

# Quarterly Newsletter



## NEW TO ISLAND

### Recreational Permits

There are 15 designated recreation areas on Grootte Eylandt open to visitors for fishing and camping (with permits), fully accessible by vehicle as well as boat. All persons over the age of 15 must hold a valid Recreation Permit.

You can visit the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers at Pole 13 to organise your Recreation Permit on arrival to Grootte Eylandt.

A one month visitors permit is \$20pp  
or a yearly permit is \$50pp

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# ALC LAND AND SEA RANGERS

An introduction to some of our indigenous rangers



## Cassandra Maminyamanja

### Umbakumba Ranger

I'm Cassandra and I have been working with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers for seven years. I enjoy going out on country, collecting marine debris and looking after our country



## Catherine Mamarika

### Angurugu Ranger

I'm Catherine Mamarika, I'm 56 years old and have been with the Angurugu Land and Sea Rangers for three years. I'm proud to help protect and maintain our land and seas.



## Terix Lalara

### Angurugu Ranger

Hi, I'm Terix but most people call me T-Diesel. I've been with the Rangers 3 years based out of Angurugu. I enjoy fishing, going out on country and the experience I've gained working with the Anindilyakwa Rangers.



## Christinale Lalara

### Angurugu Ranger

My name is Christinale and I recently moved from the Umbakumba Rangers to Angurugu. I enjoy spending time with my family and looking after our beautiful country.



## Layton Hastings

### Angurugu Ranger

I'm Layton Hastings and have been with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers for almost a year. I enjoy the experiences I'm having and opportunity to work with such a strong group of people.



## Caelan Mamarika

### Angurugu Ranger

I am Caelan Mamarika and in between study at St Augustine's Boys College in Queensland I work part time for the Rangers. I have been with the rangers almost two years and enjoy the team and experiences I gain.



## Arnold Lalara

### Angurugu Ranger

I'm Arnold Lalara but most people call me AJay. I've just moved into a full time role with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers based out of Angurugu. I enjoy fishing and working as a ranger.



## Jenkin Mamarika

### Umbakumba Ranger

Welcome Jenkin our newest ranger based out of Umbakumba. He started in March and is looking forward to working with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers.



# QUALIFICATIONS

## Certificate and licence training

We continue to develop our ranger qualifications with our team to ensure we have the necessary skills required to successfully manage our land and sea, not only for today but the future of our people.

Charles Darwin University has provided on Eylandt training, recently the Certificate II in Maritime Operations Near Coastal Coxswain Grade 2. After a lot of hard work and many hours onboard Ranger Boats, long time Land & Sea Ranger Terix Lalara has achieved his goal of Coxswain Licence alongside Umbakumba Ranger Coordinator Peter Reeves.

Terix was born on the sea and his skills on the water will be valuable for looking after the Archipelago.



Congratulations to Terix, and Peter for gaining their Coxswain licenses

*Terix and Peter with their new coxswain licenses*



*The Rangers doing theory work on their certificate studies*



*The three C Rangers (Cathy, Cassie and Cassandra)*



# KAKADU WORKSHOP

## CDU Ranger ready camp

2021 training focus is on the Conservation Land Management Certificate. Early March seven of our Anindilyakwa Ranger's boarded a two hour direct charter flight from Groote to Jabiru to attend the Charles Darwin University Ranger workshops. The workshop consisted of a number of ranger groups from all around the Northern Territory, along with trainers from CDU. The workshops ran over four days starting with an opportunity to meet other ranger groups and discuss our local programs. The remaining time was spent on both theory and practical training which included how to ride and maintain quad bikes, side-by-side and small motor usage, successfully completing Units towards their Qualification



First day in Kakadu



Anindilyakwa rangers with other ranger teams

## Jabiru Ranger Base



Catherine embracing the quad bike

These workshops are a fantastic opportunity to meet other ranger groups and improve practical skills essential for working on our beautiful country.

# MANGROVE MONITORING



*Katie working with the rangers*

## Adam Bourke Mangrove Monitoring

The rangers recently spent some time amongst the mangroves with Adam Bourke from EcoScience NT. He assisted us to set up monitoring sites and trained us in monitoring methods. The new skills will help us keep track of the health of our mangrove forests, which are important for so many reasons – they provide important habitat for terrestrial and aquatic animals, they provide us with food such as mud mussels and mud crabs, and they provide protection for our shorelines. Thank you Adam, and Kristin Metcalfe for an interesting and muddy week!.

Monitoring changes to mangrove forest communities and mangrove forest health can help diagnose causes of environmental stress



*Rangers working in the mangroves*

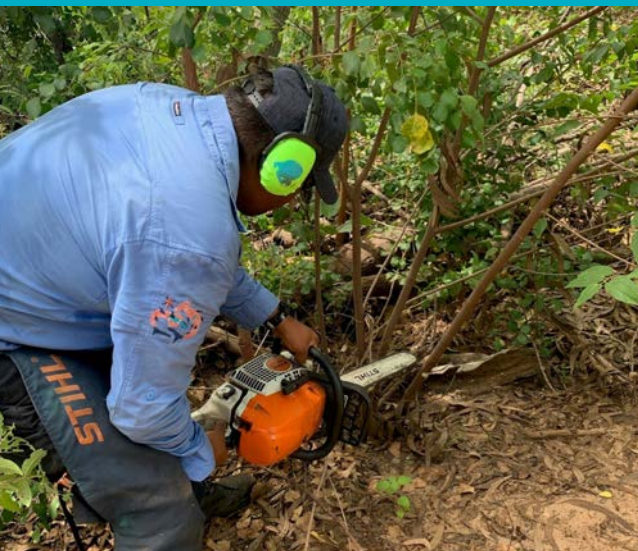
# A focus on just a few of the things we do as rangers



Cutting trees on country



Rangers clearing tracks out on country



## TRACK CLEARING

A focus on just a few of the many things we do as rangers

### Why do we clear tracks?

To ensure that tracks are clear from fallen and grown trees, potential hazards, and to ensure the traditional owners and community people can access the tracks easily.

### How often do we clear tracks?

We try to do it as much as possible to ensure the tracks stay clear all year around. After storms the tracks can get dangerous and can be hazardous to the community members, this is when it's really important to go out on country more often to check and clear the tracks.

### How do we clear tracks?

We have a weekly plan before going out on country. Before we drive to the tracks we do a safety check list for the vehicles and ensure the equipment is working. This includes chainsaws, cars, GPS, sat phones & first aid. We make sure we have pre made lunch and water. We clear tracks using chainsaws, hands and PPE equipment to ensure we are doing it safely.

# BASE MAINTENANCE

Being prepared for our job

A big part of our program is ranger maintenance. With three large boats, over 10 vehicles, ATV's, two bases and the equipment needed to do maintain our land and sea it's a big task ensuring we are work ready.

Ranger maintenance is done daily with things such as cleaning vehicles, putting the air in tyres, putting away equipment checking equipment and being ready for the next day. At the end of the week a full check is done on all equipment so we are ready for the next week.

Types of maintenances include, checking vehicles, cleaning our sheds and main buildings, maintaining the grounds, checking equipment such as chainsaws, charging batteries for the power equipment. We also top up petrol, diesel and gas, purchase and prepare food to cater for trips and lunches. These are just a few of the daily duties needed to run our program successfully.



Friday maintenance at the main pole 13 base



One of the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea ranger vehicles



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# Learning on Country Program

Day 2 - Wednesday 24 March 2021 Darwin

Session 1 - Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop

Session 2 - Steering Committee Meeting 46

Session 3 - Coordinators Update

# Learning on Country

*Our Land, Our Sea, Our Life*

## DARWIN LOC FORUM

**Supporting our youth**

The Learning on Country (LOC) program is a culturally relevant school based Indigenous Ranger facilitated program aimed at linking Australian curriculum subjects with field based experiential learning and data collection. It targets remote Indigenous students and disengaged young people eligible for enrolment.

Our Ranger program supports LOC and in March Catherine, Jennifer and Philip attended the LOC forum in Darwin, along with local school representatives. This was a fantastic opportunity to build further growth of this positive program.



## STAFF FOCUS

### Meet Priscilla Mamarika

On the 17th of August last year I moved into my new role as the administration assistant with the Anindilyakwa Land and Sea Rangers, which I love.

With the support of the ranger staffs and Brady the ALC trainer, one of my roles is to put together communication such as this newsletter, as well as other administration tasks to support our team.

I'm 48, live in Angurugu Community with my family and really enjoy spending time with my sister and friends.



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