

Apprentices of the Month

Kununurra

Name: **Sheryl Knott**
Certificate II in Business

Host: **East Kimberley CDEP**



Sheryl Knott started her traineeship with EKCDEP on the 2nd of August 2011. From day one Sheryl has put everything into her work. She is a reliable and hard worker who endeavors to complete all the tasks assigned to her. Staff at East Kimberley CDEP have indicated on many occasions how pleasant she is to have around in the workplace. Sheryl is on track to complete her traineeship, she is also excelling with her course work, due to her dedication and perseverance. Keep up the good work Sheryl!

Broome

Name: **Sean Gregory**
Certificate III
Carpentry and Joinery

Host: **Norbuilt Pty Ltd**



Sean Gregory commenced his apprenticeship with Norbuilt in September 2011. Sean has proven himself to be a very reliable and hard worker. His supervisor has indicated Sean's performance, attitude and personal qualities on the job site are above and beyond their expectations. Sean is a deserving winner for Apprentice of the Month as he is proud of his work, enjoying his trade, learning heaps and setting a positive example to others with his commitment to his Apprenticeship. Congratulations Sean on a job well done.



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2011 KGT Client Survey

Many thanks to all the trainees and apprentices who took the time to complete the annual KGT client survey. The survey is used to assess how we are currently supporting our trainees and apprentices and ways we can improve the services we offer. We are currently reviewing all the responses and will look at implementing improvements in 2012!

We are pleased to announce the winner of the \$100.00 Gift Voucher for Red Sun for completing the survey: **Jamie Carey from Argyle Diamond Mine**. Just in time for Christmas Jamie—Well Done!



Celebrating Milestones

Julie Bangu-Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management
Host Employer: **Kimberley Land Council**

Keenan Martin-Certificate II in Creative Industries (Media)
Host Employer: **Goolari Media**

Calyca Rogers-Certificate III in Tourism (Visitor Information Services)
Host Employer: **Home Valley Station**

Derryn Ishiguchi-Certificate III in Engineering Mechanical Trade
Argyle Diamond Mine

Frankie Bellou-Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management
Host Employer: **Kimberley Land Council**

Johan Augustine Mamid-Certificate II in Transport and Logistics (Warehouse and Storage)
Savannah Nickel Mines Pty Ltd

Luke Jones-Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling (Housing)
Host Employer: **Carpet, Vinyl and Tile Centre**

Congratulations



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KGT and ADM Celebrate Graduating Class of 2011

By: **Natasha Cross**
Field Officer

Argyle Diamond Mine celebrated in style by hosting an awards ceremony on Tuesday 6 December at the Kimberley Grande. The night was held to recognize the graduation of eleven KGT Trainees/Apprentices that completed their work placement and training at Argyle Diamond Mine.

Over the last 8 years, Argyle Diamond Mine has hosted numerous trainees and apprentices through Kimberley Group Training; and has seen over 100 individuals graduate with nationally accredited qualifications. This year, the partnership saw eleven participants graduate, with a majority continuing on fulltime employment with Argyle Diamond Mine.

The graduating class of 2011 are
Jan Marie Thomas – Certificate II Business
Amanda Park – Certificate II Business
Ethan McGinty – Certificate II Resource Processing
Aaron Hall – Certificate II Resource Processing
Derryn Ishiguchi – Certificate III Engineering Heavy Plant
Chad Hoysted – Certificate III Automotive Electrical
William Ramsay – Certificate III Automotive Light Vehicle
Fred Johnson – Certificate III Plumbing and Gas Fitting



Our ADM trainees and apprentices

Nathan Saunders – Certificate III Engineering – Mechanical Fitting
Jonathan Adrian - Certificate III Engineering Heavy Plant
Antontio Sibosado – Certificate III Automotive Electrical

The Awards Ceremony was a fantastic success, with a number of guest speakers praising the efforts of the individuals for their perseverance and dedication to their traineeship or apprenticeship. These individuals have proven that completing a traineeship or apprenticeship is an obtainable goal; especially with the support of their colleagues, peers and most importantly their families.

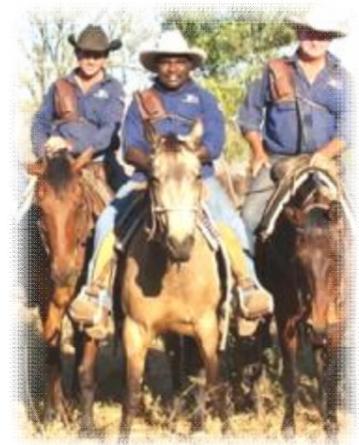
Where are you now, Cyril Yeeda- A success story

By: **Kate Millen**
Kimberley Careers Club Co-ordinator

Name: **Cyril Yeeda**
Qualification: Certificate II in Tourism
Host Employer: **Home Valley Station**
Year Completed: 2009

Kimberley Careers Club caught up with Cyril during the final days of the HV8 2011 Season. Cyril has been considered the 'face' of Home Valley Station, appearing in newspapers, television and the web Australia wide, for the last couple of years. When asked how it all began, Cyril said "a traineeship was

my stepping stone into the life that I love today" and would encourage anyone to consider doing a traineeship in the industry they enjoy. Two years after completion, Cyril is still working at Home Valley Station during the dry season and over the wet this year he has been given the opportunity of employment at another Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) owned resort in Alice Springs. Cyril is an amazing ambassador for traineeships as he dreading the idea of where he may be today if he didn't undertake one. Continued P3



Cyril Yeeda featured at the center

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KGT's Bulletin

What's on my mind



John Gummy
CEO

The past four weeks leading up to the Christmas break has been extremely busy at KGT. I was honoured to attend the Clontarf Awards evening held at the Kununurra High School recently and witnessed first-hand the wonderful progress that is being made with these students. The passion and emotion of the Clontarf Staff was clearly evident and I congratulate them and their graduates on a great effort. KGT has a strong working relationship with Clontarf in Kununurra and I must thank and acknowledge Lina Bleazby (KGT Field Officer) and Kate Millen (Kimberley Career's Club Co-ordinator) for all their hard work and the support of the Clontarf boys. I also attended the Argyle Diamond Mine Awards Night recognising the completion of 11 KGT trainees/apprentices. The evening was a fantastic success and ADM and their staff are to be congratulated on putting the awards night together in such a professional way. I also

thank the staff of KGT for all their hard work, in particular Natasha Cross who plays an important role in the ADM program. The end of the year traditionally sees a number of apprentices and trainees completing their term of employment with KGT. Field Staff are making sure that all completing trainees and apprentices are well aware of their employment options and are being guided and supported throughout the transition period, as required. I wish you all the very best on your future endeavours although you may be completing your employment with KGT. We are always available to you. Of course, 2011 would not have been so successful without the ongoing support of our local industries and host employers. On behalf of all KGT Staff we would like to thank our host employers for continuing to support the training and development of the next generation work force. Your dedication to community spirit is certainly recognized and we look forward to strengthening our already fruitful relationships in the new year!

Psychologist's Corner



Mark Sweeney
Kununurra Psychologist

First things first, Merry Christmas to all and all the best for the New Year. While the festive season is well under way, it is an opportune time to think about our resolutions and aspirations. Something we as individuals need to do more often is assess the various areas of our lives; whether it be our spiritual development, emotional well being, our relationships, health / fitness, work finances and our hobbies and lifestyle choices. In order to make any positive changes in our life we need to look at not just where we are now and where we would like to be, but more importantly what do we need to do to get there... Most of us are pretty good at recognising the problems or challenges we are currently facing and it's all too easy to get hung up at the problem stage. If all we do is complain and whinge about the problems we are not going to get very far. Getting out of a bad situation or making our life better requires a

change in focus from problems to solutions. The process begins by focusing more of our energy on how to get where you want to be, not what is stopping you. Anything is achievable if you try and now more than ever there are supported pathways to follow to make it all happen. This year, KGT has provided pathways to success with career opportunities to help improve the lives of many. Our new trainees and apprentices have taken these opportunities to create something better for themselves and their families in the future. We are also proud to see a number of graduates complete their qualifications over the past few weeks. These individuals have challenged themselves to no end and have persevered through trials and tribulations in their quest of self improvement. Collectively they have achieved goals and proven that every one of us can succeed. With that in mind, everyone should kick off 2012 with the following mantra: "I want to make my life better. I can make my life better. I'm going to make my life better."

From the Field



Hayley Cook
Field Officer

The local community welcomes the completion of the newly upgraded Kununurra Regional Airport. The expansion taking over 15 months with millions of dollars spent on infrastructure, Northern Airport Staff are looking forward to working with a greater volume of air traffic in 2012. The expansion included additional seating, flight information display screens, a new carousel inside the terminal and a café which is yet to be opened. The entire airport has been given a new and sophisticated look and feel. The six Northern Airport Services Trainees are thrilled with their new workplace! The wait was certainly worth it, as the improved facilities have certainly made their roles more enjoyable: "it's quicker, easier

and more efficient" said Narean Benedict. Locals and visitors to the region are surprised by the new look, having received some much welcomed positive feedback about the upgrades; "The new carousel has been a real hit – not to mention we actually have an arrivals area" said Frances Kenny. "We're happy with the new look" commented Frank Rodriguez, Northern Airport Services Manager. KGT would like to take this opportunity to recognise Northern Airport Services management and team for their ongoing support.



Cameron Mercer and Frances Kenny

Youth Recognised in Local Graduation

By Marion Haas
Broome General Manager

Business Trainee, Yazmin Langley, represented KGT at a local graduation ceremony hosted by Nyaarla Projects. The celebration was aimed at recognizing the achievements of young indigenous people under the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP). This program is funded by DEEWR and administered by MADALAH offering scholarships and leadership opportunities to young Indigenous Australians with a focus on Indigenous youth from regional communities. Many outstanding Indigenous trainees were acknowledged for their dedication to training and completion of certificates.

Representatives from the business community, funding bodies, Government and non-Government agencies, family and friends were part of this ceremony. Lynn Henderson-Yates, Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame University Broome was an inspiring key note speaker sharing her amazing personal story of her educational journey. KGT was awarded with a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts involved in the IYMP Program.



Photo, from left to right:
Joshua Jackson, Anthony Frank Watson, Masumi Lee-Erbe, Marion Haas, Yazmin Langley (KGT's trainee at Broome office), Allen Beattie (CEO Nyaarla Projects), Krystal Hansen.

Where are you, Cyril...



Photo from left to right: Trainee Jwayne Nocketa, Cyril Yeeda and KGT Kununurra Mentor Kim Griffiths

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He felt that in order to better himself and have some sense of a future, he needed training, he wanted to work but most importantly he wanted to get away from town. Combining all of his wishes in one was a traineeship at Home Valley Station. Cyril remembers how frightening the idea of signing up for a traineeship was. He was apprehensive and scared about committing himself to a yearlong traineeship. He overcame challenges including establishing a daily routine of rising and preparing himself to work. The time flew by and before Cyril knew it he was graduating. He remembers thinking at the end "I did it, I accomplished something". Upon reflection he can see how doing a traineeship gave him a work ethic and assisted him to develop confidence in himself! One of the big challenges for Cyril was talking to tourists from all corners of the globe and now he finds it one of the most rewarding aspects of his job – meeting people and learning about different cultures. If Cyril was able to give one message to others about persevering with a traineeship or apprenticeship it would be:

"Don't let anyone (including family) get in the way of your goals!!! Be strong, listen, learn as much as possible and have confidence that you'll get there."

Cyril is looking forward to the next challenge, and wants to undertake a Certificate III in Tourism through Home Valley in 2012.