



NOVEMBER VISIT

Balgo

November 2020 // PREPARED BY CLARE WOOD AND NATASHA SHORT



November 2020

Enterprise Partnerships WA (EPWA) hosted workshops at the Trade Training Centre all week.

EPWA engaged Natasha Short from Kimberley Jiyigas to provide business mentoring and leadership support. Natasha also worked with the women to review what had been achieved in 2020 and people's hopes and aspirations for 2021.

Kathryn Njamme worked with EPWA to engage young women in the workshops, along with Trina from EKJP.

Across the week the workshops focused on:

- Women's Leadership in Business;
- Finalising the Piriwa Op Shop logo;
- Experimenting with Bush Products;
- Creating products for sale at the Kununurra Christmas Market Stall, supported by Kimberley Jiyigas.

The Piriwa Op Shop

The Op Shop opened on Thursday with women helping to sort donations and also to price clothes. We spoke about the need for good clothing donations and presentation to keep sales strong. Trina led the women in arranging the presentation of the stock.

Thanks to John at EKJP and Prue from Anglicare for bringing donations from Revive to the Op Shop. The women also learnt how to post requests for clothing donations on the "Remote Op Shop Project" Facebook page.

The collective profits from the sales of donated items are being saved to make the Piriwa Op Shop business strong. Art work by Alison Gill for the Piriwa Op Shop logo has been developed and Morrgul is providing funding support to have this art work made into a logo for future products and also a sign for the Op Shop.

Natasha provided mentoring across the week to the women to support the Op Shop and how women can work together to make change in their community.

The women also spoke about their hopes for more young people to engage with Piriwa and learn new things.



Leadership in Business Workshop

Natasha held a "Leadership in Business" workshop with the women who attend the Trade Training Centre and then also the older women joined in for lunch. Natasha spoke about;

- Kimberley Jiyigas and her business journey
- The importance of teamwork and for women to support one another
- Hopes for business and Balgo
- Leadership
- Review of the 'money story' for the Piriwa Op shop
- Review of the sales data from 2020 for the Piriwa Op Shop



Natasha also made a video with Kathryn Njamme, talking about local bush medicine knowledge and the women's hopes for sharing this knowledge with young people. The video can be viewed on the Kimberley Jiyigas Facebook page.





Bush Trip

On Sunday, EPWA, Prue from Anglicare and the Warlayirti Art Centre staff supported a bush trip with elders and some young women.

We went for a long drive looking for different plants/ seeds for bush products and jewellery, visiting the old mission site and then stopping at the dam for lunch.

The women spent the afternoon yarning. We heard from Eva about everywhere she had travelled across the world with her art and also what young women needed in the community.

Natasha shared stories of her business journey and her passion for women being heard in communities. Natasha also shared a story about her podcast 'Kimberley SHE'ro' and her funding to mentor Indigenous women in Business.



Next Visit

Thank you to everyone who supported this workshop and to EKJP for funding EPWA to hold enterprise workshops in Balgo across 2020.

Also thanks to the customers of Piriwa Op Shop! Let the women know what items you would like to buy and we can get them to the community

Natasha will be hosting a stall of community made products at the Kununurra Christmas Markets on December 5th 2020. The Piriwa Op Shop will have bush lip balms and bush dyed silk scarves for sale.

We look forward to working with Balgo community in 2021! Have a safe and happy festive period!



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