



EON Foundation Inc.

Improving Opportunities for Indigenous People



■ NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM CAROLINE

It has been another busy and successful year. The gardens have flourished along with the children who continue to amaze us with their aptitude for learning and willingness to try their hand at anything. They continue to delight at the crops they grow, with the help of Sabrina Hahn, and have taken great joy from creating simple foods that are delicious and healthy. Suzanne has delivered the Healthy Eating program to schools and community with great success and has been warmly welcomed at Beagle Bay to deliver the Healthy Homes program. We have been invited by community to participate in local events and by the Women's Groups and Day Care Centres to develop gardens and teach about nutrition and healthy life choices. The enthusiasm of the communities, the schools and the children is the most amazing reward for doing something we are all passionate about.

We look forward to a very exciting 2012, with the prospect of extending into new communities. The EON team wishes you all a very Merry Xmas and look forward to your continued support.

2011 Annual Report

In November we published our second Annual report covering all the progress made during 2011. The report was launched by Ken Wyatt AM MP who spoke about reaching out to communities to make a difference and was very supportive of the EON model and achievements. We have also recently completed a short video, filmed on location at Looma and Noonkanbah. Both the Annual report and video are available on the EON web page www.eon.org.au.

EHE Progress

We started our EON Healthy Eating Program in January this year.



Djarindjin Christmas Concert



Annual Report Launch

Suzanne O'Connell delivers food and nutrition classes each fortnight during school term to Beagle Bay, Djarindjin Lombadina and One Arm Point, and once per term at Noonkanbah, Looma, Kadjina and Wangkatjungka. Participants learned some great recipes and tips for healthy eating and looked resplendent in the new EON aprons. We are very excited by the enthusiasm of the local women who participate in the sessions and the eagerness shown by the children to learn how to use the vegetables they grow in the garden.

Launch of EHH at Beagle Bay

After consultation with community members in Beagle Bay, Djarindjin Lombadina and One Arm Point, the EON Healthy Homes program was launched at Beagle Bay in October. The program aims to extend the healthy living messages perpetrated through the EON Edible Garden and EON Healthy Eating Programs by assisting community members to maintain a healthy home environment through home hygiene and basic maintenance. Sessions in mould and grime removal from bathrooms and laundries, cleaning toilets and floor tiles, cleaning ovens and cook tops and removing black nail polish from bathroom sinks have been held! The women have been thrilled with the outcomes and very proud of the skills they have learned. Neighbours who join in also participated in preparing a healthy lunch afterwards. EHH will commence at Djarindjin and One Arm Point in early 2012, with consultation commencing in Noonkanbah, Looma and Kadjina in June.

Certificate II in Horticulture

Congratulations to Noonkanbah community gardeners Leon and Bruce who have completed their Certificate II in Horticulture through Kimberley TAFE. They completed their infield supervision with the support of the EON Project Manager Derby (pictured). We are proud to have been able to assist them in their achievements through the EON Education and Training Program.

Walkabout Boys

In December EON Directors Caroline de Mori and Katrina Burton met up with and watched the Walkabout Boys from Yiyili perform at the World's Festival, held during the World Sailing Championship in Fremantle. EON has supported the Walkabout Boys since 2008 and look forward to their next album which is expected to be released next year.

Project Manager

We are seeking a Kimberley project manager who is able to start at the beginning of Term 1 in February 2012. If you know anyone who might be suited to the role and is interested in applying please contact Executive Officer Chris Stott at Christine.stott@eon.org.au for further details. Many thanks to Chris Cassidy who was an integral part of the early success of EON's community programs.

Applications will close on 16th January.

A fond farewell to Barry Ennis, Principal at Djarindjin Lombadina and his wife Susan who are returning to Victoria after 4 years.



Healthy eating at Beagle Bay, Djarindjin Lombadina and Wangkatjungka



Cleaning up a storm at Beagle Bay!



Completing TAFE Work Noonkanbah



Walkabout Boys

Barry and Susan have been fantastic supporters of EON and have worked hard to establish the EON programs in the school. We wish them and their daughter Scarlet all the best for the future.

Thanks to Supporters and Donors

We would like to extend our very sincere thanks to all our sponsors, donors, supporters and friends of EON for your continued support encouragement. We are very excited about our Thriving Communities Program and the opportunities to extend into new communities in 2012. Have a happy Christmas and New Year, stay safe and we look forward to new challenges and new opportunities to make a difference in 2012.

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We look forward to your continuing support and please visit our website at: www.eon.org.au for more information.



Christmas concert at Djarindjin Lombadina