

# **WETT Youth & Media Project**

Quarterly Report – October 2008

*“The WETT Youth & Media Project strives to achieve success in all areas of professional development. Including project management, organizational procedures, meetings, planning, networking, marketing sharing ideas, and documenting all of the above.”*

**“NGALIPA KURLANGU JUNGA JARU”**

***“ALL OF OUR TRUE VOICE’S”***

## **Yuendumu**

### ***Youth Outreach:***

C/ Report from Tali Low Re: All Youth Activities, including Music Program, in Yuendumu.

### ***WETT Media Activities:***

(20/9/08) Football (Semi Final) – Camera Operation/Filming (3)

(27/9/08) Football (Grand Final) – Camera Operation/Filming (2)

(6-10/10/08) Celebration of 25 years for Warlpiri Media PAW & the 10<sup>th</sup> Remote Area Media Festival (Yuendumu) – Filming, directing, editing, basic camera operation & creating a Music Film Clip. Bruno Wilson & Jason Woods both won “Emerging Strength Awards” in recognition of their valued participation in PAW Media. (5)



*(Right to left: Jason Woods, Dion Brown & Randall Wilson)*



*(Above Left to Right: Jason Woods & Dion Brown – Music Film Clip)*

(9-10/10/08) Music film clip – Filmed, directed, edited & produced by local Yapa involved in the WETT Youth & Media Project. (6)



*(Above: Dion Brown - Filming music film clip)*

*(Below Left: Randall Wilson – Directing/Filming)*



*(Above Right: Bruno Wilson – Directing music film clip)*

(14-18/10/08) WETT video editing training in the PAW studio space, Young people attending got experience and training with 'final cut express' a powerful video editing software program. They worked on editing the Football Grand Final 2008. (5)

(27/10/08) WETT video training - Filming/basic camera operation for Yuendumu Swimming pool opening (5)



*(Above: Brendon Woods, Gregson Collins & Jason Woods)*

The WETT Media Project is proving to be a successful project, in Yuendumu 3 of the young men who have been involved in the project have now potentially gained work with PAW Media.

Esau Marshall (WETT Music & Sound recording)

Jason Woods (WETT Video & Music)

Bruno Wilson (WETT Video)

Caleb Hargraves (WETT Video, Music & Sound recording) has also begun to working with the WETT Youth & Media Project.



*(Above: Caleb Hargraves & Esau Marshall – Music film clip)*



*(Above: The Desert Boys Film Clip)*

\*C/ WETT attendance to Youth Training stats

## Willowra

### *Youth Outreach:*

**Country visits** at the beginning of August (5-8/8/08).

One side went to Pirra Punta (spelling?) and the other to Smokey Bore. We did films and editing on dancing, traditional hunting and location of traditional soakages.



**Bush trips:** Kangaroo hunting with young men, bush berries and bush tomato hunting with girls, porcupine and goanna - following tracks, picnics in the creek with kangaroo tail, looking for withchetty grubs.



**CSIRO & work with Anna Cadden:** Wandijong - bush medicine slideshow, Sandpit - bush foods slideshow (Anna has good photos of people using media equipment for bush trips).

**Band:** CAAMA training in Alice Springs - made a CD and performed in Todd Mall. CD recording has been done at Willowra too. Willowra won first prize (\$1000) at the Yuendumu media fest concert in October.

**Cooking:** Very popular activity for youth program. We have been selling food at disco (when we've been able to have it!) But mostly we make chocolate crackles or cake and it is shared out among the kids..



*(Above: Cooking Group in Willowra)*

**Other:** playgroup starting up every Wednesday and Thursday in the council building (World Vision). Amy will coordinate on Thurs, we are hoping to pay Melissa and Veronica and eventually have them take over. Also talks for a positive fathering project, involving young men making posters.

- Landscaping man here this week (on 30th Oct) to do youth accommodation garden, hoping to pay four young people to help out and provide training and qualifications.

- Fighting has hampered much of our activities and we have found that large scale activities (eg disco and movie nights) tend to be dominated by one side (Marjorie mob) and other kids are too frightened to attend. We have spent a lot of time with Alison talking extensively to community about what to do about this problem. Community has suggested that we run two sets of activities for each side, but this could be fairly exhausting for us!! Consequently we have been moving toward more small group activities such as bush trips, cooking, taking turns for band etc etc. We have had an early disco that finished when it got dark and this worked fairly well.
- Rdaka rdaka (making movie of Walpiri sign language) - taking over this from Alison - dude is apparently coming out in the next month..

Willowra has had really ruff couple of months, the 2 Youth & media workers (Kyle & Amy) have been doing an amazing job amongst all the turmoil and fighting that's been going on there. I commend them on their skills & dedication to the Willowra Community & the WETT Youth & Media Project.

### **WETT Media Activities:**

#### ***Video:***

(11-13/9/08) Video editing training, with Anna Cadden, has begun in Willowra, Young people are learning to use Final Cut Express, a powerful video-editing program. (8)

(2-5/10/08) Video & editing training continued with Anna Cadden. Over this period young people have been involved in over 50 hours of media training. (11)

More Video & Media training is booked in for early December. Anna Cadden will deliver these workshops and training. C/ report from

The new office and training space is nearly ready. We expect this to be completed by mid December.

***Music:***

“Young Pala Patu” (Willowra Young Men’s Committee) has been the driving force behind the Willowra Stage & Music Rehearsal Project, which will benefit the whole community.

(27/7/08) Lander River Band won “Best Band” at Ali Curung.

(10/10/08) Lander River Band won “Best Band” at Yuendumu ‘Battle of the Bands’ as part of the Remote Areas Media Festival.

The Lander River Band has been performing at several inter-community events and has participated in a recording session at CAAMA.

(23-25/10/08) WETT audio recording trainers (Shaun Wilson & Dion Brown), met with community & council regarding Willowra Band room and stage, music recording, production & training.



*(Malcolm - CEO Willowra, meeting with Shaun Wilson & Dion Brown)*

WETT is currently working with several other of the young Warlpiri men to travel and train local men, in surrounding communities, in video, editing & audio recording techniques.

## Nyirripi

### *Youth Outreach:*

(16-18/9/08) Warlpiri Rangers activities, where youth and elders worked together on local soakages and water holes, also setting traps. This was part of a CLC land management project.



(19-21/7/08) Nyirripi sports week end. Nyirripi has also been involved in the Yuendumu, Papunya, New Store & Ernabella Sports carnivals.

Spray Can Art Workshops were a success with the whole community participating, keenly watching and giving their approval. The young people really enjoyed this activity and are looking forward to doing some more during the Christmas break.

Bush Trips have been identified as an important activity, we have a new worker and building relationships is a crucial part of encouraging in these youth activities. There have been 5 this quarter & local elders have been a strong part of these activities.

(2-4/9/08) Country visits to Ethel Creek. The whole community takes part in these trips. This was organized through the school, Mt Theo Program showed strong support and involvement during these activities.



*(Above: Country Visits in Nyirripi)*

Community attended the Remote Arts Festival in Kintore, which went really well & local people were involved in a music film clip, music workshop with Mary G, dancing & craft workshops.

Meetings with the clinic re: Bush medicines and bush garden ideas. Anthony has had several meetings with local service providers to connect and strengthen programs for the community.

Nyirripi has had a ruff start to programs. A new youth & media worker (Anthony Bernhardt) has been appointed and started at the end of July. The systems for data collection have been recently changed to allow a more precise method of collection & will be in place for the next report. We have put in as much information as possible at this time and are currently working to provide more accurate information. We apologize for any delay or lack of information.

***WETT Media Activities:***

*Film:*

(19-21/7/08) 'Nyirripi Sports Week End' 14 people got involved in basic camera set up and operation training. Several young people did up to 12 hrs of filming during the 3 days. It was a great way to identify young people who are keen to commit to the WETT training.



*(Above: Micah Williams filming band night)*

Country Visits was also a great training experience for local youth to develop their media skills.

The WETT Youth & Media Project is currently looking into use of the Local Bachelor Collage, Training Facility, to run the Video, Filming and Editing Training. We are organizing dates with trainers and community.

The Warlpiri Rangers activities were also another media project that was successful for the local youth & the WETT youth & media project.



*Music:*

(19-21/7/08) 14 people got involved in the Band (live) recording & stage set up training during 'Nyirripi Sports.' Community feedback was good, and people are very keen to move into the editing process, although we don't have an appropriate space dedicated to WETT training at this time. As with the Video editing, we are looking at the possibility of using the bachelor collage training room.



*(Desert Mulga Band setting up for Band night)*

WETT has purchased a full band & stage set up for Nyirripi although we haven't yet located a space to safely store this equipment. A storage space has been added to the Gmaac application.

Nyirripi Community Music Recording Studio Project has been identified as a community initiative. There is currently a proposal in progress with GMAAAC.

\*Statistics can be found in the WETT-Youth Media Training records.

## **Lajamanu**

Mt Theo Program WETT Youth & Media project is currently planning trips and focus for the Lajamanu youth & media program. We have set dates to begin community planning & media work in Lajamanu.

We have planned the first visit for the first week in November.

**\*This report has been put together with the assistance of Bruno Wilson, Shaun Wilson & Caleb Hargraves, also the Youth & Media Project workers from Willowra & Nyirripi.**