



On Country For Country

# ON COUNTRY Yarn

EDITION 8

**GOOD NEWS  
FROM THE  
ABC FOUNDATION  
ON COUNTRY FOR COUNTRY**

This is our bi-monthly Newsletter 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

It's been a fantastic start to the year for the Foundation with plenty happening across all of our partner sites.

For the SHERP project we are supporting, we're thrilled to have 5 houses complete with another 2 finishing at the start of April. It's an absolute joy for us to hand over the keys each time to the new residents.

At Goldfields, our Women Rangers attended a leadership conference in Melbourne and the site has also been successful in winning numerous grants including the Telstra Work Cultural exchange, BHP NAIDOC Family Day and the Ranger Exchange Grant from the Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA)

Over in Mungullah we have just completed the kitchen facilities which will support the growth of our Food for the Mob program and we had a very successful second Basketball Carnival with the local youth which is featured in this newsletter.

Thank you all for your ongoing support to deliver these wonderful programs!

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# ABC FOUNDATION LAUNCHES FUTURE FUND

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After a period of growth and highly successful project delivery, we want to share what we have learnt over our years of experience and provide our proven On-Country program resources to communities to support future generations.

This is why in March we launched the **ABC Future Fund** which will facilitate the expansion of all of our programs to partners in remote and regional Aboriginal communities across Australia.



The fund will be managed by the ABC Foundation and dispersed as grants to successful registered partner organisations in these communities which also come with personalised training to support the successful delivery of the projects. This approach is to enable communities to take ownership of the delivery of the programs which will create long term learning and sustainability to support their respective communities.

The ABC Foundation will apply our 10+ years of learnings from facilitating On-Country programs to support the partner organisations to ensure the success of each of the project grants.

## REGISTER FOR FUNDING

We encourage our existing partners to apply for grant funding today for a range of programs in education, health and the environment. Or if you aren't yet a partner, we welcome you to apply and discover how the ABC Foundation can support you to deliver successful and sustainable programs to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities > [www.abcau.com.au/future-fund](http://www.abcau.com.au/future-fund)



**LISTEN TO ALISON SENTANCE'S  
INTERVIEW ON ABC PILBARA FOR  
FUTURE FUND ANNOUNCEMENT**



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In March we were excited to share the news that our On Country Partners, Goldfields Aboriginal Community Services (GACS), successfully secured a much sought after Ranger Exchange grant from Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA).

We are thrilled to have played a role in assisting and contributing to the success of securing this crucial funding. It underscores the strength that comes from collaboration and shared commitment to goals through strong partnerships which is what our Partnership Program is all about.

We want to acknowledge the phenomenal GACS team (especially Jacqueline Barton, Priscilla Reynolds and Caitlin Thomas) for their ongoing dedication and hard work. Their passion and determination made this achievement possible.

This funding will see GACS hosting a transformative Ranger Exchange program with Spinifex Land Management Rangers (Tjuntjuntjara). During this exchange, they will delve into a rich tapestry of bush knowledge, exploring unique cultural practices, traditions, and environmental stewardship. It's bound to be an enlightening journey of cultural exchange and collaborative learning.

Following the announcement, Jacqueline Barton - Operations Manager at GACS said "Once again GACS extends a huge thank you to the IDA for this amazing Ranger Exchange Opportunity. There will be much excitement from both teams for the Cultural exchange, we look forward to sharing the outcomes and are sure these amazing Women's Teams will deliver incredible results and we look forward to learning about Spinifex Country".

We can't wait to follow the team on this remarkable adventure and hear all about the enriching experiences that will undoubtedly positively shape their work.



# RANGER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR GKB

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The ABC Foundation has been engaged by Gnaala Karla Booja (GKB) Aboriginal Corporation, to workshop and develop a Ranger Development Program.

Part of this work involves how GKB will build a skilled and dedicated ranger team, implement effective land and sea management strategies, explore employment and business opportunities, identify key stakeholders to work with, achieve sustainability and community empowerment goals.

The ABC Foundation, prides itself on our expertise in developing and empowering ranger programs and welcomes anyone looking to expand their ranger team to get in touch.

Let's collaborate to improve land and sea management and create a lasting difference in your community!



# MUNGULLAH BASKETBALL CARNIVAL SUCCESS

The ABC Foundation wants to thank Healthway for their invaluable support in making the second Mungullah Basketball Event possible. We appreciate your assistance and commitment to health initiatives helping make communities healthier.

Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the early evening carnival which provided a welcome relief from the heat and allowed us to enjoy the cooler temperatures. The gorgeous sunsets added an extra touch of magic to the event offering a picturesque backdrop for our community festivities. It was wonderful to see the children out having fun.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to making it such a special evening and congratulations to all the winners of the awards.

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## DONATE TO ABC FOUNDATION BEFORE EOFY

As 100% Not-For Profit, the ABC Foundation relies on grants and donations to continue to deliver and grow the On-Country programs supporting remote and regional Aboriginal communities.

As we approach the end of the financial year, we're inviting those that are able to make a tax deductible donation to the foundation to head online and lend their support. All funds go directly to our highly successful programs including Food for the Mob, Containers for Change and Bush Classrooms.

If you know of any corporate partners that might also like to get on board to make a donation or utilise our services, don't hesitate to get in touch!

We thank our partners and supporters for their ongoing support - without you we couldn't deliver the much needed support to our valued communities.



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