



AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECTS 2017 - 2018

1. Cozens Aboriginal Education Trust

District 9810 Clubs are in partnership with the Cozens Aboriginal Education Trust and, Rotarian Michael Jacobs is a Director. Rotary's partnership and assistance is being sought from clubs, or a group of clubs for the following four projects at the Wongutha Independent School in Esperance, W.A.

- i. Two Independent Living Units – Furniture to fit out units, Cost \$20,000. One District 9810 Club is planning to be involved with this project.
- ii. Connecting Boarding Houses to the Internet and School Computer Network to utilize the internet for banking, research, communicating with family etc, Cost: \$21,579.
- iii. School Trip to Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne – Any support is welcome.
- iv. Driver Training to assist school leavers to gain their drivers licence, includes a full time Driving Instructor. Cost approximately \$50,000. Stan Meyer who has grown up in the area is available for the Driving Instructor's position.

The Purnululu School is progressing and the bus provided by District 9810 Clubs is a much appreciated asset. Another school; Yilli, is looking to implement an 'Accelerated Learning Program'. There is also a 'Future Footprints Program' run by Ronni Forrest.

Clubs supporting any of the above School projects are welcome to make a visit. Contact Michael Jacobs for more information: Rotary Directory

2. Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS)

Clubs can offer support to the following graduating MITS students who have Scholarships at the following Secondary Schools in District 9810:

- **Kingswood College (Box Hill)**
- **Yarra Valley Grammar (Ringwood)**

3. Involve indigenous students in Rotary's Youth Service Programs, which includes Camp Awakenings, ConocoPhillips Science Experience, MUNA, NYSF, RYPEN, RYLA, 4-Way Test Speech Contest and YEP.

The Senior Australian of the Year is Lois Peeler, Ex-Sapphire and Principal of Australia's only Aboriginal girls' boarding school, Worawa College in Healesville, Victoria. According to Lois, students need three things for a good future:

- Pride and confidence in themselves and in their culture
- Strong education, especially in literacy and numeracy
- A safe, fit and healthy life-style

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