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Announcing our new partnership in Mullewa

We're thrilled to share that EON has officially partnered with the Mullewa community and District High School in WA's Mid West region.

We've accessed funding to commence our five-year Thriving Communities Program—an initiative local community groups and the school have championed since 2022, viewing EON as a long-term partner capable of tackling health and food security challenges. Over the past year, that interest gained real momentum, and we were delighted to begin

program delivery in late April with a celebratory launch taking place on 9 June.

Project Manager Sally reports, “The kids are so excited to have us here and are fully engaged in their EON sessions. They don’t shy away from hard work and are eager to grow strawberries, blueberries, and a surprise addition: dragon fruit!”

Located about 100km north-east of Geraldton, Mullewa is home to around 360 people, and 90% of the District High School's students identify as Aboriginal. It’s the fifth community in Mid West WA to partner with EON Aboriginal Foundation.

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More local jobs

EON is pleased to announce that we are a successful recipient in the inaugural round of the Federal Government’s Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) program.

Developed in partnership with First Nations people, RJED aims to provide remote jobseekers with meaningful work under fair pay and conditions—

supporting sustainable economic growth in their own communities.

This funding recognises the ripple effects EON creates through community, extending beyond health and wellbeing. By employing local Indigenous staff in Mullewa to deliver our Thriving Communities Program, we're not only supporting nutrition and healthy lifestyles but also building leadership, capacity, and employment pathways that benefit the entire community.

In addition to RJED support, we've secured funding from MEEDAC—a leading Aboriginal employment service in the Mid West—to further strengthen program delivery in Mullewa. It is very rewarding to have such strong First Nations organisations backing our work and reinforcing our shared commitment to long-term community impact.



Welcome to our Board Glenys

We are very pleased to welcome Glenys Grigson as a Director on the EON Aboriginal Foundation Board.

Born in Dumblebung and raised in New Norcia (WA), Glenys is a proud Nyamal, Nyiyaparli, Yamatji,

Noongar, and Badu Island woman, and brings her rich cultural heritage into all aspects of her work.

Glenys brings an extensive background in community engagement, strategic thinking, and leadership to her role with the Board. She has a deep passion for community engagement and development, making her a respected figure in her field.

My attraction to EON Aboriginal Foundation stems from its profound commitment to creating sustainable changes within Aboriginal communities. The foundation's holistic approach to improving health and education outcomes deeply resonates with my values and aspirations. EON's dedication to empowering Indigenous Australians and fostering meaningful community development is both compelling and motivating, driving my desire to contribute to such a transformative cause.

Glenys is currently Principal Advisor Equity, Inclusion and Diversity with Rio Tinto, based in Geraldton in the Mid West of Western Australia.



Going above and
beyond...

Erika Wells, our super star WA Operations Manager, and currently Acting National Operations Manager, was one of four finalists in the recent WACOSS Community Service Excellence Awards.

Being nominated for the 'Outstanding Contribution: Going Above and Beyond Award' exemplifies Erika's genuine passion, commitment and enthusiasm for her role with EON. Based in Broome but regularly travelling across remote WA and the NT, she has been instrumental in expanding and sustaining EON's impact. Under her leadership, new programs have been launched in Mullewa, Rangeway, Wyndham, Frog Hollow, and Warmun, while she continues to support communities like Bidyadanga, Looma, Yiyili, and Yakanarra in their independent program delivery.

Congratulations on this worthy nomination Erika — we very much appreciate that you go above and beyond for EON every minute of every day.



Dehydrators for food security

Thanks to the generous support of Aboriginal Investment NT, we are excited to be setting up

food dehydrators in 8 remote communities in the NT.

The dehydrators will be used as part of EON's lessons and workshops on the varied ways to use fresh garden produce, including drying and preserving for longer term use. The first test run was a huge success with tomatoes and chillies dried, bottled in oil with a range of fresh herbs, and shared around community. Some of the dried tomatoes were pulverised to make a delicious tomato powder that can be stored and added to a range of dishes.

Drying and preserving excess fresh garden produce can contribute to improving food security. We will be encouraging the schools and community members to make good use of the food dehydrators whenever they can.

Thanks again Aboriginal Investment NT!



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"Sharing it!"

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