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# JULY NEWSLETTER 2023

We exist to:

**Amplify  
Indigenous  
Women's  
voices**

**Promote  
Australian  
Indigenous  
Culture**

**Empower  
more women  
into business**

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EAST KIMBERLEY ENHANCER CIRCLE

*Graduation Programme*

06.06.2023

GRADUATION CEREMONY

*Welcome*

*Maree Cutler-Naroba*

*Acknowledgement of Special Attendees:*

*Carla Keith - CRCNA*

*Carmen Platt - Good Return*

*Nic Jones - Market Me Marketing*

*Natika Hawes-Wright - TikTech Solutions*

*Work Ventures Representative*

*MC (Diana Henderson) introduced then runs the rest of the evening*

*Enhancer Circle Team Short Talks:*

*Natasha Short*

*Maree Cutler-Naroba*

*Special Speaker:*

*Dr Francine Riches (via video)*

*Announcement of Graduates:*

*Jane Bicundurry, Sally Martin, Leann Shaw*

*Philomena Hunter, Lulu Martin, Jodie Bedford,*

*Rosita Dolby, Haylee Rivers, Virginia Butler,*

*Stacey French, Duana Skeen*

*Announcement of Award Winners:*

*Top Business Smarts Award - Presented by Nic Jones*

*Top Money Smarts Award - Presented by Maree Cutler-Naroba*

*Top Personal Smarts Award - Presented by Natasha Short*

*(on behalf of Dr Francine Riches)*

*Overall Program Award - Presented by Natasha Short*

*End of Evening 'Thank you's'*

*Close*

## ENHANCER CIRCLE WRAP UP

In early June, we wrapped up the Enhancer Circle initiative with a deadly online graduation – complete with Awards – of 12 Indigenous women who participated in this initiative.

This 15-month program has been supporting East Kimberley Indigenous women on their business journey and celebrating their accomplishments.

Even those small steps, cannot be underestimated in terms of confidence and personal growth in business. We believe that success is whatever is defined by the women we work with, and although it may look different for each person, we celebrate every positive step in the right direction.

This initiative was made possible through the support of the Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRNCA), and Westpac.



# Maganda Makers

## EMPOWERING KIMBERLEY ABORIGINAL WOMEN TO BUILD WEALTH THROUGH BUSINESS

If you're a Kimberley Indigenous woman and you are aspiring to be in business, you are emerging in business or you want to grow your business, then please check out our Maganda Makers Facebook page and/or website so we can support you and champion you in your business dreams.

There are so many tools that have been created to help you learn about business and many informative webinars are hosted regularly to share insightful tips about being in enterprise, and where to go to for extra support so you don't feel alone and overwhelmed in operating your own enterprise. Maganda Makers is a place where you will find women who want to support you, even if its just a side hustle!

There are a number of Business Builder Navigators (BBNs) throughout the Kimberley region, who are local women that want to support you in your business journey. Reach out to us via our Maganda Makers Facebook page, and we can share more information with you.

We would love for you to  
attend our

## Maganda Makers Sundowner

Goombaragin  
Saturday 12 August 2023  
from 4pm onwards

Please join us for drinks  
and tapas on the beach,  
followed by dinner.


Please RSVP for catering purposes  
Kathleen Cox: 0429 505 347  
Goombargin@gmail.com

<https://magandamakers.business/>



*Maganda Makers* will be up at Goombaragin Eco Resort from the 11-13 August – if you are an Indigenous woman living up on the Dampier Peninsula that operates a business, then please contact us if you would like to join us for the Sundowner on Sat 12 Aug, starting at 4pm.



 <https://maganda-makers.mn.co/>



*Maganda Makers*  
Empowering Kimberley Indigenous Women  
to build wealth through Business



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[WWW.MAGANDAMAKERS.BUSINESS](http://WWW.MAGANDAMAKERS.BUSINESS)

# Yarning Business Podcast

Have you been listening to our new podcast series Yarning Business on Spotify?

Thanks to our friends at Good Return, we have been given sponsorship to raise the voices of Kimberley Indigenous women who operate their own businesses in the Kimberley. Through the generous support of our local partner Waringarri Media 693am to help us amplify the voices of women, we have the opportunity to share our stories not only locally, but nationally through radio. If you miss it on radio – find us on Spotify.

Our first podcast series is Kimberley SHERos and our current program is Yarning Business.

For Indigenous women in Broome – we will be visiting from the 24 th July to the 28th July – if you would like to be our next guest on this podcast series, please get in touch and email [comms@kimberleybirds.com.au](mailto:comms@kimberleybirds.com.au)





## AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Countrymen, there is a referendum coming up later this year, in which all Australian citizens over the age of 18 will be able to partake in an Election. The date will be announced soon but the question that you will be asked is:

"A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice. Do you approve this proposed alteration?"

So are you enrolled to vote so you can have your say? go to [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)

Watch out for our deadly new animation on how the political system works.

Coming VERY soon!

In the meantime, please like and share our Facebook page Kimberley Politics, so you can stay up to date on information that Kimberley Jiyigas will be sharing.



## Skills & Employment

Kimberley Jiyigas, on behalf of East Kimberley Job Pathways, was able to conduct a series of consults in community regarding the Indigenous Skills and Employment Program (ISEP) and expand conversations on the Hire Local Mentoring Strategy. This project focused on job seekers becoming work ready, employees staying in employment beyond 26 weeks and employers being successful in employing Indigenous people, resulting in more people being sustained in their employment.

We held a series of workshops with job seekers and job providers in the East Kimberley to explore this topic, and gathered some rich insights from various cohorts, to inform a new proposed design.



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THE KIMBERLEY  
CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING  
FOR OUR VISITORS

# DIGITAL RESOURCE ON SALE FOR ONLY \$39

Are you a visitor or a worker in the Kimberley Region? Would you like to .....

- Know more about Indigenous Culture
- Build your understanding on how to effectively engage with local Indigenous people
- Listen to Indigenous podcasts, featuring Kimberley Indigenous women
- Read personal stories in our digital magazine "Kimberley SHero and not so Secret Womens Business"
- Learn how to speak like a local
- Download and complete your own personalised Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Then purchase our Welcome to the Kimberley – A Cultural Awareness Guide for Visitors to the Kimberley digital resource pack for only \$39 to get you started on your journey!

This resource is COMING SOON and will be available to purchase via the Kimberley Birds website.

This valuable resource has been made possible through funding from CRCNA.



# Main Roads

We are assisting Fortec to engage with local Indigenous business owners and operators, regarding several new bridge constructions in the East Kimberley. Fortec Australia has been engaged by Main Roads to build three new bridges at Tickalara Creek, Frog Hollow Creek and Arthur Creek on Great Northern Highway.

This project will see the construction of new dual-lane replacement bridges at each of these locations to increase safety and accessibility for road users and support continued economic growth in the northern region of WA. Fortec is committed to supporting the local communities through the following pathways:

- providing project-relevant job training;
- engaging local candidates for project-specific roles; and
- sourcing local suppliers & contractors

Interested parties are welcome to contact Peter Verbuyst, Project Manager on 0429 358 876, if more information is required.

## CONSULTANCY WORK WITHIN COMMUNITY

We recently completed work on behalf of CIRCA, conducting a number of consultations in community with AOD service providers including providing advice of upcoming funding. The Australian Government is providing funding of over \$49 million, over four years to establish additional alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment services in the regions of Ceduna, Bundaberg-Hervey Bay, East Kimberley and the Goldfields (the four previous Cashless Debit Card trial sites). The aim is to ensure the funding will be used to support alcohol and other drug treatment services that complements existing services, addresses service delivery gaps, and is consistent with the needs and expectations of the communities.



# Halls Creek to Kununurra Bridges Project

**Construction works to replace the single lane bridges at Tickalara and Frog Hollow Creeks commenced on Monday 29th of May 2023.**

## **Project Overview**

Fortec Australia has been engaged by Main Roads Western Australia to build three new dual-lane bridges at Tickalara Creek, Frog Hollow Creek and Arthur Creek on Great Northern Highway. The project will increase safety and accessibility for road users and support continued economic growth in the northern region of WA.

## **Project Timing**

Clearing works commenced on the 29th of May 2023 at Tickalara Creek and Frog Hollow Creek, approximately 120km north of Halls Creek.

Both bridges will be built off-line. This means the original bridges will remain operational for the duration of bridge construction works. For the safety of road users and workers traffic management will be in place at both locations to safely control the flow of traffic over each of the single lane bridges.

Both bridges are expected to be completed before the end of the year.

Works to construct the new bridge at Arthur Creek will commence in April 2024.

## **Traffic Impacts**

Tickalara Creek and Frog Hollow Creek:

- Stop/slow traffic management on the north and south approaches to both bridges.
- Speed reductions in place during work hours.

## **For Further Information**

To keep up to date on traffic impacts, please visit the Main Roads Travel Map. For further information you can also subscribe for updates on the <https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/gnh-bridges/> or contact our Customer Information Centre on 138 138.

For local employment and local supplier opportunities, contact Fortec Australia's Project Manager, Peter Verbuyst, on 0473 223 786.



Wyndham Youth Aboriginal Corporation (WYAC) recently engaged Kimberley Jiyigas to conduct some yarns with local mob, about what the local community thought about their work and how new opportunities might be explored. Follow the WYAC Facebook page to follow their news, and find out how they are supporting the young people of Wyndham.

We are supporting Empowered Communities East Kimberley (Binarri-binyja yarrowoo) with their comms through social media, e-newsletters and webinars. The webinar series seeks to provide valuable insights into how to upskill in a variety of areas. If you miss these, please go to the BBY website and view at your leisure. Please follow the Facebook page East Kimberley Empowered Communities for more updates, and please share the important messages of their work and how collective Indigenous leadership can unite for change.



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We engage local Indigenous women to help us get better outcomes for our region. Contact us for more information or follow us on the Kimberley Birds Facebook page to stay up to date with our news.