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PAW TV

Yuendumu now has a 5th television channel PAW TV (Pintupi-Anmatjerre-Warlpiri). We started broadcasting in September with footage of the AFL Country Football Grand Final (Yuendumu won!). Each week we broadcast three hours of material every weekday at 5pm (and some weekends). Recent videos have included: Mangarripanu (Cooking Show), Paul Kelly Concert, Yuendumu Sports Weekend Battle of the Bands, Jaru Pirjirdi, Kintore Gospel and Coniston 75 years.

When no videos are being shown on TV, we run a slide show of photos. PAW or CAAMA radio plays as the soundtrack so you can listen to the radio through your TV, too! Lots of people have taken photos for the TV. If you want some of your photos to go on TV then come in and talk us.

If you have any videos that you have made or ideas about what you would like to see on PAW TV come and see us at Warlpiri Media. We are hoping to restart the Warlpiri News again soon, too. So, don't forget to re-tune your TV to pick up the new channel!

NEW STAFF

We have employed several new staff this year. Anna Cadden is from Brisbane and has replaced Bergen O'Brien as the Video Coordinator. Hamish Townsend is from Mebourne and has replaced Tristan Ray as the Radio Coordinator.

Several other people have started working for Warlpiri Media as CDEP participants. Douglas Fry has been learning video, radio and photography. Douglas' first project was to film the CDEP Rammed Earth Workshop. Anna-Lisa Egan is learning how to film and edit video and is working with Jeannie Egan on the Mapping Project 'Ngurra Walya'. Anna-Lisa also organises the photos for PAW TV. Louise Egan has been trained as a PAW Radio DJ and is

broadcasting regularly from Yuendumu. Anna, Hamish, Lizzie Ross, Grant Granites and Randal Wilson have visited many of our member communities encouraging people to learn radio and video. Norbett Gallagher and Evan Simms are back at Nyirripi and Christine Curtis, Kathleen Gibson and Abraham Fisher are learning to use the BRACS equipment. Nathaniel Coulthard and Shane Murphy have been trained in radio at Yuelamu. Steven Briscoe, Vicky Dixon and Bentley James have been broadcasting regularly since Laramba BRACS was launched earlier this year.

Simon Fisher has been appointed as the remote Indigenous representative of the Alice Springs based Aboriginal Human Research Ethics Committee that look at protocols and intellectual property issues for researchers working in Central Australia.

PAW RADIO

We are on air in 11 communities. We have radio DJs broadcasting from Yuendumu, Yuelamu, Laramba (Napperby), Walungurru (Kintore), Nyirripi and Ali Curung. In 2004, we hope to include Ti Tree, Willowra, Mt Liebig and Lajamanu.

We broadcast live from Sports Weekends and other special events as often as possible. This year we have had live broadcasts from Yuendumu, Kintore, Nyirripi and Laramba.

Our new switcher allows us to program our own content 24 hours a day. That means we can take the NIRS news (National Indigenous Radio Service) every hour, and other programs like the Mary G show. We have also been making ads (information campaigns) to play on radio for Night Patrol, Road Safety, Centrelink and the CLC.

MUSIC

In July, Steve Teakle of the Northern Territory University (now Charles Darwin University) ran a music training workshop aimed at developing musicianship. This concluded with concerts in Yuendumu and Willowra.

Donovan Rice has been recording new songs in the studio with Rising Wind, Desert Mulga, BlackStorm II and the Yuendumu School Band.

WEBSITE

The Bush Mechanics game (see www.bushmechanics.com) has proven to be popular with people using the internet. Deadly Mob, who recently visited Yuendumu, use the game when they visit other communities. The game was also featured in the Plaything (Digital-Games-Art) symposium in Sydney in September.

ARCHIVE

The Warlpiri Media Archive is now established and we are copying all our videos to DVD. We are also looking for ways to establish a viewing room for people in the community to watch the videos.

Don't forget to re-tune your TVs to pick up PAW TV.

BRACS Festival By Lizzie Ross

Simon, Grant, Anna and I attended the 5th Annual BRACS Festival in Darwin. There were people from all over Australia. Grant and I accepted the 'Best Camera Work' Award on behalf of Warlpiri Media and Mt Theo Program for the Jaru Pirrjirdi series of short films. We visited the Channel 9 studios and did some filming at Larrakia Nations where we met a lot of friendly people. It was good to share stories with other BRACS workers from other places.

Japangardi, Japanangka, Anna napangardi manu ngajulu-rnalulu yanu 5th bracs festival-ku darwin kurra. Yuwayi yanurnurlu panu yapa wurnturu wardingki patu. Japanangkarlu manu ngajulurlu ngulaju-rnapala manu 'Best Camera Work' Award. Ngula nyampu award-yangkarnalu manu ngulaju Mt Theo program manu Warlpiri Media manu Jaru Pirrjirdiki. Ngulajangkaju nganimpa-narlu nyanjaku Channel 9 studio-kurra. Nyampu-jangka jurnal Larrakia Nations-kurra manu-narlu-jana yapa-patu yalirlaju. Yuwayi, ngurrju-nyayirni narlu-jana wangkaja panu-kari-kiji BRACS-wardingki-patuju. Ngulajuku.

[use photo of Grant and Lizzie presenting]