

## **WALK A WHILE NEWS - July 2021**

### **A new Chapter**

These are exciting times for Walk a While as we continue to embrace our mission of *empowering Indigenous creativity and enabling lasting change*. Throughout the past month we have been working across many areas to ensure we are creating long-term financial sustainability for the Indigenous communities we serve in Central Australia.

As COVID-19 continues to create a level of uncertainty, we are thankful that our Indigenous communities in the West MacDonnell Ranges have been unharmed. Please keep our First Nation brothers and sisters in prayer for continued protection, health, and blessing.

### **WALK A WHILE EMPLOYS SEVEN NEW INDIGENOUS WORKERS**



On Monday 5 July, Walk a While achieved a wonderful milestone by employing seven Indigenous workers. Our new workforce is currently based at Memory Mountain, where they are responsible for maintenance of the pathway, driveway and preparing the site for visitation which will launch shortly.

Walk a While has now become the largest private employer of Indigenous people in Haasts Bluff and we look forward to adding more staff in the coming season for roles in tourism and hospitality.

Over the coming months, our new team will receive training and development across land care, tourism and construction work. It's a great feeling to be creating lifelong career pathways that will ensure our staff are competently trained to become experts in their field.



## **THE CROSS**

Our team of construction workers and engineers have been preparing the foundation on the Summit of Memory Mountain and this week will commence drilling twenty-four holes that will anchor the twenty-ton steel Cross in place.

Once the foundation drilling is completed, and following final reviews of

construction plans, our Project Management team will commence construction of the Cross. If weather remains clear, we hope to commence this phase in August.

This is such an exciting part of the project. I'd love it if you would keep the construction workers in prayer for safety, wisdom and that everything goes to plan.



## **CONTAINER AND WORKSPACE REQUEST**

Walk a While now needs to purchase a 20-foot container for equipment storage and to create a working plant at the base of Memory Mountain. This will provide a secure place for all the tools and equipment needed for construction.

The cost to secure a container and transport it to the site will be \$10,000 and we need your help to raise those funds, please.

If we can find fifty people to each contribute \$200, we will be able to meet this need. Or perhaps you are able to give more? To partner with us to fund the new container and work plant, please go to the [DONATE](#) page of our website.



## **WINTER CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

We received 19 boxes of winter clothes and blankets that were donated for the communities in Central Australia. Our team on the ground was able to distribute these and we would like to thank everyone who generously donated these

much-needed supplies. There have been some very cold nights over the past month and our Indigenous friends are grateful for your winter gifts.

We'd also like to acknowledge Northline Transport who kindly transported the boxes to Central Australia. If you ever need anything delivered, please consider our friends at Northline Transport.



## **PRAYER**

This month, we'd love for you to join with Walk a While in prayer for:

- The Communities of Haasts Bluff, Papunya, Mt Liebig and Kintore – that God will protect and cover the communities in His peace
- The construction workers and engineers – for safety, wisdom and capacity for the professionals who will be erecting the Cross on Memory Mountain
- The Walk a While team – that God will continue to fill all involved with strength, wisdom, clarity and peace

- For all who hear about the vision of Memory Mountain to be provided an opportunity to find the true hope that is found in Jesus and that many will come to know the Creator

Pam and I are truly thankful for your support for this current season of Walk a While. We know God has His sovereign hand over the projects in Central Australia and as the team faithfully outwork the mission, we can't help but feel heaven smiling.

Praying for you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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