

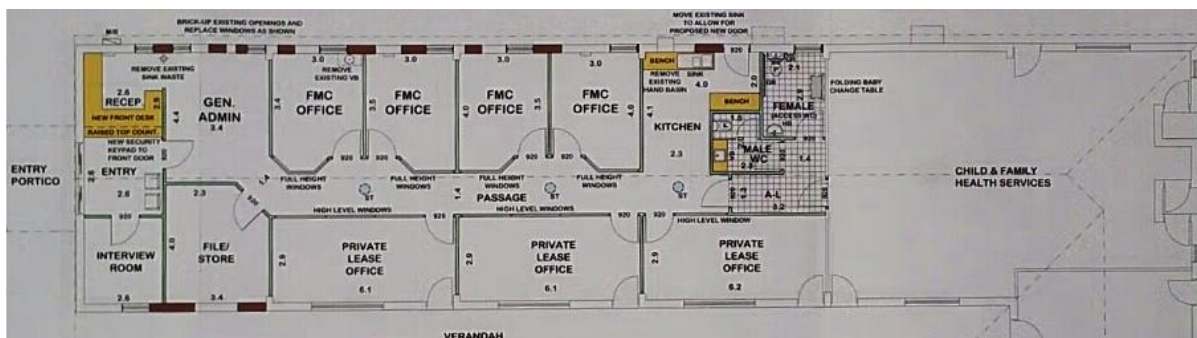
# Our Business

Far West Coast Investments Pty Ltd ATF Far West Coast Aboriginal Community Charitable Trust  
Far West Mining & Civil Pty Ltd

Welcome to the second edition of the business newsletter of the Far West Coast Native Title business development section.

We'll start this edition with an update on the building Far West Coast Investments have purchased in Poynton Street, Ceduna.

## POYNTON STREET OFFICE COMPLEX DESIGN



The floorplan includes four Far West Coast Offices and reception area along the left hand side of the building. There's also an interview room that can be accessed from the foyer to ensure privacy for our clients. A secure document storage area has been provided and there will be sky lights running down the hallway to allow natural light to shine.

There'll be three offices available to rent with shop front access from the courtyard that will (a) provide an income, and (b) allow for Far West Coast future growth.

The kitchen is to the rear of the area and has a door leading into the driveway that leads to the car park at the rear of the building.

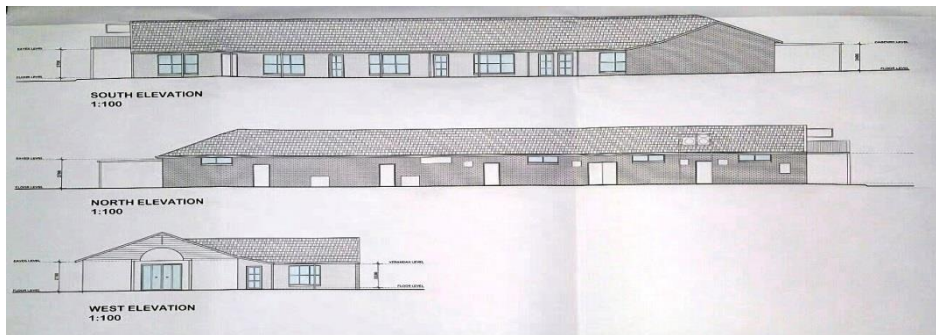
The bathroom area will include a men's toilet and a combined women's and disabled. The women's and disabled toilet will be big enough to include a change table so that the building is "Mum friendly."

The Far West Coast Group will have a board room at the end of the courtyard. This will be approximately 8 metres by 6 metres in size and include access to its own toilet facilities and kitchen and beverage facilities.

The Women's & Children's Health Network are currently leasing the back corner office and may or may not stay on.

Moving into this building will save thousands of dollars that's being paid in rent and generate enough income to pay the council rates, insurances, power bills, water, etc. on an annual basis.

The building will also give the Far West Coast Native Title Holders a piece of real estate that'll appreciate in value and provide a home for Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation, Far West Mining & Civil, Far West Coast Investments and the Far West Coast Aboriginal Community Charitable Trust.



## **WELCOME TO NEW DIRECTORS OF FAR WEST COAST INVESTMENTS PTY LTD ATF FAR WEST COAST ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST**

There have been some additions to the Board of Directors of Far West Coast Investments that has increased the Board from four members to six.

The existing Board members were April Lawrie-Smith, Sandra Miller, Robert Larking and Kerry Colbung who had resigned.

Expressions of Interest were advertised in the previous Our Business newslette and in the West Coast Sentinel. An interview process was conducted and the following people were successful appointees: Peter Miller, Emily Ware and Clem Lawrie.

The existing Board Members would like to welcome the new Directors and thank Kerry Colbung for her time and effort over her time on the Board.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE TRUST**

Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation members, and Far West Coast Native Title Holders who are eligible for membership, can apply for assistance under two funding catogaries:

1. Emergency Funding;
2. Strategic and Developmental Fundung

Emergency funding is to assist with matters such as Funeral Assitance, Medical Assistance with gap payments, Serious Illness, etc.

Strategic and Developmental funding assitance caters for longer term aspirational programs such as: Education Support and Scholarship, Individual and Sporting Club Support, Leadership Development, Cultural Herritage and Maintenance, etc.

The full list of assistance available is on the front page of the Far West Coast Aboriginal Community Charitable Trust form.

Applications are to be lodged at the Far West Coast Investments office in Ceduna and will be accepted via:

**POST:** Trust Coordinator | PO Box 596 | Ceduna | SA | 5690

**HAND DELIVERY:** 52 O'Loughlin Terrace | Ceduna | SA | 5690

**FAX:** (08) 8625 3341 and marked attention Trust Coordinator

**EMAIL:** [communitytrust@fwctla.org.au](mailto:communitytrust@fwctla.org.au)

Copies of funding criteria and policies are available on request and it's advised that applicants request the criteria when they request an application form. Application forms can be accessed by calling (08) 8625 3340. Or be picked up at the Ceduna Office.

### **TRUST APPLICATION PROCESS**

Once applications have been received, the application will be recorded as received and scheduled for the approval process.

Strategic and Developmental applications will be referred to the next Board Meeting and Emergency applications will be dealt with immediately.

Board Members do not take direct submissions and applicants are not to contact Board Members directly with regards to their applications. All applications are to go through the Trust Coordinator based in the Ceduna office.

This is in the interests of consistency and transparency of process. For example: if a Board Member's relative contacts them to push their case, that Board Member will need to exclude themselves from the approval process on the grounds of conflict of interest.

The system is heavily reliant on the honour system and people need to deal in good faith be it Board Member or applicant.

The Trust will pay suppliers wherever possible and avoid paying cash to individuals or groups.

As a Charitable Trust, the organisation has to demonstrate that all distributions are for charitable purposes and not just a gift of money. Applicants may need to seek quotes and provide these with their applications so that supplier invoices can be paid.

The Trust is currently advertising for a Trust Coordinator who will manage all applications and process. This will include setting up accounts with suppliers for products such as fuel.

One of the issues with the ANZ/Equity Trust system was getting what was needed in reasonable time. In the case of Emergency Funding, for example, there may have been a wait of days before applications could be sorted out. This will no longer be the case as once an application is approved the supplier can be sent a purchase order and paid later on account..

**ADVERT: POSITION VACANT**

**FAR WEST COAST INVESTMENTS PTY LTD**

**CHARITABLE TRUST COORDINATOR**

Far West Coast Investments Pty Ltd is an Aboriginal owned and operated company based in Ceduna. The company exists to generate wealth and social support for the benefit of the Native Title Holding Community and Aboriginal people of the Far West Coast region of South Australia.

We are seeking the services of an appropriately, and highly, qualified person to coordinate the funding program of the Far West Coast Aboriginal Community Charitable Trust.

The person must possess high level administration skills, proven ability with implementing and adhering to funding rules, understand business systems and records management, and have a good understanding of accounting practices, and be a self-starter who can work well within a motivated team to achieve common goals.

The position has an extremely strong focus on front line client services and requires an ability to deal with sensitive matters with efficiency and dignity.

The person is required to have a good understanding of Aboriginal society and contemporary Aboriginal history as it relates to social and economic disadvantage.

A very competitive salary is available for the right person and relocation costs are negotiable.

*People of Aboriginal decent are strongly encouraged to apply*

For a copy of the Position Description or further information please contact:

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PHONE: 0448622009 | FAX: (08) 8625 3341 | EMAIL: [isgar@fwctla.org.au](mailto:isgar@fwctla.org.au)

[Applications close Monday 27 April 2015](#)



**FAR WEST COAST INVESTMENTS**  
**ATF FAR WEST COAST ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST**

## BRIGHT YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**Bright Youth:** this was a school holiday program for the Aboriginal youth of the Ceduna district.

The program was organised by Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation and supported by the Far West Coast Aboriginal Community Charitable Trust.

Activities included: paddle boarding, kite flying, sumo suit wrestling and a range of other activities that brought young people together.



Please share your photos of Far West Coast funded Community Events with us.

The Trust funds many community events, sports activities and individual athletes, it'd be great to show all our members what's being achieved through Native Title and the work club and community volunteers do for our Far West Coast members.

Be strong, be proud, be deadly.



## **FIVE YEAR ANIVERSARY**

This September will mark the 5 year anniversary of the Far West Coast Native Title Holders opening an office in Ceduna.

How different things look now. On that day John Isgar started work and had to find an office to rent, buy a desk and a chair, borrow internet access from the landlord, and use his own lap top.

This was under the Far West Coast Traditional Lands Association and prior to the Native Title determination on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The office was a single room at Ceduna Car Rentals in McKenzie Street.

It wasn't long before one room wasn't big enough so, in February of 2011, the Far West Coast Traditional Lands Association moved to the current office at 52 O'Loughlin Street.

Budgets had to be established and an accounting service had to be sourced. Signatories and bank accounts had to be sorted out and there was an AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> September. It was hard slog.

Prior to opening an office, there was a lot of hard work done, over many years by lots of people with regards to the Native Title Claim and setting up a workable structure.

There have been some major achievements made in that time:

- Native Title Rights have been determined over the Far West Coast Claim with the Far West Coast Traditional Lands Association (under State legislation) turning into the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (under Commonwealth legislation);
- Far West Mining & Civil Pty Ltd has developed into a very strong business and still growing. There are currently 14 assets on long term leases to five different clients;
- A Far West Coast Aboriginal controlled Trust fund has been developed and is operating;
- Hundreds of thousands of dollars have benefited Far West Coast Native Title Holders in need, for such things as:
  - Funeral Assistance;
  - Medical gap payments;
  - Sporting participation;
  - Supporting education and scholarships;
  - Cultural and heritage activities;
  - Elders support, etc.

We've come a long way, and in recognition of this, there will be a celebration to coincide with the five year anniversary and the official opening of the new office complex at 62 Poynton Street, Ceduna.

Further details will be provided in the next edition of Our Business.