

Quarterly Newsletter



BUSH BLITZ

Bush Blitz is Australia's largest nature discovery program. Bush blitz is a unique cross sector partnership that organises expeditions to document plants and animals across Australia.

For two weeks in June the team of 30 scientists, educators and camera crew camped on Groote. The Rangers and Traditional owners worked along side the team to merge the knowledge of plants, animals and stories.

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ALC LAND AND SEA RANGERS

ALC Ranger Managers and New Staff



Dan Keynes

Ranger Manager

The rich tapestry of Anindilyakwa culture and naturally occurring threatened species make this an incredibly unique place to manage. I feel very privileged to get to work with the Traditional Owners on their amazing Archipelago to protect it long into the future.



Katie Oxenham

IPA Coordinator & Ecologist

I've been working with the Anindilyakwa Land & Sea Rangers for over 3 years. As an ecologist Groote Eylandt is an amazing place to live and work because of the incredible wildlife both on land and in the sea, and it's a privilege to work with TOs to help protect it.



Tom Lawton

Quarantine & Biosecurity Coordinator

G'day my name Tom Lawton, I moved to Groote with my family in 2017 to work at the Rangers. I really enjoy my job, and love working across the Archipelago and living here with my family.



Sam Laidlaw

Angurugu Ranger Coordinator

Hey, I have been living on Eylandt for 2 years, I am enjoying learning about the Anindilyakwa people and Culture is great. Looking forward to seeing you Mob on country.



Peter Reeves

Umbakumba Ranger Coordinator

Yo! Eningaba! I've loved working with the Ranger family for the past 18 months. The Anindilyakwa Rangers have taught me all I know about this country and how to take care of it.



Edna

Cane Toad Detection Dog

Woof, I am a very good girl who loves to sniff things and my dad/ Handler gives me special treats and pats when I do a good job helping keep Groote Eylandt Cane toad free for the past 4 1/2 years.



Hannah Hearne

Admin & Training Coordinator

I'm excited to join the team and help with developing knowledge within our ranger team through two way training, not only learning new skills but learning old skills to from TO's. Come in and say hi in the Ranger Office when you get your Rec permits.

Welcome to our new ranger



Ramo Wurrabarrba

Umbakumba Ranger

I've been with the Rangers for two months and I'm enjoying learning how to do Ranger activities, I love fishing and am excited to gain my Coxswains Certificate to drive the Ranger boats.

RANGER TRAINING

Forklift Licenses

Some of our rangers studied for their forklift license. This license will help move things around the ranger base. Congratulations to Layton and Peter on receiving their Forklift licenses.



BUSH TUCKER



Yuwalkwurra Mud Mussels

We find these in the mangroves hidden in the mud. We boil them in water and mix it with noodles and onions or just throw them on the hot coal in the fire and wait for them to open up and then they are ready to eat.

This mud mussel (Yuwalkwurra) is around 90 years old.



Bush Blitz Adventures



Ramo and Cassie in the mangroves learning about plants from Kym the botanist.



Constantine is showing the Umbakumba children all different kinds of reptiles on Island.



The rangers with some of the educators at six mile beach.

Ramo with a Green Caterpillar on country



BLACK LIP OYSTER PROJECT



Thompson Bay Oysters (Yinungwalya)

The Rangers and the Darwin Aquaculture Centre are undertaking oyster grow out trials at Thompson Bay. Rangers are shown here putting some spat (baby oysters) in baskets that will later become adult black lip oysters and will be sold in restaurants and supermarkets in the future.



Building a better
future for our people

WEED CONTROL



Two of the west rangers Cathy Mamarika & Arnold Lalara (Jr) are doing weed spraying at Angurugu sewage pond using chemical to kill bad weeds.

It is important to remember that ongoing control work and maintenance is likely to be required for any of these methods and to successfully control weeds. The weed spraying is part of their study to achieve a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management.

Come in and see us at Pole 13 Ranger Base to get your Recreation Permits.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1, How long does it take for a snapper to grow to 30cm?
- 2, What are the Rangers & Fisheries growing in Thompson Bay?
- 3, How old is the Mud mussel Cathy is holding?
- 4, What kind of toads are not found on Groote Eylandt?
- 5, What are baby oysters called?
- 6, Where are the Ranger bases located?

TRIVIA

FAREWELL SUE MCDONALD

In April we said farewell to a very wonderful woman who have been on the island for so many years. Sue was respected and known by the indigenous people of Groote Eylandt. We hope she enjoys her new home in Queensland and will be remembered with warm thoughts and memories thank you for all your support. Best wishes to yourself and your family with your move.



Answers:

- 1**, Up to 4 Years **2**, Black lip Oysters **3**, 90 years old
4, Cane toads **5**, Spat **6**, Pole 13 and Umbakumba

WELCOME NEW STAFF



Hannah Hearne our new Admin and training coordinator has joined us in May. We are happy to have another smiling face to help out around the Ranger base. she will be organising our training in the upcoming months. Come in and say hi to our new team mate.



Sam Laidlaw our new West Ranger Coordinator joined the team in June. His role includes mentoring and working with the ranger team, undertaking cultural and natural resource management activities across land and sea country within the Anindilyakwa Indigenous Protected Area.



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