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We are excited again to present our Third issue of the Nyangumarta Rangers newsletter to our community!

We want this newsletter to be a publication (every 6 months) and use it to keep you updated with the great work our rangers do to manage the Nyangumarta Indigenous Protected Area.

Since it's established in 2014, the Nyangumarta Rangers have

come a long way.

Whilst the majority of this newsletter is dedicated to the activities of our Rangers, we are keen to respond to the interests of our readers. If you have a story to tell or have any questions for us, we would love to hear from you via email at: nyangumartaranger@ymac.org.au





Letter from the Nyangumarta Warrarn IPA - Senior Cultural Advisor

The purpose of the Nyangumarta Warrarn IPA Newsletter is for Nyangumarta People to share between themselves and celebrate the work of the Nyangumarta Rangers. It is



also so that our stories travel further out into other communities and to help spread the story with our many project partners as well as government agencies and funding bodies. This Newsletter is written by the Nyangumarta Rangers in their words about their work.

The Nyangumarta Rangers come under the guidance of the Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation who meet several times a year to keep the program running. Our members sit on many other boards, including, the Yawinya PBC to manage our shared country with Karajarri, Nyiyamarri Purkurl Nyangumarta Aboriginal Corporation for "the Block" and we have a joint management body with the State Government to manage our joint managed areas including 80 Mile Beach.

It's been a very busy year to date but we are very proud of the efforts of our young people working on our country often under the guidance and supervision of our Nyangumarta Elders.

Nyaparu Rose, Senior Cultural Advisor

Message from the Nyangumarta Warrarn IPA Coordinator

First I'd like to take a moment to say just how happy I am to be working with the Nyangumarta Warrarn Rangers and IPA. It's so true when Nyangumarta People talk about their country being "Desert to the Sea", as I discovered while being led through so many unique and diverse land and sea scapes.

This Newsletter is mostly the work and words of the Nyangumarta Rangers and I need not go over their achievements here except to say a lot of great projects have happened in a very short time and easily another newsletter's worth of activity and content has happened before this newsletter went to print. This is also due in no small part to the many hours put in by our Nyangumarta Ranger Coordinator Ben Puglisi.

It is worth me spending a little time talking about some of the other very exciting projects happening behind the scene. Working with the Nyangumarta Warrarn Aboriginal Corporation we have started getting all our approvals in place for the construction of the Nyangumarta seasonal Ranger base. This is an extremely exciting project as it will be the first Nyangumarta base on their own country and a symbolic place for returning to Country. We have also started work on the extension to the Bidyadanga Ranger station and are in our first stage of developing permanent tourist camping facilities along the Nyangumarta Hwy. More from the Rangers on these stories in the next edition.

Wade Freeman, Nyangumarta IPA Coordinator



Cultural Mapping Trip

On the 30 April to the 4 May a few of the Rangers including Teddy Hunter and 3 YMAC staff went on a Cultural Mapping trip to Nyangumarta Hwy. During these few days we visited some old soaks, rock holes and art painting sites. Ian and Edward with Corey and Callum (YMAC) flew in the helicopter to a place called Turkey Place Hill. On the way they discovered a new spring and other cultural sites.



Breaking Ground in Bidyadanga

Terrence and Waylon helping out the team at Agunya builder to peg out the new Ranger base location. This will be the corner of our new shed, office and parking.



4WD Course Bidyadanga

On the 4 and 5 of April, 6 of our Rangers and Wade did a 4WD training course with TAFE. We learnt different techniques on how to apply recovery techniques below we are learning how to use a recovery snatch strap.



Return to Country Trip

On the 10 to 20 April we went on our annual Return To Country trip. It was an amazing trip especially for the old people to get back on Country. We also took along many of our kids to teach them some of our ways. The old people took us to some cultural sites that are very important to us and we cleaned up the places.



Introducing Wade



Wade Freeman who joined our team in November last year. Wades background is in Community Development, and has previously managed Indigenous Protected Area projects and a background in International Development and building. He has started work on approvals, design and costings for building a new Ranger Base in Bidyadanga and a seasonal Ranger Base at the Nyangumarta Block at 80 Mile Beach which will be completed by June 2018. His first day on the job was a trip was with Nyangumarta Rangers and YMAC Archaeologist out on the Kidson Track recording and checking cultural sites which gave him a good understanding of Nyangumarta Country.

Yule River Trip

Ending of last year 2017 September Nyangumarta Rangers and some of the Elders drove down to Yule River for another Annual Meeting. We stayed there for a week and helped out with setting up camps, also helped YMAC staff to put up their gazebos for stalls. We helped out with cooking and preparing food for people who came for the meeting (emu, kangaroo tails, damper & home made bread cooked on the ground). On the Celebration Day Nyangumarta Rangers were invited to dance along with other dancers from around the Pilbara Area such as Roebourne, Hedland and more...

Everyone at the meeting enjoyed watching Traditional Dancing, took lots of photos and wanted more. Friday was the last day as we all packed up our gears everyone had fun then we drove back home to Bidyadanga.





Turtle Nest Marking

Last year the Nyangumarta Rangers joined up with DBCA on Eighty Mile Beach doing work such as, counting turtle nests, crossing over tracks and rotated each week monitoring the turtles.

Building with Wade—Sea

In December last year Waylon, Manu, Ronald, Elliot, Lindsay & Ishmael worked on the sea container with Wade to stabilised inside of the container to keep all our equipment safe from rain. They have put inside a hard floor covering so no one will have to hurt themselves.



Certificate Presentation

Nyangumarta Rangers who have started training and working with Broome TAFE, DBCA & more who has received their Certificate I & II in Conservation and Land Management. Ian Hunter, Lindsay Hunter, Roberta Hunter, Lynette Wilridge & Charmaine Wright. We are moving forward to start on Certificate III soon.



Indigenous Desert Alliance Fremantle 2017

In November 2017, Nyaparu Rose, Terrence Yanawana, José Kalpers and Wade Freeman from Nyangumarta IPA joined Rangers from Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Aboriginal Corporation, Central Land Council, Goldfields Land And Sea Council Land Management Rangers, Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa, Kimberley Land Council, Ngaanyatjarra Land And Culture, Ngurrura Rangers and the Spinifex Land Management in Fremantle at the Maritime Museum for the Indigenous Desert Alliance.



There were many workshops including Ranger leadership programs, Threatened Species - Bilby Workshop, Bilby Blitz Project, Capacity Building for Indigenous Rangers, Night Parrot Workshop, Advocacy, Mega-Fire, CSIRO Science Pathways presentation. The next IDA forum will be the Southern Desert Ranger Forum on June 12-14, at Credo Station, Goldfields region WA.





Night Parrot Recording

Steve and Bruce (DBCA) who record and listen to Night Parrot as the sun is setting. Night Parrots are one of the favourite birds they catch on their recordings to listen to. During Last year's visit the Nyangumarta Rangers took Bruce and Steve out to record and listen to the Night Parrots. Ishmael and Steve set out a listening device to try and get recordings of Night Parrots, unfortunately they weren't any recordings.



Romleasha Hunter- starring up in the photo

Fencing at Walyarta - October

Late October to early November Nyangumarta Rangers and DPAW (Augustine and Nathan) spent two nights at Walyarta. When we got there that afternoon we started fixing up crossed wired fence, strained loose wires & hammering down pickets to hold up the fence from cattle and other animals. Next day we replaced new star pickets & cutting off broken wires, it also had been a very hot day of fencing work. The boys kept themselves busy by talking on the two way radio as we were watching for more broken fences to be fixed, It was a 20km walk/drive from start to the end of fencing work.



BIOTA TEAM Survey



We drove down to Nyangumarta Hwy to collect small animals from each traps. We collected snakes, lizards, geckos of different colours and sizes, spiders, sand pipers and more. We place the animals in bags and took them back for measuring, tagging and sampling.



Kununurra Biosecurity Training

Waylon did a good job in speaking in front of the group at the Biosecurity training held in Kununurra in talking about Ranger work back at Bidyadanga and traveling to work on Country .





Bilby Camera Trapping at Anna Plains

Nyangumarta Rangers, DBCA and Scientists from Melbourne drove around to some of the marked sites to put out cameras to capture Bilbies. Here are one of the bilby we captured from along the beach fence line last year. There were a lot of Bilby Burrows that we have found amongst the sandy hill tops and bushes.



Fencing Burial Sites



Rangers & Nyangumarta Elders have been talking about protecting our significant sites that we as Rangers would take care of. So we've worked together to build fences around the sites to keep the sites safe and here we are. We completed 3 fences around sites and there will be more to be worked on.



Nyangumarta Christmas Lunch

The Nyangumarta Rangers, have invited their Elders to come and join us to celebrate our break up Party at Eco Beach Last Year. Everyone enjoyed eating lunch with having a yarn and a laugh.



Archaeology with Gavin

Archaeologist out on the Nyangumarta Hwy recording and checking cultural sites. The Nyangumarta Rangers and Elders took Gavin who is an Archaeologist for a visit around the Country. We took Gavin to Walyarta (Salt Creek) Elders welcomed him to Nyangumarta Country. Then we took him to Pimpjyarra he took some photos and Elders told him stories about Pimpjyarra.

