

## 2015 Educateurs sans Frontières Assembly – NOTES

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Keeping the Wandjinas Fresh**

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These people have been shifted down 4 times. Then again for a 5<sup>th</sup> time. They are very dislocated peoples

My work honors the elders past present, future by working with the 0-3 children

There is a wonderful link to culture

In the very Northwest region.

I would encourage you to Google. Also Google earth, but see the community the cattle station and the prison where I work.

The national party formed the voice of the liberal party. This work is ongoing today.

In 2009, the Howard Government stopped the CDP program. It was employment program. It employed rubbish collection, art center, and computer center. The jobs were phased out after the money ceased.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June of this year we lost all funding for all projects.

I was the head of school at a privileged school. Beauty school my home was nearby idyllic

At 2012 I heard the women asking for an early childhood program. She had hosted children in her home. Most of the children made it through year 12.

With the bohab network I set about getting funding. The loss of jobs set up suicides. Have money from Australia, UK and USA (?)

Elders accompany the young people. The volunteers also have a life change. They come back year after year. They deepen the knowledge and strength the bonds. I have some one doing her work on advanced degree since 2007.

The cattle station was procured at the same time that they loss the 2 million dollar housing project. The housing project allowed community member to build their own houses. Now the housing department has decided to send a team in of their own and has threatened their community.

I doubt any UN articles are being met.

The children have 43% attendance at school.\

I never see the government workers at my center.

While I have been here at this assembly. They now will have the money to train two women to run the center.

I have focused on practical life and sensorial

Example of Calvin: he just set fire to power station in the community. That was third strike so will be sent away to prison for the rest of his life.

Bright notes. Vynka barunga – first to get a medical doctor's degree.

A good friend who is a good artist. She has 12 grandchildren in her house. She runs the breakfast program but cares for children as young as one year old.

The cattle station is almost making money. We have a 1000 head of cattle.

We have UWA a trial planting of plums, which is a super food. High in antioxidant an high in vitamin c.

The computer resource center runs triaging.

The children are encouraged to begin painting at an early age. Most of all the children are our hope. It gets very crowded in my center.

This is after the center was broken into the children and the adults helped to clean

These are the culprits. When the police came out to the community. The police said they should own up as their handprints were on the walls. They came to clean up the next day. We do a lot of cooking. The school holidays come and join in.

The location of the center is a little hub. Breakfast program computer resource center. We have the Opportunity Shop.

There is a large interest in violin playing. Kelly was the first child to learn violin.

We have babies from birth to three year olds. I would like to finish with a poem read by Jack Thompson. Look it up at the Lonely Planet for the Garma Festival. It was written by my sister, Ara Creswell. I think the poem voices what EsF is really about. VIDEO CLIP: