MARRA WORRA WORRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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NEWSLETTER

Stories from MWWAC

Welcome to the first edition of Marra Worra Worra's quarterly community newsletter.

This newsletter provides an opportunity to share updates on our community projects, programs and services, celebrate the achievements of our members, participants, staff and partners, and highlight the positive work happening across the Fitzroy Valley.

Marra Worra Worra continues to work alongside the people, families and communities of the Fitzroy Valley to strengthen connection to culture, support local leadership, and create better outcomes for families, communities, and future generations.

As an organisation, we work for and on behalf of our members and communities to help strengthen local services, improve community infrastructure, create meaningful opportunities, and support practical solutions that respond to local needs.

We sincerely thank our community leaders, Board, staff, partners and supporters for their ongoing commitment, contribution and support across the Fitzroy Valley.

Expanding Employment Services Across the Fitzroy Valley

Over the past six months, Marra Worra Worra has continued to expand its employment services across the Fitzroy Valley, strengthening access to support for job seekers in remote communities.

Funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency through the Remote Australia Employment Services program, Marra Worra Worra is delivering flexible, tailored and culturally appropriate employment support to help local people build skills, explore training opportunities, find pathways into work, and contribute to their communities.

A key part of this work has been the establishment of local community offices and the employment of local staff. By bringing services closer to where people live, these offices make it easier for job seekers to access support, stay engaged, and receive assistance in a familiar and community-based setting.

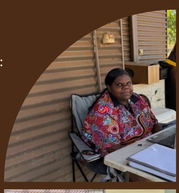
Marra Worra Worra's approach is strengths-based and focused on building confidence, capability and long-term participation. The program supports job seekers to recognise their strengths, develop new skills, and work towards meaningful and sustainable employment opportunities.

The new community offices are helping to strengthen local connections, improve access to services, and support better outcomes for individuals, families and communities across the Fitzroy Valley.

Yiyili Community Office:

Monday to Thursday

9am to 2pm



Bayulu Community Office:

Monday to Thursday

8:30am to 3:30pm

Wangkatjungka Community Office:

Monday to Thursday

8:30am to 3:30pm

Junjuwa Community Office:

Monday to Thursday

8:30am to 3:30pm

Community Projects Making a Difference

Community Greenhouses Continue to Grow

Marra Worra Worra's Community Projects team has been working hard to restore, improve and activate important community infrastructure across the Fitzroy Valley.

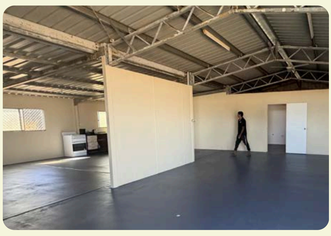
One key initiative is the Resilience and Empowerment Project, funded through the Department of Communities Flood Recovery Program. This project is supporting practical, community-led activities that build resilience, strengthen local spaces, encourage community participation, and create positive outcomes following the impacts of flooding.

In Muludja, the Community Projects team has successfully restored the community greenhouse and is looking forward to partnering with the local school to plant trees and continue expanding the community garden for everyone to enjoy.

In Gillaroong, local people, volunteers, employees and service participants have been working together to develop a valuable community greenhouse, creating a shared space for learning, growing and community participation.

These projects are also creating meaningful opportunities for young people and job seekers to develop practical skills, build confidence and gain hands-on experience that can support future training and employment pathways.

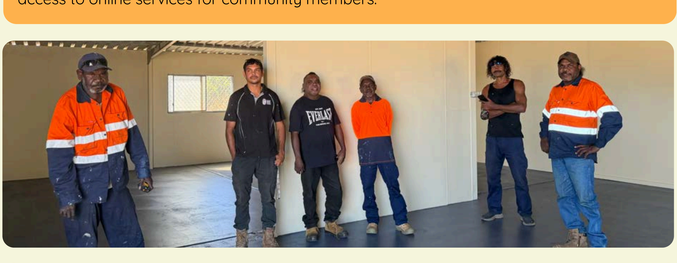
Fresh New Look for the Jimbalakudunj Office



In addition, with support from the National Indigenous Australians Agency through the Remote Australia Employment Services program, the Community Projects team has delivered a range of practical projects that are creating lasting benefits across communities.

In Jimbalakudunj, the community office has received a major upgrade and fresh new look thanks to the incredible work of the General Hands team. From constructing walls to painting and completing the finishing touches, the team has done an outstanding job and should be proud of the result.

The upgraded office is an important asset for the community, providing a welcoming space for programs, services and community support. Marra Worra Worra has also installed Starlink internet and computer access, helping improve digital connectivity and access to online services for community members.



These projects show the value of investing in local people, local skills and community infrastructure, while creating stronger, more connected communities across the Fitzroy Valley.

Weekly Soccer Nights a Great Hit

During Term 2, Marra Worra Worra's Night Valley Ballers' Youth Program introduced weekly soccer nights as a change from the usual basketball program, offering young people a fun and active alternative.

The program, funded by the WA Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport, has been a great hit, with strong participation and engagement from young people across the community. Each week, participants enjoyed the opportunity to stay active, build confidence, develop their soccer skills, and connect with others in a safe, welcoming and supportive environment.

The success of the soccer nights highlights the importance of offering a range of healthy, inclusive and enjoyable activities for young people in the community. The positive response has been very encouraging, and the Youth Program team hopes to bring soccer nights back again in the future.

Fitzroy Valley Girls Shine on the KAFTA Runway

In May, Marra Worra Worra's Youth Program Girls Wellbeing Project supported 13 young girls from the Fitzroy Valley to travel to Broome and take part in KAFTA.

This is the second time Marra Worra Worra has supported young girls to participate in KAFTA, and this year was bigger than before. Over the past six months, the girls have been involved in engagement classes with MWW staff, designing, printing and painting their own outfits in preparation for the event.

On Sunday 31 May, the girls proudly walked the KAFTA runway wearing 13 handmade outfits they had helped create themselves. It was a special moment filled with confidence, smiles, excitement and pride. In those precious minutes on the runway, the girls were able to celebrate their hard work, their creativity, their culture and themselves.

A special thank you to Lois Hazel for teaching the girls how to sew, and to Billie-Jean Hamlet for mentoring the girls on how to walk the runway and for being such a positive and inspiring role model.

Billie-Jean shared how proud she was of the girls, saying, "I couldn't help but shed a little tear. I was so proud of all the girls."

This initiative is proudly supported by funding from the Kimberley Development Commission through the Kimberley Community Action Fund.

Stay tuned for a special Fitzroy Crossing runway event later in the year.

Night Space – Youth Hub Upgrades

Marra Worra Worra is excited to share that significant upgrades are currently underway at the Fitzroy Crossing Night Space.

The Night Space is a community-led, Aboriginal-designed early-intervention service that provides a safe, trauma-informed and culturally grounded environment for young people who are street present or unable to safely remain at home during evening and night-time hours.

The service provides culturally appropriate engagement activities, supervision, hot meals, hygiene facilities, mentoring, transport, and support to help reconnect young people with family, school and community supports.

Once completed, the upgraded Night Space will provide even more opportunities for young people, with new facilities including a dedicated learning area, full-size basketball court, pizza oven, showers, kitchen garden and more.

The upgrades are due to be completed by August 2026 and will strengthen the Night Space's ability to provide a safe, welcoming and positive place for young people in the Fitzroy Valley.

This project has been proudly supported by the WA Government through the Royalties for Regions program.

A special thank you to the KRSP team for their work and commitment in helping make these important upgrades happen.

Supporting Money Wellbeing Across the Fitzroy Valley

Marra Worra Worra's Financial Counselling Program continues to provide important support to individuals and families across the Fitzroy Valley, helping people manage financial hardship, understand bills and debts, access services, and work towards greater financial stability.

Supported through the Department of Communities Money Wellbeing Program, the service provides practical, culturally informed assistance through community outreach, office-based appointments and ongoing case management. Recent outreach has included visits to communities such as Burawa, Bungardi, Darlngunaya, Galeru Gorge, Karnparmi, Loanbun, and Muludja.

Money wellbeing remains a significant issue for many people across the region, with cost-of-living pressures, debt, digital access, financial literacy, family obligations and complex personal circumstances all impacting household budgets. Through patient advocacy, trusted relationships and strong referral pathways, Marra Worra Worra's Financial Counselling team supports people to navigate these challenges in a practical and respectful way.

The program is already making a real difference. In June, the team supported 151 clients through outreach, appointments and ongoing case management. The team also continues to promote financial literacy through the Financial Freedom Forum podcast, helping share simple and accessible money information with the wider community.

This important service helps strengthen financial confidence, reduce stress, and support better long-term outcomes for individuals, families and communities across the Fitzroy Valley.

Supporting People to Access the NDIS

Marra Worra Worra's Remote Community Connectors program, funded by the National Disability Insurance Agency, supports people with disability, their families and carers across remote Fitzroy Valley communities to better understand and access the NDIS.
Our Remote Community Connectors, Brenda Shaw and Una Koroi, provide culturally appropriate, community-based support to help people connect with services, navigate the NDIS pathway, and build stronger links with local supports.

In June, the RCC team partnered with the NDIS team to visit Yiyili, Bayulu and Fitzroy Crossing, meeting with community members and providing information, guidance and support. It was great to see so many people attend, and the team looks forward to visiting more communities and continuing to support local people.

For more information, or if you or someone you know needs support with the NDIS, please get in touch with Brenda, Una or the Marra Worra Worra team.

Helping Local People Get Licensed

Marra Worra Worra's Driving Access and Equity Program continues to support local people with practical guidance and hands-on assistance to obtain their driver's licence.

Funded by the WA Department of Transport, the program helps remove barriers to licensing and supports people to build independence, confidence and long-term opportunity.

In 2026, the program has already supported 56 local people to obtain their driver's licence, with a further 23 people gaining their learner's permit.

Having a licence is about much more than transport. It creates opportunities for employment, education and training, improves access to health services, and helps people stay connected with family and community.

The program supports learners with logbook hours, licence preparation, practical driving experience, and upskilling to manual vehicles. This support is making a real difference in people's daily lives and helping community members gain and maintain employment. Marra Worra Worra staff are also participating in the program, gaining licences and building their opportunities within the organisation.

If you or someone you know needs support to obtain a driver's licence, our Driver Trainer Awa is here to help from the first step through to achieving your licence. Visit the MWWAC Office or call 1800 699 237 for more information.

Celebrating Success

Local Apprentice Building a Strong Future

Marra Worra Worra is proud to celebrate the progress of local apprentice Byron Bradman, who is thriving in his carpentry apprenticeship.

Byron first joined Marra Worra Worra through a work experience placement with the RAES Community Projects team. After showing strong commitment, a great attitude and a willingness to learn, he transitioned into a formal carpentry apprenticeship in January 2026.

Working under the guidance and mentorship of Marra Worra Worra Carpenter Martin Downs, Byron has continued to build his skills, confidence and hands-on experience. He recently travelled to Perth to complete his first block of TAFE training and is already doing an outstanding job.

With Martin's support and Byron's dedication, he is developing a strong foundation for a successful future career in the building and construction industry.

Byron's journey is a great example of the positive impact that comes from investing in local people, creating meaningful training pathways, and supporting long-term employment opportunities across the Fitzroy Valley.

Stella Thriving in Hands-On Work Experience Role

Marra Worra Worra is proud to recognise Stella Jimbidie, who has recently commenced her work experience placement as a Groundsperson at the Marra Worra Worra Depot.

Over the past month, Stella has shown outstanding attendance, commitment and enthusiasm while working alongside the Assets and Facilities team. She is loving the hands-on nature of the role and has quickly become a valued part of the team.

Stella is now completing additional tickets and qualifications to continue building her skills, confidence and future career opportunities. She is also excited about the possibility of undertaking further training or progressing into an apprenticeship.

Stella's journey is another great example of how practical work experience can create meaningful pathways for local people, helping build skills, confidence and long-term employment opportunities across the Fitzroy Valley.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

Aboriginal Justice Open Day

Yakanarra Homemaker Building - Tuesday 28 July 2026 - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Wangkatjungka Office - Wednesday 29 July 2026 - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Centre - Thursday 30 July 2026 - 9:00am to 4:00pm

THE ABORIGINAL JUSTICE OPEN DAYS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE

So that you may be assisted in the best possible way, please bring as much of the following on the day:

- Birth Certificate
- Medicare card
- Centrelink card
- Bank card
- Bank statement or official letter/bill from a government agency or employer that has your address and is no older than 6 months
- Either cash or credit card/debit card for payment

Coucil of Chairs

Thursday 16 July 2026 - Karrayili

Free TAX support

Thursday 30 July 2026
Town - Bayulu - Yakanarra

Friday 31 July 2026
Town - Yungngora - Wangkatjungka

Census

Tuesday 11 August

The Australian Census will take place in August 2026 and is an important opportunity for people across the Fitzroy Valley to be counted.

Accurate local data helps governments and service providers better understand community needs and plan for future services, infrastructure, housing, health, education and employment support.

Financial Freedom Podcast Episode 29
Housing Debts and Rent areas

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Thank you for reading the first edition of Marra Worra Worra's quarterly community newsletter.

We are proud to share the stories, achievements and important work happening across the Fitzroy Valley. These outcomes are only possible through the commitment of our staff, Board, community leaders, members, participants, partners and supporters.

We look forward to continuing to share updates, celebrate local success, and highlight the positive work being led by and for our communities.

For more information about Marra Worra Worra's programs and services, please visit the MWWAC Office or call 1800 699 237.

Stay tuned for the next edition in September!

THANK YOU!

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