

## Profiles

Miriam Rose Ungunmerr - Baumann Committee Memeber

Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann was born near Daly River. She is a member of the Ngangiwumirr language group. She speaks four other languages.

Miriam Rose completed a Teaching Assistants' course at Kormilda College, and subsequently became a teacher's aide at the St. Francis Xavier mission school at Daly River.

Miriam Rose has many outstanding achievements:

- the Territory's first fully qualified Aboriginal teacher
- she created the Merrepen Arts Centre
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Education
- Master of Education, with High Distinction.
- appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, for her services to Aboriginal education and art, and for services to the Nauiyu community
- awarded an honorary doctorate from Northern Territory University
- chairman of the Aboriginal Benefit Account
- member of the National Indigenous Council.



### Mathew Fagan Committee Member



Mathew Fagan is the Manager of Kakadu Community Development (KCD) – a unique partnership service supported by the Northern Territory Government, Parks Australia North, Energy Resources of Australia Ltd, Jabiru

Town Council, Northern Land Council and Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation.

KCD supports a range of local community partnership projects in the Kakadu and Western Arnhem Land Region including:

- Jabiru Region Sustainability Project
- Kakadu Youth-Yawkyaw Yawurrinj
- Kakadu Youth Employment

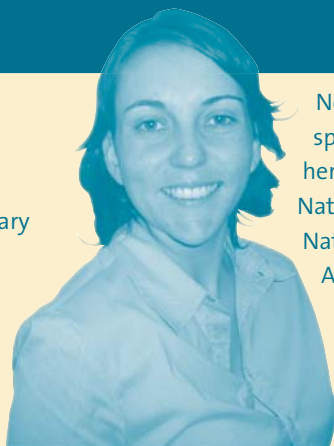
- Kakadu and Western Arnhem Land Indigenous Entrepreneurs
- Kakadu Cooperative Waste Management Strategy
- Kakadu Employment Centre

KCD is also assisting fledgling local partnerships of organisations and individuals in the areas of health, cultural festivals and Jabiru township revitalization initiatives.

### Kelly Dickins Project Officer

Kelly Dickins has been appointed Project Officer with NTACC. She commenced in November 2004.

Kelly is a long term Territorian with a tertiary and field background in marketing. Kelly has worked in the tourism industry for 9 years. Her previous role was Tourism Top End Marketing Manager with a focus on promoting the Top End region of the



Northern Territory specifically world heritage listed Kakadu National Park, Litchfield National Park and East Arnhemland.

This role provided a unique insight into the challenges in

remote areas and the need for support to enhance sustainable economic development in the regions.

Previous and ongoing committee roles include the NT Tourism Accreditation Program, Destination Darwin marketing committee, YHA Northern Territory board and the NT Backpacker Association.

## Advice to Federal Government

NTACC works in partnership with government, business and the community to promote economic, social and environmental development in the Northern Territory. We welcome suggestions that will enable the provision of constructive and regular advice to federal government in order to maximise support for the development of the Northern Territory.

## Members

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ken Cohalan, Chairperson        | Kerry Moir                    |
| Mike Newton, Deputy Chairperson | Mathew Fagan                  |
| Tracey Brand, Secretary         | Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann |
| Norm Buchan, Treasurer          | Peter Herden                  |
| Julie Newton                    | Craig Catchlove               |
| Kent Peak                       | David Suter                   |

## Ex-Officio Member

Sharon Woon

## Staff

- Heather Sjoberg, Executive Officer  
Barbara Spencer, Admin Officer  
Kelly Dickins, Project Officer

...building our capacity  
**acc**



NT Area Consultative Committee  
"ACCs – The Australian Government's Regional Development Network"

Newsletter # 5 September – December 2004

## New and Improved Regional Partnerships Application Process

The Department of Transport and Regional Services has introduced a streamlined application process for applicants seeking \$25,000 or less (GST exclusive). There is now a shortened application form and a simpler assessment process for these smaller applications.

This process is a positive step that will enable effective handling of smaller scale projects. Applications can be made online or you may wish to download a hard copy of the application. Be sure to view the application guidelines and previous projects that have received Regional Partnerships funding. Visit the DOTARS website [www.dotars.gov.au](http://www.dotars.gov.au) for further information or contact the NTACC Project Officer Kelly Dickins.

## Regional Partnerships at Work in the Territory in 2004

There have been a significant number of projects funded through Regional Partnerships since 1 July 2004.

### Palmerston Regional City Precinct

Regional Partnerships funding of more than \$570,000 was granted in August to Palmerston City Council for the Palmerston Regional City Precinct project.

Regional Partnership funds will go towards creating a new City Precinct in Palmerston. The Precinct will incorporate and link different areas and facilities including; a recreation centre, a community and cultural centre and associated urban enhancement works.

The facility will be functional yet represent value for the local community and much needed facilities for a growing population. This project will improve the image of the town centre as a focus for a vibrant community, enhance pedestrian circulation and amenity, expand diversity recreation and leisure opportunities and provide a physical framework in which social, civic, commercial and retail activities may prosper.

### Desert Knowledge Business Centre

Regional Partnerships Program funding of more than \$1, 200, 000 was granted in August to the Central Australian Regional Development Committee to assist in the development of the Desert Knowledge Business Centre.

The Desert Knowledge Business Centre will provide the Desert Knowledge precinct with a focal centre for community business dealings and access to state of the art technology. The facility will focus on the sustainable future of Australia's inland desert and will support the development of thriving desert knowledge economies.

### CAAMA

CAAMA in Alice Springs developed the Regional Indigenous Music Community Partnership and was funded \$271,535 through Regional Partnerships. This project will increase access to the music industry for five indigenous communities in the Northern Territory by providing pre production workshops. The project will lead to preservation and an increased appreciation and recognition by mainstream society of indigenous language and culture.

### The Italian Club

The Italian Club based in Darwin was successful in seeking \$157,300 Regional Partnerships funding for a Multi Cultural Growth Strategy Program. The program will enable the Italian Club to upgrade its outdated facilities so it will be able to attraction additional patronage to the club.

### Anmatjere Rural Transaction Centre

Ti Tree are well on the way to having a functioning Rural Transaction Centre following a successful application from the Anmatjere Community Government Council. Regional Partnerships provided \$353,100 in funding for the Ti Tree Rural Transaction Centre. This funding will assist the Anmatjere Community Government Council to develop an existing Council building into a Rural Transaction Centre that will provide the Anmatjere Community with access to services such as Centrelink, banking, bill payment, motor registration, tax assistance, the internet and tourist information as well as a Post Office and meeting rooms for visiting professionals.

# The NTACC held its Fourth and Final Quarterly meeting for the Year in Darwin in November

The meeting was held at the Saville Park Suites in Darwin and was well attended by Committee members. A special welcome was given to Miriam-Rose Baumann and Kerry Moir who have recently joined the NTACC committee. Miriam-Rose is, among many other important roles, Principal of St Francis Xavier School Nauiyu, Daly River. Kerry has joined the Committee as LGANT's representative - she is Vice President of LGANT and a Darwin City Council Alderman.

Issues for discussion included health, housing, education, Indigenous arts and a potential partnership agreement with the NT Government. Minister John Ah Kit MLA addressed the meeting discussing the ways in which the NT Government and the NTACC might work together.

The Committee travelled to the Tiwi Islands on the new \$2.2m Arafura Pearl ferry on day two of the meeting. The new private venture ferry is sure to be a success if passenger numbers on the voyages to and from Nguiu were any indication. Support infrastructure at Nguiu will need to be looked at to support tourism growth in the region.

The visit provided the Committee with a unique opportunity to view the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board Training Centre which was fitted out with a Regional Partnerships grant. We called in to visit the childcare centre where we were welcomed with smiling faces and singing and dancing. This was followed by a visit to the Rural Transaction Centre equipped with a new Centrelink office and it will soon have a full service Post Office. A potential project for Regional Partnerships assistance is the Tiwi Islands Football League oval upgrade project. The project plans to upgrade the three ovals on the Tiwi Islands. The condition of the Nguiu oval is poor and it was invaluable for the Committee to have the opportunity to view it. An opportunity to view the much appreciated swimming pool (part of the Commonwealth Government's 'no school no pool program) was had over a barbeque lunch. Tiwi Art is of international significance and Committee members managed a few purchases before leaving the community for the day.

Our hosts were very welcoming and the Committee extends a special thank you to Veronica Cleary, Norm Buchan and Barbara Spencer for coordinating our visit - a memorable day for all involved.



The fabulous new Tiwi Island ferry Arafura Pearl



Viewing the Nguiu oval



Committee members visit the Nguiu oval



Welcome dancing on arrival at the Child Care Centre



Tiwi children at the Child Care Centre

## Regional Partnerships - simple access to Australian Government support for regional projects

The Australian Government's approach to regional development is to work in partnership with communities, government and the private sector to foster the development of self-reliant communities and regions. This approach is consistent with the Government's framework for developing Australia's regions: Stronger Regions, A Stronger Australia. Regional Partnerships is a programme that delivers on the Australian Government's approach to regional development.

A total of \$308m is available through Regional Partnerships over the four years from 2004/05 to 2007/08.

### Who can apply?

- Non-profit organisations
- Co-operatives
- Local Government
- Community Councils (Indigenous Councils)
- Associations
- Registered Charities
- Private sector

### What type of projects will be considered for funding?

The programme focuses on four areas:

- Strengthening growth and opportunities by investing in projects that strengthen and provide greater opportunities for economic and social participation in the community;
- Improving access to services by investing in projects that, in a cost-effective and sustainable way, support communities in regional Australia with a population less than 5000;
- Supporting planning by investing in projects that assist communities to identify and explore opportunities and to develop strategies for action; and
- Assisting structural adjustment by investing in projects that assist specifically identified communities and regions adjust to major economic, social or environmental changes.

### On the ground support

Area Consultative Committees (ACC's) will continue assisting applicants to develop good ideas into high quality projects by identifying appropriate funding sources, linking project proponents with information and potential partners, and providing support in preparing applications. The Northern Territory ACC is your local ACC and can assist you to capitalise on local knowledge and resources, and promote links between industry, government and communities.

## Merry Christmas!!

*Members and staff of the NT Area Consultative Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year in 2005.*

## Websites of interest

- Funding sources [www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au)
- Funding source [www.philanthropy.org.au](http://www.philanthropy.org.au)
- Regional Partnerships [www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au](http://www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au)
- Funding sources [www.grantsearch.com](http://www.grantsearch.com)
- Funding programmes [www.ausindustry.gov.au](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au)

## \$1.5m fund to help Councils attract GPs to work in local communities

The coalition has pledged \$15 million over three years to help councils recruit or retain GPs in their communities. The Rural Medical Infrastructure Fund, part of the Coalition's regional development election policy, will help offset the growing amount of money being spent by rural councils to keep doctors in the bush.

The funds are expected to help councils purchase surgeries and houses for GPs to encourage them to remain in regional areas or transfer to them from the cities. Applications from local councils will be assessed on the basis of their current access to medical services and the local community's support for the proposed clinic.

### Lunch provided a great networking opportunity

