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Newsletter

Welcome to our first update for all our members and traditional owners. Please note that this will become a regular newsletter to ensure our members and traditional owners are kept up to date with what's happening at DMYAC.

DMYAC kicked off 2020 quite enthusiastically - For those members that couldn't attend our 2019 AGM, it was an election year and the following were voted in as Directors:

Dulabed	Malanbarra	Yidinji
Lorraine Muckan	Allison Halliday	Emma Ashburton
Lillian Clubb	Cherry Royee	Darryl Cooktown
Jedda Geesu	Shanndah Knight	Patrissa Tranby
Jasmine Clubb	Robyn Beezley	Leanne Sarota

At our first Directors meeting, our Executive Committee was elected, and they are as follows:-

Jasmine Clubb - Chairperson

Allison Halliday - Deputy Chairperson

Leanne Sarota - Treasurer

The Board of Directors started off the year with some planning to see where we wanted the organisation to head in the next 6-12 months. It was discussed for the Board to focus on looking at potential projects and see if DMYAC can seek funding to get them off the ground. We also will be focusing on how we can get DMY people involved, and also build our capacity within our group.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 sprung up on us and we have had to change the way we do business. The Board is currently working together and are now looking at implementing systems including a virtual platform to be able to continue on with business.

The Board is taking on an inclusive approach and would like to get as many of our people on board and along this journey with us. We have had our determination since 2009 and we have had our fair share of up's and down's, but we think it is time that we start working together and getting something in place for our people not only for today, but for our future generation. We are hoping to get a number of projects off the ground and we want as many of our people involved as possible.

The Board of Directors are open to suggestions and ideas whether good or bad, so please share them with us. After COVID-19 has passed, we hope to have a community meeting, to touch base and to provide an update to our people— hopefully we'll have some projects happening by then.

Please note that DMYAC will provide regular updates via Facebook. We are also looking into other ways of getting information out, but we will advise you of that shortly.

Again, if you have any questions please contact DMYAC on contact number 0740 566981 or email admin@dmyac-rntbc.org.au.

Thank you

Jasmine Clubb

Chairperson - on behalf of the Board of Directors

ORIC Matters - On 26 March 2020 ORIC provided information on their website about how Aboriginal Corporations would need to be innovative during this time, especially where it is not possible to hold face to face meetings. ORIC proposed a number of 'Special COVID-19 rules' that corporations can adopt to be able to operate in the current COVID-19 environment, which can only be used to the 30 November 2020.

DMYAC has adopted these Special COVID-19 rules to ensure that the corporation is compliant and able to continue with business 'as best as we can' in the current environment. We are proposing to upgrade our systems to be able to operate and implement virtual ways so the Board can meet regularly and continue on with business. Please note that there will be some disruptions (which is to be expected) but we will do the best we can to ensure that we are doing business in the best interest of our members and traditional owners.

Staffing - Many of you may have met our previous administration officer Leonie Ishmael. Leonie resigned as of February 2020 due to other employment opportunities - DMYAC wishes Leonie the best of luck in her future endeavors.

It is anticipated that our new interim administration officer position will be reviewed in mid May 2020 to determine a commencement date. Watch this space as we will introduce our members and traditional owners to our interim administration officer.

We were fortunate enough to gain Steve McDermott who is employed as our new Project Officer. Steve has hit that ground running and is currently working on finalising the Country Base Plan. Due to COVID-19 Steve is currently working from home for now but as soon as everything settles, we hope he can meet some of our TO's. Steve is also looking at possible funding opportunities for DMYAC. Watch this space, we will keep all our members and traditional owners updated with the outcome of funding and how you can become involved.



Cairns Regional Council (CRC) met with representatives of the Board to discuss an upgrade of Norman Park. Representatives gave CRC great feedback and input about what we, as traditional owners, would like to see included in the park.

CRC will now take that information back to their designer and put a draft together and bring it back to us to have further input. This is an opportunity for all our mob to provide feedback and have input and be involved in the project. So please if you have any ideas and would like to contribute please contact us via the above email address.

Department Transport and Main Road Project (TMR) - Many of you would've noticed works happening along Wrights Creek to Gordonvale. TMR are upgrading the roads along that area calling it the Cairns Southern Access Corridor—Stage 3.

DMYAC are working together with Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji on cultural monitoring in the area. Initial monitoring has commenced which only required a few DMYAC monitors. Comprehensive cultural monitoring will start in May (depending on COVID-19). We have a number of traditional owners that have expressed their interest in doing monitoring work and we would like to further extend that invitation to more of our traditional owners who may be interested. Please contact the DMYAC office on admin@dmyac-rntbc.org.au and we can put your name down on our register.

