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FROM THE DG

Welcome to edition nine of the CRC Network News

The CRC Network News has been operating since autumn 2011 and continues to deliver informative and inspiring regional news across Western Australia.

This edition is particularly special as I would like to introduce our new Minister the Hon. Terry Redman, Minister for Regional Development; Lands and Acting Executive Director of the newly formed Business and Social Development Division; Jenni Collard.

Terry Redman first entered State Parliament in February 2005 after successfully contesting the seat of Stirling. After a series of boundary re-alignments he now represents the electorate of Warren-Blackwood, which includes the towns of Augusta, Denmark, Donnybrook, Manjimup and Walpole.

Before joining the Department of Regional Development (DRD), Jenni was Acting Chief Executive Officer for the Office of Children and Families for the Northern Territory Government. Jenni brings with her a wealth of experience in roles across indigenous affairs, human resources, government, health and education.

In early 2013, the Western Australian Regional Development Trust (Trust) undertook a review of the WA Community Resource Network (WACRN) following a request from the Minister for Regional Development.

The Trust conducted an independent, evidence based review of the WACRN and explored its future strategic direction and potential for an expanded role within regional service delivery and regional development in Western Australia.

Following the review, DRD has started implementing the recommendations. Two rounds of DRD information sessions have taken place across the state and a Community Resource Centre (CRC) reference group was established to provide feedback on different aspects of the changes.

Whilst there are significant changes happening in the WACRN, CRCs continue to excel in forming social, economic and business opportunities for their communities, as demonstrated by the great initiatives in this edition.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of the CRC Network News.

Paul Bosain

Director General,
Department of Regional Development



Hon. Terry Redman



Jenni Collard





Manjimup CRC
information session

WACRN DELIVERING POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Community Resource Centres (CRCs) throughout regional Western Australia are currently transitioning from a grant funding based model to contracted service agreements with the Department of Regional Development (DRD). This change will help strengthen the sustainability of the Western Australian Community Resource Network (WACRN).

The WACRN is dedicated to the delivery of Royalties for Regions outcomes - with CRCs focused on providing regional communities with a range of government information and services, whilst also implementing business, economic and social development programs.

The new WACRN funding model has occurred following the Western Australian Regional Development Trust's (WARDT) Review of the WACRN. The Trust conducted an independent, evidence based review of the Network in relation to its current and potential contribution to regional service delivery and regional development in Western Australia.

A copy of the Review can be downloaded at **www.wardt.wa.gov.au**

CRCs and other stakeholders were widely consulted with as part of the review and the WARDT made a range of recommendations focused on the future strategic direction of the WACRN, and its potential for an expanded role.

Following the release of the Review, DRD engaged with CRCs and their stakeholders through 19 information sessions held during November 2013 and March 2014. These sessions delivered information regarding the proposed changes for the WACRN, the transition process and also provided an opportunity for feedback.

DRD will continue to work with the WACRN throughout these changes

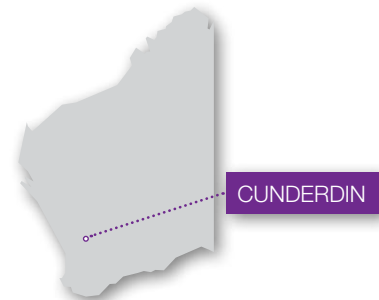
and ensure that regional communities have access to appropriate information and services.

For further information on the review and the progress of the change process, please contact the Regional Capacity Division's Project Coordinator on (08) 9621 7351.

Corrigin CRC information session



CUNDERDIN'S NEW LIFE MEMBERS



Cunderdin CRC Committee presented three past members with Life Membership Awards at a surprise presentation on Sunday 3 November 2013.

Elaine Burges, Rodney Burges and Pat Turner were all awarded Life Membership Awards for their ongoing support and dedication to the CRC. Cunderdin CRC also has one other Life Member, Larry Youngman.

Over the past 16 years Elaine, Rodney and Pat have all played pivotal roles in enabling the CRC to open its doors for business and provide their community with ongoing access to important information and services that are not often readily available to regional communities.

Elaine's involvement with the CRC started when she began volunteering at the CRC (originally known as the Cunderdin Telecentre) when it opened in 1998. Over the next 10 years she contributed to the running of the centre on a regular basis, including volunteering for the challenging position of CRC Manager whilst a replacement was recruited.

Elaine's passion for the CRC and her community was further demonstrated

through her position as Secretary for the CRC Committee over five years.

At her own cost, Elaine carried out research, photocopying and a variety of other tasks that were of benefit to the CRC.

Rodney Burges was selected for the Life Membership Award for his commitment and support to the CRC, which includes his involvement in two major venue refurbishments.

Rodney was also a supportive Vice Chair, an active Committee Member and a volunteer until January 2008.

Rodney's impact on Cunderdin is recognised by the community's description of him as 'a man willing to tackle any challenge'.

Pat Turner has also worked alongside Elaine and Rodney since attending his first CRC Committee meeting in 1998. He was on the Committee from the

outset and devoted many hours of his own personal time to the growth and development of the CRC.

Pat played an integral role in securing grant funding, obtaining furniture donations and project managed the construction of the new CRC conference room.

Pat served as a Committee Member for 16 years, was Vice Chair for five years, and Chair for two years.

Well done to Elaine, Rodney and Pat!

Cunderdin CRC acknowledges all Committee Members, staff and volunteers who have contributed to the success and achievements of the CRC.

To find out more about Cunderdin CRC call (08) 9635 1784 or e-mail cunderdin@crc.net.au

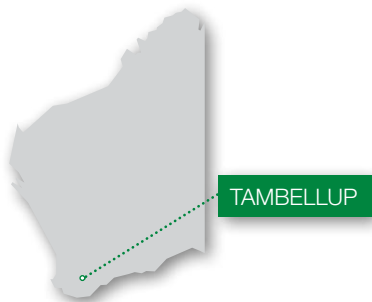


L to R: Pat Turner, Elaine Burges and Rodney Burges proudly holding their Life Membership Awards



Cunderdin CRC Committee Chair Dennis Whisson, presenting Elaine Burges with her award

RIDE FOR HOPE



Perseverance, determination and community spirit saw approximately \$40,000 raised state-wide for the annual Cancer Council WA's *Ride for Cancer* and the SIM's *Get Girls off the Streets* project.

Over the past five years Tambellup CRC has supported the Ride for Cancer project by hosting a luncheon for the Bible Society of WA's team of cyclists and their support crew.

The CRC would like to give a big 'thank you' to the community of Tambellup for supporting this great cause, including all who helped with the catering and to Ivy and Dave Herbert for decorating the luncheon with their beautiful roses.

The Cancer Council is the leading cancer charity in Western Australia and has a proud history of advocacy and action on cancer issues.

The ride also raised funds for SIM Australia, which provides a rescue and rehabilitation program for women

and girls of Bangladesh and India who have been victims of sex trafficking.

"Well done to everyone involved – the funds raised will help keep these great organisations working towards making a difference!" said CRC Manager Beth Schlueter.

To find out more about Cancer Council Western Australia or SIM Australia, visit www.sim.org.au and www.cancerwa.asn.au

Contact the Tambellup CRC to discover more about local events, activities and services on (08) 9825 1177 or email tambellup@crc.net.au



Keen supporters, Dot Lockyer and Aileen Prout



The race is on!



Cyclists enjoying some well deserved lunch



Celebration time

GIFTS OF JOY FOR CHILDREN IN VIETNAM

GREENBUSHES

As a result of the joint efforts of the Greenbushes-Balingup communities, 55 *Operation Christmas Child* gift boxes were prepared and delivered to children in Vietnam in time for Christmas.

International relief organisation Samaritan's Purse established Operation Christmas Child to bring good news and joy to children in need through a simple shoebox filled with gifts.

Greenbushes resident Margaret Candido has worked tirelessly on this project for 10 years, contributing not only her time but also her personal resources to produce the gift boxes. In 2013, Margaret joined forces with Greenbushes CRC to recruit a diversely skilled and dedicated team of volunteers, including the Greenbushes Girl Guides and the CRC Craft Club.

Staff and volunteers assisted Margaret with creating, packing and distributing the generous gift boxes, with the CRC Craft Club eagerly displaying their handiwork skills by creating crocheted dolls, library bags and wash bags.

CRC Manager Fran Bullock expresses her gratitude to Margaret, all individuals and organisations for their donations and to everyone that was involved in the preparation of the gift boxes, including the volunteers, CRC staff and Girl Guides.

"It's amazing what you can create from a few pieces of material and a sewing kit," said Fran.

Globally, more than 100 million Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes have been given to children in need in more than 130 countries since 1993.



L to R: Greenbushes CRC Trainee Rachel Pollett with local resident Margaret Candido

For more information on local activities, news and events at the CRC, contact Greenbushes CRC on (08) 9764 3575 or email greenbushes@crc.net.au

To find out more about the Samaritan's Purse fantastic initiative visit www.samaritanspurse.com.au



WESTLINK AND WASO BRING MUSIC TO REGIONAL COMMUNITY EARS



Boyup Brook CRC



West Arthur CRC

More than 150 music lovers living in rural, remote and regional communities attended their local CRC to watch the seventh annual West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) City of Perth's *Symphony in the City*.

The WASO concert was broadcast live from Langley Park in Perth via the State Government's satellite television network Westlink.

An array of popular film scores were played, including songs from *Star Wars*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Lord of the Rings*. Light sabre duelling 'Jedi Knights' and 'Storm Troopers' made a surprise appearance during the concert, much to the delight of the audience.

"Every year this event becomes increasingly popular with many new faces attending. It was great to see the diversity of people that joined the

CRC, from teenagers to seniors; there was something for everyone," said Dalwallinu CRC Manager Sharon Bell.

"Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and our community is ecstatic to have the opportunity to watch such high calibre events in our home town," said West Arthur CRC Manager Karen Prowse.

Westlink is a Western Australian Government owned and operated television station and is part of the Department of Regional Development's Business and Social Development Division.

Westlink delivers a range of satellite television programs including education and training, professional development, seminars and public information and is accessible via the VAST (Viewer Access Satellite Television) satellite receiver, Channel 602.



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WASO is Western Australia's largest and busiest performing arts company. Established in 1928, WASO is the state's only professional orchestra, playing a central role in the cultural life of Western Australia.

Conductor Paul Daniels included classical music and jazz, and concluded the evening with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture accompanied by a stunning fireworks display that lit up the Perth skyline.

For further information on the Westlink service please call the team on 1800 99 11 11 or email Westlink@drd.wa.gov.au

To view the program guide for Westlink please visit www.westlink.wa.gov.au

CLUSTER KEEPS NETWORK ON TRACK



ONGERUP

Over 35 CRC personnel from across the regions attended the Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC for the 2013 CRC Cluster Meeting.

Community Resource Centre (CRC) Cluster Meetings are an opportunity for CRC personnel to discuss current news and events, undergo training, share valuable knowledge, attend information sessions and receive updates from the Department of Regional Development's (DRD) Regional Capacity Division.

A total of 17 CRCs attended, including representatives from the Great Southern, Southwest, Goldfields and Wheatbelt regions.

Topics explored at the meeting included the Western Australian Regional Development Trust's (WARDT) Review of the Western Australian Community Resource Network (WACRN), grant funding opportunities, human resources, and an update from the Great Southern Development Commission.

The Department of Commerce, Lotterywest, Great Southern Development Commission, Association of Western Australian

Community Resource Centres (AWACRC) and DRD all presented at the meeting and were well received by the attendants.

Ongerup CRC Chairperson Jan Savage said it is important for these cluster meetings to continue as they are of great benefit to the WACRN and its stakeholders.

"This event was not only a great opportunity to catch up with other CRCs and gain valuable information, but also a major economic driver for businesses and organisations," said Jan.

"Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC is very grateful to all attendants and speakers, and everyone else who contributed to making this meeting a great success".

Yongergnow-Ongerup CRC can be contacted for further information on (08) 9828 2325 or by emailing ongerup@crc.net.au



Ongerup CRC Manager Vicky Bilney, introducing Lotterywest speaker Faye Baxter who held her presentation by videoconference



Team work – Sophia Nolan of the Department of Parks and Wildlife, Ian Stiles of the Jurien Bay Men's Shed and CRC Cultural and Administration Officer Andrea Gray with Curtin University students



Curtin University students exploring the snorkel trail

SNORKEL TRAIL BECOMES EDUCATION TOOL

A spectacular new snorkelling trail in Jurien Bay will now be used as an educational and research tool by students from Curtin University.

It is the first underwater trail in Western Australia and was established with funding from Royalties for Regions, the Department of Sport and Recreation and Jurien Bay Progress Association.

Jurien Bay CRC provided support to the Jurien Bay Progress Association throughout all stages of the project, including an initiative to develop a documentary. The Association has been running for over 30 years and acts as a liaison advisor between the community and the Shire of Dandaragan.

Another local organisation who offered their support for this project was the Jurien Bay Men's Shed, which is a charitable not-for-profit association that provides a place for men to meet and work on community projects.

The local Men's Shed worked tirelessly to establish the trail and received specialised training from Reef Ball Australia for the construction and

installation of the reef balls, which are concrete structures that form the basis of the artificial reef, providing a space for fish and other sea life to inhabit.

David Lennon, Director of Reef Ball Australia said "Fantastic job everyone! And it's Australia's first snorkel trail of its kind, not just a WA first."

The snorkelling trail has become a popular activity and is being developed into an interactive educational tool for locals, visitors and WA schools. In addition, Jurien Bay CRC has identified an opportunity to utilise the trail as a scientific site where marine monitoring and research can occur.

The CRC undertook extensive work to develop a proposal package for Curtin University, including outlining the potential for a dedicated website, social media, educational curriculum and research opportunities.

Manager of Jurien Bay CRC Denise King said "We are thrilled by the many positives this partnership brings to our community. There is real potential for this project to develop beyond a tourist attraction into a significant social and economic community asset!"

The proposal was welcomed by the university with 15 students from Curtin travelling to Jurien Bay to explore the trail and its possibilities. The group included students in marine science, film and media, software engineering and four exchange students from Brazil. The group spent four days exploring and consulting with the community before presenting a proposed plan.



Striped Cow Fish



Old Jetty, the start of the trail

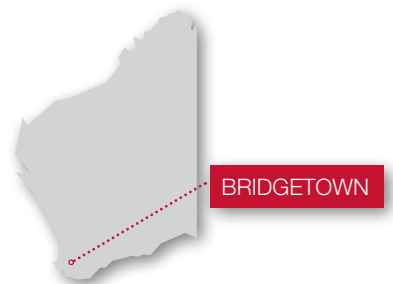


Starfish

To find out more about this and other great projects, contact Jurien Bay CRC on (08) 9652 2425 or email jurienbay@crc.net.au or visit www.jurienbay.crc.net.au

GOPHER SAFETY WORKSHOP

Gopher safety awareness was a recent topic explored at Bridgetown CRC aimed at increasing the health and safety of local residents.



BRIDGETOWN



Constable First Class Michael Dow, with local resident Josephine Spaul, CRC Manager John Nicholas and Shire RoadWise representative Glen Norris.
Photographer: Karen Hunt – Bridgetown Times

Mobility scooters, also known as gophers, are an essential part of daily life for many people with mobility impairments. They can improve access to everyday services, and can also greatly enhance an individual's quality of life.

Bridgetown CRC recognises the importance of supporting community members that are mobility impaired, as was demonstrated through the recent Gopher Safety Awareness Workshop.

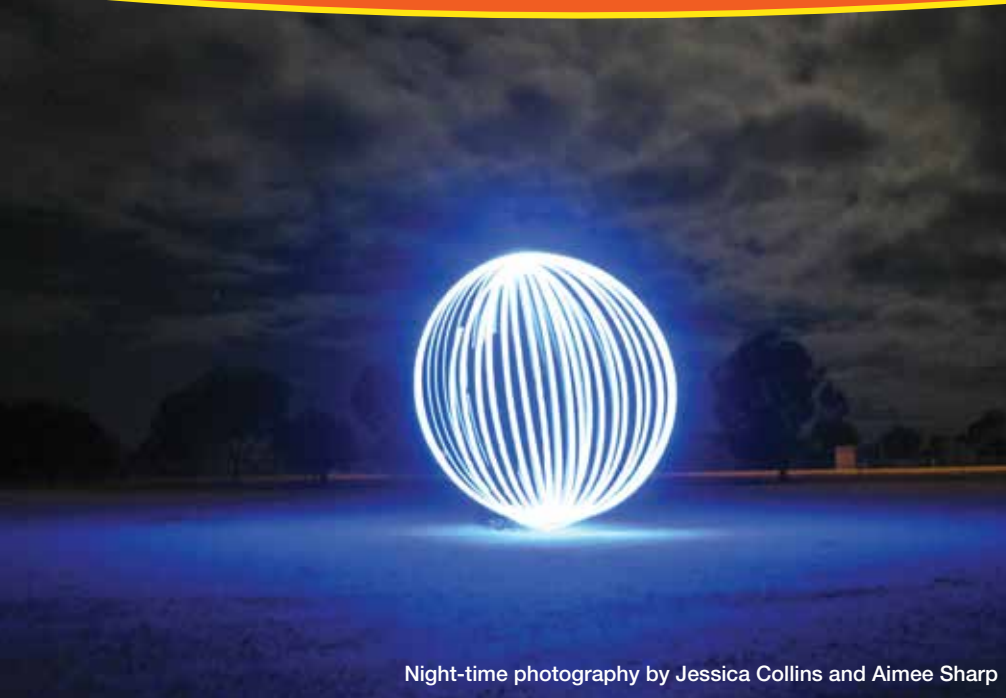
With support from RoadWise and the RAC, the workshop explored improving visibility on a gopher, riding on uneven surfaces, and mounting and dismounting gophers.

Participants expressed their gratitude to the CRC, RAC and RoadWise for organising the workshop that has resulted in improved confidence, understanding and safety awareness.

To find out more about this workshop and other activities held at Bridgetown CRC, contact the centre on (08) 9761 2712 or email bridgetown@crc.net.au

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Budding photographers from across the Wheatbelt joined together to receive expert photography training at Mukinbudin CRC.



Night-time photography by Jessica Collins and Aimee Sharp



Professional photographers Tristan and Mona Jud, delivered an insightful two day workshop on theory, technique and composition to over 20 aspiring photographers. Coordinated by Mukinbudin CRC, the workshop provided an opportunity for regional residents to learn new skills and share their passion with like-minded people.

“This two day workshop was not only a fantastic learning opportunity, but also a chance to share my passion with other photographers. Tristan and Mona were superb facilitators, with a wealth of knowledge and expertise. Thank you to Tristan, Mona and Mukinbudin CRC for organising this fantastic event,” said participant Hayley Watson.

Once the classroom theory session was complete, participants eagerly ventured onto the streets of Mukinbudin to use their newly acquired skills. Aperture, shutter speed and ISO were only a

MUKINBUDIN

ENJOY THE RIDE AND STOP FOR A BREAK

LAKE GRACE

The community of Lake Grace has made their roads safer for travellers and locals through their RoadWise Driver Reviver Van.

In 2000, Senior Constable Paul McKee of Lake Grace Police brought together local representatives from the Shire, Lake Grace Community Resource Centre (CRC), Lake Grace District High School and the emergency services to form a project team.

Over the last 13 years the team has expanded to include a number of local community clubs working collaboratively to address safety issues and run educational events. Lake Grace CRC has played a central role in the coordination of project meetings and minutes, finance management, grant applications and promotion of the RoadWise initiative.

The flagship project for the group has been the Driver Reviver Van. Providing free tea and coffee over long weekends, the van encourages drivers to stop, have a chat and recharge their batteries before getting back behind the wheel. Over the years the CRC has accessed the Community Road Safety Grants Program to upgrade the van that was originally purpose built by the Lake Grace Fire Brigade.



The Driver Reviver Van

"I'm thrilled with the positive response from those who stop and use the facility. I believe their gratitude is a reflection of how road trauma has affected them at some stage of their lives. The kind words from those who stop for a break, makes all of the volunteers aware of what a great job they do," said CRC Manager Suzanne Reeves.

The van has no shortage of volunteers and continues to provide a valuable service for motorists, with up to 250 drivers stopping over a weekend for a chat and a beverage.

Sunrise at Eagle Stone Rock by Jessica Collins and Aimee Sharp

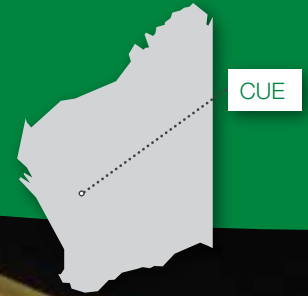
handful of settings the photographers explored and mastered. As participants found out, camera settings vary greatly dependant on the light, location and target. With this in mind, Tristan and Mona took the group to various locations at different times of the day to capture sunrise, sunset and night time images.

"Our workshop was a great success with participants learning new skills and meeting new people with a shared interest. Thank you to Tristan and Mona for sharing their knowledge and delivering an inspirational workshop," said CRC Manager Abi Clifford.

To find out more about this initiative, contact Mukinbudin CRC on (08) 9047 1129 or email mukinbudin@crc.net.au

To find out more about the many great initiatives the Lake Grace CRC are involved with, contact the centre on (08) 9865 1470 or email lakegrace@crc.net.au

OUT AND ABOUT IN CUE!



CUE

Cue CRC has been busy hosting a number of events showcasing their community to tourists, and providing fun and healthy activities for locals.

Free BBQs and water exercises are just two of the popular community events held by Cue CRC so far this year.

FREE BARBEQUES

Cue CRC knows the importance and value of tourists in their community to support and grow local businesses. The staff at the centre started an initiative to host friendly and informative welcome barbecues for both tourists and residents at the Cue Caravan Park.

"The free BBQs have been a great success with many guests enjoying a delicious meal made from local produce and watching local entertainment," said CRC Manager Ruth Lee.

The evenings promote local businesses with the aim to generate growth and opportunities within the community.

WATER EXERCISES

Water exercising is an effective way to improve your fitness levels, circulation and regulation of body temperature. With this in mind, Cue CRC has been delivering fun and healthy water activities for their community. Twice a week water exercises are held in Mount Magnet thanks to a combined effort from the CRC, Cue Craft Group and the Mount Magnet Seniors Group.



Cooking up a storm



Having a splashing time

The Cue Shire contributes to the activities by providing a bus to transport participants to the pool, while the Cue Craft Group subsidises the fuel costs and the Mount Magnet Shire provides access to the pool at a reduced price.

To find out more about the events at Cue CRC, contact (08) 9963 1198 or email cue@crc.net.au

CRC TRAINEE DAY

Written by Pemberton CRC Trainee Kiara Bendotti

PEMBERTON



Presentation time for Greenbushes CRC Trainee Darcey Yates

On 25 October 2013, CRC trainees from Pemberton, Boyup Brook, Greenbushes, Nannup and Manjimup gathered in Pemberton for a day of training, information and fun.

The day began with a morning tea and an opportunity to chat and to get to know each other. After morning tea each trainee gave a presentation about a project their CRC takes part in.

All presentations were very interesting and provided an insight into the work of other centres and ideas for projects that could be adapted for our own communities. Next, Boyup Brook trainee Ashleigh taught an introductory session on the basics of Photoshop, where we were lucky enough to see some of Ashleigh's amazing work.

Our next training workshop focused on résumé and cover letter writing, presented by Pemberton CRC Manager Peter Smith. This training was very useful, as often CRC clients will ask for assistance in drafting

or improving their résumés. Peter brought in an example résumé that was in need of 'help' and we worked through what we thought could be improved and what needed to be changed.

Following a lovely lunch provided by the Gloucester Motel kitchen staff, we had a special guest speaker – none other than our newly re-elected Shire of Manjimup President, Wade DeCampo. Mr DeCampo's talk was very interesting and we learnt a great deal about the Shire and how it works. We were very privileged to have the Shire President as our guest speaker and we would all like to express our sincere gratitude for his support.

After an intense morning of training and an informative talk with

Mr DeCampo, we made our way down to Mini Golf at Pemberton Discovery Tours for some light-hearted team building.

After a relaxing game of golf, we decided to sit in the shade and talk about our plans after the Traineeship and opportunities for the future.

I feel very grateful that I met such great people at the Pemberton Trainee Day 2013, and to be the host of the day as well. The other trainees and I would like to say 'thank you' to the staff at the Pemberton CRC for all their support and also to Lynda Coote from Boyup Brook CRC for running through everything step-by-step with me.

Until the next CRC Trainee Day!



L to R: Shenolah Taylor, Dayna Vick and Natika Hawes-Wright



Megan Walters proudly holding the 2012-2013 Rotary's Best Country Bulletin Award



KUNUNURRA CRC TRAINEES RECEIVE ROTARY DISTRICT AWARD

Producing a professional publication is no mean feat, especially without prior experience. However, the trainees at Kununurra CRC have shown their capability and determination by winning the Rotary's Best Country Bulletin Award for the second time!

Over the past two years, Kununurra CRC trainees have experienced first-hand the challenges of producing a professional publication for the Rotary Club of Kununurra Inc. Bulletin.

The publication was awarded the District's Best Country Bulletin at the District 9455 2013 Conference recently in New Norcia. District Governor Philip Skelton presented the award and acknowledged the efforts of all involved in producing the weekly bulletin that keeps members and stakeholders informed of valuable news and events.

CRC Manager Natika Hawes-Wright has provided ongoing support for the trainees as the bulletin's Editor.

"The partnership between Kununurra CRC and the Rotary Club of Kununurra has provided a great opportunity for our trainees to gain exposure on publication layout and design," said Natika.

Kununurra CRC trainees Shenolah Taylor, Dayna Vick and Megan Walters, have gained valuable skills and knowledge within graphic design, project management and desktop publishing.

"The Rotary Club of Kununurra acknowledges the efforts of Natika, Shenolah, Dayna and Megan," said Colin Kuiper, current President of the Rotary Club of Kununurra.

"We have seen a remarkable improvement in the overall quality of the bulletin since the beginning of our partnership and believe through continued collaboration this joint venture to be a long term learning opportunity for future trainees."

To add to the run of success for Kununurra CRC trainees, Megan Walters recently completed her traineeship and is currently preparing to start her teaching degree. Megan also spent a year in Brazil as the Rotary Youth Exchange student in 2012 and has now returned to Kununurra as the club's youngest Rotarian.

To find out more about Kununurra traineeships, please contact the CRC on (08) 9169 1868 or email kununurra@crc.net.au

WALPOLE WINS TWO NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS AWARDS



Congratulations to the community of Walpole for winning the 2014 Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention Award and Environmental Innovation and Protection Award.

In November 2013, Walpole was shortlisted as a finalist at the Western Australian Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards, when the town was acknowledged for its commitment to keeping the town beautiful.

Walpole is the first town in the state to win the Litter Prevention Award, although Walpole Tidy Towns member, Michael Filby, won the individual category in 2008.

The awards night was held on the 4 April 2014 in Victor Harbor, South Australia where finalists travelled from across the state to attend this prestigious event. On behalf of Walpole – CRC staff, community members, Chairperson of the Walpole Tidy Towns and Shire of Manjimup Councillor Dave Tapley were delighted to accept the awards.

National Chief Executive Officer of Keep Australia Beautiful Peter McLean said "One of the things I really loved was that Walpole was the first region in the nation to declare itself as litter free. I believe this positive action is an aspirational goal to change littering culture."

The Walpole CRC actively supports the local Tidy Towns group, encouraging staff members to provide the group with administrative and practical support during work hours as part of the CRC's community contribution. CRC Manager Jennifer Willcox and trainees Haylee Hawkins and Adele Brown are all members of the Walpole Tidy Towns team.

Walpole CRC trainee Linda Beard said the Walpole Tidy Towns team is over the moon with the results.

"We're especially humbled to receive the Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention Award because she is the founder of Keep Australia Beautiful. The Walpole Tidy Towns team is proud of the community as a whole because of the hard work they all put in," she said.

"This is an excellent opportunity for trainees to be involved in the running of community groups and it gives them great experience at a committee level, as well as being seen to support the town and its ideals," said CRC Manager Jennifer Willcox.

"I would like to acknowledge the community members of Walpole for their hard work and commitment, Keep Australia Beautiful for hosting these awards and the Packaging Stewardship Forum for sponsoring the Dame Phyllis Frost Litter Prevention category," Jennifer said.

The Walpole Tidy Towns group reinforced that the project isn't about

cleaning up just before the judging, but Walpole's way of life. National Judge Dick Olesinski visited the town in February where a dinner was held with Walpole's Tidy Towns group and supporters.

The Tidy Towns Awards have been running for 45 years in Australia, with Keep Australia Beautiful receiving 1300 initiatives nationally, from over 360 entrants across councils, shires, community groups, schools and individuals.

The awards are aimed to encourage, motivate and celebrate the achievements of rural and regional communities across Australia.

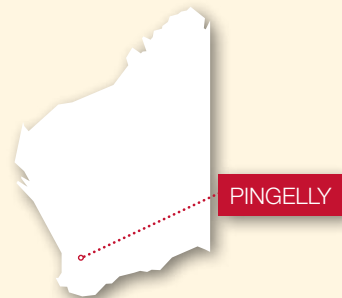
To find out more about the great initiatives occurring through the CRC contact the centre on (08) 9840 1395 or email walpole@crc.net.au

Learn more about the Tidy Town's Awards at www.kab.org.au/tidy-towns



L to R: Shire of Manjimup Councillor David Tapley, Packaging Stewardship Forum Christine Jefferys, Walpole Tidy Towns member Ray Willcox, Chairperson of Walpole Tidy Towns Adele Brown, Walpole Tidy Towns Youth Ambassadors Todd Brown, Jennifer Willcox and Haylee Hawkins

NETWORKING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN OF PINGELLY



PINGELLY

It was a wonderful morning of networking and pastries for the professional women of Pingelly at the recent Working Ladies Breakfast.

Over 40 professional women attended the networking breakfast organised by Pingelly CRC, which also provided an opportunity for both the CRC and local businesses to strengthen networks and partnerships.

The morning was a great success for all involved, and was especially welcomed by those who often miss out on social and business events due to work commitments.

The event was the first of its kind in Pingelly and was attended by staff from the Shire of Pingelly, Pingelly Primary School, Pingelly Primary Health, IGA, Bendigo Bank, and small business owners and sole traders in and around Pingelly.

CRC Manager Lee Steel said the CRC is committed towards improving the social outcomes for working women in the community.

“Due to the popularity and success of this event, we are now planning to add the meeting to our calendar as a regular initiative,” said Lee.



L to R: Pingelly CRC – Cheryle Lee, Lee Steel, Martine White, Lou Johnson and Anne Goldsmith

“Many clubs and activities in our community occur during business hours, and those women who work as well as manage homes and families, find it difficult to connect socially – our CRC is now specifically catering for the working ladies of Pingelly.”

“As a result of the fantastic response from the community, we were unable to hold the event at our CRC as

the numbers became too high. We would like to acknowledge the Shire of Pingelly for the use of the Pingelly Town Hall for the event.”

For more information on this and many other events held by the Pingelly CRC, contact the centre on (08) 9887 1409 or email pingelly@crc.net.au



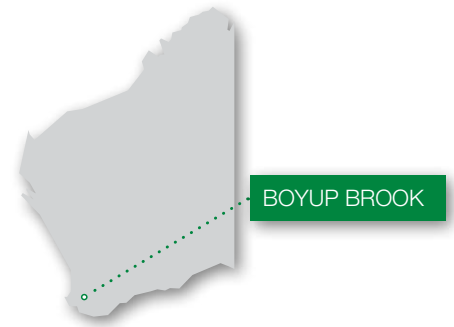
“Dear Pingelly CRC,

I would like to say thank you for organising the Working Ladies of Pingelly breakfast.

It was a great opportunity to mingle with new people, enjoy the luxury of a prepared meal and interact with other women in similar situations. We are all looking forward with great anticipation to the next event.”

Pharmacist and business owner Rebecca Cousins, Pingelly Pharmacy

BOYUP BROOK CRC WINS SHIRE AWARD



It was a proud day for Boyup Brook when the Shire of Boyup Brook presented the local CRC with an Australia Day Award for their exceptional work towards promoting their community.

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), the Boyup Brook CRC is known as an innovative and highly productive centre servicing students across the state. However, the CRC offers more than just training – it is an advocate for the community.

The CRC has published the well-known community newspaper *The Boyup Gazette* since 2009, and produces the *Boyup Banter* for the Donnybrook-Bridgetown Mail, the electronic newsletter *E-Gazette*, and ongoing marketing for various community events, services and businesses.

CRC Manager Jodi Nield paid tribute to the CRC Management Committee, volunteers and staff spanning 20 years of operation who have contributed to the success of the CRC and promotion of Boyup Brook.

“The CRC is here for the community, and we will continue to be. We will do everything we can to promote Boyup Brook going into the future,” said Jodi.

The CRC first opened to the public in 1995, and has continued to grow with the support of the community. The variety of services available provide residents with access to a range of opportunities not always readily available in the regions.

For further information about Boyup Brook CRC contact the centre on (08) 9765 1169 or email boyupbrook@crc.net.au



2014 Boyup Brook Shire Award winners



Deputy Shire President Graham Aird presenting the award to Boyup Brook CRC Manager Jodi Nield



BBCRC Committee members Daly Winter and Brian O'Hare flank with Boyup Brook CRC Manager Jodi Nield and Administration Officer Lyn Willett

NAREMBEEN CRC WINS PREMIER'S AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD

Over the past four years the Narembeen Ladies Long Lunch has continued to grow in both reputation and popularity. In 2013, the initiative was officially recognised for its positive impact on the community at the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Awards.

The Ladies Long Lunch is an annual event organised by both the Narembeen CRC and a designated committee. Each year an important key message is delivered to regional women through the lunch, with the 2013 theme highlighting important information on mental health issues in rural communities.

"This event is vitally important to the ladies in our community. It recognises the pivotal role women play, whether it is farming, in businesses or as volunteers," said Narembeen Shire President Kellie Mortimore.

"The event enhances community life by promoting positive images of women and particularly women in the country, and it strengthens existing networks and develops new ones."

The Premier's Awards recognise outstanding community contribution and participation, and are run by many councils around the state as a joint initiative of the Australia Day Council of Western Australia, the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and the Office of Premier and Cabinet.

Narembeen CRC Manager Sheree Rhodes said that she was honoured to receive the award on behalf of Narembeen CRC and the Ladies Long Lunch Committee. The recognition of these events at the Premier's Awards was an exceptional achievement.

"The Ladies Long Lunch continues to grow and is a great way to showcase our CRC and the town's facilities and services," said Sheree.

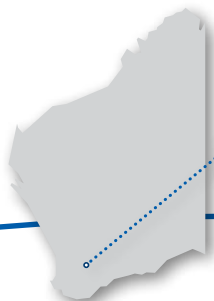
"I would like to recognise the volunteers who kindly offer their time every year to make this event possible. I also acknowledge the generous support of our major sponsors,



L to R: Bronwen Hooper, Lynda Cornish, Sheree Rhodes and Tenille Cole



Narembeen CRC Manager Sheree Rhodes accepting the Award



NAREMBEEN

CBH Group, OneLife, the Shire of Narembeen, Landmark Harcourts, WFI, CSBP and The Fencepost.”

In September 2013, over 125 glamorous women attended the Ladies Long Lunch at Narembeen District Club. The luncheon brought together a diverse range of regional women, including farmers, local business women, mothers and young women to mark the significant role they play within the community and the regions.

Guests were entertained, inspired and motivated by a range of speakers, including Kondinin Shire Councillor, and Deputy Chair of the Agribusiness Council of Australia, Lindsay Tuckwell who delivered the welcome speech. Assistant Coach of the South Fremantle Football Club Michelle Cowan also attended and shared some of her life experiences, while Chief Executive Officer of the Wheatbelt Development Commission Wendy Newman took on the role of MC.

“As I drove home on Saturday, I reflected on how lucky we are to have so many clever, creative, energetic and passionate women across our region,” said Wendy.

“The level of detail in the organisation of the day was breathtaking, and the standard of professionalism equal to any event organisation I have seen.”

To find out more information about this and many other events at the CRC, contact Narembeen CRC on (08) 9064 7055 or email narembeen@crc.net.au



Michelle Readshaw, Sarah Collins and Pamela Ritchie warming up!

DRU YOGA RELAXING AUGUSTA



AUGUSTA

The pressure of juggling work, family and social commitments can be challenging and overwhelming at times, which is why Augusta CRC has partnered with the Rural in Reach program to ensure their community has access to stress relieving strategies, including free Dru Yoga classes.

Through CRCs, the Rural in Reach program provides health and well-being services to women, their families and communities in rural and remote areas. Currently the program delivers services both on site and via CRC videoconferencing technology in private meeting rooms.

The yoga classes are just one of the many services delivered by the Rural in Reach team. Over 60 people have attended the Dru Yoga sessions so far, with a diverse range of participants from teens through to retirees joining in on activities.

“Dru Yoga focuses on reducing stress and enabling relaxation as it rebalances and revitalises the body, mind and emotions, which in-turn helps to counteract the demands of busy and challenging lifestyles,” said yoga teacher Sarah Collins.

Classes involve stretching, breathing exercises and relaxation techniques, and are delivered either in person by Sarah or via pre-recorded videos that are played on a large screen.

“I have received such positive feedback from the participants, after every class they describe how invigorating and relaxing the experience was. This truly is a great way to unwind in Augusta,” said CRC Manager Russell Simpson.

To find out more information on the Dru Yoga Classes at Augusta CRC, contact the centre on (08) 9758 0002 or email augusta@crc.net.au

Visit www.ruralinreach.whfs.org.au for more details on the Rural in Reach health program.



All ages joining in!

HAVE A GO DAY WITH WILLIAMS SENIORS AND STUDENTS

The Williams CRC recently brought together seniors and year 6/7 primary school students to participate in a series of fun and educational integrated events and activities.

The way it was – The way it is – The way it will be, were the three themes explored at the CRCs *Have a Go Day*; a day of education, awareness and understanding of two different eras.

The day began with seniors and students being transported back in time to a 1950's version of shopping at the Williams CRC General Store. Students were able to put into practice their class lessons on imperial weights, measurement and currency by selling groceries and other items representative of the fifties to their senior buddies.

Students brought the day's timeline forward by presenting *Shopping with Technology*, where they demonstrated, using modern technology, the current and future of shopping online.

Following a fabulous 1950's style dining experience at Rosie's Lunch Bar, the afternoon entertainment continued with seniors and students partnering up to compete at the *Integrated Olympics*.

Utilising the zimmer frames, proudly supplied by the Independent Living Centre (ILC), the races were a great way to end the day.

Stephanie Gaudin from ILC also spoke to the seniors about using their organisation for advice on living independently.

CRC Manager Debbie Kemp acknowledged the collaborative efforts of everyone involved and all who supported the day.

"Thanks must go to the ILC team, Stephanie and Geoff, for their generous support, and also to the event sponsor One Life. I'd specifically like to mention One Life's Davina Gossage who was a terrific support and to Sharon Moore who did a fantastic job coordinating the whole event," said Debbie.

"The day also wouldn't have been as successful without our esteemed adjudicators for the Integrated Olympics, Heidi Cowcher and Ryan Duff and Heather Rose for her creation and catering of Rosie's Lunch Bar."



"Wow, how great were the students today and how much did they care about their seniors!"
One Life – Davina Gossage

"The children were a credit to their school and their parents!"
Local Community Member – Mr Ron Gillett

"I hope that when I get older they invent something that makes getting around a bit easier..."
Year 6/7 student while doing the Zimmer frame race

"What a great day for smiling!"
Williams CRC – Sharon Moore

"This is one of the most unique ways to integrate generations and for them to experience disability awareness at any age."
Independent Living Centre – Stephanie Gaudi



CRC PEOPLE

MEET WAGIN CRC MANAGER LONDA FINLAYSON



To find out more about this and many other events at Williams CRC, contact the centre on (08) 9885 1378 or email williams@crc.net.au



Zimmer frame race



Rosie's Lunch Bar

Wagin CRC Manager Londa Finlayson joined the Network in 2011 after working as a trainee at the Shire of Wagin.

Londa also has experience working as an administration officer at the Town of Narrogin, assistant manager at the Commonwealth Bank in Narrogin, social photographer at the Wagin Argus, shearing hand and full-time mum!

Londa is a born and bred Maori/Australian and has a husband and three children named Logan, Hunter and Taine.

How and why did you get involved in the Network and what is your biggest achievement so far?

I saw an opportunity too good to be true; to work part-time in an exciting and challenging role and still have time with my young family – I have the best of both worlds!

I have personally and professionally evolved leaps and bounds since joining the Network, not only by supporting my community with information and services, but also by building my skills, knowledge and experience.

My biggest achievement so far within the Network, is being selected as one of the Above & Beyond Leadership Development Program participants. This course has changed the way I think, act and feel and has had a positive impact on everything I do.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I thrive on helping my local community, making positive changes and keeping traditions strong; but I am also passionate about being part of the wider community and working towards enhancing the places in which we call home.

The CRC Network is so much more than an access point; it is a web of talented

human beings, putting the needs of the community as paramount priority.

I have met so many intelligent, caring and enthusiastic people in the Network and they truly inspire me to be better.

What are you most looking forward to this year for your centre?

I am most excited about my two new trainees starting this year. I am looking forward to seeing how they can enhance the Centre and driving their passion and enthusiasm into our projects.

What are your personal interests and describe something that others might not know about you?

I love fashion, photography, family dinners and my fabulous friends! They are my serenity outside of work.

Three things that people may not know about me: I love bungee jumping in New Zealand, writing my own books and interior design.

What is your best piece of advice to new starters in the Network?

Believe that your role is not 'just a job' but a position much greater that can really make a positive difference to society.

Love what you do and you will never work a day in your life!

AWACRC – WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

Written by Faye Christison, Executive Officer of the Association of Western Australian Community Resource Centres (AWACRC)

The West Australian Community Resource Network (WACRN) is one of the longest running and most successful regional community service programs in the state. The AWACRC focuses on building partnerships and developing opportunities for members to benefit regional communities.



Association of
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
Community Resource Centres Inc

The need for a representative and supportive body for all Community Resource Centres (CRCs) was identified in 2009; with the WA Government demonstrating its support throughout the development of the Association in its fledgling stages.

By 2010, the AWACRC was born, and has been working tirelessly ever since to generate new opportunities and act as an advocate for the WACRN.

With such long distances and diversity, face-to-face meetings have provided challenges for the AWACRC, however, with CRC technology at their fingertips in the regions, the voluntary board members meet up to eight times a year, with at least three face-to-face meetings and the rest via high definition videoconferencing systems available in the CRCs.

Over the past three years, the WACRN has received funds from Royalties for

Regions to up-skill staff, implement strong governance and update internal infrastructure within each CRC. This has put the WACRN in a strong position to adjust, with confidence, to future challenges and changes including the proposed modifications to contracted service provision.

The AWACRC produced an extensive submission to the WA Regional Development Trust (WARDT) Review late last year, and this year promises to be another one of great change and development for the WACRN due to the review. (Please refer to page 2 for further information on the WACRN Review).

Whilst the Department of Regional Development (DRD) is leading the implementation of changes to the new model of contracted service delivery as a result of the Trust

Review, the AWACRC has appreciated being able to provide feedback during the planning and development process and looks forward to supporting AWACRC members with the new contract arrangements and guidelines.

The AWACRC acknowledges the efforts of Deborah Rice, Director of the DRD Regional Capacity Division, and her team in the planning and development process to ensure that the WACRN remains relevant and key to the future delivery of services within regional Western Australia.

For more information on
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WACRN Board Members – Lee Steel, Chair (Pingelly CRC), Natika Hawes-Wright, Vice Chair (Kununurra CRC), Cheryle Brown, Treasurer (Nannup CRC), Sharon Bell, Secretary (Dalwallinu CRC), Dianne Morgan (Mingenew CRC), Lyndsey Unwin (Ravensthorpe CRC), Debbie Morris (Merredin CRC) and Fran Bullock (Greenbushes CRC)

MEET PINGELLY CRC MANAGER LEE STEEL



Pingelly CRC Manager Lee Steel is well known throughout the Network with experience as a manager, casual contractor, business administrator and chair of the Association of Western Australian Community Resource Centres (AWACRC).

How and why did you get involved in the Network and what is your biggest achievement so far?

I have always been keen to contribute back to the local community.

When I retired from the commercial business, the opportunity to join Pingelly CRC as their manager emerged and I was delighted at the challenge of developing a growing business into a reputable organisation.

One of my biggest achievements to date would be securing the role of chairperson for the AWACRC. I am honoured to be representing CRC members who contribute and make a positive difference to regional communities on a daily basis across Western Australia.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I am fortunate to have a role with so much diversity. I can honestly say I love going to work each day, knowing I am a part of a team that truly makes a difference in our community.

Over the years I have laughed, cried, celebrated, listened and supported the many people that have walked through our CRC door and I believe

this has been life changing for me. It has taught me the need to be open-minded, compassionate and what it means to be a part of something bigger than myself.

What are you most looking forward to this year for your centre?

This year, I am looking forward to embracing the changes and challenges that lay ahead as part of the implementation of the Western Australian Community Resource Network (WACRN) review changes, whilst working closely with CRCs and the Department of Regional Development (DRD). Knowing that we have fantastic support from DRD is very reassuring.

On a local level, I am looking forward to the completion of our building renovation project. It has been a decade since we moved in and I can't wait to see our building with a refreshed professional appearance with a lick of paint, new fixtures and a new carpet.

What are your personal interests and describe something that others might not know about you?

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and I have a

slight compulsion to collect items such as glasses, cookie jars and cookie cutters.

My first piece was a gift from my husband; a cookie jar for Christmas in 1977 and my most treasured item is a Bohemian grapevine glass.

Over the past 35 years I have received cherished items to add to my collection and have an enormous collection of cookie cutters, which was inspired by the many biscuits my Nanna baked me.

What is your best piece of advice to new starters in the Network?

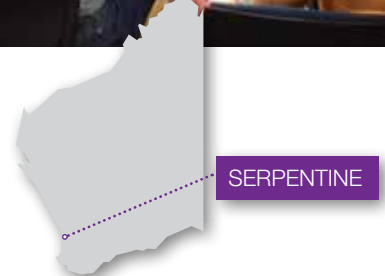
Enjoy the adventure, ask questions and don't forget to take time to celebrate your achievements both big and small.

Utilise the vast resources available to you. You will be surprised at just how much support there is out there and how readily people will offer to assist.

For me personally, my greatest sense of belonging is when I feel useful, and working at the Pingelly CRC certainly goes a long way to giving me this sense of belonging.



SHEARERS AND BUSHRANGERS



Poetry, storytelling and historical tools were all part of an entertaining and educational evening at the Serpentine Jarrahdale CRC. Guests explored the history of the Irish Australian bushranger, Ned Kelly, his family and the early shearing history of north-west Western Australia.

Jarrahdale residents and visitors were treated to local shearer and poet, Trevor Keating's bush poetry performances that were recited together with anecdotes and stories from the 'old shearing days'. Trevor, who runs a local shearing museum called the She'll be Right Shed, displayed a collection of historical

shearing equipment, photographs and books.

Guests were then treated to local Rockingham historian, Sharyn McCaskey. Sharyn delivered an informative talk on the history of the Kelly family together with some unknown facts about the Kelly Gang such as his controversial legacy,

clashes with the police and home-made plate metal armour and helmet.

On display were replicas of the Kelly Gang's armour, fitted onto stands that stood to the true size of the gang's men. Attendees were allowed to try on the armour, with the headpiece of Ned weighing 8.5kg and the entire armour totalling at over 43kg.





CRC PEOPLE

MEET MARBLE BAR CRC MANAGER KIM MACKAY



If you would like more information about this and other events at the Serpentine Jarrahdale CRC, please contact the centre on (08) 9525 5917 or email serpentinejarrahdale@crc.net.au

For information on Trevor's shearing museum She'll Be Right Shed please call 0411 043 792.

Top: An entertaining and educational evening at the Serpentine Jarrahdale CRC

Below left: Shearer and Poet Trevor Keating and Rockingham historian Sharyn McCaskey

Below: Replicas of the famous Ned Kelly's home-made plate metal armour and helmet



Marble Bar CRC Manager Kim Mackay joined the Network in October 2013. Previously, Kim worked for Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation throughout the Western Desert communities as a community development officer and horticulture consultant.

How and why did you get involved in the Network and what is your biggest achievement so far?

I decided to settle down and find a job that didn't involve lots of driving and living out of a suitcase.

Then I saw the managerial position advertised and thought this would be perfect for me as I am based in Marble Bar and love the community.

As for my biggest achievements, I'm still fairly new to the Network, however I have many projects that I am already working on, such as grant applications, building a community garden, involving the local school children with banner designs, a community radio station, an art gallery within our CRC for local artists to display their work and computer training for the local community.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I feel a great satisfaction in helping people to realise their goals.

What are you most looking forward to this year for your centre?

We are really looking forward to our new training room arriving (on the back of a truck), starting our

new community garden project and converting our current training room into an art gallery.

What are your personal interests and describe something that others might not know about you?

I am very interested in native plants and all plants, in general. I love horticulture and growing fruits and vegetables. I'm particularly interested in bush tucker and plan to grow local produce in our gardens.

I also like organising events such as quiz nights and I am currently working with the Shire of East Pilbara and the Iron Clad Hotel to produce a Jerky Making Contest and the Billy Cart Grand Prix.

What is your best piece of advice to new starters in the Network?

Dive in and explore, rather than wait for information to come to you. There are numerous tasks involved in running a CRC and most of the time completely new to you. Take them on one at a time and soon you'll be a 'fountain of knowledge'.

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