Just ask Lucky here...he is one of our committed workers in Djarindjin, whose role covers keeping office staff on their toes and lifting moral. Pictured here demonstrating what happens when security is slack and doors are left open.

Keep up the good work Lucky.



SPRUNG...!



The great mystery of the vanishing lollies has finally been solved! Culprit caught red handed.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

A number of Covid cases have been in community for the past few weeks.

A REMINDER:

- Please keep good hygiene.
- Please wear a mask around old and vulnerable people
- Please make sure you are not working around people if you are unwell.
- Please seek medical attention if you are unwell
- Please come to the DAC Office and pick up a few RAT tests if you need to confirm that you may have Covid.
- Please isolate yourself and consider others personal safety in community.

We have come a long way but it's not a time to be complacent.

Be Covid Aware.

Nathan McIvor

DAC CEO



WE'RE HIRING

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

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

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 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

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

Inquiries: Phone Jay Leonhardt on 0488 627 948, or call in for a chat at the Djarindjin Office

On Job Training provided for all positions advertised on these pages



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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