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NEWSLETTER

December 2024



Warmest greetings of this festive season. As the 2024 calendar year comes to a close the Trust looks back and reflects on some significant achievements while at the same time looking forward to the new year with enthusiasm.

The July 2024 newsletter set out a summary and introduction of the Ely Trust. The December 2024 newsletter is to provide an update of recent events to the Ely Trust beneficiaries, and to keep everyone informed of upcoming important dates.

Annual General Meeting

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the trustee of the Ely Trust was held in Cairns in late November 2024.

At that meeting, the board welcomed new members being Rex Burke (who was elected Chair, by the directors) and Irene York. Linda McLachlan was re-elected, and Sandra Woosup, Gwen Toby and Gina Nona remained as continuing Board members.

We would like to take this time to thank Delora Nixon and Pauline Smith for their contribution to the board and we look forward to continuing to work with them as both shareholders and community members.

November 2024 was a busy month for the Board and Shareholders. They met over a 2-day period on a number of matters (including new board members) and conducted a workshop on improving the Business Development Fund process with many new ideas canvassed.

Christmas shut down period:

The Trust Christmas shut down period will be between Monday 23rd December 2024 and Friday 3rd January 2025.

Approved Grant Applicants:

Due to the Christmas shut down period mentioned above, for all approved Business Development and Community Projects grant applications, please email invoices to elygrants@elytrust.com.au by close of business (COB) Wednesday 18th December, to be included in the final payment run. If you miss next weeks payment run, unfortunately no invoices will be processed within the Christmas shut down period, and the next payment run submission will be by COB Wednesday 8th January 2025.

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Grant Applications:

The Trust has proudly funded the following grant applications in the last 6 months:

Grant Type	Description
Community Projects	Northern Peninsula Area language revitalisation projects.
Community Projects	Ladies Rugby League Team.
Community Projects	Funding to support a community owned organisation that manages a childcare and children's activity centre for after school care and holiday programs.
Community Projects	Co-funding a Community Christmas Party.

If you have any questions about the content mentioned within this newsletter, please feel free to discuss them with your directors (Rex Burke (chairperson), Gina Nona, Linda McLachlan, Sandra Woosup, Irene York and Gwen Toby) or with the administration team consisting of Anthony Bird and Michelle Countouris.

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We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe Christmas season, which brings happiness, love and laughter to you and your family.

Best regards,

The Ely Trust Team.

Community meetings:

Dates will be confirmed and communicated in the new year.



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