



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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The Wunan Board is set for a new era as two new Directors are appointed to fill vacancies. Jim Lewis and Kia Dowell will join long term Directors Ian Trust, Vicky Butters, Tom Birch, Carol Johnson, John Nicholas and Julie Ann Johns. This team of regional leaders will work together with key stakeholders to implement Wunan's strategic objectives focused on social change, education and training, employment participation and its strong priorities centred on housing reform.

Wunan, in its tenth year of operation, continues to grow from strength to strength proving that with excellent governance and clear strategic direction Aboriginal organisations can be sustainable and deliver results.

New member Kia Dowell is excited about her role with Wunan and is looking forward to playing a part in initiatives that provide opportunities for Aboriginal people to pursue their goals and aspirations.

Kia said "I am motivated by the opportunity to be a part of something so much bigger than myself and hope that my involvement with Wunan will challenge other Aboriginal people to not only question what they want for their future but dictate the direction of it".

Jim Lewis is particularly keen to further Wunan's work at a strategic level in influencing changes to Government policies that limit Aboriginal people's participation in the economy. Jim said "I am keen to strengthen Wunan links with government and the corporate sector to achieve real tangible outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities."

Wunan will be calling for nominations to fill 3 Director Positions on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010 with nominations closing on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Ian Trust, Executive Director and Chairperson of Wunan said "the Board is seeking high calibre Aboriginal people from across the East Kimberley who have both the skills and the commitment to drive a social change agenda".

**Note:** Photos are available?

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