

2023 OUTCOMES:

225
Participants placed into employment

65

PARTICIPANTS EMPLOYED FOR 13 WEEKS

1738

PARTICIPANTS CURRENTLY BEING SERVICED

49

PARTICIPANTS IN SUSTAINABLE EMPLOYMENT
26 weeks+

A Slam Dunk For Local Katherine Youth With Hoops 4 Health

Over the past three months, youth in Katherine and Kybrook have been ballin'! RISE Ventures brought Hoops 4 Health and their basketball superstars to run 15 sessions in community in April, May and June.

The first Indigenous Australia NBA player Nathan Jawai, alongside Darwin Jets players Kylie Duggin and Sam Rioli, coached all the sessions. They put the youth through their paces, running fitness and skills drills with plenty of healthy competition and fun!

The Katherine sessions were held at the Kalano Community Basketball Court, with thanks to our partner Kalano Community Association.

Kybrook is 90km north of Katherine, to the west of Pine Creek. RISE Ventures is investing more in the community with a growing team, so it was great to have Hoops 4 Health there for three days.



RISE Ventures Business Manager shared:

“*Hoops 4 Health has been a major initiative to engage with youth in both the Katherine/Big Rivers Region and the Kybrook community. Our aim is promote a healthy lifestyle and motivate our young people to expand their horizons.*

The Hoops 4 Health team are always engaging, full of energy and so accommodating to the needs of the youth at each session. It has been pleasing to be part of the process and to watch the young fellas faces light up when Nathan is talking about his NBA journey. They just get so inspired and want to engage! ”

We would also like to give a big shout out to the RISE Women's Connectivity Hub, who have been assisting with healthy food and snacks for each session.



RISE Kowanyama Hosts A Co-Op Market Day

At the end of May, RISE Ventures Kowanyama had a successful market day with our aspirants selling items they had crafted in our Men's and Women's Hubs. Check out some of the wares they had on offer!

Our very talented ladies made...

- Dresses, skirts, singlets and shorts
- Necklaces, earrings and loombands
- Curtains, tablecloths, pillows and cushions

And our fellas built...

- Bedside tables
- Bookshelves
- Coffee Tables



We set up under the mango tree for the community to come by and browse our stall.

Although our Market Day is over, you can still purchase any of these items in our Co-Op Shop! Just pop down to the Rise Ventures office on the corner of Chapman Road and Uwelkoril Street to find out more. Or if you're in the community and would like to build, sew or make jewellery, join our Men's and Women's Hubs!

What's Happening In The Kybrook Community

A New Uniform For RISE Ventures Kybrook

Congratulations to Denisha Ford who created the winning design for our new Kybrook staff uniform!

We've had Denisha's drawing professionally designed and the shirts are ready to be printed.



Check them out - we can't wait to wear them!



Healthfind Organises Kybrook Community BBQ



RISE Ventures held a community engagement BBQ in Kybrook with Jobfind Centres Australia's Healthfind team.

The team wanted to build relationships with Kybrook Mob and talk to community members on Country. As well as enjoying the BBQ, we shared how the RISE Telehealth Services that Healthfind offer can support individuals with personal, family, wellbeing and living challenges.

Our Aspirants Are Keeping The Community Tidy



The men from our Kowanyama Men's Connectivity Hub have been doing a great job within our community.

They work mowing lawns, whipper snipping and cleaning up people's yards so our homes and streets look tidy and cared for.

Locals have been giving our team great feedback and are so pleased with their hard work.

Pormpuraaw Fishing Competition

RISE Ventures Pormpuraaw was a lead sponsor in this year's Fishing Competition. The day is fun for the whole community and there was a great turnout.

We had some excellent fish caught and prizes won, including Supervisor Stephen Ambrum who won third place for his salmon!

The team also made big batches of delicious spaghetti bolognese and our always popular fruit salad to give out to the community.



Pormpuraaw Youth Week

In May, Pormpuraaw hosted their annual Youth Week with RISE Ventures a key partner in organising activities.

We had an awesome week with a basketball clinic held by professional basketball player Andre Moore, an employment and career day, an amazing race and a Minute To Win It challenge.



It was great connecting with our local youth and showing them the education, training and employment opportunities in our community and beyond. A big thank you to the Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation for organising the week!



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