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ABOUT WANTA

Wanta is a non-for-profit Aboriginal Corporation working in remote Indigenous communities to engage, empower and develop young people to fulfill their fullest potential.

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Wanta works in nine remote Indigenous communities across the Top End and Central Desert regions of the Northern Territory, employing 53 staff, of which over 66% are local Indigenous employees.

WHAT WE DO

Wanta's Academy Model and Brighter Future's Program was established in Yuendumu in Central Australia in 2013. Through its success and adaptation to target ongoing needs the program has evolved to spread throughout eight remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory. Our staff work with Indigenous children and young people to enhance engagement, development, school attendance, training and employment opportunities.



SPORT AND RECREATION

Wanta provides a range of sport development clinics, competitions and coaching workshops to engage young people in healthy lifestyles. Wanta also provides safe recreation spaces for young people in Academy rooms in each of the eight communities we work in.



CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

Wanta provides cultural and learning on Country programs, connecting young people to culture. This includes education in traditional cooking, hunting and life skill practices and bush camps to learn stories from elders and Traditional Owners in language.



ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Wanta provides a range of alternative education programs to meet service gaps in life skills to be able to provide youth with knowledge to make positive life choices. This includes, driver education, alcohol and drugs, cybersafety and emotional wellbeing and resilience.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Wanta provides education and the opportunity for youth to set up their own businesses. This program provides youth with numeracy, literacy, interpersonal and digital skills in a practical learning environment. The aim is to establish sustainable training and employment opportunities for youth.



JOB READY

Wanta provides a Job Ready program to provide youth with essential documentation, identification and skills to be able to enter employment. This includes obtaining birth certificates, OCHRE cards, setting up bank accounts, superannuation and tax education.



TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Wanta provides youth and Indigenous staff with training and employment opportunities. This includes gaining certifications in CPR, First Aid, Mental Health First Aid, Rhythm2Recovery, Conflict Resolution and more! Wanta also focuses on providing youth employment opportunities in the Wanta team.

WHERE WE OPERATE

Wanta has established Academy's in Arlparra, Gapuwiyak, Kalkaringi, Lajamanu, Ngukurr, Ntaria, Papunya, Wugularr and Yuendumu and in July 2021 opened it's first girls academy in Gunbalanya





CEO'S REPORT

This year I am humbled by the support Wanta has received from our supporters, Board members, corporate sponsors, Government funders and our staff. Thank you to everyone, your continued support is valued beyond words.

Our team has faced many challenges that come with remote program delivery, the added tests of flooding, COVID-19 lock downs and long-term separation from family and friends have challenged their resilience. Despite this they have found new and innovative ways to deliver programs, to ensure not only the completion of projects but also successful results.



Over the past year we have seen a vast amount of growth within the organisation with an increase in program locations and staff. Wanta has adapted its existing workforce structure to ensure greater support and capacity within the organisation and the communities we work with. This has allowed Wanta to adapt our program delivery to ensure we are creating lasting change in remote communities.

Wanta has focused on delivering programs that will nurture the life skills that are required to develop future leaders in the Northern Territory.

The Wanta Board has also shown great interest in increasing remote employment opportunities through local business development which will create local jobs for First Nations youth.

We will be required to continue our ingenuity to increase our data collection capabilities in the future, to not only recognise the full scope of our achievements but to ensure our programs are creating positive change in remote Australia. I hope you enjoy reading more about our programs and their impacts in this report.

OUR BOARD

Wanta's board has a representative from each community we work in.



Trish Lechleitner
Yuendumu
Chairperson



Cynthia Wheeler
Yuendumu



Troy Ratara
Ntaria



Linda Anderson
Papunya



Esau Nelson
Arlparra



Tristan Tasman
Kalkaringi



Ian Gumbala
Ngukurr



Liam Patrick
Lajamanu



Rob Spence
Specialist
Non-Indigenous Director



Matt Smith
Specialist
Non-Indigenous Director

OUR STAFF

Wanta employ 53 staff across nine remote Indigenous communities. With 66% of Wanta's team Indigenous staff members residing in the eight communities we work in.

EXECUTIVE TEAM

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Officer

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Supervisor

NTARIA

YUENDUMU

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Supervisor

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Supervisor

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Officer

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Officer

Maisie Wayne
RSAS Student Attendance
Officer

Jasmine Nelson
RSAS Student Attendance
Officer

Seravina Poulson
RSAS Student Attendance
Officer

Rosita Marshall
Sports Academy Officer

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Sports Academy Officer

Donisha Granites
Sports Academy Officer

Tianna Ross
Sports Academy Officer

Trish Lechleitner
Sports Academy Officer

Robert Robertson
Xtra Mile Driver

Cedric Egan
Xtra Mile Driver

KEY STATS

DURING 2020 - 2021 WANTA ACADEMIES ACROSS THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIGENOUS YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES

SPORT
ARTS
YOUTH DROP IN
TRIPS

29,852

SPORT & RECREATION
ENGAGEMENTS

18,981

SCHOOL PICK UPS

REMOTE
SERVICE TO
TRANSPORT YOUNG
PEOPLE TO SCHOOL

DRUMBEAT
DRINKWISE AOD
DRIVERS LICENSE
BEDEADLY ONLINE
HEALTH
COOKING
NUTRITION

1,809

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION
ENGAGEMENTS

ARLPARRA

Arlparra is an Alwayarr community located in the Utopia homelands approximately 249km northeast of Alice Springs. The Arlparra Academy was established in October 2016 and is funded by NIAA.

Our Arlparra Academy incorporates a Wanta Academy room at Arlparra Secondary School, engagement programs at Arlparra Secondary School, including sports sessions, classroom support and alternative education programs and provides a school transport service to surrounding outstations in the Utopia homelands with the aim of enhancing senior school attendance.

The Wanta Academy room at Arlparra Secondary School provides young people with a safe, inclusive and culturally appropriate space students can utilise when attending school. It contains a chill out area, playstation, art supplies, a self-care corner and learning space. A key program which takes place in the Wanta Academy room are Wanta's alternative education programs which have included providing education sessions to all high school students in the areas of nutrition, driver education, DrinkWise, cyber-safety and cultural learning on country.

The Arlparra Academy worked with a variety of community and Alice Springs stakeholders to provide Arlparra with a weeklong school holiday program. Wanta staff facilitated daily sporting activities and competitions, movie nights across multiple homelands, multiple community barbecues and cultural bush trips to local



swimming holes. This event was successful and well received by the young people and families alike.

A highlight of the Arlparra's Academy is its Job Ready program. Arlparra supported a number of students to undertake work experience with AFLNT in Alice Springs. The students learned how to facilitate and manage operations with AFLNT staff, including management of local AFL competitions, umpiring, scoring and facilitating Auskick clinics. As part of the Job Ready program Arlparra Academy also supported three young people to obtain their drivers license.

The Arlparra Academy is looking forward to incorporating even more alternative education and wellbeing programs into its schedule. This is inclusive of the Love Bites, healthy relationships program and Rythm2Recovery to support social and emotional wellbeing. The Arlparra Academy will also be launching a social enterprise initiative to teach young people at Arlparra School literacy, numeracy and practical business skills.

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TRIPS PROVIDED



KALKARINGI

Kalkaringi is a Gurindji community located 466km southwest of Katherine. The Kalkaringi Academy was opened in October 2017.

The Kalkaringi Academy program provides students with a school pick up service and sports, cultural on country learning, alternative education workshops, including cybersafety, AOD, social enterprise, drumbeat, cooking and nutrition, drivers education and job ready program.

The Wanta Academy room at Kalkaringi School is extremely popular, with 8,000 visits over the past year. The space helps to encourage school attendance. Over 700 youth have been engaged in alternative education sessions in this space over the past year. Wanta has worked together with Life Education, Safe4Kids and Katherine West Health to provide education sessions in this space.

Wanta's school pick up service has proven a great success. An example is one student who was attending at 11% moved to 87% attendance over the course of one term due to targeted pick ups by Wanta. Five of Kalkaringi's targeted students now have over 80% attendance, with one student successfully attending school 100%.

A highlight at the Kalkaringi Academy is its Driver Education program in collaboration with DriveSafe NT. This program has seen 8 young people obtain their Learner Drivers License. Wanta has accessed the use of DriveSafe NT's dual pedal vehicle which has enabled certified driving lessons in Kalkaringi community for young people. This program not only provides young people with valued education around road safety in an effort to improve community safety it also provides young people with proof of identification which enables them to gain employment and apply for employment



checks, such as Ochre Cards and National Police Checks, as well as obtaining a bank account.

Kalkaringi academy has begun to build a social enterprise program which provides young people with numeracy and literacy education and practical business skills. The Wanta Kalkaringi Academy facilitated a "Wanta Join Us" community movie night event allowing students to develop skills in customer service, teamwork, communication and money handling. This has been a successful program, not only to provide a positive event for all community members to partake in, but to further provide positive role modeling opportunities for younger students to aspire to.

The Kalkaringi Academy is looking to further its alternative education program to provide a Love Bites program to aid young people with understanding and education about healthy relationships. The Kalkaringi program also aspires to provide sustainable work experience and employment pathways for Kalkaringi young people into the Wanta team.

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WANTA CULTURE & LANGUAGE PROGRAM ENGAGEMENTS



LAJAMANU

Lajamanu is a Walpiri community located 557km southwest of Katherine. The Lajamanu Academy was established in January 2016 and its program is funded by GMAAAC.

Our Lajamanu Wanta Academy provides an academy room as well as a daily school transport service to Lajamanu students and daily engagement programs for young people attending school. The program provides students with consistent school pickups, daily sporting sessions, daily academy room sessions, classroom support, and alternative education programs, such as nutrition, driver education, DrinkWise, BeDeadly online, cyber safety, junior ranger program and inter school trips. The Wanta Academy room provides young people with a safe, inclusive and culturally appropriate space for middle and senior year students to utilise when attending school. There have been a total of 1,200 youth participants engaged in this space over the past year.

The Academy has utilised camps and sporting trips as incentive to engage young people to consistently attend school. Trips were regularly undertaken over the last year after school to 'Turkey Nest' dam and '4 Mile' billabong where young people partake in canoeing and kayaking on the water and learning life skills such as cooking on the BBQ and making healthy sandwiches. Youth also helped with the packing and unpacking of the canoe/kayak equipment before and after paddling. The 'Turkey Nest' and '4 Mile' trips are now a consistent part of the program that the youth request as an after school activity.

Lajamanu Academy also collaborates with Wanta's Kalkarindji Academy to participate in intercommunity sporting competitions, AFL football and Basketball. The Lajamanu Academy has



organised and facilitated a number of reward trips further afield, including 3 trips to Katherine Gorge for canoeing expeditions. Travelling to Mataranka and Cutta Cutta caves. Partaking in a BMX trip at Big Rivers BMX Club track in Katherine. Collaborating with the Rangers to provide an on-country learning program. As well as going over the border to Kununurra in WA to partake in rock climbing, canoeing and wakeboarding. The big trip for this period was a trip to Litchfield and Darwin. Swimming in the waterfalls and swimming holes, indoor rock climbing, camping, deep sea fishing to catch Mackerel and the Matt Wright Top End Safari Camp Tour. The Lajamanu Academy is looking at enhancing their alternative education programs by introducing Rhythm2Recovery which provides youth with the essential tools to develop social and emotional intelligence. The aim of this program is to improve the wellbeing of young people in Lajamanu. Wanta staff are now accredited to help deliver this powerful program.

Looking forward to 2022 we will be incorporating a social enterprise project that's driven by the youth in the community. Our Lajamanu Director was able to attend a Trail Building conference in Alice Springs with the plan to pass on knowledge of building trails with minimal impact on the environment while encouraging further engagement and physical activity to the youth of Lajamanu.

13,316

WANTA SPORTS PROGRAM ENGAGEMENTS



NGUKURR

Ngukurr is a remote community on the banks of the Roper River located approximately 300km east of Katherine. The Ngukurr Academy was established in May of 2017. The Ngukurr Academy is funded by NIAA

Our Ngukurr Academy incorporates a Wanta Academy room at Ngukurr School which provides a school pick up service for students and daily recreation, education and engagement programs to improve life skills of young people in Ngukurr.

The Ngukurr Academy program provides students with a school pick up service every morning, academy room reward sessions, sports, alternative education workshops, including driver education, drumbeat and cyber safety.

The Wanta Academy room at Ngukurr School has been open for over 400 hours over the past year before, during and after school, providing young people with a safe, inclusive space to partake in recreation and educational engagement programs. The Wanta Academy room is also utilised as a safe space to help manage challenging behaviours at Ngukurr school, providing a comforting space to work with young people one on one and to re-engage students back into the classroom.

A highlight of the Ngukurr program has been providing young people with the opportunity to participate in interschool sports. The Wanta Ngukurr Academy has travelled to Mataranka,



Wugularr and Katherine to partake in basketball and AFL competitions and camps. Wanta has also collaborated with Yugul Mangi to deliver Ngukurr's AFL AusKick program for young people. This program provides young people to engage in physical activity, learning new skills and be engaged at night time in positive activities.

Wanta's Ngukurr staff have undertaken accredited training in Rhythm2recovery to provide this program to young people in Ngukurr to improve social and emotional wellbeing.

Ngukurr is looking forward to incorporating Love Bites program for healthy relationships and social enterprise programs to teach young people numeracy, literacy and practical business skills into the future. These programs will enhance opportunities for Ngukurr students to give them practical experience and essential life skills education to further their employment opportunities in the future.

1,809

WANTA ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



NTARIA

Ntaria is a Western Arrernte community located 125km southwest of Alice Springs. The Ntaria Academy started in April 2018. The Ntaria Young Women's Room is funded by NIAA through the Stronger Communities for Children program and the RSAS program is funded by NIAA.



Our Ntaria program incorporates a Young Women's Room as well as the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy (RSAS) program. The Ntaria program employs 6 Ntaria staff to run a diverse range of daily programs to engage young people with the aim of increasing school attendance.

As part of the RSAS program, the Ntaria team provided 8,580 school bus pickups to transport young people to Ntaria School from Ntaria community and the surrounding outstations. RSAS staff provide daily support in classrooms for students and teachers and facilitated youth and community engagement programs and rewards and recognition incentives to help increase school attendance.

The Young Women's Room is located in Ntaria School and provides a safe space for female students 12 years and older. The Young Women's Room collaborates with Congress Health to run a number of weekly health and wellbeing programs, including female hygiene, mental health, safety and health education sessions. This provides young women in Ntaria with enhanced life skills and knowledge and a safe space to be mentored by Ntaria women. The space also provides a

shower, laundry facilities, clothes, hygiene products and food to ensure all young women in Ntaria have access to products and services to meet their basic needs. The Young Women's Room also hosts regular girls nights and sleepovers to provide safe and positive engagement programs in Ntaria for young women.

A highlight of Ntaria's youth engagement programs has been their on-country learning. This is facilitated by Wanta's Western Arrernte staff to provide young people with the opportunity to connect to culture and learn on Country a number of life skills including fishing, hunting, cooking, bush medicines, camping and dreamtime stories.

The Ntaria program hopes to build on its strength of providing alternative education programs and learning on Country. The Ntaria program is looking to incorporate social enterprise activities for young people to learn practical and business skills to provide tourism ventures within and surrounding Ntaria to support youth employment training and pathways.

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YOUTH UNDERTOOK CERTIFIED TRAINING



PAPUNYA

Papunya is a Luritja community located 240km northwest of Alice Springs. The Papunya Academy is funded by NIAA.



Our Papunya program manages the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy (RSAS) for Papunya and its surrounding outstations.

As part of the RSAS program, the Papunya team provided 5,443 school pickups to transport young people to Papunya School from Papunya community and the surrounding outstations. The RSAS program opens the Wanta Academy room during and afterschool to encourage young people to come to school by providing fun and engaging recreation activities. This includes pool tables, music, arts, movies and sports. The RSAS team also provides a range of alternative education and life skill programs in the Wanta Academy room at Papunya School, including education sessions on FASD, smart life choices, cyber-bullying and AOD.

A highlight of the Papunya program is the community and family engagement of the RSAS team. The RSAS team is dedicated to strong and positive relationships with all families in Papunya to educate them about the importance of school

attendance. The Wanta teams provides a back to school BBQ prior to the beginning of each term to engage with families and to talk about upcoming RSAS activities. The Papunya team also organizes trips on country with local elders, families and young people to talk about the importance of school attendance.

In term 4 of 2020 11 students had attendance records of over 80%. This was due to positive relationships with Wanta RSAS team and daily encouragement to get these young people to school.

The Papunya RSAS program is looking forward to providing more life skill and alternative education programs to young people in the future to tackle some of the underlying causes leading to school absenteeism, such as AOD, cyberbullying etc.



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**YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN
JOB READY PROGRAM**

WUGULARR

Wugularr is a Jawoyn community located approximately 112km east of Katherine. The Wugularr Academy was established in February 2021 and is funded by the Department of Health

Our Wugularr Academy incorporates a Wanta Academy room at Wugularr School which provides daily recreation, education and engagement programs to improve attendance of young people at Wugularr School.

The Wugularr Academy program provides students with sports, cultural and on country learning, alternative education workshops, including driver education, AOD, social enterprise learning, drumbeat and cyber safety.

The Wanta Academy room at Wugularr School operates before, during and after school to provide students with incentives to attend school, partaking in fun and engaging recreational activities as well as alternative education programs. The space is also utilised to help improve students behaviours and transition and re-engage students back into the classroom. The Wanta Academy room provides culturally appropriate programming for targeted male and female nights weekly. This involves events, including movie nights at the Wanta Academy room to improve school attendance and engagement.

Wanta's Wugularr Academy has provided a Learning on Country program, taking students out each week to connect young people on country and to teach traditional skills, including making bow shades. Wugularr Academy has utilised sport and trips to help engage students at school. The Wugularr Academy has organised and facilitated 3



interschool sporting events and two reward trips to Matarnka and Litchfield National Park.

A highlight of the Wugularr Academy is it's social enterprise program. Wanta worked with students to develop their own business – Beswick Burgers (BB's). The BB's team, consisting of Wugularr School students worked toward a successful community event to facilitate a community movie night and sell their burgers at the event. The team in the lead up worked to develop a logo, branding, uniforms, profit margins, ingredients and recipes and pulled these efforts together to prepare and feed over 100 community members. This allowed students to get practical experience in business, inclusive of customer service, communication, money handling, marketing and business finance.

The Wugularr program is looking forward to incorporating more programs, inclusive of DriveSafe NT driver education and food handling certificates for young people to get students one step closer to future employment. The BB's social enterprise team is looking to upscale their initiative and hold an event in Katherine to increase business, education and employment opportunities for Wugularr youth.

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**YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
PROGRAMS**



YUENDUMU

Yuendumu is a Walpiri community located 293km northwest of Alice Springs. The Yuendumu Academy was the first Wanta program established and has been running since 2013 and is funded by GMAAAC and NIAA.

Our Yuendumu program incorporates an Academy as well as the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy (RSAS) program. The program employs 14 Yuendumu staff to run a diverse range of daily programs to engage young people.

As part of the RSAS program, the Yuendumu team provided 1,927 healthy breakfasts to young people attending Yuendumu School and provided 3,085 school bus pickups to transport young people to Yuendumu School. RSAS staff provided daily support in classrooms for students and teachers and facilitated a range of programs including cooking and nutrition, arts, music and sport. The Wanta team also established a female academy room to engage female students at school.

In 2021 the Yuendumu Wanta team transitioned to outreach programs in community. These programs included a weekly night-time junior AFL competition, a weekly basketball competition vs Yuelamu and weekly bush trips engaging elders to teach young people hunting, cooking and dream-time stories on country.

In June 2020 Wanta established the only youth drop in space in Yuendumu, which sees over 150 youth utilise it weekly. The centre provides a safe space for young people to engage in activities, have access to healthy food and partake in life skill and alternative education programs. The key success of this space is being managed by



Wanta's youth development officers – providing young people in community access to strong Walpiri role models daily in a safe and inclusive environment.

Wanta provided a range of trips to Darwin, Alice Springs and Ntaria. In November 2020 Wanta organised a major music event in Yuendumu featuring Yuendumu's favourite performers – DJ Noiz, Kenyon Brown and Donnell Lewis. It was an incredible event run by Wanta to engage all of Yuendumu community.

A key focus for Wanta's Yuendumu program is providing young people with training and employment opportunities. Yuendumu's Wanta team employs 14 Indigenous staff with 75% youth aged. Wanta has assisted young people to get their drivers license, OCHRE card, first bank and superannuation accounts. This job ready program is integral to provide young people with supportive entryways into employment. This also enables future generations to see that there are positive and meaningful work opportunities in Yuendumu and to provide children and youth with positive youth aged role models.

Yuendumu's programs continue to grow to ensure youth are being serviced and providing programs, training and employment to meet the needs of Indigenous youth in Yuendumu.

18,981

CHILDREN AND YOUTH
TRANSPORTED TO
SCHOOL BY WANTA



XTRA MILE TRANSPORT

Xtra Mile Transport is the brainchild of Robert Robertson, a Warlpiri man from Yuendumu. Two years ago two volunteers from Indigenous Community Volunteers started work with Robbie to set up Yuendumu's first bus service. At an early stage Wanta agreed to auspice the project until it is able to stand on its own two feet (or wheels).



In the new year we purchased our first bus – a Toyota Coaster reconditioned and supplied by Stuart Highway Autos in Alice Springs. This 21 seater bus will be used for charter work and regular runs from Yuendumu into town. In October the bus was fitted with a long-range fuel tank to make charter work easier given the long distances between fuel outlets. Later in the year it was joined by another Coaster which has a wheelchair hoist. The vehicles were funded by the Granites Area Affected Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC).

Wanta (trading as Xtra Mile Transport) is now accredited to provide commercial passenger services and holds a Motor Omnibus Licence which means we are permitted to provide a range of passenger transport services to the general public.

Four drivers gained their endorsement but unfortunately three of them have since left town. The driving is now the sole responsibility of Robert Robertson. The Town Service is now operating 5 days a week depending on driver availability. Xtra Mile is also offering charters with trips to Alice Springs, Papunya and Lajamanu having already been completed.

Xtra Mile now have a full suite of policies and

procedures including those relating to staff and passenger safety, driver fatigue, safety on the road and making sure the buses are roadworthy. A comprehensive Operations Manual has also been developed. We have established payment systems so passengers can pay using their Basics Card on the Town Bus and use Centrepay to pay fees for charters.

Support for Robbie and Xtra Mile will now be offered by a new Wanta initiative – a Social Enterprise Unit, funded by the Aboriginals Benefit Account. The first Social Enterprise Advisor will be Taffy Denmark who has spent two years as a volunteer assisting Robbie to set up the service.

Thanks to all of our supporters and funders including: GMAAAC, Carl O'Sullivan from the Central Land Council, Ross Nowland from DITT, the Westpac Foundation, the Community Benefit Fund, the NT Remote Passenger Transport Program, NIAA, DriveSafeNT, Greg Turner from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, May Taylor, Director of Transport Services Alice Springs, Cheryl North from the Yuendumu Women's Centre, Alan Thorpe from Stuart Highway Autos and all the staff at Wanta .

WANTA MOVIE TRUCK

The Wanta movie truck has travelled from the red dirt roads of the central desert to the tropical humid landscapes up north covering over 42,000kms within the Northern Territory. Hosting movie nights with our transformable movie truck we have provided a cinematic experience for remote Indigenous communities. The project set out on mission to reach 15 remote communities and have now completed 19 remote communities exceeding our goal.



42,000KMS

MOVIE TRUCK TRAVELLED
THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN
TERRITORY

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REMOTE INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES VISITED BY WANTA'S
MOVIE TRUCK IN 2020-2021

Wanta's agreement with DrinkWise has showcased health messages around alcohol. DrinkWise has provided us with content that showcases AFL football stars male and female that address the dangers and awareness of alcohol consumption and how it affects their story, emphasising why it's important to make the right choices around alcohol. Foetal alcohol syndrome disorder (FASD) was also showcased with a clear message that if "mum drinks the bub drinks".

We screened Lifeline videos that would provide a supporting message to communities that there is help if you're challenged with any mental health difficulties there's support essential support available and a help line number was provided. These health messages were displayed on 5 by 3 metre cinema screen which was viewable and visible for the audiences in the remote communities.

After viewing the important messages provided by DrinkWise and Lifeline the cinema experience began, we showcased a range of family friendly films over our journey. Providing family friendly events visiting nineteen communities inviting parents, children and senior members of the community to attend the event. We also provided BBQ's and popcorn for each of the cinema night held. The movie night events created a buzz of excitement when visiting, the kids were really excited about the Wanta movie truck some even went to dressing up for the occasion. Community members were very helpful with the event gathering people together and assisting cooking BBQ's.

We have faced many challenges along the way with covid 19 restrictions, funerals, men's business and weather conditions. But we have successfully delivered this project despite these challenges, Wanta has been asked to come back to all the locations visited. It has been a fun, fulfilling, rewarding mission for Wanta we thank all communities that have been so welcoming and supportive of this project. We will be back, and cannot wait to get on the road with our next leg of this movie truck tour.



WANTA DRIVER EDUCATION

Wanta delivers driver education as a part of the academy program. The driver education program aims to get youth to obtain their driver's licence from learners to provisional and full C Class licence. We deliver a direct informative fun session on road rules and road safety utilising our resources that we have created and online resources provided by Drive Safe NT and MVR. Students in the Wanta driver education programs have learned essential road safety knowledge, understanding road rules, road signs, and road conditions specific to their communities. Once the students have completed their work modules and have a great level of understanding of road rules and laws, they will sit the theory test. These tests have been conducted by Drive Safe NT on their community visits and the local police. Teenagers are looking to take that next step for life after school and driving a car is essential for transitioning from school into employment. With the dual pedal vehicle provided by Drive Safe NT, Wanta academy directors deliver practical lessons upskilling students on the roads and key bush skills, such as how to change a tyre and how to check oil and water.

Alcohol and other drug (AOD) messaging was also delivered as an important part of this program educating students on the dangers of alcohol and emphasising effects of alcohol and drugs when behind the wheel. The driver education program has really engaged the senior student's and assisted to increase their school attendance. Wanta staff are asked on numerous occasions from students and adults to help them achieve their drivers licence. The Wanta team have worked effectively educating, collating information completing the paper work and liaising with Drive Safe NT and the Police to ensure the goals are achieved. Wanta has successfully managed to get 18 students their learner licences and looking to get many more students in our programs to achieve the same.



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YOUNG PEOPLE OBTAINED THEIR L AND P DRIVERS LICENSE ACROSS 4 REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

40%

OF YOUTH AGED 15-19 IN KALKARINGI OBTAINED THEIR LEARNER DRIVER LICENSE WITH THE HELP OF WANTA

WANTA SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

Wanta staff have been trained by Australian Centre Rural Entrepreneurship (ACRE) in delivering social enterprise curriculum to youth. The training delivered by ACRE was an introduction to social enterprises and how to start a social enterprise project within our schools. A social enterprise is a business that is set up to tackle a social issue. It invests its profits for community benefit. "Social enterprises develop innovative solutions for economic, social, cultural or environmental problems. They operate across a diverse range of areas including hospitality, health, education, tourism, renewable energy and inclusive employment. There are currently 5000 social enterprises operating in Victoria and 20,000 operating across Australia" (ACRE). We left the training with great ideas and strategies on how we can implement a social enterprise project in the Wanta academy programs.

Wanta's first social enterprise programs launched in Kalkaringi and Wugularr. The Kalkaringi social enterprise project consists of movie nights and food for the community. A big 3m by 4m movie screen was set up and students hosted the event selling foods such as hot dogs, burgers, sausages, cold drinks and popcorn. Kalkaringi social enterprise has held a movie night event with 70 + community members in attendance and raised over \$400. Wugularr has also started their social enterprise project. The students have stormed up the idea to run a burger shop business named Beswick Burgers "BB's". Beswick Burgers has hosted its first event inviting families onto the school grounds. Students utilised the Wanta movie truck screening a family friendly movie. The BB's team had a successful launch with 100 community members on attendance selling 80+ burgers raising over \$400 dollars.

The social enterprise project has given the students opportunities to work on business ideas, creating a logo for their business, marketing, budgeting, money handling, hygiene and develop communication skills. The profits of these projects will go to help out the aged care and women's shelters in their communities. We have witnessed students thrive through these projects handling the roll out of these social enterprise ideas and how they have handled working under pressure has been amazing, students are developing essential life skills throughout this project. Looking forward many more great ideas brought to life we are in the process of implementing social enterprise projects in all our Wanta academies can't wait to share it with you.



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**YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CURRICULUM
AND PRACTICAL SKILLS**

FINANCIAL REPORT

The overall result for the year was a surplus of \$478,070.00 compared with a surplus of \$70,711.00 in 2020.

Grant income increased by 28% due to the addition of Stronger Communities for Children contract and funding in Ntaria and a number of Department of Health contracts from Northern Territory Government.

An abridged version of the Financial Report is provided below. The comprehensive Financial Statements along with the Auditors Report are available on the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations [Website](#).

INCOME	2021	2020
GRANTS	\$839,831.00	\$961,506.00
SERVICES PROVIDED	\$1,766,159.00	\$1,079,173.00
OTHER INCOME	\$122,723.00	\$94,420.00
INTEREST RECEIVED	\$183.00	\$508.00
TOTAL	\$2,728,896.00	\$2,135,607.00

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EXPENSES	2021	2020
EMPLOYEE COSTS	\$1,479,850.00	\$1,406,170.00
ACCOUNTANCY & ADMINISTRATION	\$59,238.00	\$108,060.00
DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION	\$100,942.00	\$110,985.00
TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$62,062.00	\$21,894.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES	\$143,365.00	\$133,169.00
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	\$405,369.00	\$284,618.00
TOTAL	\$2,250,826.00	\$2,064,896.00
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	\$478,070.00	\$70,711.00
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$478,070.00	\$70,711.00

CURRENT ASSETS	2021	2020
CASH AND EQUIVALENT CASH ASSETS	\$941,244.00	\$351,464.
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES	\$9,950.00	\$52,028.00
TOTAL	\$951,194.00	\$403,492.00

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NON CURRENT ASSETS	2021	2020
VEHICLES	\$247,061.00	\$193,409.00
RIGHT OF USE ASSETS	\$51,875.00	\$112,787.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,250,131.00	\$709,688.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2021	2020
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	\$214,225.00	\$122,381.00
EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS	\$69,651.00	\$51,177.00
LEASE LIABILITIES	\$46,973.00	\$62,379.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$330,849.00	\$235,937.00
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2021	2020
CHattel MORTGAGE	\$26,071.00	\$16,030.00
LEASE LIABILITIES	-	\$54,283.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$356,291.00	\$306,250.00
NET ASSETS	\$893,210.00	\$403,438.00
MEMBERS FUNDS		
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$893,210.00	\$403,438.00

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	RETAINED EARNINGS
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2019	\$328,175.00
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$70,711.00
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	\$6,837.00
ADJUSTMENT ON ADPTION OF AASB 16	(\$2,285.00)
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2020	\$403,438.00
BALANCE AT 1 JULY 2020	\$403,438.00
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	\$478,070.00
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	\$11,702.00
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2021	\$893,210.00

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2021	2020
PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS & EMPLOYEES	(\$2,293,979.00)	(\$2,244,589.00)
RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMERS / FUNDING BODIES	\$3,036,685.00	\$2,353,755.00
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$742,866.00	\$109,166.00
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	2021	2020
INTEREST RECEIVED	\$183.00	\$508.00
PAYMENT FOR FIXED ASSETS	(\$93,681.00)	(\$40,584.00)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(\$93,499.00)	(\$40,076.00)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	2021	2020
REPAYMENT OF LEASE LIABILITIES	(\$38,362.00)	(\$45,823.00)
LOANS REPAYED	(\$20,975.00)	(\$10,520.00)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	(\$59,607.00)	(\$56,343.00)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	\$589,780.00	\$12,746.00
CASH AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	\$351,464.00	\$338,718.00
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	\$941,244.00	\$351,464.00

OUR SUPPORTERS

Wanta Aboriginal Corporation is a not-for-profit that relies entirely on the support of the Government, corporate partners and the community. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who continues to support our efforts to provide a brighter future for Indigenous youth living in remote communities across the Northern Territory.



CONTACT US

Wanta Aboriginal Corporation acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging.

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