Wongatha Peoples Education and Recreation Trust (WPERT)

INFORMATION for 2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The trust was formed in 2004 and exists due to the agreement between the Wongatha Peoples and Granny Smith Mines. Royalties have been paid from the operations of the Wallaby ore body until 2013. While the initial royalties have been frozen for future generations the earnings from those royalties are distributed each year to the members and families from the Wongatha Claim.

Our Trustees are:
Joanne Della Bona (Education Trustee - Volunteer)
Appointed to the trust in 2004, Joanne is a Nyoongar Yorga (woman) from Whadjuk Boodja (country) and kinship lines to Balardong (Wheatbelt) and Wilman (Katanning) Boodja. She has a Bachelor of Education and is passionate about all our Aboriginal children having the right to reach their full potential, with the embedment of cultural foundations and the skills to be able to code switch for western education and systems. She has served on numerous boards both on a State and Federal Level for Aboriginal children and early childhood education. Joanne is Board Director of SNAICC National Voice of our Children, a campaign member of Family Matters, Member of the Noongar Family Safety and Wellbeing Council and is the CEO of Moorditch Gurlongga trading as Coolabaroo.

Diane Watts (Education Trustee - Volunteer)

Joined the trust in 2004. Di is the Chief Executive Officer of the Fremantle Education Centre, a Not-For-Profit Registered Training Organisation that delivers both accredited and non-accredited training. She has worked in the Education and Training Industry and Employment Services area, including management of the VTEC in Kalgoorlie, for over 20 years. Di has established effective partnerships with many training and employment organisations.

Phil Mcevoy (Financial Trustee and co-ordinator)
Original executor of the trust and invited to join as a trustee by Granny Smith in January 2007. Phil has 28 years of experience in Aboriginal recruitment, mentoring, training, community development, Native Title and trust administration. Financial experience includes management of the LLCCA in Laverton, 4 years as a Laverton Shire Councillor, and 22 years owning and operating small businesses. Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Director's course 2014. Currently trust co-ordinator and a funeral Celebrant.

Mike MacKay (Financial Trustee - Volunteer) Mike was appointed at our November meeting in 2018. He is a Certified Practising Accountant and also holds a Bachelor of Commerce (accounting and economics) and has held senior financial and accounting roles for 17 years at Woodside. Mike was also a member of the Woodside Finance Leadership Team. He was a consultant for 6 years to oil and gas companies Inpex and Chevron. Mike retired in 2014 and is currently a full-time carer for his disabled wife.

Reporting - The WPERT has an obligation to report each year on the Commonwealth Government ACNC not for profit website. The Trust Deed and the financials each year are available on the site after the following January.

2026 School Year Assistance

In the 2026 school year the trust provided assistance for approximately 330 Wongatha school students in the areas of uniforms, stationery and books, laptops, swimming lessons and sport uniforms.

2027 Applications

As per the Trust Deed the trustees are legally restricted to distributing only the investment income to the beneficiaries each year. The trustees are also aware of the very high cost of living particularly in regional areas like Kalgoorlie and therefore, have been able to marginally increase the total amount distributed. The Wongatha Trust will assist individuals in 2027 with the following costs:

Uniforms

Uniforms for Public and Private Schools (quotes must be attached to application)
Primary school maximum - $250 per year - High school maximum - $350 per year
Both have been increased by $50.

Stationery/books

Up to $150 total per year - Applicants seeking stationery in Kalgoorlie should attach a copy of their Office National school list to an application and send to the trust. We will then advise Office National the goods can be collected. Once again, no stationery can be approved until the application has been received by the trust.

Sport uniform

Up to $150 per year (Sports Power/Intersports) is our preferred supplier, go in and get a quote)

Laptops: In 2026 applicants could receive uniforms and stationery, plus $400 towards a laptop (year 7 and up only). Applicants will need to pay the extra. **OR** they can forego school uniforms and receive $600 towards a laptop. **Proof of enrolment letters are required from the school**. **(Harvey Norman stores preferred).** Increase of $100.

Swimming lessons - School based (only) swimming lessons will be funded by the trust. Include them with the enrolment fees letter when you first apply (not later in the year).

Application Process

Application forms can be requested from Phil on 0429181802 or email **(email is preferred)** philmcevoy@yahoo.com.au. **Please note application forms on their own without an accompanying quote, invoice or letter stating the total amount requested, cannot be assessed, or processed**. The form also needs to include an address, contact details, **connection to the original Wongatha Claim**, and applicant's siblings' names. Applicants from Kalgoorlie and surrounds seeking uniforms from Green Door Gallery or Lowes should visit the store, select required clothing, and attach a quote from them to the application. No uniforms will be issued until an application has been received by the trust!

Please note: As there is a limited amount of funds the closing date for applications will be Friday, February 21, 2027. Applications received by that date can still be processed in February and March.

Queries: Contact Phil Mcevoy on 0429181802 or email philmcevoy@yahoo.com.au (preferred)

WONGATHA PEOPLES EDUCATION AND RECREATION TRUST (WPERT)

2027 School Year Application

Unit 21, 143-147 Onslow Rd
Shenton Park WA 6008
Phone: 0429 181 802
Email: philmcevoy@yahoo.com.au

NAME (student): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: ____/____ /_____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PARENT 1 / GUARDIAN 1: Name _____

PARENT 2 / GUARDIAN 2: Name _____

Who is the best person to contact about this application: _____

PHONE: _____(The Trust must be able to make contact with this number provided)

EMAIL (preferred): _____

Siblings (brothers and sisters):

Full Name	**Age:**
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

REASON FOR APPLICATION: Fees uniform stationery swimming sport uniform laptop

ORGANISATION PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TO Kalgoorlie suppliers: (e.g Green Door, Office National, Intersports, Lowes, Harvey Norman)

COMPANY NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ CONTACT PERSON: _____

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EDUCATION

Tick box/es that apply:

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: ☐ *PRIMARY SCHOOL YR 1-6:* ☐
HIGH SCHOOL YR 7-10: ☐ *HIGH SCHOOL YR 11-12:* ☐

***NAME OF SCHOOL**: _____PHONE NUMBER: _____*

CONTACT PERSON AT SCHOOL: _____

***PARENT NAME:** _____*

***PARENT SIGNATURE**:_____*

***DATE:** _____*

***Important!** Please outline the applicants or family's connection to the initial Wongatha Claim. The trust requires the names of the appropriate Elders, grandparents, great-grandparents etc.*

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***Please note**: Applications that are not accompanied by quotes for uniforms, stationery, swimming classes, sport uniform or laptops cannot be processed. If you don't have access to a scanner your local Library will be happy to scan and email your applications.*

Email to: philmcevoy@yahoo.com.au