



stepping stones

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COMMUNITIES  
**IN CONTROL**



## CEO MESSAGE



### STEPHANIE HARVEY, CEO

**Spring is well and truly upon us, and it's a wonderful time of year to appreciate how everything grows and flourishes with renewed vigour. This edition of Stepping Stones celebrates the growth and success of just some of the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities we are working with.**

On page 6 you can read about a fabulous initiative on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. *Murri's on the Move Driving School* is providing best practice driver education and culturally appropriate engagement and training for Indigenous and disadvantaged learner drivers.

Then on page 12 you can read about the community of Marree in the Finders region of South Australia. The newly opened Marree Railway Museum, established with help from ICV, is keeping this multicultural community's rich history alive.

And on page 14, you can read about the rural community of Walgett in NSW, where the Dharriwaa Elders Group's dream of creating an Aboriginal Memorial Garden is becoming a reality, thanks to the skills of ICV volunteers Rachel and Steve.



Readers should be aware that this newsletter may contain images and names of deceased people.

**Many more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are working hard to make their dreams come true across Australia. They know that here at ICV, we do things differently.**

Communities are always in control of their own development. We support them to set and achieve their own goals, using their own strengths, which in turn sets them up for success in the future too.

I know how much you care about supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people overcome the disadvantage they suffer. Thank you for being a part of the solution.



Larapinta trekkers - see page 10

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# OUT & ABOUT

## Reviving a school library in remote WA

Wiluna Remote Community School (WRCS) has a strong connection with its local community. ICV has worked with WRCS on several community development projects over the past four years, including their school garden and other community led initiatives like their career expo. Now ICV volunteer Barry is working with teachers, staff and students to revive their current library and make it a more accessible and enjoyable place for student learning.



KATOOMBA, NSW



ACRC Manager Wayne  
with staff Robert,  
Annette and Renee

## Jarjum Centre is going from strength to strength

Jarjum Centre staff invited ICV to partner with them in 2015 when ICV volunteer Rogier was selected to help design a new preschool that would meet the needs of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Since then, ICV volunteers have helped with submission writing and advocacy support, and ICV will continue supporting Jarjum through its capital works campaign and the co-development of innovative programs for children.





WILUNA, WA

## Opening doors to a sustainable future in Katoomba

In the heart of the beautiful Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, the Aboriginal Cultural Resource Centre (ACRC) provides much-needed services for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. With help from ICV volunteer Michelle, ACRC recently secured Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. This is a big step for ACRC, as it opens many doors for potential funding of its vital services, including transport, child care and Elders groups.



A sketch of the proposed new preschool.

# OPENING DOORS TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION



**Most young people dream of the day they pass their driving test. It's their ticket to independence, and it can open so many doors to economic opportunity and social inclusion.**

But getting a driving licence can be an unaffordable luxury in some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. And finding culturally appropriate driver training and skills development is rare.

*Murri's on the Move Driving School* is reaching out to Indigenous learner drivers from the Sunshine Coast to Caboolture in QLD.

Following a successful pilot program in 2012, *Murri's* has been helping local Indigenous youths get their learner licence and progress to driving lessons in a community car at a subsidised cost.





*Murri's* has the only Indigenous driving instructor on the Sunshine Coast. The goal is to provide best practice driver education and culturally appropriate engagement and training. This helps students develop safe, courteous, and lawful road user skills and behaviour.

*Murri's on the Move Driving School* is a unique business model which can be replicated in other regional centres of Australia.

Kerry Turner, Director of *Murri's*, approached ICV to find a skilled volunteer who could help *Murri's* access funding opportunities. Volunteer David worked with *Murri's* to develop a funding submission which is now in the final stages of assessment with the Department of Education.

Like Kerry, David can see the huge potential. "In the long term," says David, "a thousand people could benefit directly, and many more indirectly. The main benefits will be fewer accidents and fewer deaths on the road, lower incarceration rates, better access to employment and training and all that flows from this."

We are all hopeful for a positive outcome, because it will make a real difference to the community and the lives of local Indigenous people.

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**The Larapinta Trail through central Australia is one of the seven Great Walks of Australia and is noted as one of the top ten walks in the world.**

When global law firm and ICV pro-bono partner DLA Piper asked for an opportunity to involve staff more in ICV's work, Larapinta was the perfect fit.

In August, in collaboration with Huma Charity Challenge, a division of World Expeditions, ten women from DLA Piper set off on what would become a physical, emotional and spiritual journey.

With a desire to increase their cultural knowledge of Indigenous Australia, the women were accompanied by ICV staff member Nina Tsernjavski and Deanella Mack, who has a cultural awareness tourist business which ICV helped get off the ground some years ago.

Dee has become a great champion for ICV and gave the group a real insight into Arrernte culture, from both traditional and contemporary perspectives. She led the group on a guided walk through Standley Chasm and joined them around the campfire to yarn.

The DLA Piper group also had a great opportunity to learn more about ICV and see first-hand the strength of our relationships with communities and the positive impact of projects we engage in.

Overall the group raised just under \$40,000 for ICV, a fantastic effort! Congratulations to everyone who took part, we are delighted it was such a rewarding experience.



## Introducing Yara Custom Wear

*A PROUD SUPPORTER OF ICV*

Yara Custom Wear is a unique partnership between an Aboriginal family from Wiradjuri Country and a family owned and operated company from the same region.

They have very kindly agreed to partner with ICV by providing 10% of their profits to increase opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people.

Their large range of economical apparel caters for corporate, business, high visibility work and sport and is custom made with each order.

If you know of a sporting team or organisation which is looking to invest in new clothing please consider Yara Custom Wear as your supplier.

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# ALL ABOARD!

## KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE IN THE FLINDERS



Museum tour guide Christine

**At the junction of the famous Oodnadatta and Birdsville Tracks, some 680 kilometres north of Adelaide in the beautiful Flinders area, lies the little town of Marree.**

With around 150 residents, the Marree Progress Association and the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) officially represent the interests of the community.



When they approached ICV for support with an initiative to keep the community's history alive, we were delighted to get involved.

ICV volunteer Alex was invited to help set up the newly opened Marree Railway Museum. The museum showcases the depth of history surrounding Marree and its connection to the Ghan railway, which sadly stopped passing through the area in the late 1980s.

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When speaking to community members, it's clear that keeping the history of Marree alive is so important. Especially the connections to the railway which brought jobs for everyone in the community, and meant that for a long time Indigenous and Afghan community members had homes, job security and hope.

Fast forward to 2016, and, despite the demise of the railway, this multicultural community is still thriving. Making the most of the tourist trade to and from Lake Eyre, this resourceful community is preserving local history for generations to come.

Locals Christine and Geoffrey proudly show visitors around the Railway Museum. And the community is excited to embark on the next step of its journey, developing a website to promote the museum and other local attractions. Marree is a town of hidden treasures, including the Arabunna Centre, another museum showcasing Aboriginal artefacts and the wonderful photography of Reg Dodd who also organises local cultural tours.

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# ABORIGINAL MEMORIAL GARDEN BECOMES A REALITY

For the past year, ICV has been working with the Dharriwaa Elders Group based in Walgett, NSW. The Group aims to support Aboriginal Elders to resume leadership roles in the community, keeping active and healthy, and to promote local Aboriginal cultural knowledge and identity.

The Elders Group is hoping to build an Aboriginal Memorial Garden in the cemetery at Walgett. It will be a place for community members to gather and remember those who have passed.



Walgett Dharriwaa Elders member Leonard and ICV Volunteer Rachel



WALGETT, NSW



**"After approval, it's fundraising time!"**

Land at the cemetery has been allocated to the Dharriwaa Elders by the Walgett Shire Council for their Memorial Garden. The Elders approached ICV for help finding a skilled volunteer who could design the gardens and help prepare a comprehensive plan to be used in future funding submissions.

It has taken some time, but they finally have their vision on paper. Thanks to talented ICV volunteers Rachel and Steve, the Elders now have some amazing drawings to present to Council.

And after approval, it's fundraising time! The Elders will be launching a Crowd Funding Campaign and we look forward to keeping you up to date with their news.

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