

New Cape York Partnerships for Welfare Reform Board



CYP Board members (l-r): Richie Ahmat, Noel Pearson, Tania Major, Neville Pootchemunka, Nic Frances

Cape York Partnerships for Welfare Reform has appointed a new board to assist in building the organisation's strategic capabilities and strengthen our governance processes. As well as our Indigenous leaders, the new board now includes representation from the corporate and social sectors that have experience and contacts to help achieve our mission. Board members are:

Noel Pearson, Chairman and Founder of Cape York Partnerships, Director Cape York institute

Richie Ahmat, Cape York Indigenous leader and Chairman of Northern Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAISMA)

Tania Major, Cape York Young Indigenous leader, 2007 Young Australian of the Year, 2008 JC Young Outstanding Person of the Year, currently studying a Masters in Public Policy at Sydney University

Neville Pootchemunka, Cape York Indigenous leader, Mayor of Aurukun Shire Council

Nic Frances, Social Entrepreneur, Founder and CEO of Cool nrg International, Former CEO of Brotherhood of St Laurence and Author of "The End of Charity"

The first meeting of the new CYP Board was held in Cairns last week to brief new board members and discuss future plans. The two days resulted in very positive and dynamic dialogue and discussion which will be continued when the board reconvenes in May 2009.

Our **Vision** is that the Indigenous people of Cape York Peninsula have the capabilities to choose lives they have reason to value

We live our **Values** of Personal Responsibility Reform Belief Every Child Excellence