



"We believe in developing people, organisations and communities by providing supportive and professional services"

RISE Newsletter - July 2017


Message from the CEO



Our company continues to embark on finding new opportunities to make a difference in the communities in which we serve. Our 'Community Pride' philosophy continues to develop very new and innovative ways of helping Job seekers find work. Our staff are leading the way in the innovation stakes for utilising new technologies such as Drone and Virtual

Reality to engage local Job seekers to look at things at a difference perspective and at the same time have fun whilst they engaged in work activities. In addition to this we have two new landmark projects that are nearly completed which are the Mareeba Boxing and Judo Hall and the Katherine Hot Springs project. Both of these projects have transformed the local area and have become beacons for what the Community Development Programme can do when providers and local communities come together with Job seekers to produce a fantastic outcome.

In recent weeks we have received our performance results from the Prime Minister and Cabinet. I would like to congratulate all Rise staff and our Job seekers on a fantastic outcome of achieving a 'Good' rating for all of our five regions. We improved our performance by 20% and this means more Job seekers in activities and also achieving the challenging regional employment target in each location.

Get in touch with Michael 

Mareeba Boxing and Judo Hall

Mareeba has a new Boxing and Judo Hall, thanks to the Community Development Programme and our RISE job seekers. Our job seekers have developed skills in carpentry; paving; painting; welding; landscaping; concreting and other facets of the general construction and labouring industry.

The refurbishment of the hall has ensured that this infrastructure is now a community benefit, with the primary use of the property being for the Mareeba Boxing Association. Since the refurbishment of the hall, the boxing association has seen higher levels of engagement from the youth and the community than previously experienced.



The ongoing support from the Mareeba Shire Council has been invaluable to the project and RISE throughout the region. The Mareeba Shire Council has assisted with the supply of raw materials and pavers to beautify the project and allow the upskilling of the local job seekers.

Mareeba Shire Council, Mayor Tom Gilmore, said, "What a fantastic project this has been for the people of Mareeba."



CDP Leadership Conference

Our CDP Managers Leadership Conference was held in Alice Springs in June. Our focus continues with "Redefining CDP".

Many highlights including:

- Opening Address by Warren Mundine
- The discussion of servicing strategies for the youth cohort
- Review of the system changes coming into effect on the 1st July
- The implementation, development and writing of quality business plans
- Overview of our best activities
- Great Outback Adventure tour and Earth Sanctuary dinner experience





Community Development Activities

Western Tablelands

A Star Studded Event with the "Living Room"



It all started with a simple invite to TV shows as RISE wanted to say "thank you" for the extraordinary efforts the ladies at the Food Preparation activity have contributed. "Because RISE are so proud of these ladies and where they have come today, we want to give something back to them and reward all of them for their efforts. Miguel is such a popular icon in this neck of the woods, we would love him to visit their fully stocked, clean kitchen and learn from the Master".

The popular lifestyle show on Channel 10, The Living Room, responded and said they'd love to come up and film.

RISE rose to the occasion on an early April morning at the spectacular Kuranda Amphitheatre, to the smells of the smokey earthen rock fire pit for the upcoming Kup Murri. Though the weather was threatening with black clouds forming, the scene was set for a fantastic day of community spirit with energy galore. Our WFD team had mowed, whipped and cleaned to present the top shed at its finest.

Filming started with placing foil and banana leaf wrapped parcels at different layers into the pit with meat at the bottom and the faster cooking vegies on top. Two more of the Amphitheatre WFD Crew, Raymond (Freddy) and Victor together with Manny and STAR Miguel put in a mammoth effort shovelling on the sand, layering banana leaves and hessian sacks for the cook up. Meanwhile Madeleen, from food prep was getting ready to teach Miguel how to make a banana and coconut damper. We were so proud at her confidence and stage presence and Miguel presented her with his favourite spoon, though she decided she liked the green one better than the pink lol. Miguel then prepared a native spiced apple sauce, a perfect accompaniment.



The event is forecast to air in July. Our participants have taken away special memories and are still talking about it weeks after the event took place.

Message from the Chairman

This week is NAIDOC week and we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their cultures. It is a time to get a better understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and share in our heritage. I remember when NAIDOC was celebrated on one day each year and now we have a full week of festivities which to me means we have come a long way in understanding the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history.



I have also been heavily involved working with national organisations to assist in post mining operations where major re-generation projects are under way which are essential to returning the land to its original condition and at the same time providing employment for local people. The mining industry plays an important role within Australia but it is critically important we ensure to that we return the land to its original condition for future generations to enjoy.

Coming off the back of the mining rehabilitation work and helping ATSI organisations access the Northern Development infrastructure work and developing several cattle stations for export.

I want to join with Michael in congratulating RISE staff on the great result in the recent Prime Minister & Cabinet performance audit. Fantastic job. The Community Development Programme is working in these areas and we must continue to meet the needs of our Indigenous clients, local communities and the requirements of Government.

West Arnhem

Gunbalanya Airport Revamp Project

For the 2 week school holidays, RISE partnered with Stronger Communities for Children and created an activity for both the children that were on holidays and our local CDP Community Improvement Activity. The activity was to give the Airport Terminal a revamp.



The work crew took the children out to the Gunbalanya Airport and started painting. The local fellas drew their aboriginal art on the building, tables and chairs whilst the children helped to paint the wooden cut out animal shapes that the fellas had made.

After a hard day's work the day was completed with a BBQ and a cool off in the local pool which was supervised by our Community Improvement team and West Arnhem Regional Council Youth Centre.





Wellesley Islands

Indigenous Marathon Foundation's National Deadly Fun Run Championships

The Mornington Island Deadly Runners were presented with their running shirts by RISE this month. Reon Williams, David Medwin, Connor Rodgers and Shontae Yarrack have been selected to participate in the Indigenous Marathon Foundation's National Deadly Fun Run Championships to be held in Uluru.



They form the first team from Mornington Island to compete. We wish them lots of luck. RISE is proud to be able to contribute to our communities even when it is not a core CDP function.

Injalak Arts Centre

RISE Ventures has been working with Injalak Art Centre for over three years since the inception of the Remote Jobs and Community Programme (RJCP).

The Injalak activity hosts 30 % of RISE Ventures West Arnhem caseload, varying activity from multimedia; marketing; construction through to cultural activity; basket weaving; sculptures; screen printing and painting.



Katherine

RISE Ventures Upgrading The Hot Springs with Katherine Town Council

The Katherine Hot Springs has been an ongoing project for the Katherine Town Council and RISE Ventures.

The first stage involved the terracing on the main entrance bank to the Hot Springs and the installation of the gabion rock baskets. RISE Ventures have worked closely with a subcontractor from Adelaide; Prospect Construction to complete all terracing and gabion rock baskets. The skills being engaged through this Community Development Programme is ensuring that these job seekers are being upskilled in the construction industry. The second stage will be focused at the top of the Hot Springs Park and will involve a playground, new pathway's and upgraded amenities. The completion of this project will contribute to local tourism to the area and provide further income to local business and employment outcomes for the local community.



Pormpuraaw

Mental Health Training

NESA recently delivered mental health training in Pormpuraaw. RISE was offered places in the training for the CDP team and the School was offered places for the RSAS team. 16 commenced the training on the first day, including 9 staff from RISE. There were 9 completions on the last day of the training, 8 of the completions were RISE staff.



Kay Oliver from DPMC was very impressed with the contribution from RISE to the training and congratulated all staff on their commitment to completing the training. Our young trainee, Tyron, had an appendectomy the week before but still managed to attend each day and complete his training. Great work by Team Pormp.

(Photo above) The Pormpuraaw team after completing their training with Kay from PM and C

Kowanyama

Dr Lara Visit to Kowanyama

Dr Lara Wieland and her husband Ron visit Kowanyama twice almost monthly. Supported by RISE to travel to Kowanyama, Dr Lara and Ron had a great couple of days with some of our



CDP participants. They undertook many activities including planting healthy food plants in gardens and in the OTK women's shelter garden.

Dr Lara has been working with the Kowanyama community for many years now to assist with health education, develop awareness about healthy eating habits, how to grow healthy foods and vegetables within the community.

OTK is a charity organisation RISE was able to assist OTK with some expenses Dr Lara has well developed relationships in Kowanyama and many participants



were very excited at the prospect of seeing Dr Lara and Ron again. The promotion of healthy eating habits and healthy food planting is one small, nutritious step towards Closing the Gap in Kowanyama!



Message from CDP General Manager



As the wet seasons disappears in the rear view mirror we are seeing some great employment results across our 5 regions.

All of our regions have been exceeding their employment placement targets. The most pleasing thing is that the majority of these jobs will be ongoing employment opportunities.

This is a great example of how the Community Development Programme works.

People learn skills, confidence and motivation by attending activities, this then puts them in a great place when it comes to looking for work. Furthermore, we can tell an employer with confidence that a particular jobseeker has a great attitude to work. We'll always keep focussed on getting people into work.

Get in touch with Darren 

Jobseeker Success Stories!

Audrey Waraumiya – Minjilang



Audrey Waraumiya has been born and bred in the beautiful community of Minjilang on Crocker Island. Being on an isolated and small island, Audrey has found it hard to gain employment.

Audrey actively participates in the Creative Industries where she is learning new skills in sewing, craft, cooking, gardening, budgeting & the like with the main goal to create enterprises

for her that will benefit her not only financially, but also self worth.

Roseshelle Kitchener - Kowanyama



At the start of the week, being relatively new to the sewing activity, Roseshelle was quite scared of using a sewing machine. She had never touched one before, but under the guidance of Renee, she managed to get through all the hurdles.

Roseshelle got involved into the activity and was first in and last to leave each day. She

was that enthused about the sewing activity that she would say until 3pm on some of the days to finish off her handy work.

A true inspiration to other job seekers to have a go and get involved in activities. You're never too old to learn new skills!

Kowanyama Pool

Duncan Angus (Owner) having a great time with his little mates at the Kowanyama pool.



"Duncan Angus with his 2006 mates at the Kowanyama Pool"

The 'NO MORE' Campaign



violence.

The NO MORE campaign began in 2006 and was consolidated in 2008 when NO MORE campaign founder Charlie King visited remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory to discuss family

The key message of the campaign is to end family violence. The focus of the march was on the male community, whilst they have the power to be destructive and at the same time care for their families. Community Elders proudly announced that to reduce family violence, men needs to take ownership and find a solution as individuals and as a group.

RISE Ventures supports the campaign and promoted this within the community. The community development participants were engaged in this march and made the signage with the assistance of RI Con Construction.

The Bull Has Arrived Pormpuraaw

Pormpuraaw community has welcomed the arrival of RISE Ventures mechanical bull. The idea for having a mechanical bull came from understanding the connection local people have had historically with the cattle industry and their love of country. By purchasing a mechanical bull we are able to provide an outlet for the community which fits with their interests and desires.



Using the mechanical bull as a reward for attendance of school students and Community Development Programme (CDP) participants we have already witnessed the excitement that

this innovative idea will bring.

The still to be named bull will debut at the Pormpuraaw Rodeo and three day festival and will seed economic opportunities to support other Cape York communities with their events.

