

NEWSLETTER



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Who we are

Nyaarla Projects Pty Ltd specialises in consulting and project management in the areas of Training and Employment, Youth Services, Education, Public Participation and Community Consultation. Our aim is to support sustainable outcomes for indigenous Australians.

MADALAH Limited is a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to empower youth to achieve excellence in life by **Making A Difference And Looking Ahead**.

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IYMP CELEBRATIONS

Participants on the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) based in Perth and Broome have ended the year with significant personal achievements. These achievements were celebrated at end of year dinners where employers and training organisations were also acknowledged for their contributions.



Left to right: (Kimberley Group Training Trainees) Josh Jackson, Frank Watson, Masumi Lee Erbe, Marion Hass (KGT Broome Manager), Yazmine Langely, Alan Beattie and Krystal Hansen.

Twenty four graduates in Perth successfully completed 29 different courses ranging from Certificates in Electrotechnology Systems, Automotive, Resources and Infrastructure, Business, Community Services to Music. Six of these participants are now also able to enrol at University after completing Bridging Courses.



Left: Isaiah Goonack Davey and Imran Paddy at the Broome dinner.

Five participants in Broome graduated with Certificates in Engineering and in Civil Construction, and one other completed a Leadership program.



Left: Taniesha Hansen, completing a Sports Science Degree at UWA in Perth, with her cousin Rhiannon McIntosh in Perth.

The guest speaker at the Broome dinner was Lyn Henderson-Yates the first indigenous Deputy Vice-Chancellor of a University in Australia. She is originally from Derby and now works at Notre Dame University. Lyn shared her personal experiences and inspired the IYMP participants to succeed in their chosen careers.

NEW IYLP MANAGER



Angela Murphy our new IYLP Manager tells us her story. 'I am into my 3rd week with MADALAH and so far so good. I have previously worked for Mission Australia and the City of Melville. I have a Bachelor of Business Studies in Marketing and Management and I am currently studying Community Development and Indigenous Studies. I was planning to take 12 months off from any form of paid employment for a bit of a break but thought that if a job came up that really appealed to me I would apply, hence I only last 5 of the 12 months, and here I am. What I love about this job and organisation is that it is making a positive impact now and for generations to come.

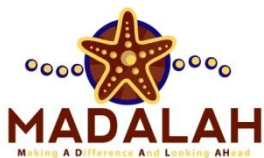
I grew up in Kalgoorlie and moved to the big smoke (Perth) when I was 21. I have 3 boys, Cameron, Trent and Bodhi (the dog) who are my greatest achievements. We are all avid West Coast supporters but I do like the Dockers too (just not when they are playing the eagles). When I'm not running the kids and dog around I enjoy going to the gym and hanging out with friends and family.



My biggest inspirations like many of us, is my mum and dad. They have

had some tragic times during their life but they are still the nicest people who will do anything for anyone. They worked hard all their lives and provided a great family life for my brother and I. I have learnt from them, that as long as you have family and a great work ethic you don't need much else, everything will fall into place.

INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS



The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP), a DEEWR funded program administered by MADALAH, offers scholarships and leadership opportunities to young Indigenous Australians, with a focus on Indigenous youth from remote or regional communities. The IYLP Tertiary scholarship gives Indigenous young people the opportunity to study at university and benefit from practical leadership experiences, personal development and mentoring.

Scholarships for 2012 are now available through MADALAH Limited. Applications close 20th January 2012. For an application form and more information visit our website www.madalah.com.au.

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Australian Government
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The Nyaarla / MADALAH team would like to wish Claire Lewis and Andrew Beck the best for their new endeavours. Claire is looking forward to the birth of her first child, and Andrew will be supporting indigenous students at Guildford Grammar school.

NEW IYLP PARTNER SCHOOL

The Nagle Catholic College makes a statement on its home page, 'we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which the College is built - the Yamaji land and the local people of Geraldton and surrounds - the Wajarri people both past and present'.

The College is a new IYLP partner school for 2012. Nagle College proudly states that it is a caring Christian educational community within the Catholic tradition which has existed for over 100 years. Its focus is to enable its students to develop fully, in order to prepare them to make a positive contribution to their society.

The College has an enrolment of eleven hundred students from Years 7 to 12. The Staff at the College are extremely committed to Indigenous Education with the teaching of Indigenous studies and organising of many indigenous cultural events within the College and in the community. The College has two dedicated and committed Aboriginal Liaison Officers to help students specifically with their personal and academic development.

There are currently 42 indigenous students at Nagle College, two of whom will be on IYLP scholarships.



PHOTO GALLERY



William Maher graduated with a Certificate I in Automotive



Andrew Beck , Jordan Raymond-Monro, Micah Kickett, Aaron Collins and Kimberley Benjamin at the IYLP Gathering at Uluru



Robert Spry-Wiggin with Alan Beattie. Robert graduated with a Certificate II in Engineering



Florence Beck, Scott Young, Angel Hayward, Dylan Ugle, Jayden Narkle and Jay Collard with Hon. Peter Garrett, Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth , Alan Beattie and Andrew Beck at the IYLP Graduation ceremony in Canberra

Fitzroy Valley Girls Sporting Academy

Kerry Aiken and the team associated with the Fitzroy Valley Girls Sporting Academy have had a busy end to the year with several events run over the past couple of months. These included:

Attendance Camp (Broome) – The camp was for the girls who had a 90% attendance rate at school for Term 3. On the camp girls prepared their meals (including shopping) as part of life skills, organised a movie night and had dinner at Xander's restaurant on Cable beach.

Basketball Carnival in Broome - Basketball WA set up a youth invitational Competition. Six girls participated and also met professional players from the Wild Cats and the Shanghai Sharks.

Deadly Diva Day - This was our first Deadly Diva Day in the Fitzroy Valley which included a morning dance session and a range of activities focusing on wellbeing. Boab Health did foot care, Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre held a photo shoot, Alive and Kicking Goals pampered the girls with a day spa, and Ngindalingarri's Scutter Girls played a board game about decisions and consequences.

MADALAH would like to thank Garnduwa, the Fitzroy Valley District High School, Kimberley Training Institute and the schools the Fitzroy Valley who participated in the Girls Academy this year. We look forward to a successful Fitzroy Valley Girls Sporting Academy in 2012.

IYMP Featured on GWN News

The success of the Indigenous Mobility Program in Broome was featured on GWN news on the Thursday 15 December, 2011. The story featured Joshua Jackson from One Arm Point (originally from Elliot in the NT), at their workplace, Kimberley Training Institute. The story also featured Kenneth Brolga and Nathan Green from the Looma community who are undertaking Apprenticeships at B+J Building.

The GWN story can be seen on the Nyaarla Projects website by clicking on the News tab and then click on GWN News Story.



This is the web link –

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fRJeocyWdM&feature=youtu.be>



STAFF HAVE THEIR SAY

2011 has been an eventful but highly successful year with Nyaarla Projects and MADALAH assisting over 400 Indigenous youth in education, training and employment via various programs and undertaking a range of consulting and community engagement projects. To our clients, participants and staff I thank you all for your contribution over the past year and look forward to working with all of you again in 2012. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a healthy, prosperous and fun 2012. - **Alan Beattie CEO, Nyaarla Projects and MADALAH Limited**

What Christmas means to me is Family. Spending time with (and avoiding some), too much food and drink, relaxing, a break from work and summer! - **Bronwen Leonard.**

May the God of our saviour our Lord Jesus bless you and keep you over the Christmas period and into the New Year 2012 - **Sam Dinah**

Christmas means spending time with family and friends and reflecting on what is really important in life. What I want to achieve next year is to keep my filing up to date! - **Jodie Paull**

Looking forward to new challenges and the excited faces of children as they rip open carefully wrapped presents! - **Jean Westerhout**

Everything worth having is worth working for. The birth of Leesha is the best thing that has happened to me - **Kevin Bahwere**

I want to have a fresh start that the new Uni semester will bring and keep VERY on top of my assignments, not leaving anything to the last minute. I also want to visit the snow next year for the first time!! - **Claire Michalski**

Christmas is about the birth of Christ. I celebrate by going to church, then spending the day with family and friends. I think Christmas has become too commercialized and there is so much pressure on families to spend. Do yourself and your family a favour get back to basics, don't stress over the little things and just enjoy the day with your mob - **Mark Borinelli**

My favourite quote is 'If you can't change it ... embrace it' - **Angela Murphy**

Christmas doesn't come from the pockets, it comes from the heart. It's not about gifts, rather family and friends, MERRY CHRISTMAS! May it leave its richest blessing in the hearts of you and others who surround you - **Rachel Burns**

KEVIN'S A NEW DAD

Kevin Bahwere a Residential Youth Worker has had a life changing experience. Since joining Nyaarla Projects in November Kevin has become a dad. 'I'm over the moon with joy, and Carol and baby Leesha are doing well'.



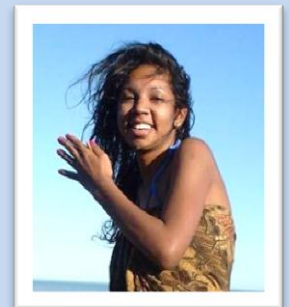
Kevin migrated to Australia in 2008 from the Democratic Republic of Congo. 'There are many problems in my country so I am thankful to be in Australia and to make a contribution to the lives of indigenous youth.

I was drawn to the IYM Program as it promotes capacity building that brings development, with the focus on individuals and to empower local communities' he said.

Kevin works part-time with youth on the IYMP program while he completes his BA at Murdoch University in International Aid and Development with a second major in Community Development.

TESTING & ASSESSMENT HELP

Six potential candidates for IYMP undertook their testing and assessment for entry into the program. This is what Jamilah Bin Karim from Broome had to say. 'My experience in Perth has been the best. I had a great time and enjoyed meeting the Nyaarla staff who were helpful and supportive. I would like to thank them all'. Jamilah hopes to do a course in the field of Recreation or Sports Medicine.



Chenoa Maher from One Arm Point shared the same sentiments and is also looking forward to starting her studies in Hospitality.

IYMP Boys in Broome say "Thank You"

On Thursday 15th December the staff from Broome were treated to a very pleasant surprise. The boys on the IYMP program banded together and invited all Nyaarla Projects staff to dinner at their house. Along with some delicious food (the ribs were great thanks to chef Frank Watson!) the boys also surprised each staff member with flowers and a box of chocolates.