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Student Ishuranny Bin-Maurus, program mentor Candice Sibosado, SMC ATA Carlene Smith, program co-ordinator Amarah Treacy and student Kately Parriman. Picture: Nicola Kalmar

Deadly young women raise money for cancer

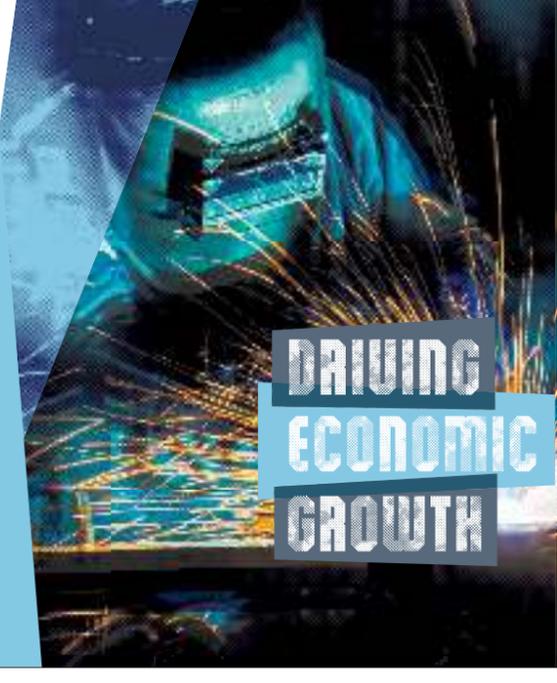
■ **Nicola Kalmar**
Young women from Broome's Deadly Sista Girlz program are reaching out to their fellow sisters by hosting a luncheon to raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This is the second time mentors and St Mary's College students who participate in the program have organised

the fundraiser event. The lunch is also being held to thank SMC staff, students' families and representatives from local services who support the program. Deadly Sista Girlz co-ordinator Amarah Treacy said the cause was very close to the girls' hearts and they had set a goal of raising \$300 for NBCF. "While I haven't been perso-

nally affected by breast cancer, there are extended family members in the community that have been and it's a worthy cause to be involved in," she said. Ms Treacy said the group was seeking community support and any donations, big or small, would be greatly appreciated. "Please dig deep for this

great cause and help make a difference," she said. For more information or to make a donation, visit the NBCF website at www.pinkribbonbreakfast.com.au and search for Amarah Treacy. The Deadly Sista Girlz, run by the Wirrpanda Foundation and supported by Shell, has been running at SMC since 2011.

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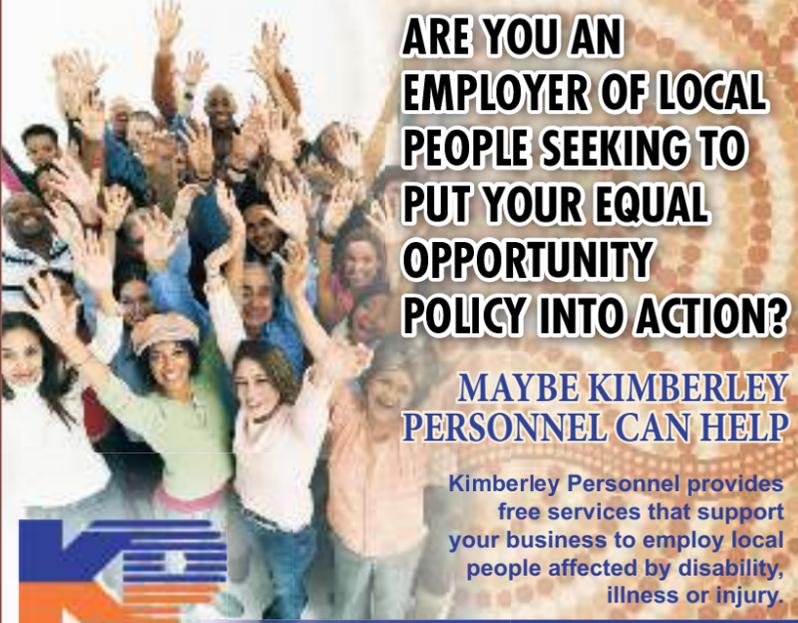
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Halting weed is a tall order

■ **Kandy Curran**
Stopping tall indigo in its tracks on Roebuck Plains, not once but twice, is a good news story that deserves to be spread. This noxious weed was brought into the Pilbara and Kimberley as a garden plant in the 1970s. However, like a lot of introduced species in Australia, the plant liked its new habitat way too much, and the first record of it as a weed was in Port Hedland in 1982. Botanist Andrew Mitchell, who found the invasive weed on Roebuck Plains in 2013 and alerted the Roebuck Bay Working Group and, in turn, Yawuru Country Managers, is pleased to see the small population of tall indigo removed, preventing its rapid spread. "I was concerned as it

looked set to colonise Roebuck Plains, and if left alone, could spread to other Kimberley grasslands," Mr Mitchell said. "The Yawuru Country Manager team removed it in 2013, then again in 2016 upon discovery that the weed had recolonised. "Having recorded its GPS co-ordinates, the Yawuru Country Managers will check the area after each wet season to ensure it doesn't recolonise again on Roebuck Plains." Kandy Curran, of Roebuck Bay Working Group, said having Yawuru Country Managers on-country was very important. "The Yawuru Country Managers take their cultural responsibilities seriously ... and have removed a weed before it invades Roebuck Plains and the Kimberley," she said.



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