

**Miriwoong and Gija Partnership Fund:**

Argyle Diamond Mine will continue paying money into this fund until 2009. The Trust has been making sure the money is looked after safely and is used the correct way. The Trust has used some of this money for the following projects:

Kidney Health:

Chrissy has been keeping busy helping people across the whole of the East Kimberley over the last year. Chrissy has spent time training medical staff so they can look for the early signs of kidney problems. Then they can treat you before your kidneys are too sick. Chrissy also helps educate people about better eating and health so that they don't get kidney problems.

Chrissy organised a Kidney Health Conference in Broome at the end of July. Gelganyem is very happy with the work Chrissy is doing and looks forward to supporting her for the next year.

OES, OVAHS, Gelganyem and Kimberley Health have been working on a Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) where it sets out what each group will do to help with kidney health. Everyone is very keen to make it work. The Federal Government has agreed to help. The WA State Government has not said it will agree to the SRA. Gelganyem and OES will be talking to State Government Ministers to tell them how important this SRA is.

East Kimberley Football Academy – Clontarf:

The Kununurra Clontarf Academy started at the beginning of 2007. Already there is a lot of community support for what Clontarf is doing and we look forward to seeing the positive changes that will happen. Gelganyem signed a four year contract with Clontarf and are proud supporters of the program.

Dawang Business Support:

Gelganyem set up a small team called 'Forward in Business' (FIB), made up of three Traditional Owners, RPM and Parakeelya. FIB chose four businesses out of 50, which have the most chance to do well. FIB will then work with each of these four businesses to support them into being successful. The Traditional Owner businesses will only get support if they are prepared to work at developing their business.

Gelganyem was able to get funds from the State Government to pay for this support, when Marjorie and Paddy were in Perth.

Cultural Services:

Gelganyem is still working with OES about how we will get a consultant to talk to people about what they want. The consultant will then prepare a report that can be used to move forward. We are not using the words 'Culture Centre' anymore, as we need to find out what people want first, and then we can work out where to go from there.

Looking after kids
for the future

**Youth Well Being:**

Maria Morgan has been working with a mob from Notre Dame University. They went to Oombulgurri Community in January and again in July. Once they have spoken to people, they will then work on what is needed to support young people when they are feeling down.

Maria said it was a very successful program going by comments from the Community and was very beneficial. The Notre Dame Uni mob talked to the kids at school and also at the Community Office. They were able to spend time with the old people and hear their stories. They are still working on projects for the Community and will return at the end of the year to work in Oombulgurri and also Wyndham. Maria and the Community are hoping that the success of this program will take it into other Communities. The program is now called the "Gelganyem Youth and Development Program".

Small Projects:

There has only been one request this year and that was from Garnduwa for the softball carnival in the East Kimberley and Gelganyem supported this. Don't forget to write to Gelganyem to ask for help with projects for your community or team.



Law and Culture Fund:

This fund did very well last year, so the Trustees were able to make sure there was more 'top up' money this year for Law and Culture. Both the men and women Trustees put some of this 'top up' money to one side to help pay for that 'Cultural Services' study.

The men Trustees also put a lot of money to one side for the future for 'Cultural Services'.

The Trustees then made sure there was money for Law and Culture this year and this money was put into separate bank accounts for each group to look after and use.

Education and Training Fund:

The Trustees have been working on the following projects with RPM:

School Holiday Program:

This took place in April at Mandangala and Bow River Communities, 30 kids were involved.



Mandangala mob after fishing

In July the holiday programs were run at Warmun and Bow River communities. 40 kids were involved in these programs.

Warmun community had two youth workers, Leanne and Terry Mosquito, from the community working with the kids. Vincent Ramsay from Bow River trained and helped the Warmun workers develop their program of activities for the two weeks.



July holidays

Gelganyem Trust brought up an Indigenous Community Volunteer who lived at Bow River for the holidays to help Warmun workers run the program.

If your community is interested in running a School Holiday Program for your children between the ages of 6 and 17 then let your Trustee for your Dawang know.

Adult Reading and Writing:

The next adult reading and writing project will be at Mandangala in August. Gelganyem Trust has a partnership with Indigenous Community Volunteers to provide a teacher for 6 weeks on the community, to work with 16 year olds and over who want help with reading and writing. If you are interested in this project for your community please tell your Dawang Trustee.

Scholarship Fund:

This year the rules changes, so that the money goes to the school to look after and to be used for the student.

The Scholarship Fund received 25 applications at the beginning of the year when they met in February. All applicants supplied enrolment information and the first term payments were able to be sent to the schools.

Second Term payments were released late in Term 2 and the Scholarship Committee is due to meet again in the next couple of weeks to approve the Third Term payments.

The Scholarship Fund program has been operating for some time and the Trustees want to have a look at it, to see if it is working the best it can and if it is really helping people in the best way.

Bursary Program:

The trustees believe that education is very important for their children and are developing a partnership with the University of Western Australia to have a scholarship for young people to go to university and get a degree.

Gelganyem trustees are looking for Traditional Owner students who are in year 11 or 12 studying for their TEE who are interested in going to university. Please contact your Dawang Trustee if you are interested in this program.



Girls Program - Kununurra District High:

Gelganyem Trust has a partnership with Edith Cowan University to develop a suitable girls program at Kununurra District High School that will encourage high school age young women to achieve an education.

Trustee Training:

Last year Gelganyem Trustees asked for training about making meetings work better and how they can talk better in meetings without getting angry or being shy and everyone having equal say. The Trust had a two day workshop in Wyndham in mid May. Everyone thought it was really useful, learnt a lot and also had fun. There is another workshop in early November. A lot of the things to make meetings work better were used at the May Trustee meeting.



Independent Trustees Sue and Ian at the Training Workshop

Trustees at Wyndham Training



Helen, Chris (Trainer) and Marjorie



Youth Council:

Executive Office will be discussing the Youth Council with each of the Trustees. Each Dawang has put forward the name of a young person between the ages of 18-30 who wants to be involved in the Gelganyem Youth Council. The Trustees will have a BBQ to introduce the young people to each other and the rest of the Trust. The young people will then decide what their first activity will be together, something like a weekend camp away to get to know each other better.

Cultural Curriculum:

The Trustees have a meeting with the Minister of Education and the Director General of Education soon to discuss a pilot program in the East Kimberley for a Cultural Curriculum. This means that teachers will work with community to look at what kids are learning in school. They will look at the history that is being taught to their children, and the way things are taught to their kids, and is it the right way for kids. Gelganyem is hopeful that State Government will work with them to develop this further. Edith Cowan University is going to help Gelganyem with this project.

Trust Audit:

The first audit of Gelganyem and Kilkayi Trusts took place. This was from April 2005 to July 2006. The Auditors did not find any problems and are happy with how the money and accounts are being looked after.

Charitable Status:

Gelganyem and Rio Tinto are still talking to the Australian Tax Office (ATO). At the start of the year, it looked like Gelganyem may have to pay a lot of money in taxes, now it is looking a lot better. We still need to have some good talks with the ATO before this is all sorted out.

**Executive Office:**

RPM Project Management has been contracted by Gelganyem to provide the Executive Office for another 3 years from July 2007 to June 2010. Part of the contract is a plan to make sure Gelganyem can run it's own office by July 2010.

Everyone want's to talk to Gelganyem:

- Ted Hall was invited to have dinner at Argyle Diamonds with the big boss of Rio Tinto from London in early March
- A number of Trustees got together with the directors of Rio Tinto from London in mid April. This was held at the KDHS and there were also a number of art works on display and a lot of these were sold and taken back to London.
- Gelganyem Trustees were invited to talk to some Cree Nation representatives from Canada at the end of June. The Cree mob had heard about Gelganyem and wanted to learn from our agreement with Argyle and all the projects Gelganyem is involved in.
- There was a Mining Conference in Broome in early July. Helen Pinday and Ted Hall told everyone about the great work Gelganyem is doing and how things are going.
- Two Trustees have been invited to attend a Rio Tinto conference in Sydney to talk about Gelganyem.

Gelganyem Trust has been asked to talk to a number of groups that are setting up their own trust or are still in negotiations with mining companies in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions. Gelganyem Trust is very keen to help where it can and make sure these groups learn from our experiences.

Trustee News:**Evelyn Hall – Order of Australia**

Evelyn Hall was awarded the Order of Australia for service to the community for land rights, social justice, economic and education advancement in the Kimberley region. Evelyn has done this through her many leadership roles on various committees and organisations. We would all like to congratulate Evelyn on being awarded the Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.



Ted, Evelyn, Patsy and Jodie

Helen hard at work at Argyle

**Helen Pinday – KGT Trainee**

Congratulations to Helen Pinday. Helen has won the KGT Trainee of the year and is a finalist for the Aboriginal and Torres Straight person of the year. The winner will be announced on 17 August at the Convention Centre in Perth.

Paddy McGinty – Proud father

Paddy was all smiles as he became a father to Emelian Patty Rose McGinty.

Indigenous Community Leadership Programs:

Three separate leadership programs for Women, Men and Youth will be run between December 2007 and May 2008. If you are interested and need to find out more information – contact RPM – Rick Downie. You need to apply by 31 August 2007. The Department of Indigenous Affairs will pay for all travel and accommodation expenses. Apply now!



Kilkayi Trust

Annual Plans:

Argyle Diamond Mine made the March 2007 payment to Kilkayi Trust. This money was less than the last two payments.

The 2007 Annual Plans for each group were discussed at meetings and sent to the two Independent Trustees, Sue Boyd and Ian Williams for approval. Most groups have worked well and looked after the money the proper way. Some groups still need to provide paperwork for the last lot of money and so their money is being held up.

Sue Boyd and Rowena Griffiths will be taking a good look at Kilkayi Annual Plans and preparing a report on how the money has been used, where the problems are, and where the money has worked well.



Kilkayi Annual Plans Review:

The Independent Trustees – Sue Boyd and Ian Williams – want to look at how Kilkayi has been working, what has worked well, where there are problems, and then work out a way to make Kilkayi work better in the future.

Kilkayi have put together a team made up of Sue Boyd, Rowena Griffiths and Tim Johnston. This team will be travelling around the East Kimberley in early September to talk to people. They will then think about what changes are needed and the best way to make those changes.



RPM

RPM welcome Tim Johnston and Rick Downie to the Executive Office project team. Tim will be working on Gelganyem and Kilkayi Trust business and Rick Downie will be Project Managing Gelganyem Trust, taking over from Allan Wedderburn. Rosie Sandover will remain in the Executive Office position.

Allan Wedderburn will be staying at RPM working on other projects. We would like to thank Allan for his work over the last three years with the Gelganyem Trust.

Rowena Griffiths will remain with RPM as Special Projects Officer. Again we would like to thank Rowie for her fantastic effort over the last two years, and for the many laughs at Relationship Committee meetings.

Tim Johnson will be out and about on Dawang to talk about the Trusts, projects and opportunities for families to start projects on their communities, over the next few months, because Gelganyem is about future and country!

Warmun Office

The Gelganyem Executive Office team, Rick and Tim, will be in Warmun every Wednesday from 9.00 until 3.00 if there are any projects that people would like to discuss or find out more about the Trusts.

East Kimberley Aboriginal Achievement Awards 2007 (EKAAA 07):

If you know anyone or any organisation that has been doing great work for you, then nominate them for the EKAAA 07 awards. Entries need to be handed in by 17 August. Contact Nicole at Wunan (08) 9168 3881 if you need some forms.

Outback Café:

Ted Hall and Ethel McLennon have been working closely with Mark Olive from Outback Café to organise two successful bush tucker tours with community members from Warmun and Mandangala. The tours were filmed and will appear on Foxtel Lifestyle on Sunday 23 September at 7.30pm.



Bush Tucker group at Argyle



Argyle Partner Partner

Business Development Taskforce:

A Business Development Taskforce (BDTF) meeting was held in April. As part of that meeting the Taskforce visited Sodexho at the mine, touring the kitchen at the village, laundry, cleaning room, bar and shop to learn how this business operates. The next BDTF meeting will be in the next few weeks.

The BDTF have asked for some basic skills in business training to be offered to Traditional Owners. This training is funded by Argyle Diamonds and the Office of Aboriginal Economic Development. A first workshop was held in Kununurra at Warringarri and six Traditional Owners came along. Workshops are also to be held at Mandangala, Warmun, Wyndham and Halls Creek. Ted Hall has stepped down from the BDTF and Paddy McGinty would like to do the same if a replacement can be found. At the next Relationship Committee meeting we will be asking for two new people to join the BDTF.



Relationship Committee

There have been two meetings; the first one was in mid February for 2 days at Lakeside Resort in Kununurra.

Patsy Hall was elected as Traditional Owner co-chair when Evelyn Hall resigned. Congratulations to Patsy and thank you Evelyn. Chocolate Thomas and Tim O'Neill continue as the other two co-chairs.

The next Relationship Committee was in mid June for one day at All Season in Kununurra.

An Underground Muntha was held at the mine at the end of May. This went very well and Argyle Diamonds thanked those taking part.

This year the Mine Open Day took place on 11 June. It was well attended and gave Traditional Owners a chance to ask Argyle Diamonds any questions they have about the mine.

Work Program

Clearances (WPC):

There was a one day WPC on 2 March where Argyle Diamonds asked Traditional Owners if it was OK to clear an area for the power line needed for the underground mine. Traditional Owners said it was OK for the mine to go ahead.

On the same day the mine and Traditional Owners went through Management Plan 1 – Heritage Protection,

to see if there were any ways of making WPC's work better. Everyone was happy with the Management Plan, but they wanted to talk some more about how it is decided who goes and who can speak at the WPC.

On the 26th June there was another Work Program Clearance (WPC) at the mine. As the mine is getting ready to go underground, Argyle Diamonds wanted to ask Traditional Owners if it was OK to clear some new areas. Traditional Owners said it was all OK for the mine to go ahead and work in those areas. Paddy McGinty (Gelganyem Trustee working at Argyle Diamonds) was the escort while Traditional Owners went through the high security part of the mine.



Travelling around the mine



George, Dirk and Gordon at the June WPC



What's Next?

- *Gelganyem Trust Meeting – 29 - 31 August – Merrilingki, Warmun*
- *Relationship Committee Meeting – 3 & 4 September - Kununurra*
- *Trustee Workshop – 1 & 2 November*
- *Gelganyem Trust Meeting 14 – 16 November - Kununurra*
- *Relationship Committee Meeting – 19 & 20 November - Kununurra*

If you have to travel for a meeting, always phone RPM before, to check if the meeting is still on.

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