



PROJECT SNAPSHOT

THALANYJI TOUR

On 11 and 12 December last year Toxfree staff were invited on a cultural tour by the traditional owners of the Onslow region, the Thalanyji people.

To begin, Toxfree staff were introduced to the Thalanyji group and they explained our journey on Thalanyji country. The tour started in the township of Onslow with a Welcome to Country from one of our Toxfree trainees, Delwyn Hayes. We travelled along the Great Northern Highway and stopped to hear a story about the Warlu (rainbow serpent), that created the hills and water ways throughout Thalanyji country. We were told stories of the Warlu from the elders who showed us where their families would walk along the Ashburton River to the old town site of Onslow. Our next adventure took the group to Minderoo fields to search for Aboriginal rock art.

The day finished up at the old town site of Onslow where elders provided us with stories of families living around the site that had never been acknowledged until today. There is now interpretation signage around the site acknowledging the Thalanyji people.



L-R: Kerris Ryder, Michael Sevic, Delwyn Hayes, Travis Beasland, Reeko Whitehurst and Adrain Papertalk

As part of their traineeship program, the team have completed the following tickets:

- Forklift ticket;
- Working at heights;
- Senior first aid; and
- Load restraint ticket.

