



Eneabba's new camp opens its doors

Black cockatoos are a feature of the skies around Eneabba, so it was only fitting that when it came to naming the new camp, the Wilunyu word for black cockatoo was selected.

Ngulya camp opened its doors to residents at the beginning of October.

The name, chosen in consultation with cultural committee members from the Yamatji Southern Regional Corporation (YSRC), reflects Iluka's commitment to honouring cultural heritage and fostering strong community relations.

This is an important step forward as Iluka continues to strengthen our relationship with YSRC.



Revegetation at Cataby

Since the start of the year, the Cataby environment team has taken important steps towards re-establishing a roosting and foraging habitat for Carnaby's Cockatoos across eight hectares between Oliver's Remnant and Eneminga Nature Reserve.

The project saw the team plant more than 35,000 native seedlings comprising 11 different species as well as broadcasting 20kg of 16 varieties of native seeds across the area.

Environmental Advisor Karis Smith said the seed was collected from around the Cataby area and seedlings propagated at a plant nursery in Bullsbrook.



"The Cataby team worked with a planting team from Tranen Revegetation Systems to get the large number of plants in the soil at the right time of the year," Karis said.

"Due to good propagation rates at the nursery, we actually received additional seedlings."

The Cataby area has received relatively good rainfall this winter and this has helped the seedlings become established.



Rescuing our regional wildlife

Bluebush Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Coorow is a charitable organisation that provides a vital service rehabilitating and releasing hundreds of injured animals in the region.

In October, with help from the Iluka Eneabba team, the Centre was able to rescue and rehabilitate a Boobook Owl that had found itself entangled in a barbed wire fence. It was successfully released back into the wild a few weeks later by the same team members who rescued it.



Earlier in the year, Eneabba's own team member, Andrew Pope, found an injured joey on the side of the road and delivered it to the centre to be cared for. Shannyn and the team are doing a great job nursing Poppy (named in honour of her rescuer) back to health, and she will be released as part of the centres soft release sanctuary program mid-2025.

Bluebush often has between 15 and 20 joeys in its care at an average cost of \$2,500 per joey for milk formula, pouches, old towels and other items. The centre is always in need of financial or in-kind donations. If you can assist or would like to find out more, search for their Facebook page.



Cataby hosts Clontarf students

In August, students and staff from Edmund Rice Clontarf Academy joined the Cataby team for a day on site.

The young men from Years 10, 11 and 12 were welcomed by local Yued elder, Fred Mogridge, as well as the wider Cataby operations team. Fred kicked off the day with some of his own personal stories of working in the mining industry before the boys were inducted, donned their PPE and embarked on a whistle-stop mine tour.

The group visited Pit 9 to learn about Cataby's mining processes with Mining Manager Jamie McDonald before they toured the WCP with Processing Specialist Chris Witheridge and checked out the big haulage and earthmoving machinery with Piacentini crew members. It was a jam-packed day that gave the boys a snapshot of life on site.

Cataby Community Advisor, Bronwyn Fox, said the day was enjoyed by all participants and gave the boys a great overview about the range of different careers that can be found in the mining sector.



Clontarf students at Pit 9

"Creating that employment pipeline is not only important for our local students and regional population, including our Yued neighbours, but it also helps to build a sustainable workforce for the future of mining in our region," Bronwyn said.

Narngulu – Clontarf Employment Forum

Iluka has been a proud supporter of the Clontarf Foundation for more than two decades. The Foundation works to improve the education, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

One way in which Iluka supports the Foundation is through our involvement in its annual Employment Forums. These are important development events for Clontarf students in Years 11 and 12 to engage with partners from industry to further understand what career prospects may be available to them.

This year, team members from Iluka's Narngulu operations attended the event and shared information about the industry, gave them some work ready tips and tricks and put them through their paces with mock interviews.



Clontarf students visit site.



Try a Trade

Students from Central Midlands Senior High School came together to learn about careers in construction at the school's annual Try a Trade Day.

Iluka's resident education expert, Caitlin Dowding – or "Miss Dowding" to many of the day's attendees – showed off Cataby mine and some of the roles that could be in the students' future.

Thanks to the Dandaragan Community Resource Centre, attendees were able to see the mine through virtual reality headsets, which proved very popular with the students. We also had a group of volunteers lend their time, expertise and energy to the day, including Cataby's Emergency Response Team members, Mel McGoldrick and Todd Ellis and our enthusiastic mechanical fitter apprentice, Will Hampson, who brought along some of his big tools to demonstrate the scale of the equipment he works with on a daily basis.



Cataby HR representative, Michael Sharp, answered questions about careers at the site and inspired the young students to consider a future with Iluka.

This bi-annual event brings together local businesses including the defence force, mining, agriculture and emergency services and provides students with an opportunity to make that all important decision: what am I going to do when I leave school?



Loud shirts spark important conversations



Members of the Narngulu Maintenance team

Team members at our Narngulu and Eneabba operations are making some strong sartorial selections in the name of mental health.

Members of our teams have been wearing loud shirts on a Friday to start an important conversation about mental health, encouraging people to speak up if they need someone to talk to.

Designed by social impact organisation, TradeMutt, the shirts act as a conversation starter by making the invisible impossible to ignore.

Aggie's Cottage

Five years ago, Iluka Cataby purchased a marquee for the volunteer-run Wolba Wolba Heritage Site Committee, which maintains the historic Aggie's Cottage in Dandaragan.

The marquee has been pivotal to the group's ability to host a myriad of events to raise funds, which go towards preserving the 1800's-built cottage.

This year, Iluka Cataby provided a donation towards the Wheatbelt Ladies Long Table Lunch on Saturday 21 September.

Cataby Community Relations Advisor, Bronwyn Fox, spoke at the event to explain how community groups can best work with organisations to deliver positive benefits to their region.

The event saw over 200 people from around the Wheatbelt descend for a seated long table lunch with entertainment and speakers. More than \$20,000 was raised, with 50 per cent of the funds to be donated to Magnolia House – a women's and family refuge located in Northam – and the remaining half to go towards the ongoing protection and improvement of Aggie's Cottage and grounds.



Bronwyn Fox sharing her expertise with guests at this year's Wheatbelt Ladies Long Table Lunch

Merry Markets

Eneabba residents were treated to some early Christmas cheer at this year's Merry Markets.

On Saturday 19 October, the Eneabba Recreation Centre was turned into a winter wonderland with dozens of stalls providing locals with the perfect opportunity to get a jump start on their Christmas shopping.

Iluka was glad to be able to provide free face painting for the youngest attendees, as well as icy poles from Lennard Brook supplier, Northern Valley Fruit Pops.

The markets are an annual tradition in the Eneabba calendar, and an event that brings joy to the whole community.

As always, a heartfelt thank you to Chloe Scott who volunteers her time to bring these markets to life each year.



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