

Ely Bauxite Mine Beneficiaries Trust

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A newsletter from the Directors and Shareholders of the Ely Bauxite Mine Beneficiaries Corporation Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Ely Bauxite Mine Aboriginal Beneficiaries Trust.

An important newsletter

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The Annual General Meeting of the Trustee of the Ely Trust was well attended by Directors and Shareholders on 26 November 2020 in Cairns. Shareholders from each of Yupungathi, Warrangku, Tjungundji, Taepithiggi/Pargon, Mpakwithi, Lueng, Bouchat, Atambaya, Anguthimirri/Thanakwith, Angkamuthi attended, together with representatives of Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council and New Mapoon Aboriginal Corporation.

The auditors, Grant Thornton confirmed that the financial accounts of the trust raised no issues for them.

Following the expiry of three Directors' terms, the Directors for the 2021 year are Jackie Malacoola, Victoria Kennedy, Linda McLachlan, Dolla (Delora) Nixon, Gwen Toby and Gina Nona.

At the following Directors Meeting, Jackie Malacoola was elected Chair of the Trust for the 2021 year. Congratulations to all Directors.

After the AGM, Directors met to consider a number of applications to assist with Community Project. The Trust has recently approved funding assistance for:

- The Mapoon Multi-Purpose / Cultural and Arts Centre
- The Mapoon Hearse
- Buses for Ark of Salvation Ministries, Apostolic Jesus Name Fellowship, Napranum Early Childhood Centre and the Mapoon community
- Crocodile proof fencing at Injinoo
- Two language revival projects with the Pama Language Centre
- The New Mapoon Cemetery Project
- Fitness programs in Mapoon and Napranum
- Ruchook Cultural Festival 2012, and
- Bunburra 2021

Some of the approvals require additional information from the applicants. The total amount approved in the last year is approximately \$1,500,000.

It is with regret that the Trust accepted the resignation of the CEO, Bruce Gibson, in his role as the first Chief Executive Officer of the Trust. The position will be advertised over the Christmas and New Year period with a closing date expected to be 22 January 2021. Please look out for the advertisement for the CEO position and encourage appropriate people to apply.

It was agreed to hold a workshop for Shareholders and Directors, and including Community Project Officers to relevant parts of the meeting, for their training, in late February 2021. After that time, it is proposed to hold community meetings at:

1. New Mapoon on 15 March 2021;
2. Napranum on 16 March 2021; and
3. Mapoon on 17 March 2021.

We look forward to meeting with beneficiaries at that time and are hoping that the new CEO will be able to attend the community meetings as well. We wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and New Year.