



BIDYADANGA

Aboriginal Community
La Grange Inc.

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Annual Report





ACKNOWLEDGING COUNTRY

Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Inc acknowledges the Karajarri people as traditional owners of the land on which we live and work. We appreciate the welcome from past Karajarri Elders for the Nyangumarta, Juwaliny, Mangala and Yulparija people to settle on this land and create the community of Bidyadanga.

We pay respect to all Elders.

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About Us

Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Inc. (BACLGI) is located on the Kimberley coast of Western Australia, 1,590 kilometres north of Perth and 180 kilometres south of Broome. The community is situated on the traditional lands of the **Karajarri people**.

Bidyadanga is the **largest remote Aboriginal community in Western Australia**, with a population of approximately **850 residents**. It is a diverse community, home to five distinct language groups: **Karajarri, Juwalinny, Mangala, Nyungamarta, and Yulpartja**. The name *Bidyadanga* comes from a word meaning “emu watering hole” (*pijarta* or *bidyada*), reflecting the area’s deep cultural and environmental roots.

In **1975**, BACLGI was incorporated as a **not-for-profit organisation** that administers a range of **government-funded programs and services**. These include **Day-care services, Municipal Services, and agencies for Centrelink and Australia Post**. The organisation plays a central role in supporting the wellbeing and development of the community.

BACLGI is governed by a **Council of community representatives**, with **two elected members from each of the five language groups**. Council elections are held every three years, ensuring inclusive and representative leadership.

With many community facilities, infrastructure to support community’s people, and a developing local economy, Bidyadanga continues to thrive rich in **history, art, and culture**.



Council Report

The Council is pleased to present this Annual Report to members for the **2024/2025** financial year.



The work of the council is challenging and rewarding as well. While council members are elected by their language groups, the decisions are made for the whole community.

NAME	GROUP	ELIGIBLE MEETINGS	ATTENDED
Eugene Bumba	Juwaliny	6	6
Graydon Bangu	Juwaliny	6	6
William Bangu	Juwaliny	6	6
Patrick Kittimbolt	Karajarri	3	3
Moses James	Karajarri	6	4
Marea Barney	Mangala	6	6
Agnes Walbidi	Mangala	6	6
Augustine Badal	Nyangumarta	3	3
Edward Badal	Nyangumarta	6	6
Andrew Minyardie	Yulaprija	6	5
Wilson Ahmat Mandijalu	Yulparija	4	3
Sue Mandijalu	Yulparija	2	0

There were many significant issues that the Council worked on during the 2024-2025 year. Some of these issues have been discussions that have been taking place over several years.



Acquisition Of Shamrock Gardens

In early 2024, Shamrock Gardens was placed on the market for sale. Given our close ties to the farm through our Pijarta Produce partnership with Angus Galwey, we felt that this was an opportunity that we should take advantage of.

With the support of a grant from the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation, and financing through Bank Australia, we went through the offer process in two phases that led to our final offer being accepted.

Settlement was finalised in September 2024 and since then we have been working on planning for the future of this long-term investment.

We were successful in an application to the West Australian Government Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development under the Value-Add Investment Grant round. This is a co-funded program to build a shed and cool-rooms on the farm. We did require additional finance, which was once again provided by Bank Australia.

This development will have a significant impact on the scaling-up potential of Pijarta Produce operations. This also represents further investment in the property, which will build and add value to the asset.

Bidyadanga Activation Project

We have been working with Karajarri Traditional Lands Association (KTLA) and the State government on the **Bidyadanga Activation Project (BAP)**. This started with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) drafted after workshops between BACLGI and KTLA in August 2020, to prepare for future discussions. The MOU also showed how we can work together for the best interests of all people living in Bidyadanga now and in the future.

There were presentations and discussions to clarify recommendations and requests for land tenure proposals during 2024/2025. Some adjusting of previous positions after more information came to light has created an agreement that will form the basis of the formal agreement.

The project has moved into the planning for the post-ILUA period or the Implementation period.

This represents a significant development for Bidyadanga and promises to benefit the residents of Bidyadanga community and Karajarri Traditional Owners.

The timeline for signing of the agreement has moved to December 2026.

Health Services Transition To Community Control

Our work with Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services (KAMS) on the transition to community control of the **Bidyadanga Health Service** continued during 2024/2025.

This highlights the strong relationship between KAMS and BACLGI. KAMS has provided support to aide in the governance requirements and expectations that come with oversight of health services. This has been a discussion for more than 15-years, with significant work during the last 5-years to bring this aspiration to reality.

KAMS will continue to play a vital role in health services in Bidyadanga, giving reassurance that quality clinical care will continue to be delivered.

After the efforts of both entities, the transition will take place on **1 July 2025**.

Construction Of The New Clinic

KAMS is leading this project with Council participating through the approval and advice process. Stage 1 has progressed with an architect appointed, the final site confirmed and tendering process commencing. Once the successful tender is appointed, the build will take around 12-months. Construction should start in the latter half of 2025.

The challenge now is to obtain funding for Stage 2, which will ideally commence soon after Stage 1 is completed taking advantage of momentum and logistics from the earlier build.

The focus of the Stage 2 build will be of "Wellbeing", which will create space to address issues that move beyond acute and emergency response. Working on improving quality of life.

Pijarta Produce Pty Ltd

Pijarta Produce, the company established with Angus Galwey from Western Group Ag (and previous owner of Shamrock Gardens) commenced 2021. Since then, we have been learning about agriculture and horticulture in the Kimberley region. Growing watermelons sold at the Perth markets has been a huge learning curve. There is a history of market gardens in Bidyadanga, so it is a natural development for BACLGI to be part of.

Employment opportunities for our people are available along with training opportunities in the agriculture sector. This is a very exciting project as the farm will grow produce that will be sold all around the state.

These employment opportunities will also provide a range of career pathways in the agriculture industry. And the location of the farm allows people to continue to live in Bidyadanga, commuting each day.

Ngapa Laparnarna Services Pty Ltd

Ngapa Laparnarna Services (NLS) is a company established in December 2023. It is a collaboration between Flow Water Services and BACLGI.

Bidyadanga and Flow Water understand the importance of walking together to create a better future. This creates powerful social and economic opportunities empowering individuals and communities. Developing and building independence through commercial activities that generate social and economic outcomes is fundamental to our business, our employees, and our shareholders.

Projects have been delivered during 2024/2025 and will continue to take advantage of large mining and civil work projects being undertaken around the region and the state. We believe this will be an additional opportunity for our community to benefit from as the company develops.

Early Years Partnership

Our work with the state government and **Minderoo Foundation** with the **Early Years Partnership (EYP)** commenced in November 2021. This is a long-term project that aims to help communities target issues that are important in early childhood development.

The vision is a future where every child has the opportunity and confidence to flourish. The mission is learning together with communities to design and implement solutions that improve development, health and learning of children up to the age of 4 and create lasting change.

Children, families, and communities are the focus and listening to the wisdom, strengths and knowledge that exists within these groups, will direct efforts to achieve outcomes.

In 2024/2025, we have seen progress with the upgrade of the lighting at the basketball courts funded by this project, with other projects that will upgrade the Family Centre, the Men's Centre during 2025/2026.

Employment opportunities have been provided with community connectors employed in our service centres working with children, women, men, and families.

BACGLI's Partnerships



Closing Statement

We would like to take a moment now to mention the passing of a long-serving Council Member, Susan Mandijalu (SM) in 2024. SM was a strong, committed representative for Yulparija group for 7-years. She had vision and wisdom that allowed her to advocate for members and the whole community. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Finally, the Council would like to acknowledge our staff whose efforts make the successes of BACGLI possible.

We look forward to reporting on projects and developments to come in the 2025/2026 year.

CEO's Report

The 2024-2025 year included many challenges and celebrations.

This Annual Report highlights the achievements made during the 2024/2025 financial year.

I would like to acknowledge our dedicated staff who contribute to the successful outcomes that took place in this year. I would like to thank **Clare (Louise) McLean** our Community Services Manager, **Michael Martin** our Community Capacity Building Officer, and in the Admin Office we have **Latoya Thomas, Rhiannon McKenzie** and **Annie Brown**, along with **Natalie and Tom Peterson** our Store Managers, for their leadership and support in their areas of responsibility.

In June, we held our inaugural Staff Awards presentation highlighting the efforts of long-serving staff members – **Paula Grey, Graham Lynn** and **Regino Santos**.

We also awarded **Dion Billycan** for Outstanding Performance in his role as Men's Centre Coordinator and **Liam Barrett** in his role on the Municipal Services Team for going Above and Beyond. These two are great examples of dedication and leadership from within our team. We will be holding these events every 4-months as we encourage and reward our star performers.





Business and Investments

Bidyadanga Store

With Broome being the closest town – 360kms there and back – the Bidyadanga Store ensures that there is a wide range of grocery and household items available for sale. While we are a small business, pricing on healthy foods like fresh fruit and vegetables, bottled water, bread and milk is comparable to Broome pricing.

The store operates well because our staff work hard to ensure that the store opens each day, stock is on the shelves, and it is clean and tidy.

I would like to acknowledge **Emma Pearce, Ben Griffen-lee, Susie Thomas, Jason Dean, Hayden May, Darryl Tait, Lochlan McHugh, Jacinta Minga, Tanya Walbidi**, and many others who have worked at the shop during the 2024/25 financial year.

The Takeaway food kitchen provides a variety of healthy and fast food. **Darryl and Ade Murphy** joined us in March 2025 providing a range of convenient meals and snack options for customers.

Broome Investment Property

The community benefits from ownership of several residential and commercial properties in Broome. This investment portfolio underpins the financial stability of the organisation to ensure that future generations will have access to the services that are provided by BACLG Inc.

Like much of Australia, the rental property market in Broome experienced high demand due to a lack of stock during 2024/25, so we have seen rental income rise again this year. This is evident in the residential vacancy rates being very low.

The commercial property on Napier Terrace is leased after the previous long-term tenants vacating last year.

A revaluation of these properties was carried out for the end of year audit, which has seen an increase in the value of these properties from previous years. Of course, over the years there has been a cycle of highs and lows in the value of these properties, so in most cases we have seen the properties returning to previous levels.

The property on Stewart Street in Broome remains vacant but council will be looking at development of the site in the future.

Pijarta Produce

Pijarta Produce is a company with Bidyadanga Produce (BACLGI) and Western Group Ag (**Angus Galwey**) operating from Shamrock Gardens. The company was created in 2021 making this year the **fourth** year of production.

Harvesting occurs from November to December every year, and the 2024 watermelon harvest achieved excellent sales due to fewer competitors in the market, high-quality product and yields. We are planting and preparing for the harvest in 2025, with watermelon and pumpkin.

Planning is being undertaken for the 2026 season which will include access to new cool-rooms being constructed in 2025. This will allow the cropping program to scale-up and provide employment opportunities for community members. The roles will include plant operators, forklift operators, administration and harvest/farm hands.

Ngapa Laparnarna Services (NLS)

Ngapa Laparnarna Services is a company with BACLGI and Flow Water Services Pty Ltd. The company will deliver water, electrical and solar power generation, civil construction and mobile camp facilities for town/civil works and the mining industry.

With Flow Water Services, a highly regarded contractor, we are well-placed to take advantage of projects that will provide employment opportunities for our community.

During 2024/2025, NLS delivered projects including the upgrade of the lights at the Basketball Courts in Bidyadanga, as well as the installation of turf and reticulation for the Looma Oval.

We look forward to reporting on future projects as NLS develops.



Community Services

The Community Services team comprises of Clare (Louise) McLean as Community Services Manager overseeing the Municipal Services, Centrelink Agency, Women's Centre, Men's Centre, Family Centre, Community Resource Centre, Community Care (HACC) and Art Centre.

The team continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community. It shows effective team collaboration to provide support to the community through social emotional wellbeing, emergency food and power, funeral assistance, transport, postal service, digital inclusion education, support with access to banking, facilitating access with external funding bodies such as Martu Trust, and education activities.

Municipal Services

The Municipal Services team have dedicated their time this year to care for and maintain our community. The team includes - **Dawn Dean, Graydon Bangu, Moses Nardada, Mark Yeeda, Eugene Bumba, Jimmarlus Jubadah, Graham Lynn, Mark Maui, Peter Fleming** and **Regino Santos**. The Municipal Services team is responsible for care and maintenance of public spaces including the oval, Community Resource Centre, Administration Office, our Support/Service Centres, road maintenance, fire breaks, rubbish collection and disposal, tip maintenance, car removal, and care and maintenance of the airstrip.

The team has been upskilling this year completing a Certificate 3 in Rural Operations and a Certificate 3 in Agriculture. The result of this training helped with the landscaping at the administration office including new pathways, retaining walls, irrigation operations, machinery and equipment maintenance and repairs, weed control, chemical preparation and work health and safety regulations. They also started the upgrade at the front of the Store.

This year, they have done fantastic work on the ongoing care of the oval, especially vital during the football season for home games. Visiting teams are impressed by the quality of the grounds.

The team works tirelessly, in extremely difficult environments to keep our community running. The dedication and hard work they show is greatly appreciated.





Bidyadanga Community Care

Our Community Care Centre provides support for the elders in the community. They collaborate with outside service providers to ensure the Elders are connected and get the support that they need.

The day-to-day support our team delivers includes meals on wheels, provide daily welfare checks, support with transport, washing and social activities.

Our team included **Bradley Coyne** and **Chloe Andri**. Their efforts to support our clients are appreciated.

Chloe and Bradley also support the Elders when they need help in accessing Centrelink and Banking.

The Centre helps coordinate and collaborate visiting service providers and stake holders including Kimberley Aged Care Service (KACS), Allied Health teams, Dentist, Nirrumbuk Environmental Health.

Our Community Care team delivered **1,500 meals** during 2024/2025.

Highlights during 2024/2025

- Elders Olympics
- Service provider information sessions and lunches
- On Country with the Rangers
- Fishing with Jim from KACS
- Christmas Party
- Mornings Teas
- Work out sessions from Boab Health
- Celebration of Generations Festival – NAIDOC 2025, 50th Anniversary of 1st July Birthdays, and Youth Celebration

Community Resource Centre and Centrelink Agency

The Community Resource Centre is a great resource to provide community support and access to digital resources. We run education programs, coordinate and support service providers who visit the community.

Bernadette Yambo and the Community Resource team provide one-on-one support and mentoring, and Bernie does a fantastic job at welcoming and supporting community members, service providers and stake holders to access the services available.

Bernadette has been involved in some digital inclusion training from the team at WA Digital Inclusion Project Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS). This team also provided training to some of our BACLG staff and high school student. Training included CANVA, setting up emails and accessing myGov, using Microsoft excel.

Bernadette and **Janelle Mussared** run a kids club in the afternoon and have organised a team of Waste Warriors to help keep our community clean.

Highlights during 2024/2025

- Hosting four service providers meetings
- Hosting school engagement meetings
- Providing support and resources for funeral booklets
- Hosting regular remote service delivery teams from Department of Transport, Birth Deaths and Marriages, Centrelink and Department of Justice
- Providing support for meetings with Traditional Owner Groups and other information sessions
- Digital Inclusion training
- Waste Warriors
- Festivals

The Centrelink Agency provides a locally based person that allows community members to obtain support in dealing with services in Bidiyadanga.

Paula Grey has been an essential, consistent member of our team in her role at the Centrelink Agency for many years now. Paula now has extra help with **Rihanan McKenzie** learning the ropes, taking some of the pressure off Paula.



These statistics highlight how valuable this service is to our community and the great work that our team are doing.



Centrelink
2,200



Assist with Forms
Completion
130



Lodge Form/
Document
200



Refer to Services
Australia
650



Assist Customer
with self service
1,965



Respond to
General Enquiry
2,270

The Pilot Program for Youth and Families formerly the Mentoring, Educate and Training (MET) Project

The intent is to deliver a range of support services to families in Bidyadanga with school aged children that aims to improve attendance, improve retention of students at high school level and support individuals to transition from schooling to employment. There is also a Family Support element to the project. This involves a series of workshops and mentoring programs around empowerment, life skills and parenting, family and domestic violence, young mums support and leadership.

Education has been delivered through a range of activities such as art and craft, healthy living initiatives, mental health and wellbeing pathways delivered at On-Country trips and camps. We have worked together with external stakeholders and service providers to improve community consultations processes. Delivery of this information to community has been via our Community Champions and social media.

External providers have included Cyrenian House, Broome Circle, Men's Outreach, BOAB Health, Camera Story, Kimberley Art Network and many more. Our focus on Celebrations of Generations was paramount in the strengthening of our cultural expression and conservation.

A celebration day for the whole community saw attendance of around 450 community members for a day of food, music and service provider workshops delivered to all ages.

We hosted a Music Festival that showcased local bands and a Fashion Show that allowed our artists to display their work.

Community Markets have provided an opportunity for local community members to sell their food and handmade crafts.

Bidyadanga Art Centre

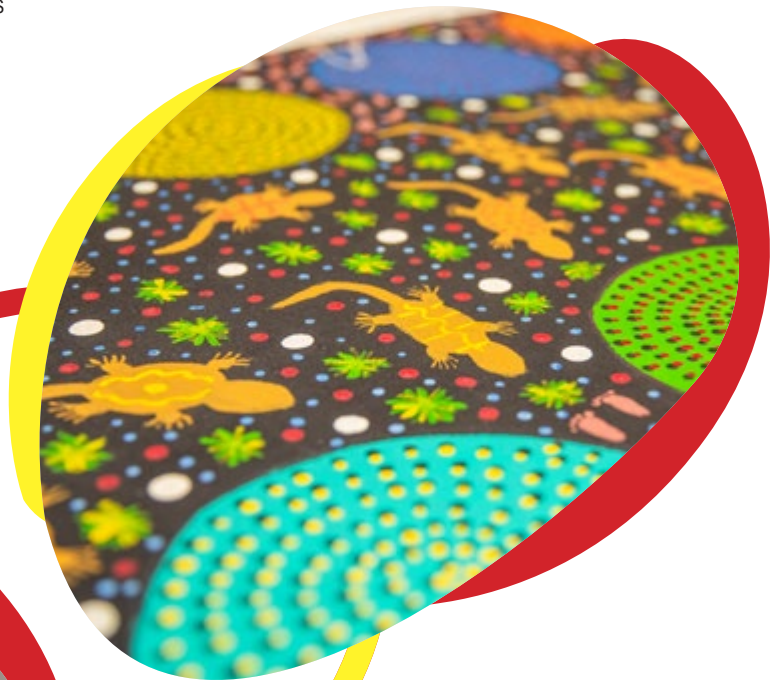
This year has been a vibrant and productive one at the art centre, marked by strong engagement from our artists and the addition of new team members – **Anna Sencer** has joined us as our Coordinator following from **Maddie Sharrock**.

Bidyadanga Artists have achieved significant recognition across Western Australia, with artists participating in regional festivals, fashion showcases, and high-profile exhibitions. Several artists received major awards, while others travelled to deliver artist talks, undertake training, and represent the community at statewide events.

Artists have continued to create a diverse range of high-quality works, with exhibitions held across the state showcasing their talent and stories. Looking ahead, both artists and arts workers are actively involved in future planning, helping to shape a strong and sustainable path for the art centre within the Western Australian arts landscape.

Skills development has remained a focus, with training in best-practice materials preparation, photography, documentation, and story archiving. The SAM database is now fully operational, supporting efficient record-keeping and workflow, while new staff have embraced learning key processes across exhibition planning, gallery services, and art production.

Bidyadanga Artists also continues its involvement in the Artists Away from Home program, ensuring those staying in Broome for dialysis can maintain their practice and stay connected to the community and their creative work.



Highlights during 2024/2025

- Shinju Art Award 2024 - **Edward Badal** won the 'Acquisitive Art Award' and **Nuriah Jadai** won the Works on 'Paper Art Award'
- Artists showcased their work at the Roebuck festival and Bidyadanga festival 2024
- 2024 **Edward Badal** and **Tracey Mulardy** exhibited their works at Lawsons Flat, the first exhibition from Bidyadanga Art Centre in a major city
- 16 designers created fashion designs for the Bidyadanga fashion runway event
- 2024 Bidyadanga Christmas sale pop up exhibition held at Redbill Studio & Gallery Broome. Artists sold lots of paintings in the lead up to Christmas. 11 artists participated in a pop-up studio.
- 2025 Radius 6.0, **Edward Badal** and **Venetta Yanawana** selected for the exhibition at Courthouse Gallery & Studio, both travelled down and delivered artist talks in Port Hedland. Undertook a colour workshop with creative practitioner Ruth Leigh.
- Aboriginal Art Centre Hub WA (AACHWA) supported a community ceramics workshop four-part series - in total 10 youth participants and 10 artists participated.
- Revealed Marketplace 2025 - Bidyadanga Artists participated in their first Revealed Marketplace boosting artwork sales and representing the community.
- Revealed Exhibition 2025 - **Emma Nundi, Jessica Jadai, Le'laine Shoveller, Chloe Jadai, Christine Farrer** and **Nuriah Jadai** were selected to participate and exhibit in the Revealed exhibition held at PICA Perth.
- While in Perth, for Revealed artists and staff presented artists talks undertook interviews with radio and television, visited cultural institutions, attended a fundraising workshop, AACHWA AGM, and met with potential sponsors.
- **Chloe Jadai** was featured in Vogue Australia magazine with her Revealed 2025 artwork
- Jury Art prize 2025 at Courthouse Gallery & Studio in Port Hedland. Finalists from Bidyadanga Art Centre included **Chloe Jadai, Venetta Yanawana, Edward Badal, Helena Butt, Jenny Butt** and **Wilson Mandijalu-Jadai**. Chloe Jadai won the 'Highly Commended' prize.
- **Bibianna Tumbler** was a finalist in the Kimberley Art & Photographic Prize in Derby. Bibianna Tumbler won the 'Aboriginal Art Award'.
- Staff member **Corina Jadai** undertook professional development opportunities with the ANKA arts worker training in two parts. Corina first travelled to Darwin for the program. For the second part she travelled to Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra with the cohort of participants.
- Broome Fringe pop up exhibition held at Redbill Studio & Gallery during the Broome Fringe Festival. Collaborative exhibition with the Camera Story project.
- KAFTA fashion runway during Broome Fringe Festival included Bidyadanga Artists designers **Corina Jadai, Chloe Jadai, Le'laine Shoveller, Maureen, Marika Jadai, Bibianna, Veronica Yanawana, Madelaine Jadai, Jaymee-Lee Chaquebor, Tracey Mulardy**. 20 community members attended the event, there were 12 Bidyadanga models, predominately young woman. Jaymee-Lee was interviewed by ABC Kimberley
- 'Us For Country' Exhibition at Redbill Studio & Gallery. **Edward Badal** and **Bibianna Tumbler** exhibited their works and delivered artists talks alongside the exhibition.
- **Yikartu Bumba** and **Wilson Mandijalu Jadai** selected for the 'Salon de Refuses' exhibition in Darwin in August.
- **Jenny Butt, Helena Butt, Kiarah Mandijalu-Jadai** and **Venetta Yanawana** have been selected to commission works for the Radical Future Triennale to be held later this year.



Early Years Partnership

Our work with the **State Government** and **Minderoo Foundation** with the Early Years continues. This long-term project aims to help communities target issues that are important in early childhood development. Supporting early childhood development through community-driven approaches can make a lasting difference in children's lives.

Our vision is a future where every child has the opportunity and confidence to flourish. The mission is learning together with communities to design and implement solutions that improve the development, health, and learning of children up to the age of four creating lasting change.

Our dedicated team is led **Francis Fernandez** (July to December) and **Michael Martin** (from February) who is supported by a team based at each of the service/support centres.

FAMILY CENTRE

The Family Centre has continued to provide support and activities to families to improve outcomes for children 0-4 years old. This project saw the opening of the Family Centre in July 2022. On the 23rd August 2023, Minister Sabine Winton visited Bidyadanga to launch the Early Years Community Plan Yija Tili (meaning True Sparks).

The project works together with the KAMS Connected Beginning staff, Paige, Rosita, Kelisha and BACLG staff Elle Ledesma, Janelle Mussared and Tahlia Badal to provide one-to-one individual family support, parent and health education and a safe space for families to have respite and advice.

A strong working relationship with the La Grange Remote Community School (LGRCS) Kindilink helps prepare our young children to be school ready.

These initiatives help build stronger, healthier families and foster a nurturing environment for young children to thrive.

Highlights during 2024/2025

- Beach Days with Garnduwa
- "No Joobuk" session for pregnant mums and new mums on creating a safe, smoke-free environment for their bubs
- Healthy cooking activities with Boab Health
- Collaboration with LGRCS
- Fishing Days
- Support LGRCS Professional Development Day at Shell Place. Presentations from BACLGI, Women's, Family and Mens centres, Rangers and KAMS.
- Rhematic Heart Disease workshops with KAMS
- Building Babies Brains
- Mental Health workshops – Do it for Dolly Day
- Tuesday School Lunches

Women's Centre

The Women's Centre plays a vital role in fostering a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for women in the community. It often serves as a hub for essential services offering support, health referrals and counselling. It is a space for emotional wellbeing and a place for connection and empowerment. Hosting workshops and educational sessions helps the women build confidence and skills.

The Women's Centre is deeply embedded in the community and actively nurtures connections with all women in the community. Collaborative sessions with the local high school girls help to foster mentorship, education, and empowerment for the future generations.

The Women's Centre team of **Venetta Yanawana** and **Marika Jadaï**, do a great job of ensuring outcomes for all those who engage with the activities that are run there.

Highlights during 2024/2025

- On-Country fishing days
- Women's Wellness Camp
- Supporting La Grange Remote Community School (LGRCS) - Strong Mind Strong Bodies health promotion day
- Health promotion days (Cancer Council, Breastscreen WA, World no Tobacco Day)
- Community Markets
- Foster Carers Day
- Pamper Day (with KAMS, Kimberley Legal Services)
- Evening dinners and information sessions
- Candlelight Vigils
- Supporting 'Sorry Camp'
- Music Festival
- Kimberley Aboriginal Fashion Textiles Art (KAFTA) Runway Event
- Celebration of Generations Day
- Broome Domestic Violence Information Sessions (Bibimbiya Jan-Ga-Buru)

Men's Centre

After a brief pause due to staffing changes, the Bidyadanga Men's Centre reopened early in the new year, recognising the vital role it plays in the wellbeing of local men. Under the leadership of BACLG staff **Dion Billycan**, who has done an outstanding job coordinating activities and engagement, the Centre has seen a strong and positive response from the community.

The focus has been on empowering men to shape the direction of the Centre, encouraging ownership and participation. Attendance has been consistently high, with men coming together daily for a range of activities and training opportunities.

The Centre provides a safe and supportive space for men to check in on one another, fostering connection and community spirit. This year the Centre has worked closely with the young men in community, holding regular informal meetings and chats between the younger men and elders.

The Bidyadanga Men's Centre continues to be a cornerstone for men's wellbeing, cultural connection, and community leadership.

Highlights during 2024/2025:

- International Men's Health week
- Blue Tree Project
- Candlelight Vigil
- Young Men's Night
- Patu Bush Barber
- Fishing Days
- Men's Camp
- Bidyadanga Musical Festival
- Celebration of Generation Day
- Change Em Ways
- VET Training

Orange Sky Laundry Facility

BACGLI supports this service funding fuel and a maintenance agreement so that Orange Sky can undertake an annual maintenance visit. The facility has become an essential service over the past four-years, and these statistics prove it with **139 shifts** and **2,219 loads** of washing (or approximately **20 tons** of washing).

Community Hardship And Cultural Support

BACGLI provides direct support to our community through the provision of hardship power every month, food hampers, and cultural support with weekly voucher for sorry camp and assistance in producing funeral booklets.

In the **24/25 financial year**, we provided more **900** vouchers for power and **360** food hampers. There were also **80** weekly vouchers for sorry camp in addition to supplemental food and fuel support during Lore time.

Kids Club

The Bidyadanga Kids Club is creating a safe, fun, and active environment for children and young people. The collaboration between local organisations like Karajarri and Nyangumarta Rangers, Kullarri Remote Communities, Bidyadanga Police, Garnduwa, and other service providers really highlights the strength of community partnerships.

The Kids Club provides an opportunity for the young people in community to come together to enjoy sport, games, and activities.

Highlights during 2024/2025

- Cooking food for Markets
- Support for LGRCs Christmas Concert
- Support for Blue Light Discos and Pool Parties
- School Holiday Activities
- Fair Game
- Beach days
- Kimberley Theatre Sandfly Circus residence
- Movie nights
- Special reading day
- Book club, crafts and outdoor games
- Waste Race Warriors



Financial Summary

The Council is pleased to provide a summary of the audited financials for 2024/2025. The auditor confirmed an unqualified result, showing all services delivered by the organisation were carried out legally and as required.

Bidyadanga Aboriginal Community La Grange Inc (BACLGI) recorded a surplus of **\$4,059,177** for the 2024/2025 financial year, compared to the surplus of **\$597,159** in 2023/2024.

FOR BACLGI AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES:



Total revenue

\$13,796,282

This is made up of:

Store sales

\$6,089,173

Grants

\$5,738,262

Other income

\$1,968,847



Total expenditure

\$9,737,105

This is made up of:

Employee benefits expense

\$2,719,807

Cost of sales

\$4,102,060

Other expenses

\$2,915,238



Total Assets

\$21,391,702

Total Liabilities

\$4,102,944

Total Equity

\$17,288,758

Funding Bodies



Australian Government



**GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**



MINDEROO FOUNDATION



Australian Government
**National Indigenous
Australians Agency**



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