

McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust

Key Activities 2018-2020



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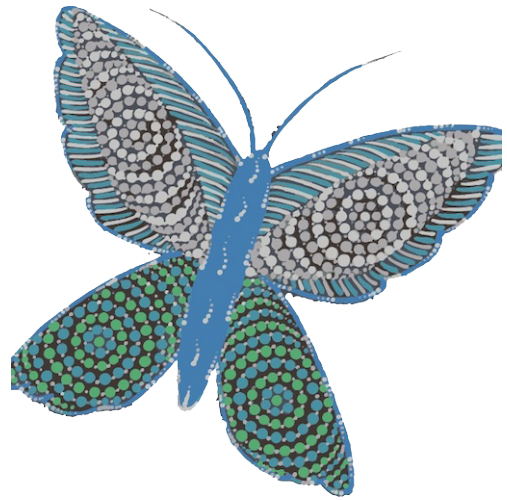
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descriptions of people who have
passed away.**

The McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust wish to pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the Country in which we work: the Gudanji, Garrwa, Yanyuwa and Marra People.

We also wish to acknowledge the contribution of Elders past, present and future. We are honoured to have Directors from all four language groups serving on our Board.

Cover Image

Yanyuwa dancers performing, Malandarri Festival, 2018.
Photographer: Benjamin Warngundu Ellis Bayliss
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Above | The MRM witchetty grub

The McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust (CBT) logo is a graphic representation of an element from a painting by well-known local artist Alan Baker.

Alan is a Gudanji/Garrwa man and a Board Director of the CBT. This painting has been used as a symbol of the CBT since its inception in 2007.

The painting is a self-expression about growing up on country and learning about bush tucker. It features bush tucker available on country in the Gulf region.

The painting currently hangs in the passenger lounge of the McArthur River Airport.

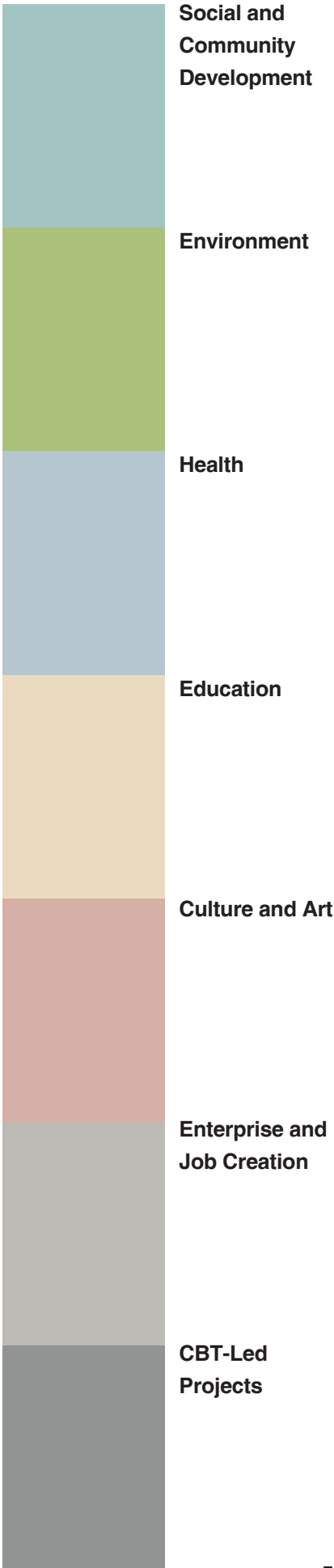
The logo represents one element of the painting, the witchetty grub, which is a well-known bush tucker.



Changing lives in the Gulf

The CBT committed \$3.35 million to 21 approved grants and seven CBT led projects spanning all of our focus areas of *culture and art, enterprise and job creation, social and community development, education, health* and the *environment* between 2018 – 2020.

Above | Young Marra dancer prepares for dancing at the 2018 Malandarri Festival. Photographer : Benjamin Waringungu Ellis Bayliss © Artback NT



Welcome from the Chairperson

Dear Community and Friends of the CBT,

It's been a challenging year for most of us in 2020 from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and as the year comes to an end, we're pleased to see the safe reopening of our communities of Borroloola and Robinson River and outstations.

Over the past three years, in addition to its Grants Program, the CBT has been active in identifying, planning for, and delivering a range of projects that respond directly to community priorities and needs.

Among these, we were pleased to award funding for a Community Bus Service to Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation (MAWA) which commences in 2021; commissioned various land assessments to facilitate pathways to a more dynamic local economy that meets community needs for goods and services provision; and initiated and supported the Rocky Creek Bridge. This bridge raising will ensure north and south Borroloola is no longer cut off during major flooding events. We look forward to officially opening the bridge in February 2021.

We are also pleased to see the tendering process commence to develop the Borroloola Sports Courts in partnership with the Northern Territory Government and Roper Gulf Regional Council, with expected completion in 2021. The Sports Courts are being updated in their engineering to also act as a category 4 cyclone shelter to keep residents safe during major cyclone events.

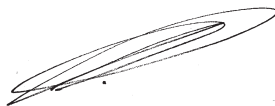
Sadly, in November 2020, we lost our long serving Chair Mike Reed. We wish to acknowledge his great contribution to the CBT's region, and indeed his contribution to the Northern Territory as a long serving Territory Minister and the former Deputy Chief Minister.

Many will be pleased to welcome in 2021 as we end a challenging 2020. The CBT Board remains committed to the community in our region and I look forward to many of our initiatives and the fantastic projects we have funded through our grants program coming to fruition.

On behalf of the Board I'd like to thank our community and partners for our achievements over the past three years.



Warm Regards



Jake Quinlivan

Acting Chairperson

About the McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust

Established in 2007, the McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust (CBT) is a unique partnership between McArthur River Mine, the Northern Territory Government and the local community. It commits \$1.25 million a year to local projects that support *culture and art, enterprise and job creation, social and community development, education, health and the environment*.

It is a charitable Trust which aims to:

- **Facilitate** ongoing sustainable development of the community and the region including community capacity-building and local business enterprise development.
- **Build** infrastructure within the community to a level that will facilitate the creation of local jobs, diversity of new enterprise, beneficial social activity and improved health outcomes.
- **Enhance** the positive social and economic impact of MRM's mining operations on the community and the region as far as is reasonably practical.
- **Create** jobs and training opportunities.

The Trustee Board comprises of eight Directors whose roles are to manage the Trustee Company's business and affairs, authorise payments and appoint and oversee the Project Officers. Directors include one representative from each local language groups – Gudanji, Garrwa, Yanyuwa and Marra, one representative of the local community, one representative of the McArthur River Mine (MRM), one representative of the Northern Territory (NT) Government and two independent directors appointed by MRM and the NT Government.

The Current Directors include:

- **David Harvey** – Yanyuwa Traditional Owner
- **Samuel Evans** – Marra Traditional Owner
- **Noel Dixon** – Garrwa Traditional Owner
- **Alan Baker** – Gudanji Traditional Owner
- **Stan Allen** – Appointed by Community Members
- **Mike Burgess** – Independent (appointed by MRM)
- **Sam Strohmayr** – MRM Representative
- **Jake Quinlivan** – Northern Territory Government (Acting Chairperson)

About the McArthur River Mine Community Benefits Trust (continued)

The four Directors representing Indigenous Members are nominated annually by the Board of Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation as the representative body for the four language groups within the region. Andrew Firley, coordinator of the Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation, attends and participates in the Board meetings as an ex-officio member and adviser to the Indigenous Directors.

Plan C were engaged as Project Officers in 2018. The Plan C team includes urban and community planners, architect and community development specialists and bring increased land and community development program capability to the CBT. Deloitte Private Pty Ltd have provided the financial management services for the CBT over this three-year period.

The CBT's area of influence extends to the Gulf communities bounded by Robinson River in the south-east, the Sir Edward Pellew Islands, the Limmen Bight River in the west and Balbirini Station in the south. The township of Borroloola sits in the heart of the region.

In addition to managing grant applications and programs, the CBT also prepares long-term community plans to highlight the vision and priority activities of the community. These plans are developed through annual consultation with the local community to understand local needs and aspirations and are used to guide decisions and future planning.

The CBT and Project Officers advocate for and communicate community needs and aspirations to the Board and help bring groups together to plan and coordinate outcomes for the community.

Our local Directors play an important role in bringing the priorities of each language group to board meetings.

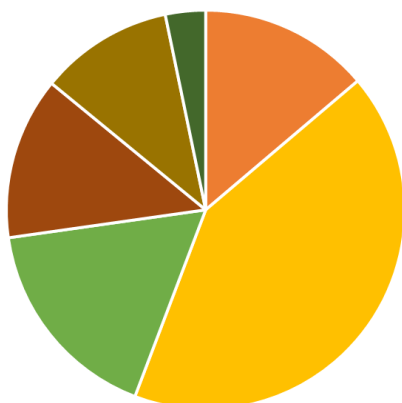


Above | Map of the CBT's area of influence
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Community Benefits Trust Commitments 2018 - 2020



- Social and Community Development
- Culture and Art
- Education
- Enterprise and Job Creation
- Health
- Environment

Over the past three years, the CBT has committed to grants and CBT-led projects valued at \$3.35 million. From 2018 to 2020, the CBT supported 20 grant applications for projects and programs of various scales and across multiple focus areas in the Gulf Region. Funding was

provided to community groups, universities, schools and larger not-for-profit corporations and has enabled the development of programs, research, events, facility upgrades and the production of materials. The CBT also initiated eight CBT-led projects over this time.

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Top | Local Directors with the CBT Project Officer and the Coordinator of the Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation

Bottom | Distribution of Funding Against the six focus areas.

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Summary of Approved Projects from 2018-2020

Focus Area	Projects
Culture and Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Hip Hop Program – Borroloola School (\$19,257) • Remote Arts and Culture Program (including Malandarri Festival) – Artback NT (\$397,018) • Visualisation of Songlines – Monash University (\$65,659) • Waralungku Arts Supplies and Equipment – Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation (\$30,000) • Waralungku Arts Four Clans Artwork – Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation (\$9,600) • Police Museum – National Trust (\$15,000) • Garrwa and Gunindirri Plant and Animal Book – Borroloola School / University of Queensland (\$21,000) • Growing Our Culture – Borroloola School (\$12,000) • CBT Publications Standards (CBT-led Project)
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast Program – Borroloola School (\$81,818) • John Moriarty Football Scholarships – Moriarty Foundation (\$252,000) • Youth Circus and Holiday Program – Vulcana Women's Circus (\$29,000)
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fauna Survey on Gulf Islands – Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation (\$109,370)
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the Gap in Aboriginal Cancer – Cancer Council NT (\$300,000) • Animal Welfare Program – Roper Gulf Regional Council (\$97,980) • Back Roads Bush Tracks Riding Program – MAWA (\$19,000) • Borroloola Outreach Primary Healthcare Trailer – Borroloola Primary Health Clinic (\$24,467)
Social and Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Court and Pool Facilities Upgrade – Roper Gulf Regional Council (\$1.5M - approved 2017 and continued support through to 2020) • Facilities Upgrade – Borroloola Amateur Race Club (\$100,000) • Women's Legal Representation and Education – Katherine Women's Legal Service (\$35,880) • Community Bus Service (\$238,630 - CBT-led Project) • Youth Services Scoping Study (\$29,985 - CBT-led Project) • Borroloola Town Camp Upgrades (\$25,297 - CBT-led Project)
Enterprise and Job Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rocky Creek Bridge Upgrade – Roper Gulf Regional Council (\$1.4M) • Borroloola Economic Assessment (\$7,500 - CBT-led Project) • Pro Bono Design and Development services (CBT-led Project) • Borroloola Land Development (CBT-led Project) • Video Conferencing Hubs (\$47,322 - CBT-led Project)



Culture and Art

Supporting the sustainable growth of existing art and culture organisations in a way that promotes generational understanding of Indigenous culture and traditions and the establishment of sustainable culture-based businesses with tourism objectives.

Waralungku Arts Supplies and Equipment – Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation

Waralungku Arts is an Indigenous Art Centre and commercial gallery located in Borroloola under Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation.

Waralungku Arts represents artists from four main language groups - Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and Gudanji. This grant provided funding to re-establish specialist art supplies and equipment in Borroloola and Robinson River to keep the arts centre thriving and enable more product development, improve sales, and increase artist numbers. Already this grant has resulted in increased awareness of the centre, including high sales and broader representation nationally.

Waralungku Arts Four Clans Artwork – Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation

Additional grant funding was provided to Waralungku Arts to create a collaborative artwork that would be on permanent display in the Waralungku Arts Centre.

The Four Clans Artwork tells important cultural stories of the four language groups represented by Waralungku Arts – Yanyuwa, Marra, Garrwa and Gudanji. The artwork reflects the importance of country, stories, culture, and the role that art production plays in protecting and preserving all of these things. It also tells the story about the importance of people working together – *looking back, looking forward*. The work is being used in a signage strategy for the region, to improve wayfinding and increase awareness of country and cultures to visitors.



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Left | Four Clans Artwork in production with materials provided by the CBT

Top | Senior Artists Benjamin Ellis, Jacky Green

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Senior artists working on the Four Clans Artwork - Colleen Charlie, Jack Green, Marlene Karkadoo

Image source: Waralungku Arts



Remote Arts and Culture Program – Artback NT

The CBT has provided support to Artback NT since 2013 which has continued through to 2023. Artback NT supports ongoing arts and cultural activities for the region through mentorship, project facilitation, administrative and grant writing support. Their role is to build diverse arts activities that respond to the needs identified by the community. The grant provides for ongoing employment of a Festival Director/Arts and Cultural Events Officer and supports the delivery of youth and arts programs, dances and performances, and a range of workshops and activities for a further three years. A key outcome of the Remote Arts and Cultural Program is the Malandarri Festival.

The seventh annual Malandarri Festival was held in 2019, building on the success of this traditional dance event for which 95% of the programming is managed locally in Borrooloola. The CBT supported the establishment of this event through an initial grant in 2013 which brought the Indigenous Traditional Dance Project to Borrooloola and helped in the development of the program for 2018, 2019 and 2020. The funding also assists in providing mentoring support and capacity building for local community members to deliver arts-based programs.

Indigenous Hip Hop Program – Borrooloola School

The Borrooloola School Indigenous Hip Hop Program was a week-long project where students were mentored to produce a song and music video that would be presented to the community. The video (Borrooloola – We Alright) was produced by Indigenous Hip Hop Projects (IHHP). Students identified mental health and positive relationships as important key issues for the community and chose these as themes to focus on for the song. The song and music video features 14 secondary students from Borrooloola School, with all students present at the school during the week of the project having the opportunity to participate in dance workshops and contribute to the videography.



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Top | Bongiliny Bongiliny, White Cockatoo Dancers performing, Malandarri Festival, 2019. Photographer: Benjamin Waringundu Ellis Bayliss © Artback NT

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Top | Liam Maza facilitating the furniture upcycling workshop with participants Derek Anderson and Clinton Dodd in Borrooloola, 2019. Photographer: Benjamin Waringundu Ellis Bayliss © Artback NT

Bottom | Still from the 'Borrooloola - We Alright' video from Indigenous Hip Hop Projects

Image Source: Indigenous Hip Hop Projects



Visualisation of Dreaming Ancestral Narratives – Monash University

Instigated by senior Yanyuwa Elders, the project will produce one of the most important Dreaming stories for the South West Gulf of Carpentaria in 3D animation as a process of preserving intangible cultural heritage in the region. The project will work in close collaboration with the community and families to conduct research and tells the story of Two Young Men (duwarrawujara) who have been recently initiated. The ceremony associated with this story is still performed by Yanyuwa, Garrwa, Marra and Gudanji people in and around Borroloola. It is important to do this while there are Elders still alive who remember and can tell the story in its complete form.

Borroloola Police Station Museum – National Trust

The CBT provided funding for the upgrade of security and storage at the Borroloola Police Station Museum. The Borroloola Police Station Museum was established in 1985 and is a repository for collection and display of heritage and culture in the region while providing an interface with visitors and tourism in general. The upgrades to the museum will prevent damage to the buildings and gardens from wandering livestock and enhance security.



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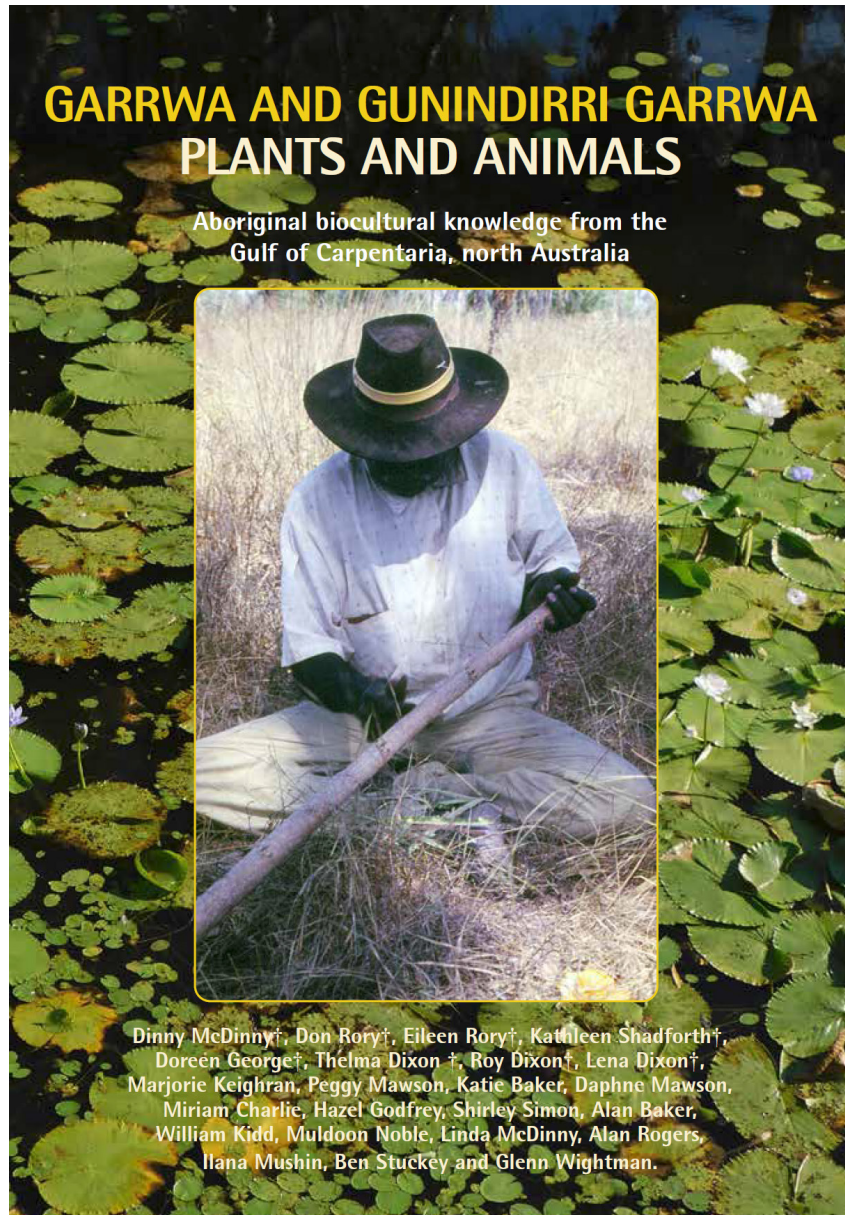
Landscapes from the Duwarrawujara (Two Young Initiated Men) Animation Project

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Top | Character Design from the Duwarrawujara (Two Young Initiated Men) Animation Project

Bottom | Fence Repairs at the Police Station Museum

Image Source: Monash University, National Trust NT



Garrwa and Gunindirri Garrwa Plants and Animals Book – Borroloola School/ University of Queensland

The CBT are providing support for the development of an ongoing language and traditional knowledge resource project, the publication of a comprehensive book of plant and animal names and ethnobiological knowledge in the Borroloola Community language of Garrwa (including the Gunindirri Garrwa dialect). These languages are critically endangered and this project represents one of the last opportunities to document this knowledge so that it is accessible for future generations.

Growing Our Culture – Borroloola School

The CBT has provided support for the development of 'Culture Days' at the Borroloola School. These involve representative members of the four clan groups - Yanyuwa, Garrwa, Marra and Gudanji - leading student workshops in dance, music, crafts, storytelling and other local Aboriginal cultural pursuits. The whole school and Borroloola community will benefit from these events which is a community presentation to celebrate their achievements and to share their learning with family, peers, school and the broader community.

Youth Circus and Drama Holiday Program – Vulcana Circus

The CBT provided funding towards a Youth Circus and Drama Holiday Program in Borroloola and Robinson River. This program provides an opportunity for young people in the community to participate in week-long workshops in circus and drama skills. These workshops aim to build confidence and leadership skills, improve fitness, and are an opportunity to have fun.



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Circus skills with the Vulcana Women's Circus

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Top | Cover of the *Garrwa and Gunindirri Plant and Animal Book*

Bottom: Circus skills with the Vulcana Women's Circus

Image Source: Vulcana Women's Circus, University of Queensland



Education

Projects aimed at improving literacy, numeracy and a commitment to learning from pre-school through to tertiary levels and to support greater pathways between vocational educational training, local employment and business opportunities.

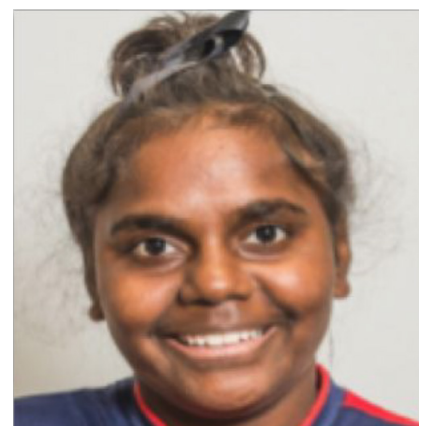


Breakfast Program – Borroloola School

The CBT has continued its support for the Borroloola School Breakfast Program which it has been funding since 2011. This program provides breakfast for the children of the Borroloola School each day. Students arrive at school to find a full breakfast available, which provide a nutritious meal to kick start the day. The Breakfast program is important for nutrition and wellbeing, where students are encouraged to take time over their breakfast to talk with peers and mentors. The Breakfast Program encourages improved student attendance, improves learning outcomes and encourages community involvement with parents and mentors able to share breakfast.

John Moriarty Football Scholarship Program – Moriarty Foundation

The CBT has provided support to the John Moriarty Foundation Scholarship Program since 2014. The JMF program is a life changing opportunity for talented young footballers who show exceptional sporting ability and a desire to work hard at school. This program provides an opportunity for Borroloola and Robinson River students to pursue both a great education and intensive football training. It also creates lifestyle changes among young Indigenous people. The program attracts and engages many of the communities' youth and is linked to improved access to education and skills development. The program also provides local employment and equips and intensively mentors local coaches with long-term support and expertise. Shay Evans, a Sydney FC and Young Matilda's football star, was supported through the JMF program and is now becoming a mentor for the up and coming JMF scholars.



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John Moriarty Football Scholarship holders (top - bottom)
Brenda Hogan, Courtese Charlie, Shadeene (Shay) Evans and Trishanne (Sharney) Miller.

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Top | Moriarty Football program

Bottom | Morning tea options at the Borroloola School Breakfast Program

Image Source: Moriarty Foundation, Borroloola School



Enterprise and Job Creation

Programs that promote employment and local business establishment and development to create a diverse local economy and sustainable job opportunities.

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Rocky Creek Bridge under construction

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Construction sign for the Rocky Creek Bridge with funding partners

Image Source: Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Rocky Creek Bridge Upgrade – Roper Gulf Regional Council

The CBT have provided funding towards the construction of a new two-lane bridge and approach roads over the Rocky Creek Crossing on Robinson Road. The bridge will increase flood immunity and allow Borroloola to keep functioning in the event of heavy wet weather. This project also supports local employment by providing work opportunities during construction.



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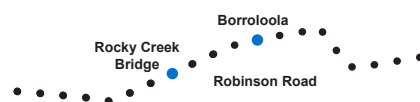


Rocky Creek Bridge Upgrade

\$5.2 million

Completion Date: December 2020

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Environment

Projects that support the sustainable development of industries such as eco-tourism, fishing, and the protection and preservation of Indigenous country of cultural significance.

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li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Ranger surveying local mammals

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Left | li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers monitoring fauna on Maria Island

Right | Rare or extinct mammals of Maria and North Island (top - bottom) Carpentarian Antechinus, Northern Phascogale, Northern Quoll, Pale Field Rat and Carpentarian Antechinus

Image Source: Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation

Fauna Survey on Gulf Islands – Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation

The CBT provided funding to support the li-Anthawirriyarra and Yugul Mangi Sea Rangers to undertake fauna monitoring on Maria and North Islands over three years, working with young people from Yanjuwa and Mara clans. The purpose of this program is to determine whether feral cats are present on the islands and to assess if there has been any change in mammal abundance since 2010 when the last survey was completed.





Health

Projects aimed at improving the health and well-being of the community including action to address drug and alcohol abuse, chronic diseases and provide access to affordable, healthy food.

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Children participating in the Back Roads Bush Tracks Riding Program

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Left | Cancer Council NT Aboriginal Cancer Health Worker Annie Taylor

Right | De-sexing as part of the Roper Gulf Regional Council's Animal Welfare Program

Image Source: Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation, Cancer Council NT, Roper Gulf Regional Council

Closing the Gap in Aboriginal Cancer – Cancer Council NT

Cancer Council NT (CCNT) have created an Aboriginal Cancer Unit with two health staff workers: a Project Coordinator and Oncology Nurse (based in Darwin) and a new Aboriginal Health Practitioner (based in Borroloola) have been trained to help deliver health services to Borroloola Cancer patients, deliver cancer prevention, education and early detection to improve standards of care and reduce mortality levels in the Gulf.

This is the first community project of its kind in the country to address Aboriginal cancer at a community level.



Animal Welfare Program – Roper Gulf Regional Council

The CBT provides support to the Council Animal Welfare Program which involves a twice yearly visit by a veterinarian to Borroloola and Robinson River. These visits provide treatments to animals, as well as the employment of casual Indigenous Animal Management Assistants to work with the vet and help implement the program. The program provides education to pet owners in the region and lessen the impact of feral pets on the local wildlife.



Back Roads Bush Tracks Riding Program – Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation

The Back Roads Bush Tracks Riding Program provides a weekend and holiday program for youth and young adults to enjoy the simplicities of push bike riding amongst a group of enthusiastic people, enjoying country and wellbeing along with social outcomes. It includes riding to destinations up to 10km away for BBQs and social gatherings, having both health and social benefits for those involved. This activity also has seniors attending outings from time to time.

Borroloola Outreach Primary Healthcare Trailer – Borroloola Primary Health Clinic

Borroloola Primary Health Clinic is expanding their services through the addition of a trailer which will store medical equipment and reach the broader community for examinations and check-ups. The addition of the trailer to the Health Clinic services will allow for the improvement in access to health care services for those living outside of Borroloola and will increase preventative care by bringing health services directly to remote communities. The trailer will also be able to be used at community events which will help increase health education and promotion in the community.



Social and Community Development

Projects that promote a higher standard of living by addressing issues such as overcrowding in local homes and welfare dependency and by providing services and facilities to foster a positive sense of community and town pride.

Facilities Upgrade Borroloola Rodeo Grounds – Borroloola Amateur Race Club

The CBT has supported various upgrades to the Borroloola Rodeo Grounds over the last ten years, the most recent being an upgrade to the cattleyards and access race. The Annual Borroloola Campdraft and Rodeo is one of the Gulf's most popular occasions and 2018 saw the 50th anniversary of the event. The upgrades contribute to a safer show for competitors, officials and spectators and improves the wellbeing of the livestock.

Sport and Recreation Courts Upgrade – Roper Gulf Regional Council

The CBT have provided funding to assist in the purchase and construction of two new multi-purpose covered sports courts and full-sized sheds. This project will benefit Borroloola and the surrounding region by improving sporting facilities and services, reducing youth boredom, providing work experience opportunities, and providing a community facility for events and competitions.

In the aftermath of Cyclone Trevor in 2019, through a significant contribution from the Northern Territory Government the facility will be upgraded to include a Category Four-rated Cyclone Shelter to provide protection during major cyclone events. The project will also provide employment opportunities during construction.

Women's Legal Representation and Education – Katherine Women's Legal Service

Katherine Women's Legal Service are providing face to face legal services to women in Borroloola and Robinson River, assisting women with matters relating to domestic violence and child protection in particular. This service will provide education and improved access to legal support for women, enhancing communication skills and increasing education regarding the legal system.



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New Cattle Yards

Image Source: Borroloola Amateur Race Club

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50th Anniversary of the Borroloola Campdraft and Rodeo



CBT - Led Projects 2018-2020

In addition to our grant program, the CBT through its directors and Project Officers identify projects within the community that will have immediate and longer-term benefits to the region and people.



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Top | Road base getting delivered to MRM workers at the Roper Gulf Regional Council offices

Bottom | CBT Board members at the offices of Deloitte Private in Darwin

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Video Conference Hub in use by the li-Anthawirriyarra Sea Rangers at the boardroom of the Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation

Image Source: Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation

Youth Service Scoping Study

The CBT have engaged a consultant to undertake the Borroloola Youth Service Scoping Study. The scoping study will identify opportunities to inform planning, design and delivery of a youth service in Borroloola.

Borroloola Economic Study

The CBT engaged AEC Group to undertake an Economic Study of the Borroloola Township to assess potential economic and social impact opportunities available to the CBT. This study has helped inform an understanding of service shortages in Borroloola to support economic planning and land development, particularly in the area of retail, community services and housing.

Pro Bono Design and Development Services

Through an EOI process, the CBT are improving procurement of professional development services in Borroloola to assist local groups and organisations to progress small scale developments for community benefit to breach the gap in services provision in the region.

Community Bus Service

The CBT is providing funding for an external service provider to run a community bus service in the Borroloola region. This bus service would respond to the issues of low accessibility to private transport, no public transport, limited access to essential services and a lack of transport options for local workers.

Borroloola Land Development

The CBT is actively looking at sites in Borroloola that can be developed to bring a greater range of goods and services to the community, stimulate local employment and improve the town's amenity.

Borroloola Town Upgrades

The CBT contributed over \$28,000 worth of materials for the McArthur River Mine's local workforce as they carried out upgrades to the Borroloola township during COVID-19. Materials included road base for grading works around the town camps and fencing for the swimming pool. The purchases helped local mine workers, who were unable to access work during the pandemic, make invaluable contributions to the town and surrounding areas.

Borroloola Video Conferencing Hubs

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CBT purchased and installed three remote video conferencing hubs in Borroloola and Robinson River to facilitate remote collaboration in extreme events such as pandemics and natural disasters. This equipment has been enthusiastically adopted by its users, who are finding potential for collaboration outside the community previously not possible.

CBT Publications Standards

The CBT have established Publication Guidelines to direct the standards of all projects being funded by the CBT that will be accessed in the public domain. Standards include the usage of cultural material, intellectual property and establishing guidelines appropriate for collection in state and national archives.





Above | CBT Project Officers Jim and Sam with senior artist Jemima Miller

Share your ideas with us

If you have a program or idea you feel will benefit our community, please get in touch with us. We value high quality programs and projects that have been identified by community as priorities in our region and we welcome collaborations with a range of not-for-profits and social enterprises.

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