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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Character Reference – Jason Davidson Hampton

This reference is provided in support of an application by Mr Hampton for a Northern Territory Archive History Grant.

During the period I have known Mr Hampton, I have found him to be an honest, responsible and professional person, being driven by a passion to assist members of his Indigenous community, both young and old. Mr Hampton is a director of Millwarparra Aboriginal Corporation, of which he is an active member. He also acts as that Corporation's contact person which entails organising meetings, recording of minutes and the lodgement of documents with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Affairs. In recognition of the high regard Mr Hampton is held in the Indigenous business community, the Northern Land Council have appointed Mr Hampton as the Council Member representing the Ngukurr and Outstations community on the Northern Land Council's Full Council. Mr Hampton is a diligent worker who works hard in both his multimedia business operations and the many and varied duties he performs as a director and contact person for Millwarparra Aboriginal Corporation, including the restructure of the Corporation focusing on business activities to benefit the members of the Corporation.

Mr Hampton has informed me that his research in respect of the NT Archives History Grant proposal can be summarised as follows:

The project relates to research and history for family country in and around the Ngukurr & Roper River region, combined with his multimedia skills

The research project "Big River Country Ngalakan" is based on stories from elders at Ngukurr and Urapunga. There are many sacred sites in this region and some historical stories that many don't know about for example stockmen, missionaries, native police, the old police man house near Roper Bar, how the Roper River was used to transport goods (historical boat used in the old days was called Holly), crocodile and buffalo hunters. Mr Hampton's project is based on going back out to family country, documenting stories from dream time to the early settlement days and stories of life out in communities in today time 2016.

Mr Hampton's research is based on 5 areas:

1. Photography & video: Travelling to sacred sites with elders, stories about snake dreaming, need to double check if possible to link with some Ngalakan ceremonies
2. Photography & video: Travel & document stories about early day settlement – Mr Hampton shall be asking Ngalakan senior elders to travel to areas of interest with him for stories to be told about the early days when first settlers arrived.

3. Photography & video: Today in 2016 give elders an opportunity to talk about the past and present time and what their thoughts are for the future, what are their solutions to make communities stronger.
4. Produce community newsletter –DVD video – Youtube – based on research
5. Look at doing Power Point presentation once completed.

Mr Hampton's initial research has shown that the old people of the Region have limited opportunities to share their stories. The younger generation seem busy with other things life has to offer. Mr Hampton would like to use his skills and talent with multimedia to help document stories from country in the Roper River Region because in the not too distant future there will be big changes coming to this part of the country through business and mining. An effort needs to be made to record some of these historical stories from an Indigenous perspective for the future.

Mr Hampton informs me that he plans 3 trips to travel back out to Ngukurr – Ngalakan country – estimated 5 days on each trip during dry season (possibly to do 1 wet season trip) documenting stories about country.

Mr Hampton's aim is to help preserve some of the elder's stories for country, so young people in the community will have access to some stories for history, in the hope they may even start to take an interest in doing some research of their own. Mr Hampton plans to professionally document historical stories from country so it can be used as a reference source through the NT Archives.

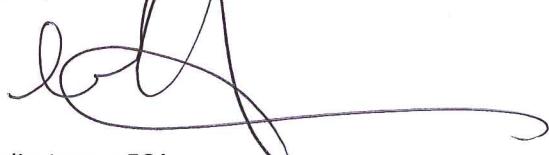
Mr Hampton is well acquainted with the Roper River Region and has the necessary skills to research and document the project which has been set out in this Character Reference.

I have no hesitation in supporting Mr Hampton's application for an NT Archive History Grant and would be happy to provide any further information you may need to support his application.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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