

Young Indigenous Meatworkers Gazette

News letter of the Boys from the Bush Projects, Remote Area Work Scheme (RAWS)
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NEW WORKERS ON THE JOB

Our new workers from Alpurrurulam and Ti-Tree in their first real job

Pictured below is Kenneth Philomac
from Alpurrurulam on Rockdale Beef's
meat packing line.



This is the RAWS way. We leapfrog over the endless procession of pre-employment training programs, work readiness programs, and personal development programs and put young people straight into real work.

We have chosen the meat processing industry above all other industries for a number of reasons, including the good starting salary of \$691.00 per week.

One of keys to our success is our best practice support and supervision

provided outside of the workplace.

Pictured below is Damien Campbell from Ti-Tree also on the packing line. These pictures were taken on his second day. Proof that given the right support and supervision, these young people can make good workers.



Pictured below is Moses Mulda, one of our first arrivals. He went from an average of 7 boxes per hour in the start of the week to 35 boxes per hour by the end of the week. *“You are doing a good job Moses, keep it up.”*



Jason Boko’s story is much the same.

When Jason first arrived, he had one speed - dead slow.

When Jason was placed next to his friend and countryman, Barry Campbell, he lifted his game. He is now keeping up with everyone.

Pictured below is Jason hard at work.



Barry Campbell, pictured below, is the rock. From his first day on the job, Barry has been a solid worker.

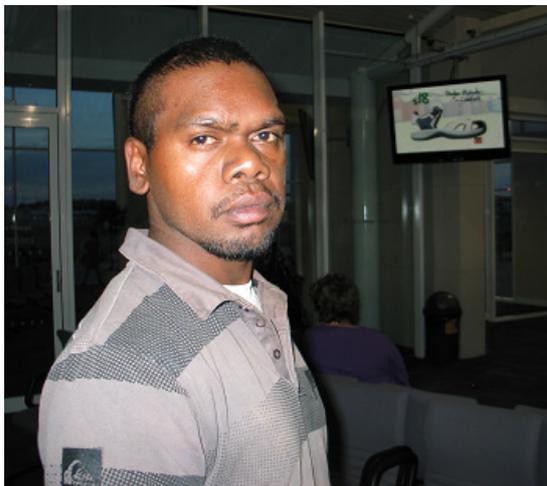


Barry has now applied for and will soon be promoted to knife work.

New arrival

Pictured below is our new worker Mitchell Mahoney arriving at the Wagga Wagga airport, safe and sound after a

lone journey all the way from Alpururulam (Lake Nash).



“Welcome to our team Mitchell.”

A big thanks to Bruce Hein of Job Futures / Isa Skills for getting things done on the ground in Alpururulam. Also to Mathew Ellen of Anangu Jobs for taking charge of Mitchell when he arrived in Alice Springs, providing overnight accommodation and putting him on his flight to Wagga Wagga the following morning. This is an excellent example of three organisations working in perfect cooperation for a seamless operation. Thanks also to Kary Macliver of Job Futures for overseeing the operation.

I must also thank David Verrier of Catholic Care NT for his help in organising the first group of young people out from Titjikala.

We have taken possession of our new work bus, but still looking for donations

Milton has taken possession of the bus as his dual cab is no longer big enough.

He drove it up from Melbourne last weekend.

Thank to Glen of Australian Contracting Solutions for the lift to Melbourne and Daniel Teller for having it serviced, ready and waiting for me.



My good old friend Michael McDaid has come to our rescue with a super generous donation of \$1,000 towards the cost of our work bus. Many thanks Michael, from all of us.



Please keep the donations coming. We need to raise \$10,000 for the full cost of the bus.

Footy training has begun

Most of our workers have joined the local football team. They train on Tuesday and Thursday evening, as shown below.



young people from remote communities.

Of the 10 young people that were assessed as suitable on my last trip, 6 of them had packed their bag and are presently working full time at Rockdale Beef. The remaining 4 could not or did not pack their bags for varying reasons.

Damian and Moses showing off their new Narrandera Football Club jersey, shown below.

I am now planing my second recruitment drive throughout the MacDonnell and Central Desert Shires for 3 weeks over December – January.



Lorraine Watson will be looking after the young people while I am away.

I hope to sign up about 30 young people to be brought down in the New Year.

Jason, Moses and Damian meet Tadgh Kennelly of the Sydney Swans, shown below.

I will be visiting as many communities as possible, including Docker River, Mutitjulu, Imanpa, Santa Teresa, Wallace Rockhole, Titjikala, Harts Range, Engawala, Utopia, Ampilatwatja, Ti-Tree, Wilora, Walkabout Camp, Ali-Curung,



Milton will be returning to the NT for more recruits very soon

The time has come for me to return to the Northern Territory and recruit more

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Where is Wally



JOKE

The Lone Ranger and Tonto were riding across the desert when a line of mounted Indians appeared to the right of them. They looked to the left and saw another line of mounted Indians. Behind them they saw another line of mounted Indians.

The Lone Ranger said, "Looks like we're in trouble, Tonto."

Tonto replied, "What do you mean WE, white man?"

The Captain called the Sergeant in. "Sarge, I just got a telegram. Private Jones' mother died yesterday. Better go tell him and send him in to see me."

So the Sergeant calls for his morning formation and lines up all the troops. "Listen up, men," says the Sergeant.

"Johnson, report to the mess hall for KP. Smith, report to Personnel to sign some papers. The rest of you men report to the Motor Pool for maintenance. Oh by the way, Jones, your mother died, report to the Captain."

Later that day the Captain called the Sergeant into his office. "Hey, Sarge, that was a pretty cold way to inform Jones his mother died. Couldn't you be a bit more tactful, next time?"

"Yes, sir," answered the Sarge. A few months later, the Captain called the Sergeant in again with, "Sarge, I just got a telegram. Private Owen's mother died. You'd better go tell him and send him in to see me. This time be more tactful."

So the Sergeant calls for his morning formation. "Ok, men, fall in and listen up. Everybody with a mother, take two steps forward -- NOT SO FAST, OWENS!"