

# Larrakia Nation Members' NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Greetings members, it is with great pride that I report that the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation continues to grow and we are now a strong, trusted and recognisable service in our community. All reports indicate that we are in a financially strong position, our program growth is exceeding expectations and external stakeholders are eager and enthusiastic about conducting business with the Larrakia Nation. Our board, our CEO, our staff and your membership all together has propelled the Larrakia Nation into a position where our community speaks of our staff with kindness, joy and pride and our deeds are being echoed across our community and across Australia. We have built success upon success upon success and I cannot show my gratitude enough to our members, our board, our CEO and our amazing staff.

With all the interagency engagements we have recently had, I wish to raise among members the importance of Larrakia representing our people within the Northern Land Council and I ask for expressions

of interest from suitable Larrakia to consider applying for nomination to the NLC.

We have had great success with bringing the Larrakia Development Corporation closer to the Larrakia Nation and we seek to do the same with the Northern Land Council to place us in a strong position to negotiate possibilities such as land leases being offered to the Larrakia, development opportunities such as the Larrakia Cultural Centre and explore ongoing opportunities for the Larrakia and development consultations with government surrounding the NTG . We are currently re-investing in our culture through dance and language as part of our strategic plan in preparation for a bright future that lies ahead of us.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all involved in the planning and delivery of what may be considered our most successful Larrakia attended NAIDOC week to date. It was so heart-warming to see record attendance at our events, our committed staff taking such pride in representing the Larrakia Nation and being caring hosts to our community members and attendees. There was such a warm and welcoming sense of inclusion at every event, but what really moved me was to see our people happy, seeing the sense of pride restored like joyous reunion between old families and friends. To all involved, your dedication, hard work and success has been recognised by our community and I applaud you. "Living Stronger, Living Longer".

**Richard Fejo**  
Chairman

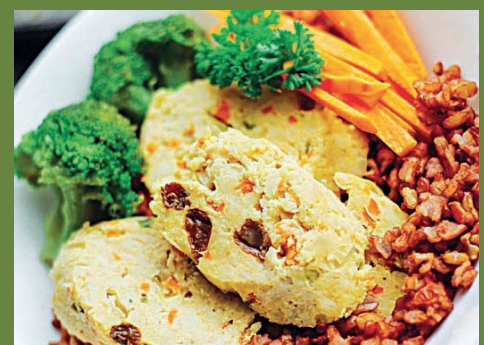
## Do you need help preparing your meals at home?

We deliver food to assist people who have difficulty preparing meals themselves.

We provide a range of healthy options and cater to your dietary needs.

Contact our Aged & Disability Support program on (08) 8948 6811 or email [mealsonwheels@larrakia.com](mailto:mealsonwheels@larrakia.com).

You are also welcome to drop by at our office in Coconut Grove.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



### This Issue - Focus on Caring for Country

We are in the middle of interviewing for 3 new Ranger Recruits to replace staff who have taken the opportunity to move across to other programs within the Corporation. I am pleased to report that we had over 50

applications for those positions. The next step will be to see what we can do to help those who want to work for us but missed out this time round.

Our rangers have also received funding to buy a new Landcruiser Ute (Their first brand new vehicle ever) and a heap of other equipment to help them do their job better.

They have also recently been given funding to undertake more research into our Eastern Curlew population, crab and shellfish populations around Shoal Bay and Darwin Harbour, and the ongoing Dolphin population survey.

For the first time we have been invited to send one of our Rangers overseas to speak at a conference.

Gabby Millar recently travelled to Malaysia to present at the International Congress for Conservation Biology. Gabby presented on our joint research with Amanda Lilleyman and CDU on the Critically Endangered Far Eastern Curlew and our work around Darwin Harbor.

Larrakia Rangers also attended the Australasian ornithological conference and the AMOS-ICTMO (International climate research forum) both here in Darwin.

Robert Cooper  
CEO

## NAIDOC WEEK 2019

After months of preparation, we celebrated #NAIDOC2019 in early July. The weeks activities were spearheaded by a newly formed group, Darwin Community NAIDOC under the direction of our Corporation.

Keeping with the theme, Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's Walk Together For A Shared Future, we encouraged one and all to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

Over 40 events were held and attended by all in the community and feedback provided has been positive. We had increased engagement with Stakeholders in the community with more wanting to participate than ever before.

The highlight of the week was the NAIDOC March held on Friday 12th July with thousands in attendance. The event this year took a new route down the Smith Street Mall where our people were encouraged to be loud and proud and share our culture with all.

We have commenced planning for #NAIDOC2020 and encourage members of the Darwin community to put their hand up and be involved in the discussions.



**Are your Membership details up to date?**

If you would like to update or register a family member, please fill in the form on the back and return to reception or contact us on (08) 8948 3733

# WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPRESENT LARRAKIA NATION?

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### Northern Land Council (NLC)

In the interest of building the Larrakia Nation network, we would like to formally invite members to nominate to represent the Larrakia Nation on the Northern Land Council (NLC).

This will enable Larrakia to be heard through the NLC council and increase our relationship between the LNAC, LDC and NLC so we can move together into the future.

This critical role would include reporting to and taking direction from the LNAC board to advocate for our Larrakia people on the full NLC council.

Expressions of Interest to fill the nominations must be received no later than 20 August through our office on 8948 3733 or by email to [ceo@larrakia.com](mailto:ceo@larrakia.com).

### Casual Vacancy for Larrakia Nation Member Director

With the resignation of Wayne Kurnorth as a Member Director we also now have a casual vacancy to fill. If you are interested please contact our CEO for an information package through our office on 8948 3733 or by email to [ceo@larrakia.com](mailto:ceo@larrakia.com).

Expressions of Interest to fill the vacancy for a Member Director must also be received no later than 20 August.

### Are You Looking for Work in the Arts and Culture Area?

We are interested in hearing from cultural teachers, leaders and educators who want to lead or facilitate cultural workshops for Aboriginal people and families.

#### Examples of workshop activities could be:

- Storytelling
- Bush tucker demonstrations
- Painting
- Weaving and other fibre work
- Screen printing
- Didgeridoo and/or clap stick workshops
- Cultural play activities for small children
- Jewellery making with shells, seeds and pods
- Spear making
- Traditional fire making
- Soap making from bush materials
- Traditional dancing and music
- Making tools/artefacts
- Carving and whittling
- Smoking ceremonies
- Language learning/teaching
- Other ideas not already mentioned

If you would like to be considered for casual, part-time or full-time work in either of those programs, let us know by calling (08) 8948 3733, emailing [hr@larrakia.com](mailto:hr@larrakia.com) or checking out our Facebook page.

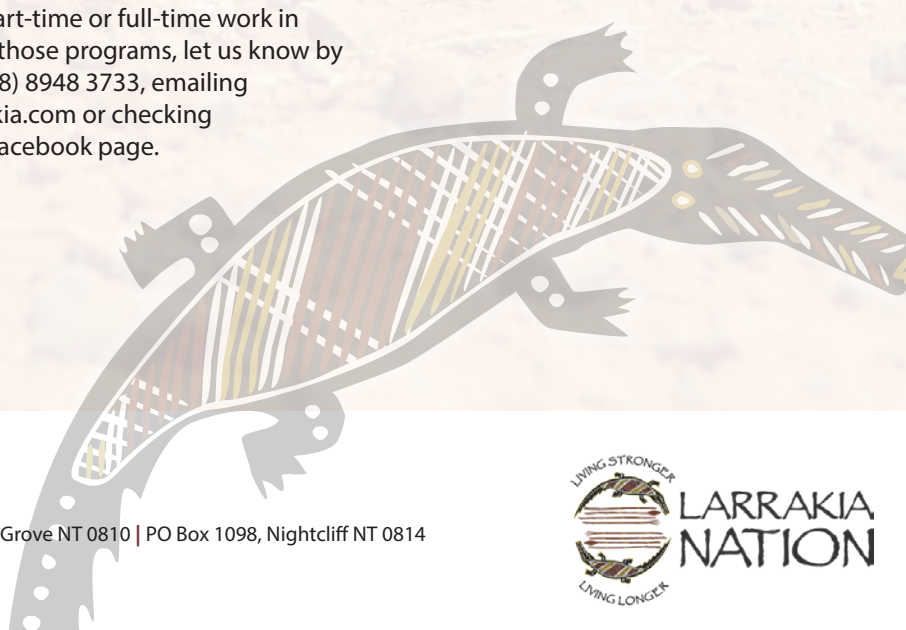


## PROOF OF ABORIGINALITY

To apply for a Proof of Aboriginality Letter, please provide the following info to [reception@larrakia.com](mailto:reception@larrakia.com) or in person to one of our offices:

- ① Name
- ② Date of Birth
- ③ Family Group
- ④ Larrakia Parent's name

All applicants must be members of the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation.



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**Call us: 08 8948 3733**

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Darwin's Traditional Owners

## APPLICATION FORM

**Please tell us why you are filling this form in:**

- Larrakia Membership  
 Change of Membership Details

<b>Title:</b>			
<b>Surname:</b>			
<b>First Name:</b>			
<b>Middle Name:</b>			
<b>Date of Birth:</b>			
<b>Larrakia Parent:</b>			
<b>Larrakia Grandparent:</b>			
<b>First Line of Address:</b>			
<b>Suburb/City:</b>			
<b>State:</b>		<b>Postcode:</b>	
<b>Phone Contact:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>			

*Your date of birth **must be** filled in – this is a requirement of ORIC Associate members (U'18) will automatically become full members when they reach the age of 18*

**I declare that I am eligible for membership in accordance with Rule 3.1**

And I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Larrakia Family Group.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_