

ON COUNTRY Yarn



EDITION 3

GOOD NEWS FROM THE ABC FOUNDATION ON COUNTRY FOR COUNTRY

This is our quarterly Newsletter format called the On Country Yarn. Each edition will feature yarns from some of the key programs happening in our valued communities.

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HELEN SLATER CEO UPDATE

We are almost halfway through 2023 now, and it's started off very busy for us here at ABC Foundation with my appointment into the CEO role in February.

My first task being an event presentation to parliament in Canberra with Managing Director Alison Sentance, Board Member Parry Aguis and our leadership team to introduce and launch our Partnership model.

Landing back in WA, myself and our team at Containers for Change quickly sprung into action to commence planning for the Solar Eclipse in Exmouth.

Whilst managing major events and business as usual, our team also went through a restructure with various changes to roles and the recruitment of local Carnarvon superstar Taryn Clinch to the Project Coordinator role.

I really look forward to the next half of the year as I believe this is an exciting time for us, as we forge ahead with new and exciting growth opportunities for the Foundation.





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THE GUM LEAF FOR GOOD CAMPAIGN

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'The Gum Leaf for Good' gives individuals and businesses the opportunity to donate to our Foundation and directly impact On-Country projects. For donations over \$100 you will receive a framed print of a gum leaf as a token of our appreciation.

While the projects are ultimately set up to be self-sustaining, it takes funding and resources to set the programs up, like Bush Classrooms, which sees Aboriginal children gaining an education in a safe and welcoming environment.

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FUN FACT



Did you know we have been delivering the Ranger 4 Life program in Tom Price since 2016, which launched our Foundation. We have received ongoing funding from Regional Development Australia, Pilbara and we are happy to say we will be continuing our alternative education programs into the new financial year.

With our new Education Facilitator Leanne on the ground and continued support from Nintirri Inc along with your donations and some self funded income, we support up to 20 Aboriginal kids and their families through initiatives like bush classrooms in Tom Price and over 60 kids and their families across Western Australia annually.

If you want to know more about our On-Country Education programs and how we can help your school or community please contact our Community Partnerships Manager Dee on 0483 151 543 or email oncountr@abcau.com.au

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YULELLA AWARDED DRIVER EDUCATION GRANT

Driving Lessons made possible through the Driver Education Grant.

Last month we were fortunate to support Yulella Aboriginal Corporation who have been awarded the Driver Education Grant for the mid-west which provides driving lessons for people in the community of Meekatharra and Mount Magnet. This gives individuals the opportunity to get their drivers licence which supports future independence and employment opportunities.

The project will support up to 50 people to gain their license over 2 years and create employment for Aboriginal driving instructors across both sites. Yulella will also purchase dual control vehicles providing supervised lessons along with access to the vehicles for personal driving assessments.



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RANGER EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT MALLEE FOWL CONSERVATION



Our On Country Partner GACS have been invited to co-host a Mallee Fowl Summit in October with the IDA (Indigenous Desert Alliance). The event will be a sleep out in Country which has Mallee Fowl. Rangers from around Goldfields will be invited to attend and share knowledge on how they are managing their Mallee Fowl programs.

The Mallee Fowl is a large ground-dwelling bird and one of only three mound-building (Megapode) bird species in Australia. They are considered to be vulnerable in their conservation status.

As part of our Ranger Exchange program we will also incorporate the exchange of Mallee Fowl knowledge and checks.



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE AT WASTE & ENVIRONMENT SUMMIT MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE CONTAINER AT A TIME



Since 2020 we have kept more than 18 million containers out of landfill

Our Chief Executive Officer, Helen Slater MAICD presented at the Gascoyne Waste and Environment Summit in Shark Bay, WA in early May.

Her presentation provided an insight into our Containers for Change refund points we deliver across the Gascoyne and Mid-West. Helen highlighted our community partners, our super collectors and charities all contributing to reducing landfill, but more importantly how our profits are invested back into our Foundation provides funding to our community led programs like Food for the Mob, which has made over 75,000 hot meals across the Gascoyne and Mid-West for those in need since 2020.

Check out our LinkedIn or Facebook posts which showcases our achievements or click on the links below:

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FIND OUT HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY BUSINESS



The ABC Foundation is looking to support more ACCO's or Indigenous led businesses, not only in WA but nationally.

We support our partners through sourcing independent income, reducing the reliance on government funding. This then empowers them to meet the needs of their community, delivering high quality services in the areas in which they operate.

If you want to know more about our On-Country Partnership services and how we can help your community organisation please contact our Business Partnerships Manager Karen on 0459 305 840 or email oncountry@abcau.com.au