



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

2009 'year of Partnerships'

**Co Chairperson Helen Pinday
meets with the Prime Minister
Rudd to discuss Gelganyem
Projects .**



Netball Australia Partnership

**Gelgayem Trust Partners Netball
Australia "Diamonds" in Melbourne**



*Trustees at the Melbourne Netball Australia
Match with Matthew Lloyd of the Bombers.*

Netball Australia want to use the
barramundi dreaming story to promote the
team.

They want to use the Gelganyem picture
and build links with East Kimberley TOs.

They want to come to Kununurra and
develop a marketing plan with you mob.

They also want to run netball programs in
the East Kimberley.

Do you want them to come and talk about
it?

***Executive Office will be closing at 12:00
on Wednesday 24th of December and
opening again Monday 5th January.***

***Season's Greetings from everyone at
RPM Project Management.***



Trustees went to Australia vs England netball game



Jody Hall Mandangala Dawang meeting with RTIO foundation in Melbourne to talk about partnership projects.



Meeting with Myer Foundation to talk about partnership projects.

Perth Trip - State Government Partnership and Business Partnerships

During November a group of Trustees went to Perth and met with Compass and Doorn Djil to talk about contracts at the mine for Gelganyem Enterprises.

They also met with the Trust's Lawyers and investment managers.

Trustees met with Minister Brendan Grylls and talked about the need for a dialysis unit in Kununurra and other Trust projects.



New Independent Woman Trustee in 2009



Sue Boyd will be leaving the trust next meeting. Thankyou Sue for all your work!



Sue Boyd will be leaving in 2009 and the trustees have two women to choose from to take her place. Both came up to visit everyone in the last month.

Their names are Thea Mendelson and Jo Heyter. Both have experience in Community Development and have worked overseas on Community Development Projects.

Rajee will be coming and talking to people in the New Year about who you want as the new woman trustee for Gelganyem.



Thea Mendelson with Mandangala elder Evelyn Hall



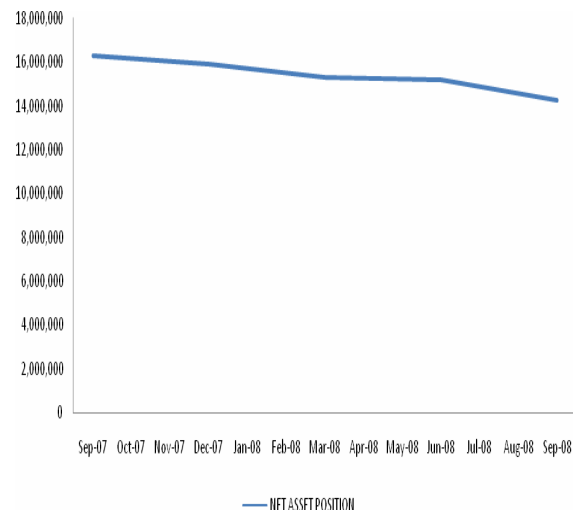
Jo Heyter at the Office

How is the Trust's money going?

The stock market has been going down but we still have a big mob of money.

The people who look after our money think the market will go up again and since the money is for kids and grandkids, we should keep investing the way we have been.

All up the Trust has over fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) in its investment accounts.



What is most important for the trust is to keep developing the partnerships, with private sector and government to help develop and run programs.



Gelganyem Pty Ltd

Gelganyem is trying to get contracts with the mine and other places so the Trust can start making money for itself. Trustees are in the process of talking to companies now to try and secure contracts and the Trust is also looking for a business manager to manage Gelganyem Enterprise.

Renal Health

State government have said they will now pay for the Renal health nurse, Gelganyem have paid for the last two years so it is good news that the government is taking on this role, but Gelganyem is still pushing for a dialysis unit in Kununurra.

Gelganyem have sponsored Jimmy Little to talk to kids for healthy kidneys.



Jimmy Little at St Josephs School



Jimmy Little at OVAHS with the Renal Health Team

Clontarf program

Gelganyem sponsors the senior and junior programs. Because of the good results in 2008 they will give Clontarf \$40,000 for next year this is to be split in half for junior and senior.



Girls program

Gelganyem in partnership with the Fogarty Foundation and Edith Cowan University have the draft report on girls education issues in the East Kimberley. Stakeholders met to give feedback to ECU about the report. ECU doing more work on the report to add in what stakeholders said then a Working Group is being formed to act on recommendations, in partnership with MG Corporation.





Youth and Community Wellbeing

Co Chair Maria Morgan presenting certificates to young people who participated in the project in 2008.



Gelganyem in partnership with Notre Dame University ran another successful series of youth well being programs at Oombulgurri and Wyndham in July this year.

The kids then put on a photo exhibition and published a book on being kids in the East Kimberley and all the good things about that. Notre Dame will also hold the exhibition in Perth.

The program will continue in 2009 and will extend to Warmun in January 2009.



Notre Dame Team and Co-chair Maria Morgan

Youth Council

Youth Council attended the Trust meeting at Parry Creek Farm in August and in November at Mirrilingki, Warmun. They will be invited to attend all future Trust meetings.



Five youth council members came along, Kia Dowell, Santar Ward, Bernadette Simon, Thomas Reid, William Ramsey

Holiday program

Holiday programmes this year have been very successful and Gelganyem will be running them next year as well.

Gelganyem has a partnership with OVAHS for the next three years to put in some money and Gelganyem is looking for other partners in the project.



**Adult Literacy**

Any communities want to do Adult literacy classes speak to Chris Garston, when you next see him. Or ring the office.

Scholarship Program

Scholarship forms are available from the office please come in and get one. The committee meets early next year so people need to get forms in.

Station Skills Program

Gelganyem will work with East Kimberley CDEP to set up and run a program for boys and girls to learn cattle, horse and station skills.

The program will include training and also some work experience on stations in the East Kimberley.

We plan to start the program next year in April. If you have any ideas for the program for your young people or would like to be mentor for the program come into the office and talk to Rajee, Rowie or Chris.

**Trust meetings**

Trust meeting held at Mirilingki, Warmun 17th – 19th November 2008.



The chef Dennis Ward fired up the Argyle BBQ trailer and cooked up a feast

**Kilkayi Trust****ATO Ruling**

Ruling has been made by the tax office to keep Kilkayi payments tax free until 2014. This is good news for the old people who get the signatory payments as well.



SMOOTHING KILKAYI PAYMENTS

At the last Relationship Committee meeting you asked us to see if we can borrow money from the Sustainability fund to add to Kilkayi payments when the Argyle payments are low.

We asked the Trust's lawyers and they said we can't do it because it is against the rules of the Sustainability Fund so Gelganyem Trustees has asked Argyle to look and see if they can make a guaranteed minimum payment each six months.

When the mine is not making money that would give Kilkayi a guaranteed amount of each six months



Chris Garston KilkayiPM, Evelyn Hall, Annette Chunama

Management Plans

TOs took part in a Work Program Clearance in late November to give the OK for a new road to be built to drive the diamond ore out of the pit.

There was also a workshop where Argyle told TOs about the rehabilitation of the rock dumps including what trees, shrubs and grasses would be planted.

At the workshop TOs suggested some more trees and shrubs that Argyle added to their lists.

Relationship Committee



Relationship committee has had two good meetings, one out at Home valley station where Martu Mob from Jigalong came to and one in town at Lakeside.



Martu mob visit to find out about trusts and how they work.



Goodbye to



Rick Downie leaves the Trust

Rick is leaving the Executive office. He has worked for Gelganyem for the last 18 months. We would like to thank Rick for all his efforts.

Beryl Richardson ADM leaves

Beryl Richardson has worked hard for partner partner relationship with the Trust the last 4 years and we thank her for all her hard work. She will be missed.

Transition Gelganyem Trust Executive Office Team

The transition for Gelganyem Trust employing its own Executive office staff and having its own office out of RPM is on track.

The contract with RPM will be finished June 2009. The trust will start 2009 in its own office with its team of fantastic workers.

Rajee Henderson, Rowena Griffiths, Chris Garston Absent: Charlie Cann



RPM will be next door down the end of the veranda and by June 30th 2009 Gelganyem Trust will employ its own staff directly.

Rowie will be on the front desk to welcome you into the office. Drop in and see what your trust is doing for you, in 2009.



*Charlie Cann 'Man on the move'
Gelganyem Field officer*

**Gelanyem Trust Job Opportunities****Bookkeeper/Administrator**

This is a great opportunity for a person who is already working in administration or bookkeeping, has completed some TAFE studies and is committed to do more study to build their skills.

The right person will be fully trained and encouraged and supported to complete their studies through to Certificate IV. When ready the person will become the Office Administrator, working half time on bookkeeping and the other half on administration.

This is a full time position based in Kununurra and can lead to exciting future career path opportunities. A salary package will be negotiated that includes a starting pay with increases to match increasing skills and taking on more responsibilities.

Contact Rowie at the office 91692651

Argyle Diamond Mine Opportunities

Two business opportunities are coming up at Argyle Diamond Mine in the first half of 2009.

The Maintenance of Light Vehicles on Site contract is coming up for renewal at the end of March.

Also, at the end of May, the Catering, Cleaning and Associated Services contract is up for renewal.

If you want more information about these or other opportunities contact Rajee at the office or Keren Vij at the ADM Town Office on 91671877.

From Little Things Big Things Grow