

WALK A WHILE NEWS – MAY 2019

Latest News on the Cross Project

Now we can tell you that the Board has approved funding for the Cross foundations to be laid. We are in the final stages of negotiating a date for that work to begin. This will be the second last phase in bringing to fruition the vision of the local Indigenous people - the Cross on Memory Mountain.

However, we still need to secure additional funding to complete the Cross and build infrastructure for visitors. Whatever donation you can make will be greatly appreciated – not only by the Board but also by the Indigenous communities who will benefit from the tourism and support industries that will serve visitors to the Cross.

If you can help with a **donation** – large or small – please go to the DONATE page of our website.

We truly value your support for our important work. There is still an enormous gap between how our Indigenous Australians live in remote communities and what most other Australians take for granted. We are working hard to close this gap and to deliver tools and technology to remote communities – all the stuff most of us take for granted every day. **And your financial support is critical to this work.**

So, please, give whatever you can spare. And please feel free to share this exciting vision of our Indigenous family in central Australia.

Our Sad Losses

In your last Walk a While newsletter we told you that two of our dear friends were seriously ill. With profound sadness, we now have to tell you both of those wonderful men have passed away. We received word on Christmas Eve that our Aboriginal friend, (who we now refer to as Kumanjai), had passed on. He was a hard-working man, a great leader and a wonderful example to the people of his community. Over 1,000 people gathered on the football oval at Papunya to pay tribute to his life.

Then in late January, we had to say farewell to Tim Morris-Smith, our beloved Director. Tim was a remarkable man - dedicated and extremely gifted – and his considerable talents brought great strength and wisdom to our Board. At his funeral, we learned just how many individuals and groups had benefitted from Tim's wisdom and generosity throughout his relatively short life.

We miss both of these mighty men tremendously and cannot even begin to fill the gaps they have left in our lives.

But each of these men has left a tremendous legacy behind. Shortly before they passed, they each told me of their earnest desire that the Cross on Memory Mountain should be completed quickly. They both said they regretted they would not live to see it, but that they will be with us in spirit as we complete the project. So, as they both wanted, we are pressing on towards that goal.

But remember, **your financial support** is critical to this work.

So [please donate](#) whatever you can spare.

And it will be our honour and privilege to keep you updated as this important work progresses.

Warm regards,

Ken Duncan
on behalf of the Board of Directors
Walk a While Foundation Limited