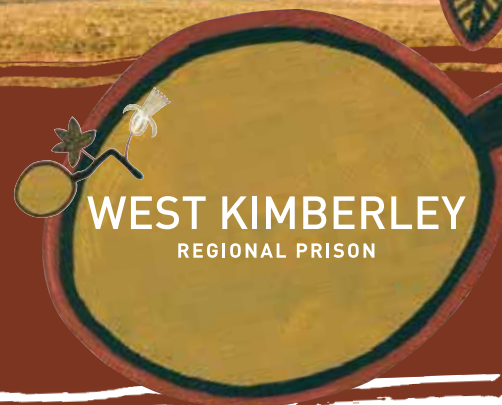




West Kimberley Regional Prison **news**



Celebrating NAIDOC in the West Kimberley

Staff from West Kimberley Regional Prison (WGRP) joined the local community in celebrating NAIDOC festivities at the Derby Turf Club in late July.

The Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation organised the local celebrations, with the WGRP team contributing a kangaroo sausage sizzle, free to members of the public, and an information booth informing locals about the prison.

WGRP Chef Instructor Sally Harris, who helped coordinate the WGRP stall with Prison Officer Ted Harris and A/Assistant Superintendent Offender Services Glen Goodwin, said it was a great way to build partnerships in the region.

"We were able to set up a stall as part of the West Kimberley's month long celebration of Aboriginal culture," she said.

"The staff were all dressed in their uniforms or in

WGRP shirts and we cooked more than 500 kangaroo sausages on the day.

"It was an absolutely brilliant day with everybody in the community getting involved and, though they were surprised to see us there, they all had great things to say about our involvement on the day."

Ms Harris said there was a great show of support for the celebrations from prison staff.

"Two of our newer prison officers came down to help out and ended up helping to man one of the Emama Nguda booths," she said.

"It was great to see the enthusiasm shown by new staff as well as more established staff members."

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Project milestone

Handover of the WKRP site from the builders to the Department of Corrective Services (DCS) occurred on 31 July, with the project now at practical completion.

Assistant Commissioner Custodial Operations Jon Peach toured the completed site and said this was a milestone for the WKRP project.

"With the project now past practical completion stage, we can begin implementing operational services and moving staff in," he said.

"DCS has officially taken over security of the site with prison officers stationed at the gate 24 hours a day.

"There is still some contract work going on inside the grounds but we have all been very impressed with the quality of workmanship that has gone into the build so far.

"The completed site is very different to anything we've had at DCS before in both philosophy and design and provides an exciting future opportunity for the Department."



WKRP staff at the finished site.

Join the WKRP team

Are you looking for a unique and exciting opportunity to make a positive difference in your local community? Then you might want to apply for one of two new positions at WKRP.

Applications are now open for a Business Manager and an Assistant Superintendent Offender Services (ASOS).

Superintendent Mike MacFarlane said both positions were integral parts of the senior management team and would help to guide the development of the prison.

"The role of Business Manager contributes significantly to strategic leadership, direction and management of the prison," he said.

"The Business Manager balances the budgets and manages a small team to guide the business planning and key corporate functions of the site.

"The ASOS position is responsible for supporting the delivery of offender services, such as rehabilitation programs, by other divisions in the Department and external providers. The successful applicant will also oversee all education and training of offenders at WKRP through management of the prison's Vocational Support Officers.

"Previous experience in a corrective services environment is not essential criteria for either position

and they provide a great opportunity for someone looking to begin a career in corrections."

More information is available on www.jobs.wa.gov.au where both positions will be advertised from 4 to 20 August 2012.

To register your interest in being advised of any future job opportunities at WKRP, email wkrp.jobs@correctiveservices.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9264 6224.



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