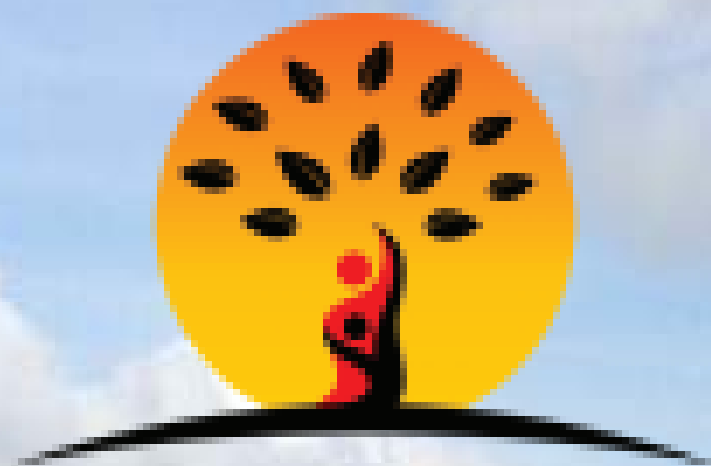


GROW HOPE OUTREACH

EDITION 1

DECEMBER, 2017



GROW HOPE



WALKING TOGETHER,
GROWING TOGETHER

IMMERSION IN GUNBALANYA, ARNHEM LAND

Nothing can prepare you for this immersion in Gunbalanya (Oenpelli) in Arnhem Land. The beauty of the landscape is beyond words. Abundance of fish, crocodiles and bird life in billabongs and open green plains, surrounded by hills and sandstone cliff tops with glorious sunrises and sunsets. Country like no other. The community are so welcoming. The elders are humble and open. The children full of life and energy. The parents and teachers interested and excited about sharing their culture and country.

If you would like to walk slower in life, be more patient and learn to worry less, have a greater appreciation of culture and surroundings and discover the sacredness of living off the land then this immersion is for you. Other highlights include fishing for catfish and barramundi, cooking in an underground oven, hunting magpie geese, learning about bush medicine, listening to Dreamtime stories and discovering Aboriginal values from rock and art paintings.

Immersion for 2019 are:

To be Decided

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Please contact Tom Purcell at purcellt@trinity.vic.edu.au





CULTURAL AWARENESS

The Grow Hope Foundation has run two very successful Cultural Awareness Programs with Leon Egan. Leon has a unique ability to share the history and culture of Indigenous stories with his own personal life and reflections. Over 40 participants have attended the two workshops so far and the feedback has been overwhelming. Our next free seminar will be held next year on February 13th and anyone interested in attending can contact Tom Purcell at purcellt@trinity.vic.edu.au



INDIGENOUS MENTORS IN SCHOOLS

"A Ramingining female student recently won an educational award with the aspiration to become a teacher. She was told she would make a good teacher's assistant even though she could be the future principal."

The Grow Hope Foundation has had great success in employing Indigenous educators to mentor Indigenous students in schools and allow Indigenous Australians to share our history, strength and story so that school communities can better recognise and connect with our Indigenous heritage. Important in this work has been the great partnerships we have formed with KGI (Karin Gamadji Institute). In 2018 we will have assisted in placing 5 Indigenous educators in 3 different school communities. Kelvin Williams and Keeden Blow have been success stories under the program from 2016 and have both found new employment positions working with Indigenous people in health care for vulnerable youth and with the Red Cross.

DARWIN TRANSITION PROGRAM

"No reason why a kid in Gunbalanya can't aspire to run the territory."

The Darwin Transition Residential House in Millner, Darwin is now being used exclusively for the Oenpelli community to run transitional programs and a live in residence for Year 12 graduates to further their education and take advantage of employment opportunities in Darwin. This is a great initiative as it will enable the youth of the Oenpelli community to transition and live successfully in their two worlds and also inspire the current generation of the Oenpelli community to attend class and study hard. Programs run so far have been extremely well received by the Gunbalanya community and life changing experiences for the participants. The program enables the flourishing of the community and homelands to live with opportunities for successful transition into Darwin for employment and education. A successful ceremony with the Gunbalanya community commencing our partnership was held in October and our first Year 12 graduate from Gunbalanya community, Canon Manyita, is living in the house after gaining his first job in Palmerston. This is a very exciting program that will enable Indigenous students from remote communities make the successful transition into employment opportunities and live in two worlds.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

The work accomplished by the Grow Hope Foundation would not be possible without the generosity and support of its supporters.

To date, your donations have helped to:

Setup and furnish the Darwin Transition Residence House in Millner, Darwin

Establish and build a strong relationship with Elders and members of the Gunbalanya (Oenpelli) community

Commence providing programs and support to the Gunbalanya community at the Darwin Transition Residence House

Assist in placing five Indigenous mentors in secondary colleges in Melbourne

We seek your further support to assist in fulfilling our goals for 2018.

We invite you to join our 500 Club by making a fully tax deductible donation of \$500.00. This can be made by completing the attached form or through our website at www.growhope.org.au

Any amount that you are able to contribute over the festive season will be greatly appreciated to help us launch into our programs planned for the New Year!

