



Community Led Change, Kakadu

The Beginning

- ❖ Seven months of “wokdi” with the community of Madjinbardi.
- ❖ “Every voice to be heard” – aprox 150 – 200 people
- ❖ “Kamak Row” – Slow and steady
- ❖ Importance of kinship/culture/language.



Community Elders, Mark Djandjomerr and May Nango



Next Steps

- ❖ Forming Partnerships and collaboration with key stakeholders.
- ❖ A house by house audit of the community (using the 'health habitat' guide) with the Director of the Fair Tradie Project, a local tradesman and the Community Development Co-ordinator of Children's Ground.
- ❖ The current system was broken.

The survey results

- ❖ All of the homes were overcrowded.
- ❖ More than half the homes had dangerous electrical issues that need urgent attention.
- ❖ All of the homes had no adequate cooking facilities
- ❖ All of the homes currently did not have adequate showering/washing facilities
- ❖ 100% of the homes had water accessibility issues in the past six months.
- ❖ 80% of the homes had no access to hot water.
- ❖ The major cause for these issues is a lack of adequate and routine maintenance, overcrowding and poor housing design and construction.

The Fair Tradie Project

- ❖ Two weeks, ten tradies and eight homes restored to safe standards, plus an adequate shower and a place to cook.
- ❖ Tradesmen willing to work by heart, not profit. To treat the community with dignity and to work alongside young men and women to empower and educate throughout the process.
- ❖ To see the Community Centre established, with a communal washing machine and dryer, kitchen and a space for children's activities, culture and nutrition programs.



The Purpose

- ❖ To see the community's vision of the next generation of children having better outcomes than those at present, in issues of health, wellbeing and opportunities





The Team

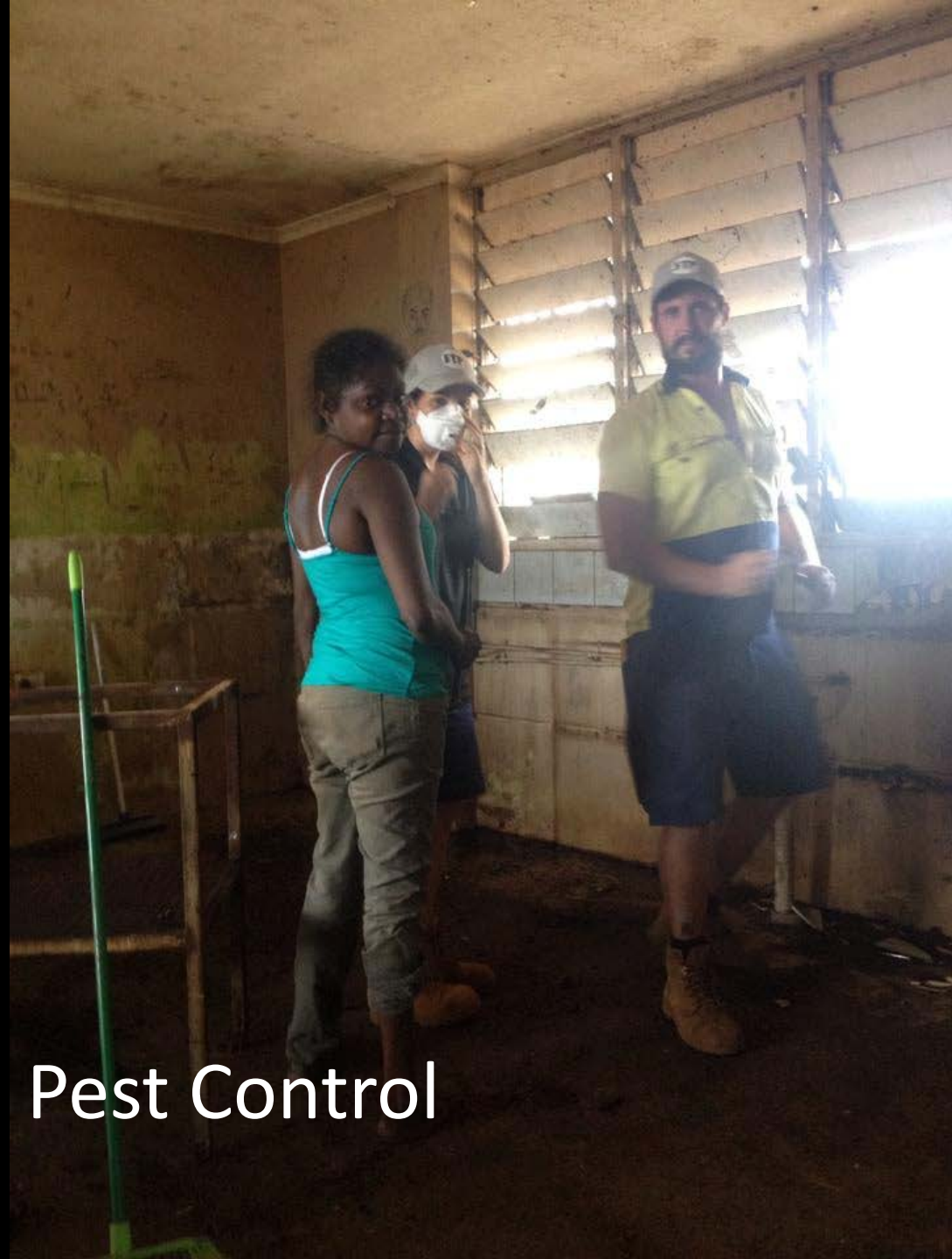


Community Clean up





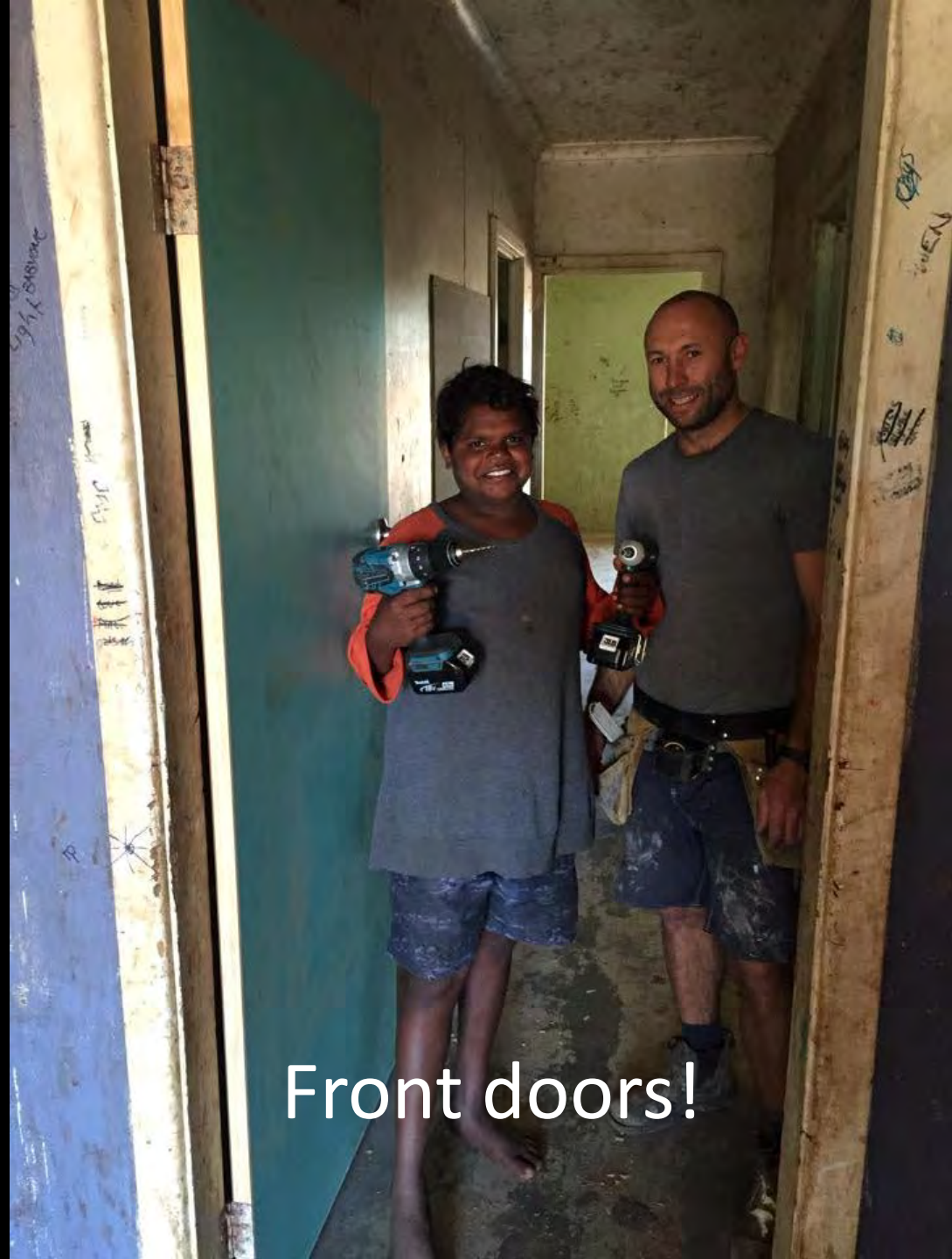




Pest Control



Shower Renovations!



Front doors!



New Cooktops



Security and safety
Issues



Community led with
householder participation
in every home





Completed Community Resource
Centre

Outcomes of The Fair Tradie Project

- Priority safety electrical and plumbing issues were addressed and resolved
- All of the homes now have access to hot water
- All of the homes now have adequate washing facilities, including new shower heads and tapware.
- All of the homes received a new toilet, hand basin and sink
- All of the homes now had an adequate cooking facility
- All of the homes had better security, with lockable front doors with working door handles
- All of the homes had working lights with safe light switches
- All of the homes received new fans
- Asbestos removal
- Pest control
- Holes in walls (particularly with exposed cabling) was fixed
- A Resource Centre was established, with a commercial washing machine and dryer, kitchen area and space for cultural activities.
- Through advocacy efforts, two of the homes were able to undergo complete renovations and extensions post the project.
- Stronger collaboration was formed with the community and key stakeholders.
- The Yawkyawk team was formed.



The YawkYawk Team!





Helping the old people and those who are sick with cleaning.



Leading Community Breakfasts and meetings.



Some of our elders



Teaching our Wurdurd (Children) how to clean.



EH TRAINING WITH
DEPT OF NT HEALTH



Visiting different outstations
to help with Environmental
Health needs.

Yawkyawk cultural and leadership strengthening activities





Catching Bush Tucker the traditional way with
Yawkyawk and Wurdurd



Supporting the AMRIC dog program
and post follow up



The Painting Project

Bininj Yawkyawk from
WA helped to support
our Painting Project



Cleaning!









Involving
our
families!



Involving our
little sisters!



Involving the Yawadin
(brothers/young boys)





Involving our
Uncles and
Fathers





KAMAK!!!



OUTCOMES OF THE PAINTING PROJECT:

- All of the homes in Madjinbardi were cleaned by Yawkyawk and householders inside and out.
- Follow up pest control.
- All of the homes in Madjinbardi were painted, with the colours chosen by householders.
- Making communities strong and capacity building.
- The community felt proud of their homes.
- Homes were painted in 3 other communities as well, post the project.

Keys Lessons

- ❖ Keep to the Community's rythm and agenda (Kamak Row).
- ❖ Take an integrated approach to Envirionmental Health – include culture, kinship, language, nutrition – everything is interconnected.
- ❖ Bring community members to all stakeholder meetings
- ❖ Keep it fun