



Whadna!



Kimberley Stolen Generation
Aboriginal Corporation

July 2023

Whadna you mob! It's been a while since we've spread some news. Check out what we've been up to these past few months and also some exciting events coming up.



We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the Traditional Custodians of this land and its waters. We pay respect to Elders both past and present of the Aboriginal Nations of Australia and extend that respect to all Aboriginal people who may read this message.



Joanine Howard
Business Manager

Hello, my name is Joanine Howard, I am a descendent of the Stolen Generation both on my mother's and father's side. I have connections to Kija, Yawuru and Jabirr Jabirr peoples. I come with 10+ years of administration and management experience and I'm excited to be able to bring this experience and my skills to support the organisation and to be a part of the KSGAC team, working to fulfil the ambitions of Members and the Board of Directors.

Upcoming Events

- Shinju Matsuri Float Parade
- Shark Cage Program
- Men's Group
- Women's Group
- Healing Arts
- Educational Visits
- Regional Link Up and NRS Visits
- Portraits Exhibition

Keep an eye out for dates on Facebook and our website.



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Womens Well-Being SHARK CAGE

The women's wellbeing group is aimed at improving wellbeing through connection. Using the social and emotional wellbeing framework the women who join our wellbeing group describe thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to get together.

Often women find themselves feeling isolated due to barriers such as lack of transport, health conditions and financial distress - all these things are known to cause poor mental health. Our on-country women's wellbeing gatherings allow women to connect sitting around the fire at crab creek and enjoy some fishing, yarns, whilst connection to country/nature and fresh sea breeze.

The facilitators of the Womens Well-being group have introduced an amazing new program commencing in early August. The program recognises

“there are sharks out there in the world and sometimes it is not possible to avoid them. Having a strong shark cage of human rights can help you to recognise them before they come into your life.”

To find out if this is the right program for you, please call Jariah - 0429 855 189.



Mens Group

Our Community Liaison Officer Alphonse has been deadly in preparing and assisting our Men's Gatherings. His goal for these groups is for our Men to get more involved in the community with casual BBQs paired with yarns, laughs, health workshops, education sessions also just to motivate our men again.

Alphonse is passionate in ensuring the men get to learn some new skills, and share their own with things like Fishing, Net Throwing and Story Telling.

In the most recent session, Alphonse had the help of Men's Outreach and Broome Police.

If this seems fitting for you or someone you know please email Alphonse on clo@ksgac.com.au or call us at 08 9193 6502





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Healing Arts

The Healing Art sessions are a therapeutic program run by our very own Super Woman Cylia Tait (Special Projects Officer), where Stolen Generation members come and do arts and crafts as a small part of their Healing Journey.

The classes give members the opportunity to share yarns, build connections and socialize in a very comfortable environment. This week we created necklaces with our deadly beads, whilst the girls made us a warm soup for this cool weather.

Healing Classes are held fortnightly on Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm. Unless you are notified, all classes will be held at our Office at 28 Barker St.

Please give us a call at reception for more information 08 9193 6502



Xavier College Students and Staff



University of Notre Dame, Medical Students

Education Visits

During the year we have been spoilt by our visitors who are so excited and curious to learn more information about the Stolen Generation and KSGAC. We are in debt to our Grans who are always prepared to share their stories and journeys, Pauline (Link Up Team Leader) who leads the meetings with her endless amount of knowledge of the Stolen Generation and her stories as a descendant. Our Counsellor Claire and Psychologist Jariah also like to share their part in the KSGAC and how they contribute to the healing journey of many descendants.



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Job Vacancies

• *Link Up Counsellor*

KSGAC is seeking a qualified counsellor who can provide trauma informed, culturally appropriate Counselling support. The primary role of the Link-Up counsellor is to facilitate healing and improvements in the well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been affected by past policies and practices of forced removal. This will be achieved through the provision of professional and confidential counselling.



• *Link Up Research Officer*

The Research Officer performs the primary tracing and intensive research function for eligible Link Up clients. A key focus is to undertake detailed genealogical research and analysis to trace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family histories and prepare complex research reports for the purposes of facilitating client reunions. Formal tertiary qualifications and/ or extensive experience in social research, anthropology, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies or similar field would be an advantage.



Aboriginal people with relevant experience and/or working toward qualifications are encouraged to apply. The ability to travel throughout Western Australia including the Kimberley and interstate is essential. Knowledge/experience working with Indigenous organisations and an understanding of the impacts of removal policies would be an advantage.

How to apply for a job pack please email ea@ksgac.com.au stating which position you are interested in. Any questions about either position please contact Catherine on 0499 006 741

Applications close: 8AM 16 August 2023



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Disability Royal Commission

Sharing your experiences can help make changes towards a better way for people with disability. Your experiences do not need to be considered extreme.

If you have felt like you have been done wrong by, you may like to have a chat with our counsellors. Many people in the Kimberley live with disability.

The Disability Royal Commission Targeted Counselling Service provides counselling for people with a disability and their carers, who have experienced discrimination or abuse, wish to tell their stories and/or have been affected by the Royal Commission.

National Redress Scheme

The National Redress Scheme, for people who have experienced institutionalised child sexual abuse is now underway.

KSGAC helps people with confidential applications for redress and can also provide counselling support.

KSGAC Redress team can help survivors who live in the West Kimberley including Broome, Peninsula, Bidadanga, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and all communities within this area.

Link Up

KSGAC provides a Link-Up Service for Indigenous people who have lost touch with their families.

Our Linkup officers are available to help people find information about and locate their family members.

We can also help reunite family members who have not met before. We offer support to make arrangements, provide transport and accommodation and can accompany people.

KSGAC Recognition Shout out



Without a doubt Dowjie is a number 1 visitor to KSGAC for this half of 2023. Every week Dowjie will visit us to check in make sure we in line and doing our jobs. His number 1 line he uses "Anyone seen my bike there, someone stole em." Dowjie is quick with his visits and always keen for a yarn. If you see him out and about cruising, sing out.

Those who need immediate counselling assistance can contact:

- **Beyond Blue** 1300 22 4636
- **Lifeline** 13 11 14 or
- **Lifeline text support** 0477 13 11 14
- **1800 Respect** 1800 737 732
- **Suicide Call Back Service** 1300 659 467
- **Mensline** 1300 78 99 78
- **In an emergency call Triple Zero (000)**



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Womens Well-Being Group enjoying outing at Crab Creek



Gran Georgina Bin Sulaiman and Gran Cinta Sesar at Healing Arts Outing in Chinatown



Psychologist Jariah and Counsellor Claire with Womens Well-Being Group



Womens Well-Being Outing at Crab Creek



Thank you, Kimberley Auto Care, for the detail cleaning on our fleet!



Healing Arts Soup Day preparation

LOGO: The chains are family links. White hands symbolise the European presence and taking of children. Woman and baby represents the love and loss between mother and child. Concept by Kimberley Stolen Generation Members. Based on painting by K. S. McGuire 2001



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Daisy Howard (with Pauline McKenzie) sharing her story with Notre Dame Medical Students



Womens Wellbeing Group at Town Beach outing



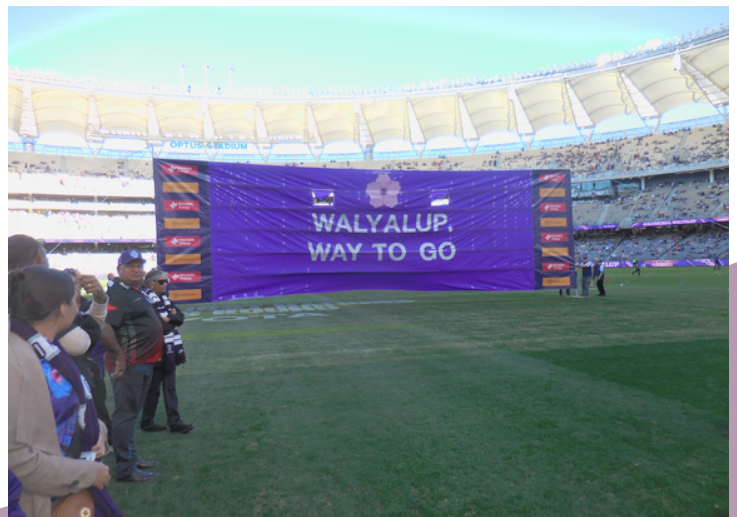
Link Up Caseworker Katrina Francis won award at 2023 Kullari NAIDOC Awards - Outstanding Contribution to Mental Health



KSGAC Staff with Senator Dean Smith - Meeting regarding National Redress Scheme



Stolen Generation Elders with Kimberley Spirit team at National NAIDOC Dockers Game - Fremantle, Perth



Stolen Generation Elders on the Oval in representation of the Sorry Day Flower

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