



## Message from Our Chairman

Firstly, Wunan welcomes our first ever Indigenous CEO, Jim Lewis who commenced his role in May. Jim has been a long standing Board member of Wunan has worked for both not-for-profit organisations and Government Departments, both state and Federal. We're looking forward to continued organisational growth under Mr Lewis' leadership.

The cashless debit card trial has been extended a further 12 months with a continued aim to improve the socioeconomic disadvantages in our region. East Kimberley Leaders called on the Federal government to support the roll out of the card with additional funding for support services in the East Kimberley.

"We acknowledge that agreeing to the East Kimberley being a trial site for the restricted debit card may seem to some a rather drastic step. However, it is our view that continuing to deliver the same programs we have delivered for the past forty years will do nothing for our people and, besides wasting more time and money, will condemn our children and future generations to a life of poverty and despair. As leaders in the East Kimberley, we cannot accept this."

We're excited to announce some new partnerships and acquisitions:

- Purchase of Thermal Comfort Homes; [tchomes.com.au](http://tchomes.com.au)
- Partnership with Indigenous Business Australia
- Partnership with Kadar Pearson & Partners

**Ian Trust, Founder and Chairman**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help Wunan Foundation deliver its mission to improve the lives of Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley.

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### EMPLOYMENT

## Wunan welcomes first Indigenous CEO

The Wunan Board of Directors have announced the appointment of Jim Lewis as new CEO for the organisation following an extensive search process.

A Gija man, Jim grew up in Wyndham and has strong family and professional connections throughout the region. He played a key role in working with government in developing the East Kimberley Development Package which forms part of the Ord Expansion. Jim operated his own business that has been a key contributor to training and employment of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. His son Joshua will continue to manage the business. Jim is also a co-opted Director on the board of Aboriginal Legal Services of Western Australia Limited.

Mr Trust is excited about Mr Lewis' appointment and is confident he will continue to take the organisation forward in particularly with economic investment.

Mr Lewis said "I am thrilled to be appointed this role. Having been involved with the Wunan board over the past few years it's great to be involved in the operational side of the organisation and to develop exciting opportunities that are imminent".

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## DON'T MISS THE WUNAN FAIR!

Friday, 7 July, 2017 from 9.00am @ Wunan (76 Coolibah Dve Kununurra).

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### EDUCATION

## KEEP Expands to Perth



The Kimberley Educational Excellence Program (KEEP) has been extended to Perth. Officially launched on the 4 March, the event was marked with a traditional smoking ceremony conducted by Noongar elders, the traditional custodians...

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### COMMUNITY

## Nominations now open for the EKAAA!



Do you know someone special in your community? This is your chance to show them how much you appreciate them and the amazing work they do! Nomination forms and information can be found at [wunan.org.au/ekaaa...](http://wunan.org.au/ekaaa...)

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## INDIGENOUS BUSINESS EXPO

Preview text: Interested in starting a business? Come to the Indigenous Business Expo on 28 June @ Mirima Language Centre

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### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## Elizabeth "Liz" Boyd



Liz Boyd hails from Perth and is a Whadjuk Wiiman woman of the Noongar nation. She is the HIPPY Coordinator (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters) and provides opportunity for parents to become involved with their kids learning at home...

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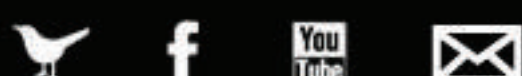
## Courteney Topliss



Courteney is the Accommodation Coordinator at Buraluba Yura Ngurra Worker's Hostel. Courteney is passionate about working with Aboriginal people to improve health and well-being through employment, education and affordable housing...

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