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Australia reads about the Ngukurr News

On November the 15th *The Australian* newspaper contained a feature story about the Ngukurr News, its role in the community and its editor Daphne Daniels. The reporter Paul Toohey described the Ngukurr News in the following way:

'Still in its infancy, probably unaware of its full potential, it may become one of the most significant community-based Aboriginal media ventures ever undertaken'

As a result of this story, Kate Senior was interviewed on Alice Springs ABC radio about the development of the Ngukurr News and its future, and the National Library of Australia has asked for the News to be part of their collection.

The success of the Ngukurr News would not be possible without the dedication of Daphne Daniels and the Ngukurr community who support the newspaper.



Reference Committee meeting

The SEALCP Reference Committee meeting will be held at the meeting room (in the swimming pool complex) on Tuesday December 4th at 11am.

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and lunch will be provided.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's report - *Bruce Harvey*
5. Director's report on the last six months, including publications and significant events - *John Bern*
6. Report on the Ngukurr News - *Daphne Daniels*
7. Report on income and expenditure study - *Kate Senior*
8. Director's report on work schedule and upcoming publications to June 2001 - *John Bern*
9. Beyond June 2002.
10. Other business
11. Next meeting.

The nominated representatives invited to the meeting are:

Rio Tinto

Mr Bruce Harvey, General Manager Aboriginal & Community Relations

Mr Jeff Wilkie, Manager Aboriginal Relations-Rio Tinto Exploration

NT Government

Mr Bob Adams, Assistant Secretary - Policy & Community Services, Dept of Mines and Energy.

Mr Ray Hemple, Assistant Director, Field Services, Office of Aboriginal Development.

Northern Land Council

Mr Jeff Stead, Manager Anthropology Branch
Mr Bobby Nungumajbarr, Field Officer.

South East Arnhem Land Collaborative Research Project

Professor John Bern, Director.

Ngukurr Community

Mrs Cherry Daniels
Mr Davis Daniels
Ms Valmai Roberts
Mrs Grace Daniels
Mrs Gwen Rami
Mr Nelson Hall

SEALCP Researchers

Ms Kate Senior Research Fellow
Ms Daphne Daniels, Research Assistant

Meeting to discuss health and education in the community

A public meeting was held at the council office on Thursday. The aim of this meeting was to discuss health and education in the community and how the community will deal with these issues

Main concerns were

- Mental health
- Petrol sniffing
- Alcohol/family problems
- School attendance

Community speakers were Bobby Nungumajbarr, Marrienne Roberts, Alan Joshua, Davis Daniels, Ruth Joshua, Daphne Daniels, Dawson Daniels, Robin Rogers.

The community are still working on some solutions to deal with these issues.

It was good to see participation from the school and the police in this meeting as we will have to all work together to find solutions to these problems.

Daphne Daniels.

Women Wardens in Ngukurr

One result of the community meeting has been the involvement of Ngukurr Women in the Wardens program. They walk around the community at night, from the hours of 7:30 pm till 12pm or later on nights after pay day.

Each lady represents her clan. They deal with school attendance, stopping violence and fighting, stopping foul language in the streets, making sure that drivers keep to 40km an hour and wear their seatbelts and keeping kids off the street after 8pm.

They have been working for two weeks now. The women wardens in Ngukurr are:

- Callas Tapau
- Isobelle Daniels
- Marrienne Roberts
- Valmai Roberts
- Majorie Daniels
- Geraldine Daniels
- Brenda Rogers
- Renelle Rogers
- Karen Rogers
- Regina Rogers
- Lorriane Harrison
- Glenda Robertson
- Sopha Tapau

Royal Life Saving Society in Ngukurr



Pip Squires from the Royal Life Saving Society (NT) has been running courses in Ngukurr. These courses equip people with important life saving skills, essential in a community such as Ngukurr, which is often surrounded by water. People who complete the Bronze Medallion are also qualified to supervise children at the pool, which again is very important, as there is not a lifeguard at the swimming pool.

18 people from the community attended the resuscitation course and all of them passed.

Dave, Michael and Geoff from the school and Kris Smiler all completed their Bronze Medallion. This involves swimming 400 metres (14 laps of the pool), performing tows and exits and EAR in the water.

Rena, Fiona and Sally from the school all completed wade rescues which involved a 100 metre swim and demonstrating safe entries and exits to the water.

All awards have to be updated every 12 months, so it is hoped that more people will be keen to participate when the Royal Life Saving Society returns next year.



Pip Squires from the Royal Life Saving Organisation and Helen Rogers learning resuscitation

Norforce News

Soldiers from Arnhem Squadron, Norforce, which includes troops from Ngukurr were involved in doing guard duties at Larrakeyah Barracks in Darwin from 25 September to 10 October 2001.

The requirement to guard Larrakeyah Barracks was a result of the horrific terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on September 11.

Australia's commitment to the fight against terrorism has meant that extra security has been put in place in military bases around Australia.

The availability of the Arnhem Squadron soldiers relieved the Darwin-based soldiers of doing guard duties and for that everyone within Norforce and other units within Larrakeyah Barracks have been very grateful.

The standard of work displayed by these troops was very good. Especially, given that this is not a standard Norforce role and the troops were not trained for these types of duties.

The guard duties involved stopping and checking identification of everyone entering and leaving the Barracks. This was executed in a very professional manner by the soldiers and was an eye-opener to the public and other defence force members as to the membership of Aboriginal soldiers in the Australian Defence Force.

The world has changed since September 11 and one of the lessons that we need to heed is that security is everyone's business. We cannot depend solely on the police or military for protection. It is everybody's duty to report suspicious behaviour to the appropriate authorities as stated by Norforce's motto of being "Ever Vigilant".

The following troops who were on guard duty at Larrakeyah Barracks:

Pte Neville Barra (Umbakumba)
 Pte Wayne Wurrawulya (Angurugu)
 Pte Brian Pascoe (Angurugu)
 Pte Terrence Mangurra (Angurugu)
 Pte Neil Mangurra (Numbulwar)
 Pte Charlie Bush (Ngukurr)
 Pte Ralph Hall (Ngukurr)
 Pte Ricky Thompson (Ngukurr)
 Pte Trevor Ponto (Numbulwar)
 Pte Daryl Numamurdirdi (Numbulwar)
 Pte David Garambaka (Galiwinku)
 Pte Derek Gumbula (Galiwinku)
 Pte Kim Wunungmurra (Gapuwiyak)

Major John Lotu
NORFORCE

School Trip to Darwin

From the 15th October to the 19th October Tracey Henderson, Geoff Manners, Ernest Daniels, Yvonne John Forrst and Raina Rogers took 14 students from years 5, 6 and 7 for an excursion to Darwin.

Whilst in Darwin they went on the Tour Tub bus which took them to Doctor's Gully to see the fish feeding, Cullen Bay, Darwin Harbour, where the children spotted dolphins swimming in the water, the World War Two oil tunnels and Fannie Bay Gaol. On Wednesday they went to Crocodylus Crocodile Park where they got to see lots of crocodiles, turtles, monkeys, emus, tigers and lions. At the end of the tour they even got the chance to hold a baby crocodile!

On the Tuesday and Wednesday nights the children were taken to the movies where they saw the films: Cats and Dogs and Kiss of the Dragon.

Overall it was a great excursion and everyone had a wonderful time.

Tracey Henderson



Ngukurr students at Crocodylus Park

Women's basketball

Women's basketball has started again for the season. We have four teams; Mirri, Yugal Power, Ngundi and Panthers.

Training is on weekday evenings and matches are on Thursday evenings from 8pm.

Water aerobics

Alison is running water aerobics for ladies on Wednesday evening from 6:15-7.00pm. You don't have to be able to swim, this is just fun, gentle exercise in the water. No children are allowed inside the swimming pool area at this time

John Ah Kit, the member for Arnhem provided this list of contact details for members of the Northern Territory Government.

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Hon Paul Henderson MLA Member for Wanguri	GPO Box 3146 Suite 3 Level 5, Parliament House Ph (08) 014000 Fax (08) 014 099	Minister for Business, Industry and Resource Development Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries Minister for Energy Minister for Asian Relations and Trade Minister for the Austral Asia Railway Minister for Tourism Minister for Defence Support Minister Assisting the Chief Minister on Territory Development



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