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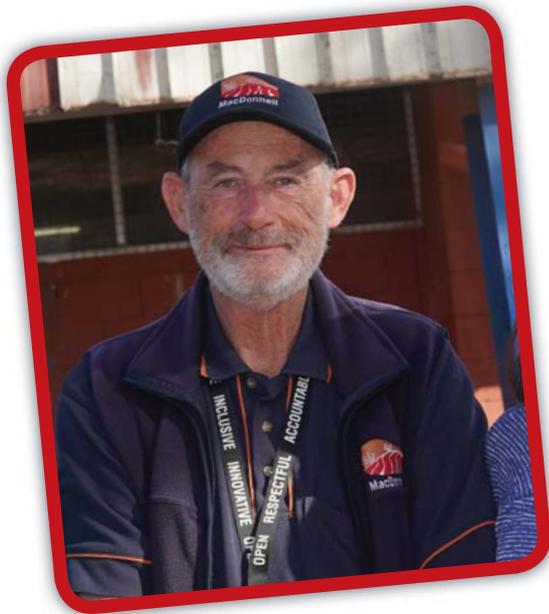
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It has been a couple of busy months for our team, who has been working hard on the 2022-23 Regional Plan, MacDonnell Regional Council's 2021 Enterprise Agreement, as well as all of our other duties.

The MacYouth and MacSafe crews went above and beyond for the Papunya Fun Day in April. It was a massive success, rewarding kids from across our region for a successful first half of the school year.

They took part in many activities on offer a jumping castle, basketball, football and a dancing competition.

A number of our communities also had a visit from the NT Grants Commission. The NTEG officials really enjoyed getting to meet our community members and seeing all the hard work being done on the ground.

It was interesting to hear about issues that all regional councils face in the Northern Territory, and to explain our situation down here.

Their tour came a few weeks after President Roxanne Kenny, Deputy President Dalton McDonald and I travelled to Darwin for a Local Government Association of the Northern Territory meeting. It was a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues from other councils.

Last but not least, Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte) was also visited by national Tidy Towns awards judge Gail Langley.

It wasn't Gail's first visit to the community - which previously took out the national award in 2019. But she was impressed by all the changes and new initiatives we have put in place.

A number of local stakeholders also came along to speak with Gail, including Spinifex Skateboards founder and Traditional Owner Nicky Hayes.

I'd also like to encourage all staff to get their flu jab. Staff can get their free vaccinations at Bath Street Medical Centre.

Community staff can enquire with their local health clinic.

As we begin our 15th year of operation, I want to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication to our constituents.



Jeff MacLeod

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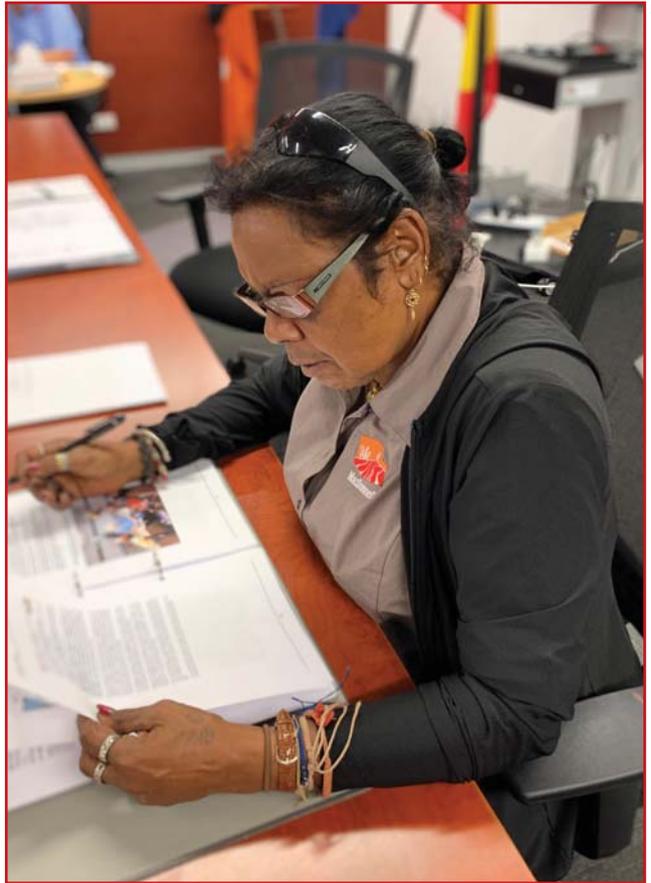
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CEO Jeff MacLeod and President Roxanne Kenny listen to the councillors speak about important issues.



President Roxanne Kenny looks at the agenda.



Council had quorum, with 8 members at the meeting



The Executive Leadership Team also posed for a photo at the council meeting.



COUNCIL MEETING SUCCESS IN ALICE



CEO Jeff MacLeod, Mark Inkamala, Annie Young, Peter Turner, President Roxanne Kenny, Lisa Sharman, Lynette Ellis, Deputy President Dalton McDonald and Patrick Allen smile for the camera at the April ordinary meeting.

ELECTED members have attended three council meetings since the previous issue of MacNews.

The fifth Ordinary meeting was held at council's Alice Springs headquarters in April to approve the new concept for the Regional Plan.

Councillors also participated in a workshop on the Strategic Plan and KPIs.

Among the discussions at the meeting included future land planning in remote communities, the appointment of new Local Authority delegates and the extension of hours for Amoonguna's local store.

It was decided that Deputy President Dalton McDonald and Councillors Lisa Sharman, Annie Young, Patrick Allen and Peter Turner would attend the 2022 ALGA National General Assembly. The meeting also had a special visit from the NT Grants Commission on the last day of their tour.

A special council meeting was also held at the end of May so the elected members could approve the final draft of the regional plan.

A joint meeting with Central Desert Regional Council was also held in June as a chance for councillors to interact.



Thelick Malbunka has his say in Hermannsburg.



MacKids worker Shakira Davis was excited to take part in the ballot.



Ronald Morton casts his vote in Finke.



Stephanie Campbell goes to the polls.



Jillianne Renner waits for Stephanie Campbell to vote.



Victor Morgan holds the ballot box in Kintore.



GREEN LIGHT FOR COUNCIL'S NEW EA



Chief Executive Officer Jeff MacLeod and Enterprise Bargaining group representative Zoe Lang sign the new EA.

MACDONNELL Regional Council's new Enterprise Agreement has been given the green light from the Fairwork Commission.

Council's Human Resources team has been hard at work over the past few months ensuring all staff understood what the proposed changes meant for them.

Information sessions were held in all 13 communities, with a special explanatory video produced in both English and Arrernte.

Staff were then given a week to 'access' the Enterprise Agreement, which resulted in a number of changes.

A confidential ballot was then held, with 89.7% of staff voting YES. 300 votes were received in total.

Human Resources Manager Thomas Coelli-Donaghy thanked all the staff who helped.

"I would also like to thank the Enterprise Bargaining group and union representatives for their participation in the negotiation phase," he added.

The new Enterprise Agreement took effect from May 28, 2022. CEO Jeff MacLeod thanked Thomas for all his hard work during the process.



Namatjira MLA Bill Yan, Cr Annie Young, Tidy Towns NT CEO Heimo Schober & MRC CEO Jeff MacLeod



Area Manager Keith Hassett and Centre Service Delivery director Belinda Urquhart cook up a storm on the barbecue



CEO Jeff MacLeod, National Keep Australia Beautiful judge Gail Langley and Belinda Urquhart cut the cake.



The Santa Teresa community was treated to this delicious cake to celebrate the day.



DREAM TEAM: Graham Hayes, Bronwyn Marshall, team leader Darren Young, David Farrall, CSC Annalisa Young, John Young, Mervyn Young and Councillor Annie Young



TIDY TOWN JUDGES HIT SANTA TERESA



TOWN PRIDE: Service Centre Delivery Director Belinda Urquhart shows judge Gail Langley the town's renovations.

THE beauty of Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte) was on full display in May, as the national Tidy Town judge toured the community.

Service Centre Delivery director Belinda Urquhart acted as the tour guide, championing everything the small community has achieved over the past year.

“Santa Teresa is a vibrant, creative and sustainable community with a real focus on their church, culture and country,” she said.

Tidy Town Awards judge Gail Langley enjoyed visiting Keringke Aboriginal Art Centre, the iconic church, as well as Council’s facilities.

She even played a game of basketball with a group of youths at the Rec Hall.

There was a massive barbecue feast, which was enjoyed by many stakeholders.

Councillor Annie Young welcomed the

visitors to the community before everyone watched Council’s Tidy Town video entry. They also enjoyed a slice of the giant cake.

Namatjira MLA Bill Yan also attended on the day, getting involved in all the festivities.

MacDonnell Regional Council CEO Jeff MacLeod congratulated Santa Teresa on all their hard work.

“I am proud to say Santa is in the running for its second national Tidy Town award,” he said.

“To win one is phenomenal but this is just the icing on the cake. Our community and council staff work incredibly hard and to be recognised for that is the greatest honour one can ask for.”

Santa Teresa previously took out the national Tidy Towns competition in 2019.

Council will head to the national finals in Melbourne in July.



CEO Jeff MacLeod shows the NT Grants Commission the new Amoonguna Road (see page 13 for details)



Jeff advocated for better roads in remote areas, while discussing the new Amoonguna intersection.



Meeta Ramkumar and Kaye Thurlow from the NT Grants Commission discuss issues facing remote communities



NT Grants Commission Executive Officer Donna Hadfield points out some interesting data.



Donna Hadfield and Meeta Ramkumar inspect a media room that was given a fresh coat of paint during lockdown.



Donna Hadfield, Amoonguna Council Service Coordinator Simran Behl and Celia Hall visit the hall

COMMISSION TOURS MRC COMMUNITIES



GRANTS TOUR: Meeta Ramkumar, Kay Thurlow, Jeff MacLeod, Donna Hadfield and Celia Hill at Amoonguna.

VISITING representatives of the NT Grants Commission were excited to see first-hand where their allocated funds are being used on the ground in the MacDonnell region.

Amoonguna was the first community they visited as part of the four-day tour.

MRC Chief Executive Officer Jeff MacLeod showed off the recently-finished road into Amoonguna, while advocating for better roads in more remote areas.

Commissioner Kaye Thurlow also shared many interesting anecdotes from her time as President of East Arnhem Regional Council.

Grants Commission executive officer Donna Hadfield was particularly impressed by the media room's recent paint job by MacYouth team members during the COVID lockdown.

INTINERARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Alice Springs Town Council
Amoonguna

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Wallace Rockhole
Hermannsburg (Ntaria)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Finke
Santa Teresa

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Titjikala
MRC Alice Springs office



Max Baliva, Muhammad Waseem, Kym Stuart and Melvin Malbunka at the new separation bays in Ntaria.

FUNDING GOES TO WASTE IN NTARIA

THE Waste Management Facility at Hermansburg (Ntaria) has received a \$60,000 facelift. The rehabilitation of the site has been in the pipeline since October 2019, with COVID causing major delays and staff shortages.

Residents will now be able to recycle easier, using the waste management facility's newly-constructed drop-off bays.

This will allow locals and workers to sort the waste for better disposal and recycling.

The 24-hour community drop-off area is modelled off the successful development at Santa Teresa.



WEATHER DELAYS STRETCH OF ROAD



The recently completed sealing works at the Ross Highway - Amooinguna Road intersection.

THE Amooinguna Road project is finally complete, despite delays caused by heavy rain and COVID restrictions.

Early works kicked off on the \$1.8 million development in November 2021, with funding coming from the NT and Federal Governments.

Transport Infrastructure Coordinator Cameron Wilson (inset top right) said the project only took six months despite many hurdles.

“Early on it was the wet weather and the biosecurity measures, which meant the contractor had limited staff and couldn’t start the project,” he said.

“Another issue was members of the public illegally driving on the road just before it



was sealed. Our Night Patrol team did a great job monitoring the road at night time to ensure no more illegal driving.”

Works restarted in late February and ended in April.

Wilson credits teamwork for the great outcome.

“I believe the NTG and MRC worked really well together so the project ran a lot smoother than usual,” he said. “Staff at MRC all contributed to the project.”

PAPUNYA ENJOYS



FOOTY FUN

The next generation of footy stars waiting for their turn to have a go



YOUTH FUN DAY



UNITED EFFORT PAYS OFF FOR MACYOUTH

IT was a long day of hard work, but it paid off for the kids of Papunya and surrounding communities.

MacYouth and MacCare team members travelled out on the Wednesday to prepare, with help from local work crews cleaning the site.

Crew members were still working hard getting things sorted on the Friday, setting up the performance stage, barbecue area and sport activities.

As soon as the jumping castle inflated, all bets were off and hundreds of kids arrived.

It was all hands on deck as a united team prepared enough hamburgers and sausages for all to enjoy.

Event organiser Adam Bell said it was great to see so many departments align to give the people of Papunya a reminder they have plenty to celebrate.

“And that they have our support through what has been some testing times for them,” he said. “Hopefully we see more live music on the stage in the future, as well as sporting opportunities for the youth.”

PAPUNYA ENJOYS



The local police got into the action, playing basketball with the local youths.



Tjupi Band members Jason Butcher and Harold Jurrah prepare to perform for the crowds.



The youth get their jive on with a special dancing competition at sunset.



The next generation of musicians hit the stage in Papunya for the fun day.



Some of the youths lined up for a go on the jumping castle.



YOUTH FUN DAY



MacSafe Coordinators Michael Mitchell and Yarran Cavalier on the barbecue at the fun day.



MacSafe Coordinator Michael Mitchell unsuccessfully persuades a youth to have an apple.

FLU JABS AHEAD OF COLD WINTER



STAFF were lining up at the Alice Springs office for their free Influenza vaccination.

Work Health & Safety Coordinator Manoj Syam organised for a doctor from Bath Street Family Medical Centre to come give out the jabs.

It comes as concern grows over the return of viruses like Influenza and Rhinovirus (Common Cold) after dropping to record lows during the pandemic.

Staff can also ask for a free vaccine voucher from reception to get the jab at Bath Street Medical Centre.

Community-based workers can call their local health clinic to book in a vaccination.





MACYOUTH DEBUT BRAND NEW LOGO

MACYOUTH has revealed its brand new logo — co-designed by local staff and youth.

The unique design features an Aboriginal sitting circle to represent working together with young people.

It also features a basketball and a football to represent engagement and fun activities.

Manager Jessica Kragh said MacYouth is proud of the work they do and the new uniform they have to wear.

“Hoodies, hats and tote bags will be next — you can expect them soon,” she said.



Youth Services coordinator Felix Meyer was happy to model the new comfortable uniform.



Amelia Snodgrass, Izzy Griffiths and Luke Wallace.



Menam Ryder, Reggie Lankin, Nicholas Williams and Aero Ovastavik



Dan Toole, Waylon Dixon, Rhekita Stuart, Samantha Stuart



Max Meneri, Rajan Khadka, Yarran Cavalier & Adam Bell



Ted Lawrence, Samantha Stuart and Camilla Hayes.



Sam Nowicki and Daisy Brettargh



MacYouth Manager Jessica Kragh, Kathleen Windy, Loretta Penhall, Justine Stockman and Lisa Toolin



SENIOR TRAINING FOR MACYOUTH



Some of the youths lined up for a go on the jumping castle.

MACYOUTH delivered its annual senior staff training at Witchettys at Araluen.

All Senior Youth Service Officers, Youth Engagement Officers, Team Leaders, Coordinators and Manager were in attendance.

The week-long program comprised of guest speaks from Tangentyere Council on how to identify healthy relationships for children as well as Volatile Substance Misuse.

Staff also learnt how to conduct annual performance reviews, the importance of staff safety and ongoing supervision for all workers.

"It was a great week for training and we all enjoyed an afternoon socialising and playing lawn bowls," Manager Jessica Kragh said.

Senior Staff training weeks are highly

anticipated and enjoyed by staff.

"Not only do these weeks provide a chance to gain new knowledge from external stakeholders but they also provide a great opportunity to network with colleagues and brainstorm ideas with peers," Projects and Planning Coordinator Holly van Vliet said.

"Staff are encouraged to discuss what is working well in addition to current challenges."

Youth Services Coordinator Ted Lawrence said it was a great opportunity to learn from some leaders from other service providers.

"It was great to hear from other service providers, such as Tangentyere Council DV team, and it was a nice time to reflect and reconnect with our teams that work so hard," he said.



FRESH COAT OF PAINT FOR HALL

AMOONGUNA'S recreation hall has received a fresh lick of paint, as part of a Youth Board Project.

Youth Services Coordinator Ted Lawrence said it is still a work in progress with hopes of being finished in the June school holidays.

"The design and colours were designed by the young people and Local Authority members, including councillor Lynette Ellis," he said.

"The colours represent the local sport team - the Amooonguna crows."

The MacYouth team also had help from year 10 Geelong Christian College students.

Keith Hassett and James Walsh helped erect the new Recreation Hall sign.



RECONCILIATION TOP OF AGENDA



TOP: Marilyn Dixon, Sharon Alice and Pratikshya Baral work

MEMBERS of the MacKids team travelled all the way to Darwin to participate in the two-day Reconciliation Symposium.

MacKids manager Iryna Mustiats said the team met lots of like-minded people and were very pleased with the event.

“In early childhood, we are committed to continuous improvement of our practices and attended these kinds of events to network with other early childhood professionals and grow professionally is a great training investment.”

The symposium featured prominent keynote speakers like Karine Mundine, Catherine Liddle and Leanne Liddle.

“They moved the audience to tears sharing their stories,” Iryna said.

The symposium offered insightful and practical suggestions to help introduce reconciliation to centre practice.

It is a unique opportunity to learn, share and be inspired to work together towards reconciliation. The symposium was focused on creating understanding and raising awareness of the nuances of communication, including the importance of words, actions, and gestures in cultivating positive relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non-Indigenous Australians.

The MacKids team will head off to the Early Childhood Australia National Conference in October to continue development and reflection on their practices with young children.



TASTY FEED FOR MACCARE MOB

MACCARE clients in Papunya were treated to a special barbeque and damper day.

MacCare Coordinator Adeyinka 'Emmanuel' Adegbosin said 26 clients and family members attended the event.

Kangaroo tails and steak were also on the menu. MacCare also handed out blankets for the winter months.



HIGH STANDARDS FOR AGED CARE



TOP: Marilyn Dixon, Sharon Alice and Pratikshya Baral work together at the training day.

RIGHT: Jenny Murnik, Amabelle Labastida and Rosemary Matasia.



TEAM leaders and senior MacCare staff were in Alice Springs recently for a special two-day workshop.

MacCare manager Amandeep 'Daisy' Kaur said the team members thoroughly enjoyed the Aged Care Quality Standards training.

"It was enjoyable and easy to understand for all of our team," she said.

Staff learnt about the eight Aged Care Quality Standards and how to apply them when working with clients in remote communities.

They were also taught how to talk to clients and their families, carers and other representatives in a culturally-appropriate way.



CELEBRATE OUR



KINTORE YOUTH TEAM SERVICE EXCELLENCE

MacYouth Kintore has partnered with Walungurru Primary School during the challenges of Covid-19 as term 1 has had minimal staffing.

MacYouth has been supporting the delivery of classroom activities for students in grade 5 and 6 working closely with the school to engage these students in a COVID-safe way.

MRC is very impressed with the CEO receiving recognition from an external stakeholder.



Cameron has managed multiple projects in February and has done an exceptional job.

He worked exceptionally with DIPL when the Amoonguna project was fast tracked; managing the new waste facility at Docker River; trying to improve the MRC road network after the heavy rains; and, completing recruitment processes for two positions including coordinating interviews at the same time.



CAMERON WILSON ABOVE & BEYOND



You can find the nomination form (HR04-F1) on the front page of Magic Docs under 'FORMS – Human Resources'. Nomination forms are to be completed and returned to human.resources@macdonnell.nt.gov.au



HIGH ACHIEVERS

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PAPUNYA MACSAFE ABOVE & BEYOND

The MacSafe team was requested by the Local Authority and the Northern Territory Government to alter their rosters to assist with the response to anti-social behaviour and increase community safety.

The team went above and beyond for their efforts and deserve to be recognised for this.

Robbie has been instrumental in the delivery of youth program and helping manage the large youth diversion caseload while the team leader has been on annual leave.

Robbie has filled many gaps during a difficult period marked by COVID and staff shortages. He has been a huge support to the acting team team leader and truly deserves the recognition.

He is operating at a very high level and we are pleased to have him on the team.



ROBERT KOPP ABOVE & BEYOND

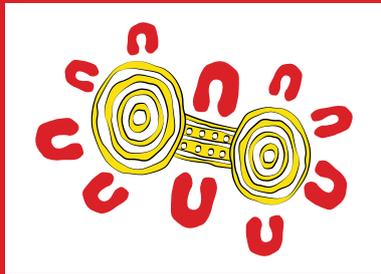
The MacCare team worked through all adverse conditions, in full PPE during lockdowns, managed to feed all clients when food supplies were low in communities due to road damage, made things happen to the benefit of their clients even when equipment broke and could not be repaired in a timely manner due to contractors being delayed.

They also sourced sustainable packaging for meal delivery in a few communities and advocated for recycling and cleaning community spaces.



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BIG TEAM WELCOME

ALICE SPRINGS

- Jane Bosward - Customer Engagement Officer
- David-Lee Nielson - Team Leader Youth Services
- Avatar Singh - Management Accountant & Grants

AMOONGUNA

- Lee-Roy Dixon - Youth Services Officer

FINKE

- Kevin James - Home Care Assistant
- Nikisha Queama - Educator (Early Learning)
- Jo-Marie Rawson - Customer Service Officer
- Priscilla Robinson - Educator (Early Learning)

HERMANSBURG

- Samara Armstrong - Home Care Assistant
- Faith Malbunka - Educator (Early Learning)

KINTORE

- Peter Waddell - Youth Engagement Officer

MT LIEBIG

- Daisy Brettargh - Youth Engagement Officer

PAPUNYA

- Andrew Dorizzi - Youth Services Officer
- Denilee Spencer - Youth Services Officer
- Jeffrey Stanton - Team Leader Youth Services
- Cheryl Stockman - Youth Services Officer
- Claudette Stockman - Youth Services Officer

WALLACE ROCKHOLE

- Daniel Abbott - Local Authority Member



RECOGNITION

President Roxanne Kenny presents Darren Young with an award recognising his 10 years of service for MacDonnell Regional Council



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If you're a public servant it pays to learn what you can claim



To claim a deduction for work-related expenses:

- you must have spent the money yourself and weren't reimbursed
- it must directly relate to earning your income
- you must have a record to prove it.*

You can only claim the work-related portion of an expense. You can't claim a deduction for any part of an expense that does not directly relate to earning your income.

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Car expenses



- ✘ **You can't claim** the cost of normal trips between home and work, even if you live a long way from your usual workplace or have to work outside normal business hours – for example, having to work late to speak to a colleague in a different time zone.
- ✔ **You can claim** the cost of using a car you own when you drive:
 - directly between separate jobs on the same day – for example, from your public service job to a second job as a musician
 - to and from an alternate workplace for the same employer on the same day – for example, travelling to a different office to attend a meeting.

If you claim car expenses, you can use the logbook method or the cents per kilometre method to calculate your deduction.

If you use the logbook method, you need to keep a valid logbook to work out the percentage of work-related use along with written evidence of your car expenses.

If you use the cents per kilometre method, you need to be able to show how you calculated your work-related kilometres and that those kilometres were work related.

If you claim your work-related car expenses using one of the above methods, you can't claim any further deductions in the same tax return for the same car. For example, petrol, servicing, and insurance costs.

Clothing and laundry expenses (including footwear)



With a few exceptions, clothing can't be deducted as a work-related expense.

- ✘ **You can't claim** the cost to buy, hire, repair or clean conventional clothing you wear for work, even if your employer requires you to wear it and you only wear these items of clothing at work. 'Conventional clothing' is everyday clothing worn by people – for example, business attire worn by office workers.

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- ✔ **You can claim** self-education and study expenses if your course relates directly to your employment and it:
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- ✘ **You can't claim** a deduction if your study is only related in a general way or is designed to help get you a new job – for example, a health and wellbeing course.
- ✘ **You can't claim** a deduction if your employer pays for or reimburses you for these expenses.

Ronnie Harris, Josiah Malbunka, Jahmal Small, Kullum Abbot, Joshua Malbunka, Clayton Johnson standing with their painted skateboard decks, and bikes.

FUN ON WHEELS



YOUNG people in Hermansburg (Ntaria) are using their many artistic skills to paint skateboards and fix bicycles.

Youth Engagement Officer Arne 'Aero' Orstavik said the youth are drawn to colours like blue, red and white for a very special reason.

"These colours are worn by the community footy team — the Ntaria Bulldogs," Aero said.

"Young people are particularly

delighted to ride around in the afternoon on Bulldogs coloured scooters, bikes and skateboards."

Ntaria was also lucky enough to have a visit recently from the Hoops for Health program - which delivered three days of basketball workshops in the March holidays.

"These sessions had massive attendance numbers of young people who enjoyed engaging in new drills and activities to hone in their basketball skills," Aero said.



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SELF CARE LESSONS TEACH NEW SKILLS



Sarita Jack, Alima Ebatarinja and Sharona Raggett cooking in kitchen.

YOUNG people in Hermannsburg (Ntaria) have been learning about different ways to keep healthy through a range of programs.

Young Engagement Officer Arne 'Aero' Orstavik said the night-time cooking program has been popular among boys and girls.

"Additionally, young people have been enjoying looking after their skin, hair and general hygiene in the body wellness program," Aero said. "Fellas have taken a particular liking to face masks - a welcome surprise."

The young people have also been learning how to healthy curries, stews and stir-fries with a mix of meat and vegetables.

"These activities have kept them healthy and full of energy to join in physical activities like footy and basketball," Aero said.

"It is exciting to see young people confidently making food and showing enthusiasm for trying new things."



ROUND ROBIN CLASH



Ladies battle it out at the Kungka's AFLW Round Robin match in Papunya.

IT was a clash of the titans, as women from four of our communities went head-to-head in an AFLW Round Robin competition.

Papunya was chosen as the host, with players travelling all the way from Kintore, Mt Liebig and Hermannsburg to take part in the matches.

Remote Sports Coordinator Adam Bell said it was a thrilling final between Papunya and their rivals from out west - Kintore.

"Papunya held the trophy aloft again, in what seemed to be a déjà vu moment from the previous year," he said.

"Many thanks to all the workers on the day who did more than their fair share of hard work following the previous day's efforts during the Papunya Fun Day."



KICKING GOALS AT SOCCER CLASHES



SOCCER GLORY: Teams from Santa Teresa and Kintore dominated in the soccer competitions.

MACYOUTH'S Autumn sports calendar has come to an exciting end, with two massive weekends of soccer.

Mount Liebig hosted the U16's Fellas Soccer competition on the 14th of May, with more than 20 participants from Papunya, Kintore and the home team hitting the field.

Papunya and Kintore played an entertaining final with the trophy going to the fellas from Kintore.

Remote Sports coordinator Adam Bell said they played with a full belly from a delicious barbecue prepared by hardworking MRC staff.

"All the players turned up and played their heart out and every single staff member made sure the day ran smoothly," he said.

Amoonguna, Santa Teresa, Titjikala,

Areyonga and Hermannsburg descended on Alice Springs on the 21st of May.

With two fields running at the same time, the oval was a hive of activity - with town-based family members coming along to cheer for their communities.

Areyonga played through the tournament undefeated and automatically qualified for the final.

They would go on to face the fellas from Santa Teresa, who knocked out last year's finalist Hermannsburg.

Santa Teresa came up victorious 4-1. The event concluded a fun few days on the MacYouth Sports Calendar, with the next major events to come in the winter months featuring ladie's softball.

MacNews SPORT



BOWLED OVER

Cameron bowling at the 2018 T20 Deaf World Cup in New Delhi, India.

PLAYING cricket for Australia on the world stage is just another day for Cameron Wilson.

The born-and-bred Territorian started the sport when he was 10-years-old - playing for Southern Districts Cricket Club in Darwin.

Since then, Cameron has represented Australia at the T20 Deaf World Cup in India in 2018 and more recently the Deaf Ashes in Brisbane, Queensland.

"It was a really good competition - unfortunately we didn't win," he said.

"But it was just really good to play at that level again."

Defeated by England, Cameron admits their side played extremely well.

"I believe we had a better team but England kind of clicked and stuck to their game plan better than we did," he said.

"I was just very lucky to be around the coaching staff, team members and interpreters."

While it hasn't been officially announced, Cameron is already preparing for his next big competition.

"There's talks about Dubai in September or October," he said.

"They've asked me to rest for two weeks then get straight back into training!"



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