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# PATHWAYS



## Chairman's Letter

This month the Empowered Communities report is presented to Government. It's been 18 months in the making during which an enormous amount of time and energy has gone into defining a new relationship between governments and Aboriginal communities; one characterised by Aboriginal empowerment and leadership. We expect the New Year will see the governance structures being established; that will serve to identify community priorities, develop policy and direct spending and service delivery.

Empowered Communities is an initiative of far reaching consequences, of 8 communities pursuing a common agenda of Aboriginal led reform that will see individuals and families taking responsibility for their future. I believe that history will see this moment as the beginning of the end for passive welfare dependency and a re-engagement of Aboriginal people through which lives will improve and culture will be strengthened.

In the meantime there is a lot more work to be done which will require a spirit of partnership with

governments, the private sector and our colleagues in Aboriginal organisations across the region if we are to achieve the outcomes that for too long have eluded us. As 2014 comes to a close, I offer my sincere thanks to all those who have supported Wunan throughout the year, to those who have worked tirelessly with us and those whose guidance has been invaluable. I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to 2015, where our collective efforts will see Aboriginal empowerment start to assert itself.

*Ian Trust* Ian Trust, Founder and Chairman



## Wunan 2014 Annual Report Released

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### COMMUNITY

#### New Investment! Darwin Vibe Adina Hotel

vibe hotel darwin  
waterfront

Wunan has recently invested in the Darwin Vibe Adina Hotel. Indigenous Business Australia is a co-owner of this landmark property on the Darwin Waterfront, (along with DCW Hospitality Pty. Ltd.) and Wunan has acquired 10% of IBA's holding.

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### COMMUNITY

#### Indigenous Advancement Strategy



The Commonwealth Government has consolidated all Indigenous programs into 5 areas of strategic priority, and recently opened a funding round for applications for programs commencing in 2015. Wunan submitted 7 requests...

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help us create a positive future for Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley. Your donation will help us to continue a range of integrated activities that support local Aboriginal people to take ownership and responsibility for their lives.

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### EMPLOYMENT

#### East Kimberley Job Pathways Delivering Real Results



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JOB PATHWAYS

East Kimberley Job Pathways (EKJP) operates the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) and we have previously reported the challenges of getting the business up and running and the program implemented.

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### ACCOMODATION AND HOUSING

#### Transitional Housing Halls Creek & West Kimberley



15 new Transitional Homes are being built in Halls Creek! Work is well under way with the first eight houses almost finished and the other seven anticipated to be built in February 2015. We have currently had two community meetings which have...

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### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

#### Brenda Garstone, Regional Co-ordinator Empowered Communities



Brenda Garstone is Jaru woman who grew up in Halls Creek which is located on the edge of the Great Sandy Desert in Western Australia. Brenda Garstone is married with four children and has resided in Kununurra for the past 8 years.

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### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

#### Rowena Alexander, Regional Director of Jawun



Mother of three, I've lived in Kununurra most of my life and also spent time in the West Kimberley and other parts of Australia growing up. I'm Gooniyandi from my Mother's side and Ngarringman from my maternal Grandfather's side with lots of family...

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