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We acknowledge our
PKKP Community,
especially our Elders,
both past, present
and emerging.

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Aerial shot of Nanutarra Homestead.

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Ashburton river from above the Nanutarra Homestead.
Both photographs by staff member Kingsley Murray



Hey everyone – welcome to our *new look*, Quarter 3 2025 newsletter!

It's been a busy start to the year and we've got plenty of exciting updates to share. Whether you're part of the team, a community member, or just someone keeping in touch, this newsletter is your place to catch up on what's been happening across PKKP. From new faces joining the team to big events on the horizon, there's a lot going on and even more to look forward to.

New team members are here!

We've had some amazing new people come on board recently, and they're already making a big difference. From IT and HR to community engagement and events, each of them brings something unique to the table. If you haven't had the chance to meet them yet, you'll find a little intro about each one inside—feel free to say hi next time you see them around!

Big milestones coming up

One of the biggest things we're all looking forward to is the 10-year celebration of our Native Title Determination. It's a huge milestone and a special chance for everyone to come together on Country, reconnect, and reflect on how far we've come. There's a lot of planning happening behind the scenes and it's shaping up to be something really special.

Lots happening behind the scenes

From the new Perth office to exciting updates at the Nanutarra Homestead and our upcoming Members Hub, there's plenty happening to support our community and build for the future. Thanks for being on this journey with us. We love hearing from you—so stay connected, get involved, and let's keep the momentum going together.



GENERAL NEWS



Welcome New Staff

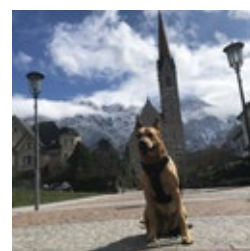
Since our last newsletter we have had a lot of new staff join the PKKPAC team. If you haven't met the new team members yet, here is a little information about each of them.

Misha Toptchi

Manager Human Resources, started March 2025

Misha was born in Nalchik, a small city in the Caucasus mountains of Russia, and raised in Toronto. That contrast, quiet, rugged roots followed by life in one of the most diverse cities in the world, shaped how he sees people and places. After finishing his Master's in Spain, Misha spent a few years travelling across continents with his dog Niko, chasing stories, perspectives, and good food.

He's always been drawn to the natural sciences, not in a lab-coat way, but more out of a need to understand how things work, from ecosystems to human behaviour. That curiosity also extends to geopolitics, religion, and history, especially where they intersect. Misha likes reading about big ideas and then testing them against reality. Sports are non-negotiable. Misha loves them all, but only if there's real competition involved. If he's playing just for fun, he will still treat it like a final. He's always trying to learn, challenge what he thinks he knows, and stay in motion. According to Misha "Life's more interesting that way".

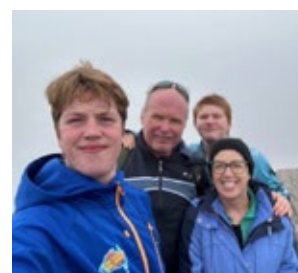
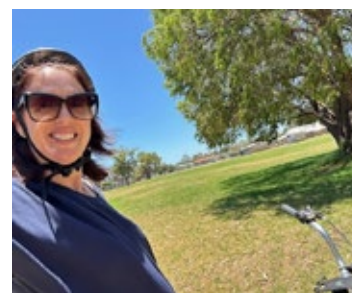


Leeanne Thomas

Director Corporate Services, started March 2025

Leeanne is really excited to be joining the team and prefers to be called Lee. She is passionate about community focused organisations and sees herself as a customer service officer. Lee loves helping the team to do their roles and is always looking for ways to make things work better. Having grown up in Newman, Lee also loves the Pilbara, and now lives in Perth with her two adventure loving kids, and loves travelling and is part of a walking club where she completes hikes all over the country.

A fun fact about Lee—her favourite pastime as a child was counting the coins in her moneybox. She says "I used to line them up in order on my bed, and "swim" through them. I've just always loved counting money!" We are very happy that someone who loves money this much is taking care of finance!

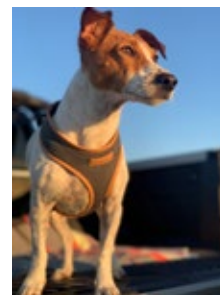


Matt Hankin

Manager Marketing and Communication, started January 2025

With over 30 years' experience in marketing, communication and branding, working for local and multinational companies, Matt came to Karratha from Sydney with his wife Cherie and dog Billy (the third child) to start working for NR TAFE in September 2023 and has now joined PKKP. He hopes he can offer value and expertise to the Marketing and Communications of PKKP so that the organisation and members can grow and thrive in the future.

When he is not writing, designing, taking photos and videos or tweaking the website, Matt plays and coaches in the local Water Polo club and has already represented Karratha twice at the Country Championships as a coach and player. Being a real water baby, he loves getting out to the beautiful archipelago of islands with his sister and her family (because they own the boat) to go swimming and fishing whenever possible.



Annie Kamp

Business Travel Events Officer, started January 2025

Annie has a deep love for travel and a background living in multiple countries and believe it's an honour to contribute to preserving and reviving Australia's ancient culture. Growing up in a small town on the edge of the Alps in Germany, where an outdoor lifestyle and connection to nature came naturally, Annie has travelled Europe from a young age which taught her to appreciate cultural differences.

The beauty of the Pilbara, especially its red earth and wide-open spaces, has captivated Annie since she moved here. Before that, Annie has lived in Southeast Asia, South America and New Zealand, where her husband is from and she is excited to be here at PKKP "I aim to support travel and event logistics to ensure smooth experiences for everyone involved, with the goal of strengthening the corporation and driving progress".

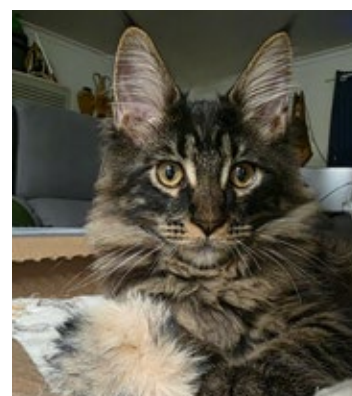


Deloris Satrick

Community Relations Support Officer, started March 2025

Known by all members and the mother of our very own Chanice Fleming, Deloris lived in Onslow for a while working for Bindi Bindi and moved back to Karratha in 2015 and worked as a Family Support Worker at McKillop Family Services.

Deloris was looking for a change and something new and that's what brought her to PKKP, and we are so grateful. Originally from Cairns in Queensland, Deloris loves spending time with family and has a dog and 2 cats, who apparently get on very well!



Ashley Chitty

Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, started April 2025

Ashley is a Nyamal-Nyikina woman who has been living in Karratha for the past 5 years, along with her 2 dogs. She was previously in a heritage fieldwork role and prior to that trade based for 13 years in the southwest and at the ports in Dampier. Ashley enjoys everything the Pilbara lifestyle has to offer like camping, fishing, travelling and the rich tapestry it provides from the communities that we choose to live and work in. She is looking forward to learning from and supporting PKKP in her new role.



SORRY TO SEE THEM GO

The Corporation farewelled Rosie in February, and we're grateful to her for helping to establish the PKKP language program on a strong foundation. The rest of the language team is so excited to keep working with you to strengthen your languages. Jarrod also left in March and if you need any support, Erin will be working in the employment and training space and you can contact her on cou@pkkp.org.au. We wish them well in the future.

Important Dates and Events

There has been so much happening at PKKPAC over the last few months, here are just a few things that took place very recently and most importantly some information on our big 10 Year Celebration of Native Title Determination.

Community Authorisation and Signing Ceremony

On May 22, 2025, PKKP held a Community meeting to Authorise the Co-Management Agreement with Rio-Tinto that has been presented to all members during April and May in various locations around the state. Members were invited to attend and witness the Authorisation of this agreement as well as some presentations, a signing ceremony, photographs and then some lunch. We are all looking forward to seeing the photos and video from this event but most importantly what the future after signing this very important agreement will bring for us.

KDCCI Careers Expo 2025

On May 14, the KDCCI Annual Careers Expo took place, where local businesses connected with local students and job seekers from Karratha and the surrounding areas. This was a great opportunity to inspire young people and highlight career opportunities in the Pilbara region. If you had the chance to go we hope you found it interesting and inspiring!



PERTH OFFICE MOVE

With both the PKKPAC and PKKPE teams growing, we have now run out of space in the Perth office and moved. For those who know where the office is in Perth, we have moved just down the road to our new space on Level 6 at 263 Adelaide Terrace. With a lot more space, this modern office has an amazing view of the Swan River and will provide the team with a much more comfortable and usable location for our own team and visitors. Next time you are in the city, drop in and say Hi!



10-Year Celebration of Native Title Determination

Most of you will know by now, but just in case, from August 31 to September 3 this year the PKKP community will come together to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our Native Title Determination. The event will be held at the newly renovated Nanutarra Homestead. This will allow us all to visit country, spend time together and to celebrate at House Creek on 2nd of September 2025, which is the actual 10-year anniversary day.

It is important for us all to take some time to share stories and reflect on what has changed over the last 10 years, so that's why we have allowed time for members who have long distances to travel plus we have also included a full day of activities prior to the anniversary date.

A camp will be set up for all members at Nanutarra Homestead. Rooms are being held at Onslow Beach Resort and Elders will take priority for these rooms as there is a limited supply.

Celebration dates

Day 1 | Sunday 31/8/25

Travel to and come together at Nanutarra Homestead

Day 2 | Monday 1/9/25

Visit country and participate in activities

Day 3 | Tuesday 2/9/25

Celebration at House Creek

Day 4 | Wednesday 3/9/25

Travel home

Buses will be provided in and out of Onslow, Carnarvon and Karratha for members requiring transport and to and from accommodation to daily events.

We will be sending more information to those members who have registered as we get closer to the event. Now that the registration date has passed, please note anyone who has not yet registered will not be accommodated or catered for.

If you have any questions or need support to complete details you can contact member services, we are always here to help, and you can bring children under 18 but it is important to note you are responsible for your children at all times.

Phone: (08) 9185 5000

Email: cou@pkkp.org.au

We can't wait to see everyone there!



COMMUNITY OUTCOMES



Community Services and Engagement

There is always lots of news from our Community and Engagement team. You see them all the time when they visit during Outreach, but we want to make sure you are kept up to date.

Members Hub Update

Our new members hub is well and truly underway, and it won't be long before members can use it for so many great things. The windows are all branded up and the next steps are getting our furniture and appliances in place. With lots of space on the walls we wanted to find some artwork, and what better way to decorate the space and make it our own than to get you, our members to produce a piece of art to hang in the members hub. If you are interested, we would love you to send us any artwork you have created, and if there is a story that goes with it, please send that to Bonny as soon as you can.

Engagement

We're grateful for your involvement and excited to see how we can grow and make an impact together. During 2025, we have been engaging with Members through different communication channels, which has made us reflect on the quote:

"Be kind to people, listen to them, try to understand their point of view, and you will be wiser and less lonely."

January to March



203

office visits



40

home visits



1040

phone calls + text message + emails

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES UNIT



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Panashe Murape

Community Services Support Officer

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"A community isn't just a place; it's a feeling of belonging, connection, and shared purpose.

Thank you for connecting with us and being a part of this journey together."

Outreach Program

Our outreach program is focused on truly understanding the diverse needs of our community, to engage with members and their families in their environments, providing support, resources, and listening. By fostering meaningful connections and building trust, we aim to make a positive impact where it matters most

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all the members who welcomed us into their homes or took the time to meet with us.

We truly value your hospitality, and we look forward to visiting again soon.



Terry Hayes with Tairi, Jamie and Claudia in Geraldton



Rhonda Hughes with Panashe and Claudia in Onslow



Angie Cox with Panashe and Claudia in Onslow



Thank you for letting us meet your lovely pets!

Just a reminder—you're encouraged to make use of the pet policy.

Email: claudia.acevedo@pkkp.org.au or panashe.murape@pkkp.org.au

Phone: 9185 5000

Vehicle Maintenance Fund



Eligibility:

- Motor vehicles must be in Members name, partner's name or carer to be eligible.
- Motor vehicle must be licenced/registered.
- Maximum allocation of two (2) x Motor Vehicles, per Member

A clipboard with a checklist of items that can be funded. The items are listed with checkboxes. The clipboard is held by a hand, and a pen is visible at the top.

<input type="checkbox"/>	vehicle servicing / repairs / tyres
<input type="checkbox"/>	RAC Membership
	Roadside assistance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Towing /
	Breakdown assistance
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<input type="checkbox"/>	licence and cost
	Registration

Benefit: 10,000 Maximum per eligible Member, per year.

Thank you to our Member Madison Jilba for making this flyer



Update Your Contact Information

Don't forget the importance of updating your contact details with us; it helps keep you more connected and well-informed.

Do not hesitate to contact us or fill out the form on our website.

<https://www.pkkp.org.au/update-your-details/>

KIPHONE

//LIFE'S GOOD WHEN YOU STAY **CONNECTED**//

For PKKP Members:

Accessories and Repairs will now acquire a 5% discount store-wide

NAIDOC WEEK EVENT

We are planning some events for NAIDOC Week including an event with Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation. Through the week there will be lots of activities and we want to find out what you would like us to include. So send your feedback and watch for any updates coming soon.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, don't hesitate to contact the Community Services Team

Email: claudia.acevedo@pkkp.org.au or panashe.murape@pkkp.org.au

Phone: **9185 5000**



Community Housing

There is some really exciting stuff happening in Community Housing, so if you have a house or you are looking to get one, make sure you read this section and get in touch with the team for more help and information.

Congratulations to our New Homeowners!

🎉 Buying a home in this tough market is a huge achievement, and we're so happy for you! It's not easy, but your patience and determination have paid off. Wishing you all the best as you settle into your new place—here's to making great memories ahead! 🏡✨

Home Maintenance Pilot Program

Taking quick action can stop a small problem from becoming a big one. Don't put it off, take action today!!

THANK YOU to our homeowners who've taken part in the Housing Maintenance Pilot Program so far. We really appreciate you welcoming us into your homes — your participation has been incredibly valuable.

So far, we've visited 11 Members in Perth, Geraldton, and Mullewa. During these visits, we've put together reports outlining what maintenance is needed in each home. These reports help ensure that any repairs or safety issues are clearly identified, so they can be properly addressed. It's an important step toward improving the overall condition and comfort of your home.

A special thank you to Jamie Stewart for his dedication and hard work during the inspections. His proactive approach has been key in assessing conditions and prioritising repairs, contributing greatly to the success of the program. We also want to thank Jamie's family for their sacrifice, with Jamie to giving so much time and effort to this important work. Their support has been invaluable.

Over the next three months, we'll be reaching out to Members in Onslow, Carnarvon, Karratha, Roebourne, Wickham, Port Hedland, and Newman. If you're in one of these areas and keen to be involved, feel free to drop us a line to show your interest 😊

If we missed you and you'd like to take part in the future — if the program continues — please let us know. We'd love to hear from you.

COMMUNITY HOUSING UNIT



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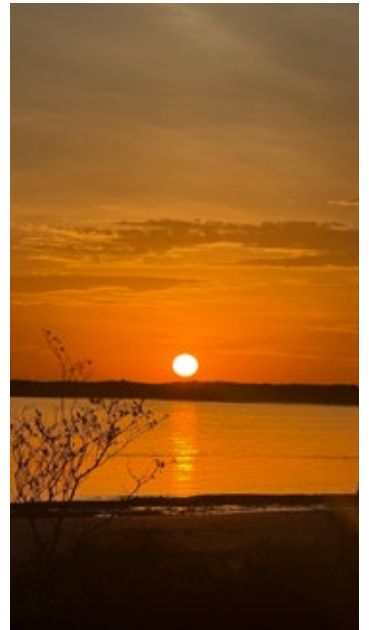
Contractors and Repairs

😊🔧 *Need a Reliable Contractor?*
We've Got You Covered! 🔧🔧

We're currently building a go-to list of trusted contractors by area to help make maintenance and home projects easier to manage. While pricing and availability can change, it should still be a helpful starting point. We have been busy connecting with contractors who do offer quality work at fair prices. If you know a contractor you'd recommend, let us know — we'd love to add them to the list! If we don't have a contact for your specific need, we'll do our best to find one.

Stay tuned — the list is coming your way soon!







**HOME MAINTENANCE
Tips!!**

Don't Let Moisture Ruin Your Bathroom!



Good bathroom ventilation keeps your home healthy and comfortable by preventing mold, mildew, and moisture damage, while also improving air quality..



Protect Your Health

Mold and mildew thrive in moisture, causing allergies and respiratory issues.



Prevent Damage

Poor ventilation leads to condensation, which can ruin walls, ceilings, and fixtures.



Breathe Easier

Fresh air circulation removes humidity and improves air quality.



Extend Fixture Life

Proper ventilation prevents moisture damage, keeping surfaces in good shape.



Easy Fixes

Install an exhaust fan, crack a window, or use a dehumidifier.

ACT NOW

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Don't wait - improve ventilation for a healthier home!

YARD MAINTENANCE TIPS



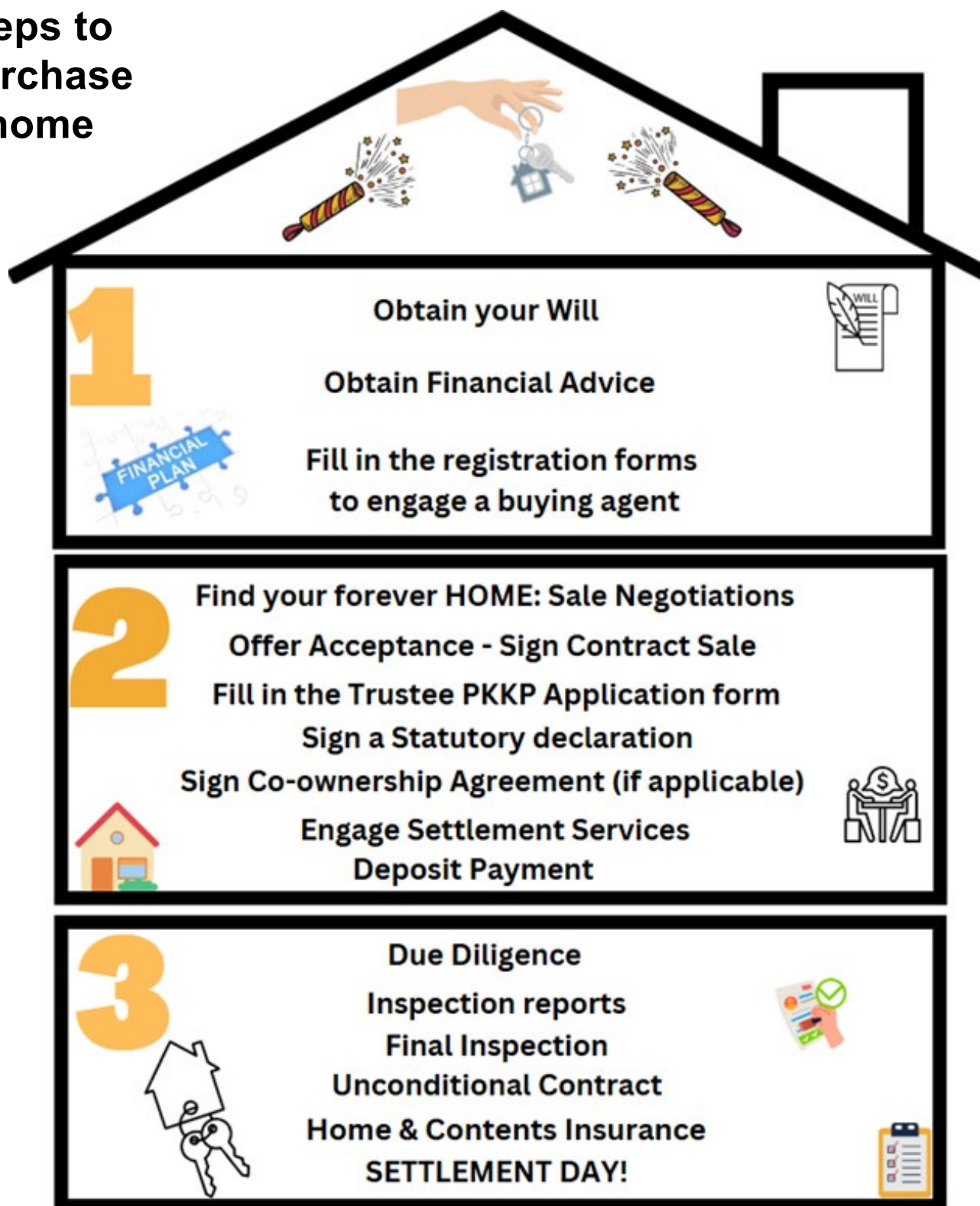
Taking care of your outdoor areas is important for both looks and safety. When plants grow too much, they can attract animals like rodents and snakes, which could lead to bites or spread diseases.

By regularly mowing the lawn, trimming bushes, and clearing away debris, you reduce these risks. Also, it's important to be aware of fire dangers by removing dry leaves and branches, keeping flammable items away from buildings, and making sure outdoor fires are put out properly. A clean and tidy yard helps keep everyone safe.

- Regularly mow lawns and trim bushes to prevent overgrowth.
- Clear away debris to reduce hiding spots for rodents and snakes.
- Remove dry leaves and branches to lower fire risks.
- Keep flammable materials away from buildings and structures.
- Always ensure outdoor fires are controlled and fully extinguished.
- A well-maintained yard is safer for everyone.



Steps to purchase a home



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Elizabeth Brice
Lawyer 0414 380 767

Merinda Logie or Jim Bartlett
Lawyers 0403 496 956

Scott McAlees RSM
Financial Planner (08) 9261 9514

Community Health and Partnerships

We often neglect our health because we get too busy or focused on other things. Our team is here to help with anything you might need so always reach out to us. Whether you are young or old and it is physical or mental health you need support with.

Prince Kuthial

Congratulations to our Health Officer, Prince, on his one-year work anniversary with PKKP. Thank you, Prince, for your dedication and hard work in supporting our regions and addressing the health inquiries and needs of our members. Here's to continued success!

Prince successfully conducted outreach to our members in Karratha, Port Hedland, and Perth last month. He will continue visiting additional regions throughout the year. Stay tuned for his upcoming visits to a location near you.

Jeffrey Morgan – Lifestyle and Mindset Coach

Our Lifestyle and Mindset Coach, Jeffrey Morgan, has returned to re-engage with members for his program. He recently met with members in Perth, Karratha, and Port Hedland. Stay tuned for his upcoming travels.

Jeffrey, along with Sal, hosted members who attended the Indigenous Suicide Prevention Forum. They visited sacred sites and cultural areas, where members participated in traditional fire lighting and received a Welcome to Country. They also dined at the city's tallest building, offering a unique experience.

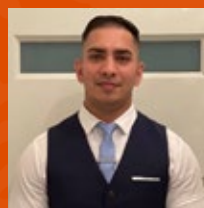
COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS UNIT



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Suicide Prevention Forum

The health and partnerships team has had a busy period, with members from Pinikura and Kurrama traveling to Gadigal country Sydney for the Indigenous Suicide Prevention Forum. Some staff from the Community Outcomes Unit accompanied them, offering ongoing support while gaining valuable insights to bring back to the community.

The members had the opportunity to meet with Hon. Linda Burney, the Black Dog Institute, the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Indigenous Psychology Association, Tribal Warrior, Gamay Rangers, Koori Radio, Jeffrey Morgan, and Dante Rodrigues to deepen their understanding of mental health challenges impacting First Nations communities and explore strategies for suicide prevention and to implement as best cultural practices in their communities.

Additionally, the health team has been conducting outreach in Karratha, Perth, Onslow, and Port Hedland to further support our members. Stay tuned for the next health team visit



The team getting their Art on.



Meeting with our new Maori Friends



We made it to Sydney!



Koori Radio has got some new DJ's



Rubbing shoulders with the Hon. Linda Burney

Community Programs and Employment

PKKP Members, the Programs and Employment teams have combined! Going forward, please contact the Community Programs team for all matters of programs, employment, and training opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you!

Outreach

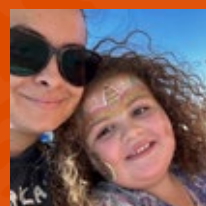
In March, we visited Onslow on outreach with Community Engagement Services. Thank you to all the members who welcomed us in for a yarn! Take care, and see you again next time.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYMENT UNIT



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Looking for help with your Drivers Licence?



About the PKKP Driving Assistance Program

The Program is designed to help PKKP members obtain a learners permit or driver's licence and improve road safety by providing training on licensing, road rules, and DOT services.

We can support members and family with upgrading existing licenses (e.g. upgrading from an automatic to a manual licence, specialised truck licences, 4WD training courses and other tickets) and assisting with obtaining the required forms of ID for applications.

Eligibility:

For obtaining a Learners Permit:

- Be old enough (15 years and 9 months)
- Have enough ID documents (e.g. Birth Certificate, Medicare Card, Bank statements, or other).

For upgrading and existing licence:

- Hold a current drivers licence
- Must not have any licence restrictions, unpaid infringements

For obtaining (driving specific) tickets for work purposes:

- Be in employment, or actively looking for work
- A current USI (Unique Student Identifier)
- A current & valid Drivers Licence

If you are interested or would like to know more about the program, contact the PKKP Programs Officer

E: erin.burmaz@pkkp.org.au

Ph: 9185 5000

Do you aspire to work within the mining industry, but you're not sure where to start?
Ask about Rio Tinto's Career Readiness Information Sessions!

RioTinto

GET CAREER READY CONVERSATIONS

Ready, Set, Rio!

PKKPAC and Rio Tinto are working together to support PKKP members with the skills needed to succeed!

Get Career Ready Conversations are about goal setting, aspirations and learning how to build a successful career in mining with Rio Tinto.

Call the office to ask about the next date for in-person sessions (held at the PKKPAC office).

or contact the Rio Tinto Indigenous Talent team directly:

Shona Park

Email: shona.park@riotinto.com

Ph: 0429 226 204

You can also contact the PKKP Employment Officer, if you have any questions!

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CORPORATION RNTBC

ICN 7639

Regional Independence Services (RIS)

For reliable and accessible local transport in the Pilbara, contact RIS - Rob is ready to assist! Weekday ride bookings are available within the Karratha region, covering the City of Karratha, Dampier, Karratha Airport, industrial areas, and surrounding towns.

"The easy way to get where you want to go."



REGIONAL INDEPENDENCE SERVICES

**Pioneering Accessible
Transportation**



MONDAY - FRIDAY
09.00 AM - 05.00 PM

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SCAN TO BOOK!



About Us

Regional Independence Services is a local Pilbara business specialising in accessible transport. We focus on empowering independence and well-being by providing reliable, personalised transportation for everyone, regardless of ability.

Our mission is to enhance community access, positively impact our clients' lives, and enable active participation in social and professional activities.



Upcoming Training Opportunities

Expressions of interest for the Fortescue VTEC Program and the Rio Tinto ATAL program will soon be open for applications. If you're interested in either of these training opportunities, please review the information below or contact the PKKP Programs Officer for more details.



VTEC Program – Fortescue

Fortescue's Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) program offers job-ready training for individuals, with guaranteed employment at FMG upon successful completion. The VTEC team can also provide comprehensive support to overcome employment barriers and guide participants to suitable career opportunities.

Eligibility criteria:

- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Must be 18 years of age or older

For more Fortescue Vacancies:

If you would like to register to join the Fortescue talent community for upcoming opportunities, scan the following QR code below and submit an expression interest.

This will create your profile in the system, and the Fortescue recruitment team may contact you when roles become available (make sure to keep your phone number and email up to date on your profile).

If you need any support when applying, you can reach out to the Aboriginal Employment team at: aboriginalemployment@fortescue.com

Or contact PKKP Employment at: Erin.burmaz@pkkp.org.au or 9185 5000.

Please note: you must be 18 years or older and have a current and valid Australian drivers licence to apply.





ATAL Program – Rio Tinto

The ATAL program offers an 18-week work readiness training, beginning with six weeks of foundational training followed by 12 weeks of on-site experience at Rio Tinto for participants seeking roles within the company. Upon completion, participants may transition into ATAL-nominated positions and receive ongoing employment support.

For current Rio Tinto vacancies:

Scan the code below to join the Rio Tinto Talent Network.

The best way to keep updated with upcoming opportunities with Rio Tinto, is by joining Indigenous Talent Network – if you are unsure how to do this, contact the PKKP Programs Officer for assistance.



Or, contact the Indigenous Career & Talent Team directly –

aboriginal.employment@riotinto.com



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Career Pathways: Guidance and Resources.

Regardless of your career aspirations, including those outside of mining, we remain committed to your professional development.

We can guide you through the process of setting up accounts on popular job search engines, ensuring you have access to a wide range of potential roles.

If you're contemplating a career change or seeking to upskill, we can also assist in identifying appropriate courses, certifications, or training providers in your area.

Please don't hesitate to reach out or visit us in person at the PKKP Office.



Resume updating

If you need some assistance with updating your resume before applying for jobs, contact Erin at Erin.burmaz@pkkp.org.au or 9185 5000.

In Western Australia, you can also contact your local Jobs and Skills Centre for resume updating services.



COUNTRY, CULTURE AND PARTNERSHIPS



Country, Culture and Partnerships

Like every other part of PKKPAC, Country Culture and Partnerships team is moving at a rapid pace. The CMA has been a huge undertaking for everyone, all happening while the rest of the team continue to develop our language resources, the Homestead site and continue with the usual activities like surveys. It never stops!

Co-Management Agreement

During March and April, a series of Community meetings have taken place to update and discuss in detail the progress of Co-management between PKKPAC and Rio Tinto. Several members of both organisations, plus a few from the external stakeholders including project management and legal representatives, delivered a presentation to members in Hedland, Roebourne, Karratha, Onslow, Carnarvon, Newman, Geraldton, Perth and online. These face-to-face and online conversations provided valuable insights into community priorities and helped build shared understanding around the upcoming changes. We're appreciative to all community members who contributed to these sessions—their feedback has been vital in shaping the early stages of our co-management journey.

We're now progressing with the CMA implementation process, and the team is focused on designing training and support resources to help staff transition smoothly. If the changes will affect you, we will be reaching out to you in the coming months.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the Gwoonwardu Mia Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre in Carnarvon, where some of the team saw first-hand, this place that celebrates the culture and country of the five Aboriginal language groups of the Gascoyne Region and how culture can be preserved and presented.

For more information, you can view the CMA implementation journey on the CMA page on our website.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the CMA change management team at CMA@pkkp.org.au





Language Education Workshop in Perth

From January 20-24, representatives of both language groups attended a language education workshop in Perth. This workshop, which was hosted by the PKKP language team staff, aimed to help plan future language education programs that can be rolled out to the wider Pinikura and Puutu Kunti Kurrama communities. We brainstormed ideas about what members want in a language program and made some sample teaching resources (like language posters). We also heard from guest speakers Lola Jones (Aboriginal Languages Teacher Training Program) and Gulwanyang Moran (Gathang activist and language teacher, who developed an online Gathang TAFE course). We even enjoyed a surprise visit from longtime Pilbara linguist Alan Dench, who is currently helping develop a Banyjima course. Outside our workshop venue, we toured the WA Museum to get inspiration from two exhibits on Aboriginal languages and cultures, and we were invited to visit the ABC Perth studio to record episodes for the Word Up series in both languages. You can check some of the episodes out here: <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/wordup>

Would you like to get involved in language teaching or learning? If so, the language team wants to hear from you! You can contact Amy Parncutt at amy.parncutt@pkkp.org.au



UWA PhD Student Katharina Froedrich at PKKP

The language team enjoyed hosting Kat Froedrich, a PhD student from the University of Western Australia and a Forrest Research Foundation scholar, for two weeks in March. Kat will be in Karratha several times throughout 2025, to conduct fieldwork for her Linguistics PhD. Her research explores what linguists have termed 'Aboriginal English' – English used by Indigenous people – as spoken in the Pilbara. Kat looks at how speakers use English to express identity and to speak about different topics, and how they combine it with other languages they know. For her fieldwork, she records yarns with speakers about all kinds of topics. There are only a few studies that look at how Indigenous people in the Pilbara use English. More research on this topic can help us understand how language use varies regionally and how Indigenous communities use their multilingual language resources, and it can paint a more extensive picture of Australia's current linguistic landscape.

Kat is also interning with the language team, learning how our language program runs, attending CLO training sessions and helping us out with some admin and linguistics jobs.

MAKING THE MOST OF OUR RESOURCES

Recently a new area of country was being prepared for Rio Tinto to use as part of their mining operations and our team came up with a great idea. Seeing that the area had a lot of trees as it was near Boolgeeda Creek, we thought rather than just destroy the trees, let's take them and use them at Nanutarra Homestead.

With the help of a Karratha Arborist, and some of Rio Tinto's heavy equipment, we have collected the trunks to use for the creation of Bough Shelters around the site and other purposes, and had the bark and leaves turned into mulch for the restoration of the garden beds. Good thinking and a great way to again make the most of our partnerships.



Nanutarra Homestead

We recently added some pages to our website to share some information on this very important project. Our plan is to regularly add updates and any interesting details or milestones on the project as we work towards our vision of restoring and renovating the property. One of these was a recent visit to the site by Slavin Architects a Perth based firm who have been appointed as part of our team. This was the first visit for most of them to see firsthand the magnitude of the project we have in front of us. The visit was also a chance to sit and discuss the site with our Heritage Committees and get a strong understanding the stories, the site, the heritage and the PKKP people and our connection to the Homestead. 3 of the Directors of Slavin, including Murray Slavin, Stewart Neal and Bill Coe as well as Catherine Rose an Architect from Slavin made the trip to Nanutarra.

Murray said his first impression of the homestead was that “It has a quite stunning presence when you approach it for the first time from the road thanks to its roof form which is quite imposing” and when asked what was it that most excites him about the project he said “The opportunity help ‘close the circle’ that will help bring many families back to country”.

Bill said, “What struck us immediately when we first visited Nanutarra – and listened to the community speak about the place – was the deep connection between Country, culture and the generations who’ve cared for it. We feel privileged to be working with the PKKP community to honour that connection and help shape a place where culture, history and land come together”.

There will be a monthly visit for the next 3 months as we move through the development of the masterplan to the final presentation of that plan. At each stage there will be consultation with the Heritage Committees to usure that our vision for the site is reflected in the plan.

Anyone attending our 10-Year Celebration of Native title will get to see some of changes themselves, but we will make sure we keep you all updated with monthly posts on the Homestead Restoration page of our website.



