

# Waringarri Media Aboriginal Corporation

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**Peter Bracegirdle** 

Manager Community Services S hire of Wyndham East Kimberley 20 Coolibah Drive, PO BOX 614 Kununurra WA 6743

**Dear Peter** 

#### WARINGARRI MEDIA SOLAR SOUND POLES IN WHITE GUM PARK

Further to our recent discussions, please find below details to install the solar 'sound' poles in White Gum Park for the purpose of celebrating Waringarri Media's 30 years Anniversary.

# **Project description**

As part of Waringarri Radio 6WR's 30th birthday celebrations in July 2017 (coinciding with NAIDOC week), Waringarri Radio intends to gift the community members with the installation of four solar sound poles that will broadcast from 9am to 5pm daily, 6WR radio at White Gum Park and any other park as approved by the Shire. Waringarri Radio will also create new artwork to the tall end of the skate ramp closest to Coolibah Drive. The aim of this is to:

- 1. Broadcast music and community announcements at the park
- 2. Beautify the park
- 3. Support local event held in the Park

Music is the universal language and soothing for the spirit. Waringarri Media intends to use this opportunity to collaborate with the Shire and community to pursue a common interest in providing a family friendly environment and a shared space to listen to music as well as receive important community news and service information. This is of great benefit to people, the Shire and businesses of Kununurra and surrounding regions. With 6WR broadcasting music and language in the park, residents and tourists can learn more about our culture and ways of life.

Waringarri has the full support of the Kununurra Police who believes this project will contribute to the reduction of anti-social behaviour and public intoxication and will help unify families and community in this shared space. Kununurra Police has provided a letter of support for this initiative.

## **Project materials**

Materials and installation details of the solar poles and paints for Skate Park are attached

#### Location

It is envisaged that two poles will be initially installed at the IGA side of White Gum Park - one alongside the skate ramp, the second near the toilets. Waringarri Media will work closely with the Shire to ensure appropriate and suitable placement to utilise the solar energy and other considerations of the Shire.

## **Timeline**

Installation of solar sound poles will commence towards the end of July 2017 for completion by August. 6WR radio 'switch on' will occur in October. New artwork on skate ramp to take place as a part of the NAIDOC Community Day 3 July

#### Maintenance

The equipment will be self-managed and battery powered. There is no requirement for Shire staff to attend or maintain the poles other than the occasional check for vandalism in the form of tagging/graffiti.

Waringarri Media has undertaken a random video survey to engage the community and gather their views about the project. Please find the link to this video here: https://youtu.be/lzPRV01nO7E

We look forward to working with the Shire and the community to get these projects up and running to support our community.

**Kind Regards** 

**Bukola Esin** Chief Executive Officer Kind regards

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31 July 2018

## **Carl Askew**

Chief Executive Officer Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley 20 Coolibah Drive, PO BOX 614 Kununurra WA 6743

# Dear Carl,

#### WARINGARRI MEDIA SOLAR SOUND POLES AT THE CELEBRITY TREE PARK AND SWIM BEACH

Further to our recent discussions, please find below details to install the solar 'sound' poles at the Celebrity tree park and Swim beach

# **Project description**

Waringarri Radio intends to gift the community members with the installation of four solar sound poles that will broadcast from 9am to 5pm daily, 6WR radio at the Celebrity tree park and Swim beach as approved by the Shire. The aim of this is to:

- 1. Broadcast music and community announcements
- Beautify the spaces
- 3. Support local event held in the Park and swim beach

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# **Project materials**

Materials and installation details of the solar poles and paints for Skate Park are attached.

# Location

It is envisaged that two poles will be installed at the Celebrity tree park near the toilet and play ground and another pair at the Swim beach. Maps attached for specific location points. Waringarri Media will





WARINGARRI RADIO THE ABORIGINAL VOICE OF THE EAST KIMBERLEY 2016 AWARD WINNER CBAA EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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### **Timeline**

Installation of solar sound poles will commence towards August 2018 for completion by September. 6WR radio 'switch on' will occur in October. Project completion deadline for the funding body is 30 September 2018. This is an extension from the original deadline which was for June 2018.

#### Maintenance

The equipment will be self-managed and battery powered. There is no requirement for Shire staff to attend or maintain the poles other than the occasional check for vandalism in the form of tagging/graffiti.

Feedback from PY Media, a sister station that installed similar poles in in the Northern Territory is that the anti- climb spikes on the poles have so far protected the equipment from vandalism in the communities where these poles have been installed. 6 of them were installed and only one had kids climb because the anti—climb spikes were missed out during installations. They had to re-install it with the spikes and have been good since.

To possibly reduce the cost of installation, we would need to know the appropriate places to dig. We will need some support from the Shire here, otherwise, we can contact "Dial before you dig "for maps of cables and pipes around the agreed spots to put the poles. Installation with equipment is estimated to take few hours. Potentially between 2 to 3 where the grounds are certified.

For maintenance and access to Shire staff, the main fuse will be on the pole which could be turned off if needed. PY Media had not had any need to do this since installation in almost two years.

The distance to radio signal should be same as any radio signal from location to tune in to the Waringarri Radio Frequency. Best to be located where there is good signal.

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Yours sincerely,

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Bukola Esin (Chief Executive Officer)





