

Seed to Shop - Work Experience Pathway Project - Pumpkin Crop 2021



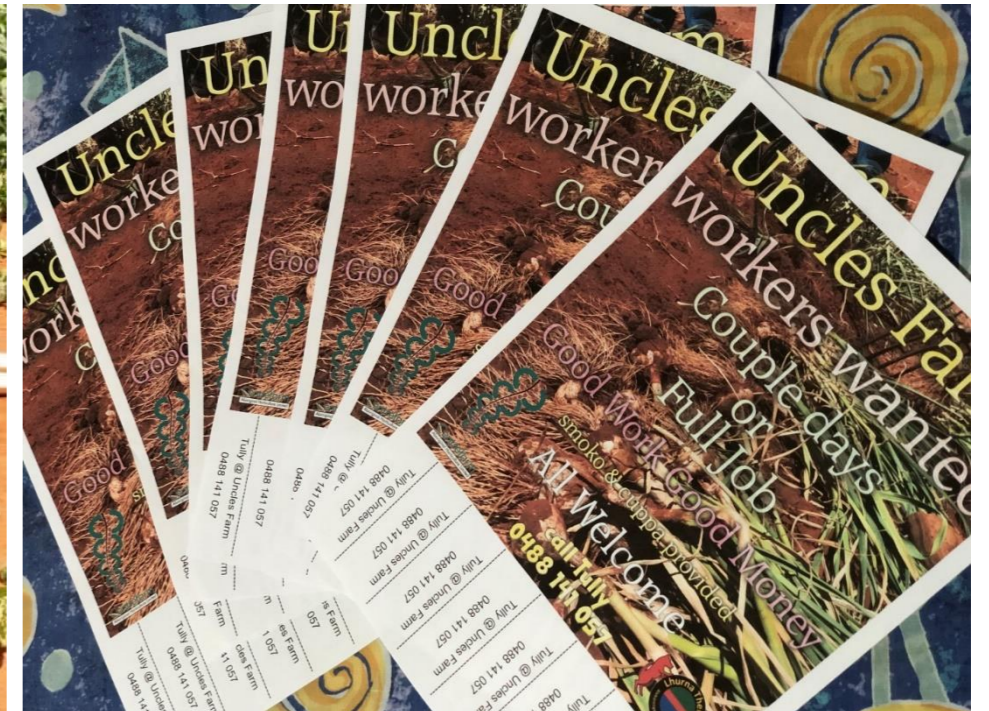
In July 2021 Alekarenge Horticulture and Centrefarm planted 1 hectare of pumpkins at the Work Experience Pathway Project (WEPP). Plantings were done with dripline irrigation under plastic to ensure moisture retention.



The pumpkin crop was cared for by Neil, Ziggy, Rodney and Quinston who are part of the Cohort 3 team at the WEPP. Cohort 3 is made up of adult community members and involves hands-on training and employment in horticulture.



Despite hotter than average temperatures the pumpkins flourished and by December the crop was ready to be harvested. The WEPP employed friends and family from the community to help pick.





The crop was harvested over 4 days and employed 11 men and women from the Ali Curung community.



5,509kg of Coventry pumpkins and 3,342kg of Butternut pumpkins were harvested and transported to market.



They were sold to Aboriginal-owned IGA supermarkets in both Tennant Creek and Alice Springs, along with the Ali Curung Store (Mirrirri), proving supply chain possibilities between the farm and the market.

