



**2021 - 2022**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
WANTA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



# Table of Contents

ABOUT WANTA	1
WHAT WE DO	2
WHERE WE OPERATE	3
CEO'S REPORT	4
OUR BOARD	5
OUR STAFF	6
2021 - 2022 SNAPSHOT	8
ARLPARRA	10
GUNBALANYA	12
KALKARINGI	14
LAJAMANU	16
NGUKURR	18
NTARIA	20
PAPUNYA	22
YUENDUMU	24
WUGULARR	26
SCfC	28
AOD ON COUNTRY	29
YUENDUMU SOCIAL ENTERPRISE	30
WANTA CINEMA TRUCK	31
FINANCIAL REPORT	32
OUR SUPPORTERS	37
CONTACT US	38



# 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.

WANTA WORKS IN NINE REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE TOP END AND CENTRAL DESERT REGIONS OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, EMPLOYING 51 STAFF, OF WHICH 69% ARE LOCAL INDIGENOUS EMPLOYEES.



# WHAT WE DO

Wanta 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 nine 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 provide 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 programs in Arlparra, Gunbalanya, Kalkaringi, Lajamanu, Ngukurr, Ntaria, Papunya, Wugularr and Yuendumu.



# CEO'S REPORT

Wanta is grateful for another amazing year in 2021-2022. Wanta was able to deliver incredible results during this financial year despite being presented with a unique set of challenges. Wanta is experiencing a period of growth and diversification that has been focused on enhancing our program and delivery models to support Aboriginal youth for years to come.

We have never been more focused on leveraging our growing capacity to achieve lasting economic, social, and cultural outcomes within the communities we live and work. I am forever grateful for our Board who throughout this process support and guide our Wanta team through a cultural lens, to ensure long term benefits for the organisation and their communities. Their dedication was recognised by ORIC this year for our demonstrated strong governance and ensuring our community voices are heard and incorporated into all aspects of the organisation.

A major development this year has been the creation of the Wanta App. This app provides streamlined approaches to all our programs to ensure appropriate data collection, health, and safety processes as well as effective reporting. Ensuring our staff can tell the story of their achievements through qualitative as well as quantitative data. Thank you to all who were involved in this process, we are really looking forward to seeing the app's ever growing capabilities throughout the next year.

This year 69% of our staff identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander with the majority of these individuals being based within their own local communities. We have been building the capacity of the Wanta team through educational and training programs which will not only benefit these individuals but also the communities in which they live and work.

I would like to recognise our Corporate Sponsors: Simpsons Construction, DrinkWise, Screens Without Borders, Lifeline, Sunshine Foundation, Screens without Borders for your ongoing support. As well as the Northern Territory Department of Health, GMAAAC, NT Department of Education and the National Indigenous Australians Agency for their continued contributions.

Despite Covid outbreaks, extreme temperatures, world supply chain issues and even floods our team have continued to deliver. Without our staff, Wanta would not be the success it is today. I truly admire every single one of you and your determination, dedication, and adaptability to continue to deliver programs that go above and beyond. Thank you will never be enough, we are incredibly grateful for the work that you do, inspiring the next generation of future leaders.

Wanta is on a journey in helping create brighter futures for Aboriginal youth through holistic alternative education programs that will help create safer, healthier individuals and communities. The programs and achievements that are laid out in this report are a testament to the dedication of our staff and the impact the Wanta model is achieving.



# OUR BOARD

Wanta 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.



**ELIZABETH LECHLEITNER**  
YUENDUMU  
CHAIRPERSON

**NAKAMARRA WHEELER**  
YUENDUMU



**TROY RATARA**  
NTARIA

**LINDA ANDERSON**  
PAPUNYA



**ESAU NELSON**  
ARLPARRA

**TRISTAN TASMAN**  
KALKARINGI



**IAN GUMBALA**  
NGUKURR

**LIAM PATRICK**  
LAJAMANU



**ROB SPENCE**  
SPECIALIST  
NON-INDIENGOUS  
DIRECTOR

**MATT SMITH**  
SPECIALIST  
NON-INDIENGOUS  
DIRECTOR



# OUR STAFF

Wanta employ 51 staff across nine remote Indigenous communities. With 69% of Wanta's team Indigenous staff members residing in the eight communities we work in.



**INDIGENOUS STAFF**

## EXECUTIVE TEAM

**Demian Coates**  
Chief Executive  
Officer

**Ruth Arnel**  
Finance & Comms  
Manager

**Praveen Kalaivanan**  
Northern  
Regional Manager

**Tenille Rickard**  
Southern  
Regional Manager

## ARLPARRA

**Niamh Geoghegan**  
Sports Academy Director

**Zac Murfet**  
Sports Academy Director

## GUNBALANYA

**Jessica Powell**  
Girls Academy Director

**Rijana Gasio**  
Girls Academy Director

## KALKARINGI

**Ellie Simmons**  
Sports Academy Director

## LAJAMANU

**Simon Blake**  
Sports Academy Director

**Liam Patrick**  
Sports Academy Director

## NGUKURR

**Leigh Stabryla**  
Sports Academy  
Director

**Will Georgiou**  
Sports Academy  
Director

**Anton Rami**  
Sports Academy  
Officer

**Chanel Huddleston**  
Sports Academy  
Officer

## PAPUNYA

**Henly Taka**  
General  
Manager

**Valerie Twobob**  
RSAS  
Officer

**Kristoff Nelson Jnr.**  
RSAS  
Officer

**Garrard Anderson**  
RSAS  
Officer

**Patrick Minor**  
RSAS  
Officer



# OUR STAFF

## NTARIA

**Natasha Bennett**  
RSAS Manager

**Ellie Simmons**  
Kids & Youth Club  
Manager

**Taren Williams**  
SCfC Coordinator

**Catherine Motekarinja**  
RSAS Supervisor

**Baydon Ngalkin**  
RSAS Officer

**Benji Kenny**  
RSAS Officer

**Eleanor Robinja**  
Young Womens Room  
Officer

**Evelyn Conway**  
Young Womens Room  
Officer

**Michelle Butcher**  
RSAS Officer

## WUGULARR

**Rhonda Curnow**  
Sports Academy Director

## YUENDUMU

**Casey Natty**  
General Manager

**Jonatan Covinich**  
Sports Academy  
Director

**Kira Briscoe**  
General Manager

**Pristina Briscoe**  
Sports Academy  
Director

**Serita Ross**  
RSAS Supervisor

**Lorraine Brown**  
RSAS Supervisor

**Tyrone Spencer**  
RSAS Supervisor

**Jerry Patrick**  
RSAS Supervisor

**Rosita Marshall**  
RSAS Officer

**Shawnika Brown**  
RSAS Officer

**Trish Lechleitner**  
RSAS Officer

**Nakamarra Wheeler**  
RSAS Officer

**Delilah Wheeler**  
RSAS Officer

**Carlos Ross**  
RSAS Officer

**Mickaela Lankin**  
RSAS Officer

**Veronica Williams**  
RSAS Officer

**Barbara Lechleitner**  
Sports Academy  
Officer

**Seravina Poulson**  
Sports Academy  
Officer

**Donisha Granites**  
Sports Academy  
Officer

**Tianna Ross**  
Sports Academy  
Officer

**Robert Robertson**  
Xtra Mile Driver

**Cedric Egan**  
Xtra Mile Driver

# 2021 - 2022 OVERVIEW

Despite significant challenges at the beginning of 2021 with Covid-19 being present in all the communities we work in and mandatory government restrictions taking hold; as well as flooding across the Central Desert and Top End regions, Wanta's youth engagements continued to grow throughout 2021-2022.

## SPORT AND RECREATION ENGAGEMENTS



## ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION ENGAGEMENTS



## CULTURE AND LANGUAGE PARTICIPANTS



## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PARTICIPANTS



## JOB READY PARTICIPANTS



## CERTIFIED YOUTH TRAINING



# 45,551

**SPORT & RECREATION  
ENGAGEMENTS**



**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.**

# ARLPARRA

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

The Wanta 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 alternative education learning space.

Other programs provided by Wanta for Arlparra School students is learning on Country, trips to Alice Springs, Darwin and other communities. A key part of the success is Wanta's collaboration with external stakeholders, such as Barkly Regional Council's sport and recreation, AFLNT and Tennis NT.

A highlight of the Arlparra's Wanta program this year was providing students with sporting opportunities in Alice Springs and Darwin. Wanta collaborated with the Melbourne Football Club to enable Arlparra students to play alongside AFLW players and be the guard of honour at an AFL match in Alice Springs. Another Arlparra student travelled with Wanta to Darwin to participate in a national athletics competition. This provides students living in remote communities' opportunities and pathways for a variety of sports.

The Arlparra Academy is looking forward to providing more alternative education and social enterprise opportunities for senior students in Arlparra to work towards job ready and employment pathways for young people living in Utopia.



# 20,922

MEALS



**Gunbalanya is located 300km east of Darwin. The Gunbalanya Girls Academy was opened in July 2021 and is funded by Gunbalanya School and Stronger Communities for Children**

# GUNBALANYA

In July 2021 Gunbalanya opened its first young women's academy at Gunbalanya school run by Wanta. program runs a holistic program which promotes school attendance for senior female students which aims to improve education, promote life skills, confidence and resilience.

The program incorporates a Wanta space at Yuendumu school just for senior girls to use before, during and after school. The Wanta space is used to deliver a range of alternative education workshops, including alcohol and other drugs, cyber-safety, nutrition, job ready and social enterprise programs.

A large focus of the program is the learning on Country program. Gunbalanya located in the beautiful West Arnhem land enables senior students to connect to Country under the guidance of elders to learn traditional practices including fishing, hunting, collecting bush foods and making bush medicine and cooking on Country.

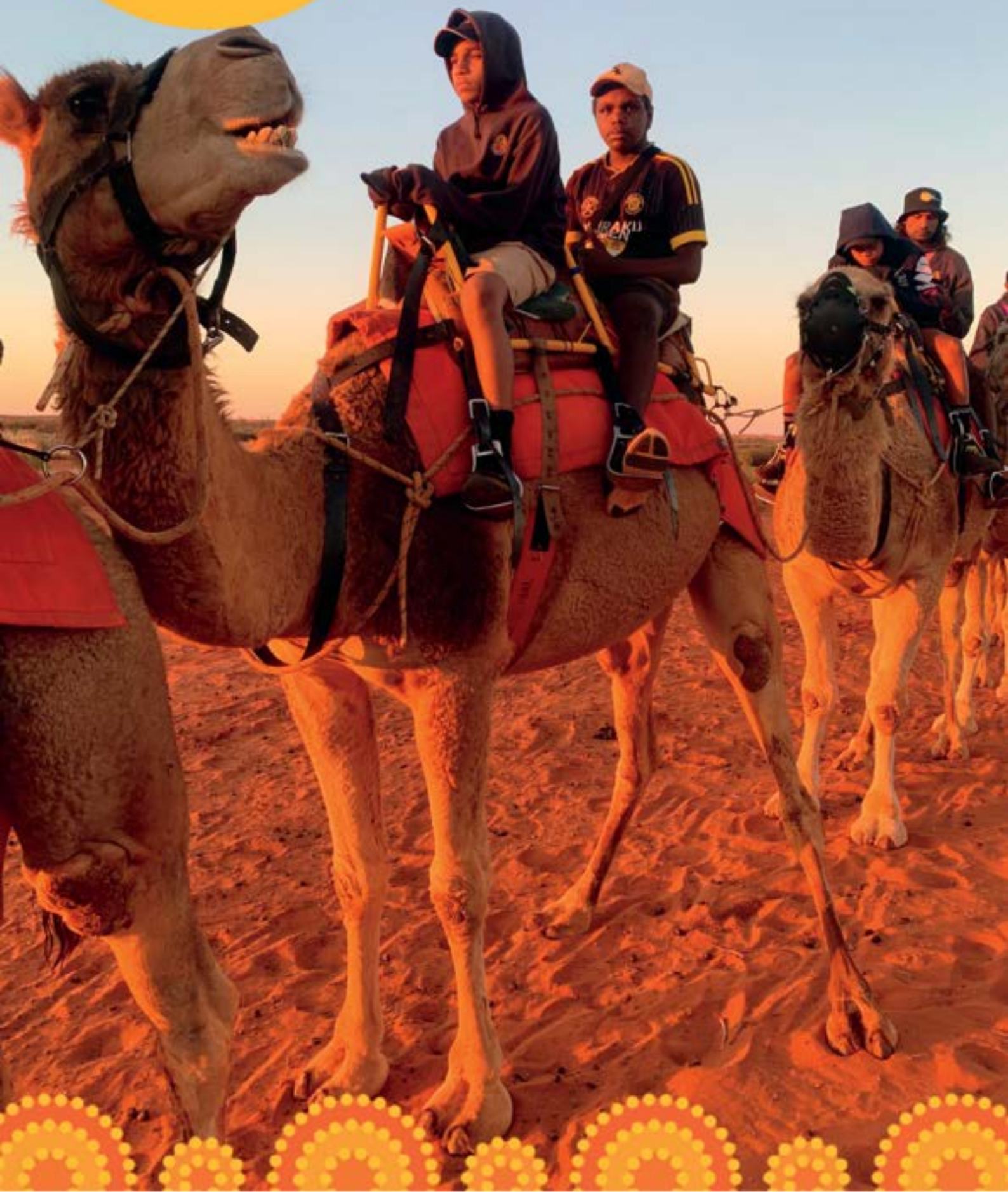
One of the key highlights for 2021-2022 was the job ready program. Wanta helped support 15 senior girls students to obtain their learner drivers licenses, birth certificates, tax file numbers to better enable them to gain employment in Gunbalanya. Wanta travelled by plane to Jabiru to collaborate with DriveSafe NT to make this happen.

The senior girls students identified that affordable clothing and toys in Gunbalanya was not available, and it was very expensive and time consuming to travel to Darwin for these necessities. Wanta and the senior girls students worked together to create Gunbalanya's first Op Shop. The program involved students learning key numeracy, life and business skills, such as profit margins, counting and money handling and customer service. . This was an incredibly successful initiative which ran weekly throughout 2021-2022.



# 185

TRIPS



**Kalkaringi is a Gurindji community located 466km southwest of Katherine. The Kalkaringi Academy was opened in October 2017 and is funded by NIAA**

# KALKARINGI

Wanta's Kalkaringi program provides students living in Daguragu and Kalkaringi with school pick up services, daily engagement programs including sport, music, arts, bush trips and alternative education programs. The Wanta space at Kalkaringi school provides a safe space for children and youth to participate in recreation and engagement programs before, during and after school.

Wanta provides a range of alternative education programs in the Wanta space, including AOD, cyber-safety, rhythm2recovery, nutrition, social enterprise, driver education, job ready and mindfulness.

A key highlight of the Kalkaringi program is its Job Ready program. Job Ready provides youth with assistance to obtain driving licenses, birth certificates, bank accounts, superannuation accounts and photo identification.

Further to this the Job Ready program prepares youth for the workforce, supporting work experience programs and obtaining certified training and qualifications. In 2021 Wanta assisted 5 students obtain their Certificate III in Civil Construction and Plant Operation delivered by CMFEU.

Wanta also provides a range of reward trips to encourage school attendance. These trips included travelling to Darwin, Kununurra, Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine and Seven Mile.





# 3,509

**CULTURE & LANGUAGE  
ENGAGEMENTS**



**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 and Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC).**

# LAJAMANU

Our Lajamanu program provides school pickups, a Wanta space at Lajamanu school which promotes a safe recreational space for students to utilise at recess and lunch to promote school attendance. In addition the Lajamanu program provides morning sport programs at Lajamanu school and afternoon outreach activities in and around Lajamanu. These activities include sports, mountain bike program, bush trips and kayaking at surrounding waterholes.

In 2021 Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC) funded Wanta to provide two new programs in Lajamanu. One of the programs was a cooking and nutrition program delivered in the Wanta space. This program taught children and youth life skills in hygiene, cooking and nutrition utilising foods available at the local community store. This program was extremely successful, promoting healthy lifestyles and sustainable life long skills for children and youth to take out of the classroom and into their homes. SCfC also funded a Friday night community cook up. This program identified a gap in community in which food security was an issue on Friday nights in Lajamanu. .

Wanta led a community cook up at the Lajamanu basketball court which fed children, youth and adults and promoted a social and positive community event.

A key highlight of the Lajamanu program is the reward trips run by the Wanta team. In 2021-2022 Lajamanu ran trips ranging from overnight to 10 days. Lajamanu students were able to travel to Katherine, Darwin, Alice Springs, Uluru and Western Australia to immerse themselves in different environments and to try new activities. One of the great trips was a 5 day canoeing expedition on the Ord river in Western Australia. Students paddles with their sleeping gear and food, camping on the banks of the Ord river and learning life skills such as cooking, nutrition, astrology and navigation.

In 2022 – 2023 Lajamanu are looking forward to expanding their social enterprise program which has begun tie-dyeing and screen-printing t-shirts of local AFL clubs for Lajamanu fans to purchase. Lajamanu is also eager to continue developing the mountain bike trail routes around Lajamanu for children and youth to learn mountain biking in a safe environment, exploring on Country



# 11,148

SPORT  
ENGAGEMENTS



**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**

# NGUKURR

Wanta's Ngukurr program incorporates a Wanta recreational, education and engagement space at Ngukurr school.

The Wanta space provides Ngukurr school students access to recreation programs before, during and after school to support the school to engage students and increase school attendance. The space houses pool tables, play station, table tennis and arts materials to enable students to engage in recreation programs at the school.

In addition to recreation engagement, Wanta provides a range of alternative education programs for Ngukurr school students, including alcohol and other drugs, cyber-safety workshops, nutrition, respectful relationships driver education and job ready and work experience programs for all students between years 5 – 12 in the Wanta space.

Wanta also provide a range of programs outside of Ngukurr school, including the Ngukurr Auskick program, AFL gala days, inter-community basketball competitions and camps and cultural learning on Country.

One of the highlights and success stories in Ngukurr is the establishment of the café Bagai Barista at the Wanta space in Ngukurr. This café has been set up as a social enterprise, enabling students to learn skills in the hospitality and business sectors, as well as obtaining certified qualifications.

The Wanta program in Ngukurr is looking forward to installing the recently purchased Bagai Barista shipping container café to be permanently placed in the community to be able to provide long term sustainable training and employment for youth and community members.



# 4,155

ALTERNATIVE  
EDUCATION  
ENGAGEMENTS



**Ntaria is a Western Aranda 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.**

# NTARIA

Our Ntaria program incorporates a Young Women's Room, Kids and Youth Club, Community Training Program as well as the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy (RSAS). The Ntaria program employs 8 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 family and community engagement and facilitate youth and community engagement programs, including on-country learning and rewards trips to Alice Springs 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 to access before, during and after school. The Young Women's program provides senior female students with recreation and alternative education, including hygiene, physical and sexual health, rhythm2recovery, cooking and nutrition, alcohol and drug education and cyber-safety.

Wanta's Kids and Youth Club provides children and youth aged 5 - 24 with a space in community to partake in after school activities, including computers, PlayStation, arts and crafts, pool table and role play. This space is solely supervised by Western Aranda staff to provide program in language and in a culturally appropriate and trauma informed way. The Kids and Youth Club also provides support for young people aged 17 -24 to obtain support as part of Wanta's Job Ready program, this enables youth to obtain the required skills, documents and qualifications to be able to enter the workforce.

A new addition to Wanta facilitated programs in 2021 was a community training program, funded by SCfC. This program provided certified training to any Ntaria community member. Throughout 2021-2022 certified CPR, First Aid, Bronze Medallion, 4WD, Love Bites, Rhythm2Recovery, Mandatory Reporting and Trauma Informed Practice was undertaken by youth and adult community members and staff from a variety of stakeholders including, Wanta, Ntaria School and MacYouth.

Wanta has developed a new community youth space next to Ntaria School which is due to open in 2022-2023. This space will provide a dedicated recreation room in community for fellas and girls programs, as well as alternative education programs.



**60**

**YOUTH UNDERTOOK  
CERTIFIED TRAINING**



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

# PAPUNYA

Wanta's Papunya program manages the Remote Schools Attendance Strategy (RSAS) for Papunya and its surrounding outstations. In 2021 and 2022 Wanta was also funded by Department of Health to provide a range of alcohol and other drug education programs for community members in Papunya.

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 four surrounding outstations. The RSAS program also provides breakfast to students who arrive late to school and a drop off service for the pre-school to ensure students get home safely. The RSAS team engages and works with families to help increase their capacity and ability to encourage their children and youth to attend school.

The RSAS program also opens the Wanta space at Papunya school during and after school 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 space at Papunya School, including education sessions on FASD, smart life choices, cyber-bullying and AOD.

During 2021-2022 Wanta's Papunya RSAS team focused on collaborating with Department of Education's student engagement team to assist with collecting data and evidence around why students were not attending school. This helped to improve the school's attendance and the RSAS teams engagement with families.

The Papunya RSAS program is looking forward to working together with the Rangers to provide a junior ranger program to learn on Country and provide long term employment opportunities. The RSAS team is also looking forward to working together with Papunya School and Department of Education to provide outreach learning opportunities for senior students who are not attending school due to cultural reasons.





**427**

**YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN  
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE  
PROGRAMS**



**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**

# YUENDUMU

Wanta's 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.

Wanta's Yuendumu programs provide both outreach and place based engagement activities for children and youth from ages 5 – 24 to partake in. Wanta runs 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. Wanta also provides outreach programs, including AFL, basketball competitions in Yuelamu, bush trips and learning on Country, as well as reward trips to Alice Springs and Darwin.

A key focus for Wanta's Yuendumu program is providing young people with training and employment opportunities in Yuendumu. The Wanta team have hosted St. John's ambulance to provide certified CPR and First Aid courses to young people. Wanta youth staff have also undertaken certified training in Love Bites, Rhythm2Recovery, Mental Health First Aid and Sports Coaching.

In 2021 YU MOB APPAREL was established in the Yuendumu youth space. This is a social enterprise which trains youth in screen printing and business skills. The social enterprise successfully launched at the Alice Springs Christmas Night Markets in December and launched an Online Store and social media presence. Yuendumu youth learned skills in art design, screen printing, social media marketing, website development, sales and customer service.

The Yuendumu team are looking forward to continuing their programs with GMAAAC supporting two extra years of funding for youth programming run by Wanta in community.



# 145

**YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN  
JOB READY PROGRAM**



**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**

# WUGULARR

Wanta's Wugularr program provides a youth space at Wugularr School. This space is open before school, at recess, lunch and afterschool as an incentive to improve school attendance. The space provides students with a safe and relaxing space at school to hang out, boasting pool tables, table tennis tables, PlayStations and arts and crafts.

The Wanta space also provides a learning environment for students to partake in alternative education programs, including alcohol and other drug education, cyber-safety, cooking and nutrition and job ready program.

An amazing success of Wugularr's Wanta program is the social enterprise Beswick Burgers which has been set up at the Wanta space. Beswick Burgers provides students with practical education in the areas of hospitality, business, finance, marketing, customer service and numeracy. Beswick Burgers successfully launched three community events providing students with experience in all facets of setting up a business.

Wanta also collaborated with E.O.N Foundation to provide senior students with food hygiene and kitchen safety lessons. This is an extension of Wanta's cooking and nutrition program which teaches young people key life skills.

Wanta's Wugularr program is looking forward to focusing on its successful Job Ready program by providing youth with certifications to assist them in obtaining employment both within Wugularr and further afield. This includes obtaining key identification and documentation for young people and obtaining certifications in food hygiene, white cards, OCHRE cards and driving licenses.



# 14,294

TRANSPORTED TO  
SCHOOL



**Wanta is the Facilitating Partner for Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC), funded by NIAA in Ntaria. SCfC program funded eight community designed programs throughout 2021-2022. The Local Community Board made up of seven Aranda members approved the programs**

# **STRONGER COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN**

The SCfC project has subcontracted programs to Ntaria School, MacYouth and Wanta to implement eight programs. The project employs eight Indigenous Aranda employees to provide programming in Ntaria.

SCfC funded Ntaria School to employ two Families as First Teachers (FaFT) to provide early education in community. This enables the early learning centre to be able to provide culturally appropriate education in language in Ntaria. SCfC funded Ntaria School to provide swimming lessons to Ntaria school children in Alice Springs throughout 2021-2022. As there is no community pool located in Ntaria it provides children and youth to learn to swim to improve safety when accessing waterholes and rivers around Ntaria. SCfC funded Ntaria School to provide the opportunity for students to compete in the AFL NT U/12 Thunders competition in Alice Springs.

SCfC continued to fund the Young Women's Program, which is contracted to Wanta throughout 2021-2022, enabling senior female students to have access to a safe, supportive, and educational space at Ntaria school to encourage school attendance.

SCfC funded Wanta to facilitate the Kids and Youth Club which provides children and youth aged 5 -24 a safe space in community to partake in after school recreation activities, sports, arts and alternative education. The space also supports a job ready program which successfully employed a 17 year old Aranda fella to work in the space in 2022.

SCfC funded Wanta to coordinate and implement the new Community Training Program in Ntaria. This program provided eight certified training courses for any Ntaria community member. This included CPR, First Aid, Bronze Medallion, 4WD, Love Bites, Rhythm2Recovery, Mandatory Reporting and Trauma Informed Practice.

SCfC funded MacYouth to provide school holiday programming throughout 2021. This included a range of sport and recreation program for children and youth.

SCfC funded the Study Tour program which provides SCfC Board Members and staff professional development and learning opportunities to improve skills, governance program design and management. In 2021 staff attended the SCfC Territory wide Sharing Knowledge Seminar in Katherine alongside other SCfC Board Members, Facilitating Partners and funding body NIAA.



**Wanta was granted four contracts from the Department of Health to provide Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) education to children, youth and adults on Country in Willowra, Laramba and Papunya.**

# **ALCOHOL & DRUG EDUCATION ON COUNTRY**



In June 2021 Wanta travelled to Laramba and Willowra to provide AOD education to youth on Country.

## **LARAMBA**

The Wanta team travelled to Laramba with the Cinema Truck and collaborated with Central Desert Shire Council to provide a Community movie night showcasing AOD messages and information and promoting a positive community event. The next day the Wanta team took a group of young people on Anmetjetre Country to partake in a range of alcohol and other drug education workshops. The youth really enjoyed the engaging activities and opened up to share their stories and learnings about alcohol and drugs both within their community and outside of it.

## **WILLOWRA**

The Wanta team then travelled to Willowra hosting a 5 night camp on Warlpiri Country for both females and males. The camp incorporated a range of alcohol and drug educational sessions and story telling about the myths, dangers and effects of AOD. The camps were a great success being able to get kids back on Country, providing cooking and nutrition education, as well as dreamtime stories. The camping on Country week was led by four Warlpiri youth Wanta workers to be able to provide the AOD education in language and in a culturally and youth friendly environment . The week culminated in a movie night at Willowra School with the Wanta Cinema Truck which enabled the whole community to get together, have a feed and enjoy some quality family time.

## **PAPUNYA**

In 2021 Papunya's Wanta team has been delivering community wide alcohol and other drug information sessions as part of the Warrumpi Healing Project. Wanta has hosted a number of community events to deliver these sessions to both men, women and young people.



**The Yuendumu Social Enterprise Project supports Warlpiri community members living in Yuendumu to develop businesses and employment opportunities in community. This project is supported by CLC, GMAAAC and NIAA**

# **YUENDUMU SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROJECT**

The idea behind the initiative is to create local employment opportunities for Aboriginal people by assisting them to establish their own businesses within Yuendumu and the nearby region. The Social Enterprise Unit helps people to think about business ideas and assists them to do all the necessary things to get their own business off the ground. This may include developing business plans, getting the business registered and/or finding the necessary finance. The programs currently being supported by Wanta's Social Enterprise Unit include:

## **XTRA MILE TRANSPORT**

The creation and subsequent operation of Xtra Mile Transport Services by Warlpiri man Robert Robertson, under the auspice of Wanta, means community members have gained more options and greater flexibility when it comes to transportation. Whether that is for attending health clinics in Alice Springs, making it to funerals and sorry business in other communities or perhaps even to community sports carnivals, local Yuendumu people have been gaining the benefit of Robbie's vision and passion.

The long term aim of this project is for a fully owned and operated Indigenous business, providing training and employment opportunities for Warlpiri people and allowing money to stay within community

## **THE WARLPIRI PROJECT**

Wanta is the auspicing partner, but for which the primary incentive, beyond businesses and jobs, will include: the establishment of a Warlpiri Cultural Authority and Cultural Centre; repatriation of artefacts to Yuendumu; building of a museum-standard keeping place; revival and engagement with Warlpiri culture; promotion of reconciliation and mutual respect; and addressing disadvantage in Aboriginal communities.

## **TANAMI ROAD CAMPGROUND**

A Yuendumu family is looking to establish a campground, on the Tanami Rd north of Yuendumu, as a place for travellers to rest, camp and acquire provisions whilst admiring the magnificent scenery and landscape of the surrounding environment and taking the opportunity to absorb themselves into the local culture where possible and appropriate.

## **FURNITURE STORE**

Another project Wanta is assisting with is the establishment of a furniture store owned and operated by a Yuendumu community member, to provide access and affordable home goods for local Yuendumu community members.





**The Wanta Cinema Truck has travelled 29,746 kilometres visiting over 20 remote Northern Territory communities in 2021 - 2022**

# WANTA CINEMA TRUCK

The Wanta movie truck has travelled from the red dirt roads of the central desert to the tropical humid landscapes of the Top End covering 29,746kms within the Northern Territory. Hosting movie nights with our transformable movie truck Wanta has provided a cinematic experience for remote Indigenous communities. The project set out on mission to reach 15 remote communities and have now completed 20 remote communities exceeding our goal yet again!

Wanta's strong Partnership with DrinkWise has continued , showcasing health messages around alcohol and other drugs. DrinkWise has provided us with engaging content that showcases influential athletes that addresses and raises awareness and the dangers of alcohol consumption, 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".

The movie truck also screened Lifeline videos that provided a supportive message to communities that there is help available in remote communities if you're experiencing mental health challenges. These health messages were displayed on a 5 by 3 metre cinema screen which was visible for the audiences in the remote communities.

Communities visited viewed all health messages from Lifeline and DrinkWise, followed by engaging family friendly movie. The Wanta cinema truck visited over 20 remote Indigenous communities. The communities are filled with excitement when the Wanta movie truck arrives. The movie nights also provide BBQ's and popcorn for all in attendance enabling the communities an eventful night that they can share with families and friends.

Now the Covid restrictions are easing up the movie truck has managed to visit 6 additional communities on our tour. Wanta has been asked to visit many more around the Katherine region. It has been a fun, fulfilling, rewarding mission for Wanta and we thank all communities that have been so welcoming and supportive of this project. The Wanta movie truck has been receiving additional requests to visit multiple sites spread all over the Northern Territory. We are excited to get this project reaching out beyond our expected tours and the movie truck will continue to deliver its magical movie nights for remote Indigenous communities into 2023.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

The overall result for the year was a surplus of \$188,885.

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 Register of Indigenous Corporations [website](#).

INCOME	2022	2021
GRANTS	\$3,330,495	\$2,605,990
SERVICES PROVIDED	\$6,207	-
OTHER INCOME	\$110,389	\$122,723
INTEREST RECEIVED	\$278	\$183
TOTAL	\$3,447,369	\$2,728,896

# FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES	2022	2021
EMPLOYEE COSTS	\$1,982,000	\$1,479,850
ACCOUNTANCY & ADMINISTRATION	\$168,457	\$59,238
DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION	\$112,612	100,942
TRAVEL EXPENSES	\$103,517	\$62,062
MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES	\$125,531	\$143,365
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	\$766,363	\$405,369
TOTAL	\$3,258,484	\$2,250,826
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	\$188,885	\$478,070
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$188,885	\$478,070

CURRENT ASSETS	2022	2021
CASH AND EQUIVALENT CASH ASSETS	\$830,841	\$941,244
TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES	\$140,601	\$9,950
TOTAL	\$971,442	\$951,194

# FINANCIAL REPORT

NON CURRENT ASSETS	2022	2021
VEHICLES	\$531,846	\$247,062
RIGHT OF USE ASSETS	\$159,610	\$51,875
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,662,898	\$1,1250,131
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2022	2021
TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES	\$275,114	\$214,225
EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS	\$107,192	\$69,652
LEASE LIABILITIES	\$84,208	\$46,973
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$466,514	\$330,850
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2022	2021
CHattel MORTGAGE	-	\$26,071
LEASE LIABILITIES	\$114,289	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$580,803	\$356,921
NET ASSETS	\$1,082,095	\$893,210
MEMBERS FUNDS	2022	2021
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$1,082,095	\$893,210

# FINANCIAL REPORT

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2022	2021
PAYMENTS TO SUPPLIERS & EMPLOYEES	(\$3,369,248)	(\$2,293,979)
RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMERS / FUNDING BODIES	\$3,689,070	\$3,036,865
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$319,822	\$742,886
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	2022	2021
INTEREST RECEIVED	\$278	\$183
PAYMENT FOR FIXED ASSETS	(\$376,083)	(\$93,682)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(\$375,805)	(\$93,499)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	2022	2021
REPAYMENT OF LEASE LIABILITIES	(\$54,421)	(\$38,632)
LOANS REPAYED	-	(\$20,975)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	(\$54,421)	(\$59,607)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	(\$110,403)	\$589,780
CASH AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	\$941,244	\$351,464
CASH AT THE END OF THE YEAR	\$830,841	\$941,244

# 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.

**SayerJones.**

 **Lifeline**



Department of  
**Health**



# 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.

## Contact

Demian Coates  
Chief Executive Officer

E: [demiancoates@wantaac.org](mailto:demiancoates@wantaac.org)  
P: 0455 679 872

67 Bath Street  
Alice Springs  
NT 0870

PO Box 8309  
Alice Springs  
NT 0871

### Follow us

