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A tribute to

Gentle man Jack Trust



A gentle man walked amongst us
He touched us with his presence and his resilience

With no malice, anger or hate for anyone
A chosen disciple of God's good work, is who he is

As Sam once said, you're one in a Million
These words said, rings so so forever true
Everyone that had been touched by you
Have been almost filled with his holy hue

You had the gift of lighting a dark room or a dark heart
You brightened up the most saddened by your love and humility
If there could ever be another name to describe love
Jack Trust you are that degree of human love for eternity

You were a very kind man and showed no burdens
You were the same man from when you were a boy
Time had not changed you, but time had taken its toll
You went to sleep peacefully on the old Wuggubun road

Mr Trust you walked amongst us and you danced on our reason to live
A fine person you will always remain, never too far from our hearts
How can we ever forget the greatness of the man you were?
Yes I say so proudly JT, you're a Gentle Man and a true gentleman of life so far

Written by Mark Bin Bakar 30th June 2015 – Chairperson Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation



The Marumali Program comes to KSGAC

The Marumali Program made its way to the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation with 13 participants joining in a deeply heartfelt and rewarding experience throughout a three day workshop made possible through funding provided by the Healing Foundation.

Marumali is a Gamillaroi word meaning 'to put back together.' The Marumali Program has been running for 20 years, developed and delivered by Stolen Generation Survivor/Educator Aunty Lorraine Peeters. Aunty Lorraine's Daughter/Educator Shaan Peeters co-facilitates giving participants a unique chance to listen and talk through survivors experiences, looking back as Indigenous children in institutions. During the sessions Aunty Lorraine shares her journey with the group. The pair provide; a culturally appropriate, safe, trauma informed

approach helping participants to open up and share their stories. In the workshop participants learn more about the ongoing trauma experienced by individuals, their families and communities as a collective.

Throughout Australia the Marumali program is widely respected; designed to support Stolen Generation people as it has been running for 20 years. Central is the Journey of Healing Model used to create awareness of Stolen Generation experiences and the program helps participants to realise trauma informed practises need to be adopted. The Marumali program allows for participants to recognise triggers, signs of distress and methods to help Stolen Generation Individuals heal at their own pace.

KSGAC member, First Stolen Generation Elder John Cooper spoke on behalf of the group to Aunty

Lorraine and Daughter Shaan. "We will call you mother and you sister. I couldn't get over the example that you are setting for us. Both of you remind us that beautiful people do exist."

KSGAC Board Member Mary Ross is a Second Stolen Generation person who said the workshop had given her strength. "It has helped me to speak up. I will speak up more now."

KSGAC Link-Up Caseworker Rosie Wade said the program was very good. "It helps people to understand more about Australia's past policies. Aunty Lorraine's first hand experiences are shared with participants and her work is to help other Stolen Generation people on their journey of healing too."

For more information on the Marumali Training go to the following link: <https://marumali.com.au/>

In memory of Jack Trust



Jack Trust was born in the bush at GoGo Station near Fitzroy Crossing in 1932. His Mum passed away soon after

he was born so he was raised by her sister, he was known as Sam. He was removed from his family and placed on Moola Bulla Station and given the surname Trust because he was put in the trust of his Auntie Maggie, he was aged around 7 years old. He was taken with his sister Ruby Cox (dec), his older sister Jane Butters who was already in Moola Bulla. His name was changed from Sam to Jack because there were already around six boys with the first name Sam.

Jack grew up in Moola Bulla during the times when many other children and families there were struggling to survive. They just had to pull together and support each other when life got tough. Jack always considered the Moola Bulla kids to be his "family". This is also where he met his wife Bidy and they remained at Moola Bulla until 1955 when it was sold and everyone was advised they had to leave so Jack

and Bidy packed their four children up and left together with Jimmy Andrews, Paddy McGinty, David Fairfield and Sam Lovell to work on Glenroy and Mount House Stations.

Bidy went to live in Halls Creek with the children and in 1958 Jack followed his wife to keep the family together and so the children could get a good education. Jack then got a job at the Wyndham where he worked at several jobs and early in 1959 Bidy and the children joined him.

By 1961 the family grew to six children and they were granted a State Housing Commission home where they finally settled and added three more children to the fold. Jack worked very hard to feed, clothe and protect his family, ensuring they went to school every day, things that he was deprived of as a child.

After many years, Jack and Bidy set up their own community at Wuggubun, this was their own little family community. In 1998 the Wuggubun Community was awarded 2nd place in the Westrac Tidy Towns Competition. One of the highlights for Jack and Bidy was when Prince Harry came to Wuggubun to pay them a visit. He really enjoyed

talking to Prince Harry about the country, Aboriginal traditional ways and cricket.

Another highlight was having a KSGAC Reunion at Wuggubun where many of the Stolen Generation Elders came together to tell stories and enjoy each other's company. Little did they all know that this would be the last time for some. Jack loved having people visit them and was a wonderful host. Jack was also one of the founders of the symbolic flower the Native Cotton/Hibiscus which is now representing all Stolen Generation people and their plight. He was also an original member of the Kimberley Stolen Generation membership and was very proud of the organisation.

Jack was a hardworking man, a strong Christian and loved his family. His unconditional love for his family and friends earned him a place in so many people's hearts and lives.

He loved everyone and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. Sadly Jack left us on the 18th June 2015, he passed away in his beloved Wuggubun. We have all missed him since.



KSGAC NAIDOC turn up truly a day for celebration

The Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation held their annual NAIDOC event Voice, Treaty, Truth, Remember the Stolen Generation with over 250 people coming to celebrate. On the day music was a central focus as the crowd enjoyed impromptu

performances by First Generation and descendants of those who were taken away due to past government policies. 14 service providers held activity and information stalls to encourage people to utilise the services available in Broome.



■ KSGAC Chairperson Dr Mark Bin Bakar and Goolari team outside Broadcast with interviewee Nini Mills.

KSGAC NAIDOC Event

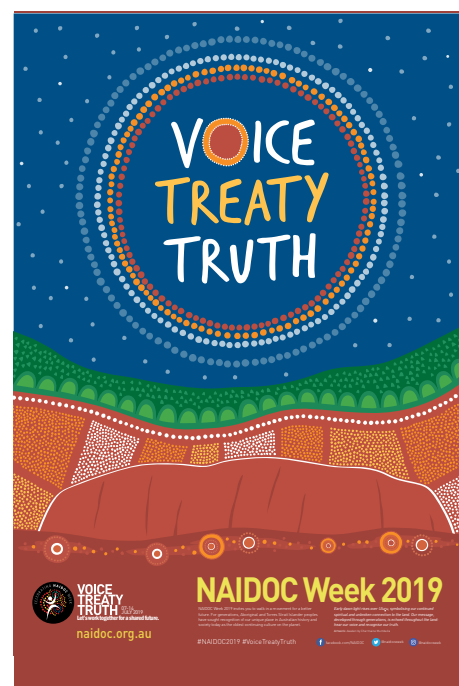
KSGAC was supported by Broome High School's Girls Academy students and Anglicare and Centacare offered donations of food. We really appreciate the Centacare staff and other volunteers who lent a hand on the day during serving.

Chairperson Dr Mark Bin Bakar said, "The 2019 NAIDOC theme Voice, Treaty, Truth gives us a chance to reflect on Australia's recent history and the impact on us as Aboriginal people and our families. We praise each other for the myriad of ways

that we move forward as a people to help each-other and thrive."

Dr Bin Bakar said it's up to all Australian's to work together.

/// Throughout NAIDOC we come together with Non-Indigenous Australian's and shape our country. So many people are on board and through this years' theme we are reminded that there is still a long way to go."





■ Time for song: Kathy Watson and Ginger Cox



■ KSGAC 1st Generation and 2nd Generation people cut the NAIDOC cake

Kullari NAIDOC 2019 Voice Treaty Truth-Remember the Stolen Generation Community event



KSGAC happy to help members and visitors to Broome



Stolen Generation members enjoy each-other's company



Services supporting the event





■ Impromptu performance Natalie Dean singing in Yawuru what a joy to see and hear at KSGAC's NAIDOC event.



■ Philip Pigram and Francis Cox.

Family and Friends Many connections to the Stolen Generation

What is Link-Up?

The KSGAC Link-Up Service is about reuniting Aboriginal people affected by past government policies of forced removal. Our KSGAC Link-Up Caseworkers work with clients on a one on one basis to assist in searching for lost family and if successful, arrange a reunion.

The KSGAC Link-Up Service must give priority to First Generation clients, especially the elderly and those requiring urgent assistance due to health concerns.

It's about healing, reuniting family, re-connection to country, a sense of belonging and identity.

New Staff: Our KSGAC team is growing. We welcome new staff members; Suzette Edgar, Mary Lane and Lisa Burton who are new to our Link-Up and Redress teams covering Broome and the Kimberley region. They have already been instrumental in assisting clients with very helpful information.

Heard about Redress?

KSGAC Redress workers are assisting people with National Redress Scheme Applications and Referrals for counselling support. Redress is for people who have experienced institutionalised child sexual abuse. Where we go, Broome, Bidyadanga, Dampier Peninsula.

For immediate counselling assistance please contact:

- Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
- Lifeline 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)



KSGAC Link-Up Team Leader Pauline McKenzie wins a prestigious Kullari Award

During the Kullari NAIDOC Ball Pauline was awarded the Voice, Treaty, Truth award for her dedication to locate and link Stolen Generation people with their families.

As Pauline's name was called out she said she was shocked but also happy. "I never thought I would be nominated or receive a NAIDOC Award. I have always wanted one, never thought I would get one but now I have." She laughed.

"I am so surprised." She said. Pauline received the award as her daughter Melanie and many other friends cheered her on.

KSGAC truly appreciates Pauline's leadership as Dr Mark Bin Bakar explains.

Pauline demonstrates integrity and through her diligence with the Data Entry project has located a number of Stolen Generation people's buried in unmarked graves."

"Pauline has transitioned to the Link-Up Team Leader and is able to help staff with their ongoing cases that can lead towards a number of different reunions. Pauline is a courageous second generation person. Pauline's mother was taken away as a child from her family.

Pauline's level of understanding of Stolen Generation people's experiences is very deep and we are very glad she works with us here." Dr Bin Bakar said.

KSGAC Stolen Generation flowers are on sale all year round



Please purchase your flowers for Reunions, commemorations, special events and occasions. Orders can be placed on our website or you can buy in person at KSGAC.

To Order Stolen Generation Flowers

Go to our KSGAC Shop - <https://www.kimberleystolengeneration.com.au/product-category/flowers/>

KSGAC Stolen Generation flowers gain the National Australia Bank's (NAB) support

KSGAC Stolen Generation Flower make their way to Major Bank NAB thanks to JAWUN Secondee Catherine Prosser.

Here is Catherine Prosser NAB's Senior Consultant Channel Management – Acquiring & HICAPS Story,

"My adventure with JAWUN started on May 19th with my flight from Melbourne to Broome."

"As a group the JAWUN secondees visited KSGAC a couple of days into our six week secondment. The presentation was both emotional and uplifting and we were all overcome with the huge impact of the Stolen Generation."

Catherine was placed in the West Kimberley town of Fitzroy Crossing. "My brief was working at KALACC in



■ NAB staff wearing the KSGAC Stolen Generation flower.

Fitzroy Crossing on the importance of Cultural Camps for Women. We held a wonderful healing camp at Windjana Gorge for Bunuba and Ngarinyin women."

"Since I've been back in Melbourne and back at my role in NAB I want to raise awareness of the Stolen Generation, the whole picture of the

generations affected. My aim is to get the beautiful and significant KSGAC Stolen Generation flowers in all branches and offices of the NAB, with a launch on May 26th 2020."

KSGAC sincerely thanks NAB and Catherine for the support and for her willingness to work with us on highlighting Stolen Generation issues.

KSGAC Recognises Fremantle Football Clubs ongoing support

Fremantle FC have been recognised by the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation for continuing to show support and raise awareness of the Stolen Generations.

The club featured the Sorry Day Flower on their Indigenous guernseys, with the permission of the KSGAC, and purchased Sorry Day pins for players, coaches and staff to wear during Sir Doug Nicholls Round and National Reconciliation Week.

Fremantle also welcomed Elders and KSGAC staff during the club's round 10 Sir Doug Nicholls Round game against Brisbane, which included a half-time visit from non-playing players and access to the change rooms to meet players and coaches after the game.

Hanisi Fitzhardinge, the KSGAC Executive Officer, presented the club with a certificate to acknowledge this ongoing support.

In return, the club presented the KSGAC with a signed Indigenous jumper for display in their Broome office as a sign of the club's gratitude for being able to feature the Sorry Day Flower on their Indigenous guernseys.

In 1996 the Kimberley Stolen Generation Committee was formed with representatives from all the working groups. The committee was incorporated in 2001 as the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation.



■ Story Courtesy of Fremantle Football Club

R U OK?

In September KSGAC staff focused on R U OK? a national suicide prevention campaign. We've had; posters up, bright yellow bandanna, wristbands on and assisted with promoting the official day on the 12th of September via the website, facebook page and through an interview on the ABC Kimberley Regional Morning Program. Via social media posts more than 689 viewed the KSGAC R U OK? Information.

In the Healing Art group special activities including screening R U OK? Indigenous DVD's focused on the steps to help friends and family.

The Healing Art group round table discussion demonstrated there are many different people to reach out to; grandparents, friends and services. The Healing Art group shared knowledge showing it's a strong part of Aboriginal culture to support each-other. Continuing the focus on mental health the Kimberley made 'Snap into Life' Board game was played.

For more support visit your local Aboriginal Medical Service, GP or Hospital.

There are a number phone supports you can call; Contact: Lifeline: 13 11 14, Men'sline: 1300 78 99 78, Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800, Suicide Call back Service: 1300 659 467



■ R U OK Healing Art group



■ R U OK Healing Art group



A Voice for the Stolen Children

Aunty Lorraine Peeters and Dr Bin Bakar's Canberra Speech

We acknowledge the 10th Anniversary of the Healing Foundation and acknowledge the achievements to date. We must not breach the moral fibre and the constitutional objectives of the spirit and essence of the Bringing them Home report into the future. In the name of all Stolen Generation people we must not allow it to be watered down by futuristic thinkers immune to the trauma and suffering of this past negative policies and we must not forget the past suffering and the hurt of our Stolen Generation people, their mothers and their families. Healing starts with those who need to be healed first, we need to heal ourselves from the invasive trauma imposed on our people.

We are not talking about holding onto the past but respecting the History, Lest we forget. After all our



■ KSGAC member John Cooper, Chairperson Dr Mark Bin Bakar, Board Member Mary Ross, CEO Tania Bin Bakar, Staff member William Pollock, Board member John Ross & Vice Chairman Greg Tait-Heading to the Healing Foundation's 10th Anniversary

Stolen Generation people across Australia poured out their stories and hearts to share and tell the story of removal. We must honour the memories of all Stolen Generations and those who are not here with us today. Furthermore, we must never forget those who had fought the fight long before the establishment of the Healing Foundation. The Healing Foundation is a product of the Bringing Them Home report.

Stolen Generation people morally, own this entity. White Australia failed us, please don't let our people fail us as well. We must never lose sight of why we are here; we need to keep the fires burning, the fire of hope. We must never lose sight of why we are here, let's make the next ten years brave, bold and consistent with the aspirations of all Stolen Generation people."

KSGAC Assists Lawford Family with Headstone for Uncle Billy

There is much work to be done around the Kimberley to locate or erect headstones for deceased Stolen Generation Aboriginal people.

Lawford family message:

/// On behalf of the Lawford Family we thank Kimberley Stolen Generation for the support of purchasing the headstone for Mr William 'Bill' Billy Lawford."

Recently KSGAC paid for Uncle Billy Lawford's headstone as part of our "Stolen Generation Cemetery and Database Project. On Saturday



■ Lawford Family

6th of July family unveiled the headstones of Mr and Mrs Lawford at Beagle Bay Cemetery.

In order to continue with the very

important tasks involved in the "Stolen Generation Cemetery and Database" project more funding is needed.

KSGAC Education sessions succeed

KSGAC Education sessions succeed in growing greater awareness in the wider Community and with Kimberley youth.

Each year KSGAC conducts a number of education sessions with schools from primary, through to University level. This year KSGAC has been creating more links with schools in order to help students understand the impact on the Stolen Generation and their families.

In June alone KSGAC recorded 7 education sessions delivered at the office or in schools. During sessions KSGAC utilise the Healing Foundations new Stolen Generations Resource Kit for Teachers and Students. Teachers were guided to find the resources and encouraged to continue with the kit when returning to their schools.

During each visit the Healing Foundation animations and several Kimberley First Generation digital recordings were shown. Face to face opportunities to connect with Stolen Generation people occurred.

We'd like to thank Derby Hold Rosary School, Beagle Bay Sacred Heart School, Broome Primary School, Genazanno FCJ, Xavier College, Broome Senior High School and the University of Notre Dame for their studies around National Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC.

Participants joined in with Healing art activities such as card affirmations, bath bombs and Protective behaviour Magic Hands.



University of Notre Dame students with KSGAC Staff and members.



University of Notre Dame Students with First Stolen Generation Yvonne Cox.



Derby Holy Rosary School



Beagle Bay Sacred Heart School.

Education is the Key



■ KSGAC Vice-Chair Greg Tait with students

For more information on the Healing Foundation kit. Go to the following link:
<https://healingfoundation.org.au/schools/>

Through KSGAC yarning circles principles of healing are applied and the Magic Hands gave Teachers and Youth the opportunity to name support people on their drawn hands. KSGAC recognises the importance of family. For the KSGAC NAIDOC event the Magic hands were placed on sticks to form a sea of purple hands. Purple represents the colour of Healing and the Stolen Generation. After the NAIDOC event the hands were returned to the groups involved.

We encourage other Kimberley schools to contact the KSGAC to arrange an education session.

Lot's to be learnt over a cup of Tea at KSGAC

Sam Lovell is a Kimberley First Generation KSGAC member renowned for his work in the Kimberley Cattle Industry and Aboriginal tourism.

Sam's contribution to tourism has awarded him the Sir David Brand Tourism Award in 1988 and the Commonwealth Recognition Award for Senior Australians in 2000. Sam and his wife have an award named after them, The Sam and Rosita Lovell Tourism Award. In 2003 Sam was recognised in the Australia Day Honours list and received the Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Sam is a Nykinya elder who lives in Derby and on a recent trip to Broome came into the KSGAC with a number of amazing photos from his youth as a stockman. Over a cup of tea Sam relayed stories about his time working on cattle stations



■ Sam Lovell with Jawun Secondees Handri Tjhia and Katie Sawford

as a Stockman, Boundary rider and Saddle maker.

KSGAC staff were glad to listen to Sam as he reflected on how things have changed over time. Two Jawun Secondees Handri Tjhia and Katie Sawford said they were lucky to have met Sam. Handri said, spending time with a Kimberley Stolen Generation person was very special. "Sam is inspiring. What Sam knows about the region brings a lot of value to people

like us from Jawun and other people in the Australian community."

Sam's visit coincided with a Broome Country Music club event where he will perform.

To read more on Sam's achievements go to the following link: <https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2017/09/Photo-and-video-archive-to-document-life-of-Mr-Kimberley.aspx>

KSGAC Men's Retreat

Aboriginal people know country is a good place to be together and that's just what occurred during a men's camp at Yeeda Station. The location was chosen to give the Kimberley Stolen Generation and Redress clients the chance to unwind in the bush supported by the KSGAC team.

Several of the men grew up on Cattle Stations in the Kimberley and most have connections. In their earlier days several group members had worked as Stockman employing many skills to make pastoral stations succeed. Aboriginal people were often called the backbone of the cattle industry. During the trip Yeeda Stations Peter Burton took the men to see the mustering and loading that was happening at the time and also sat down for a good yarn with the men making them feel welcome and at home.

Yeeda meaning water is located at the mouth of the Fitzroy River. To

get together the men were willing to travel hundreds of kilometres and the amount of laughter clearly indicated that the camp felt right for the individuals who formed the group. During the night by the camp fire the men talked about the day's activities and shared stories about their experiences.

KSGAC recognises peaceful environments where people feel safe help our people with healing. Coming together helped the men to build on their relationships and trust with other participants and KSGAC Link-Up and Redress staff.



KSGAC joins in the KAMSC and community Suicide Prevention walk



More than 200 people unite and commemorate loved ones.



Wuggubun Back to Country Reunion to Celebrate Mrs Biddy Trust on her 90th Birthday

A wonderful return to country reunion held in the East Kimberley saw more than 150 people gather at Wuggubun to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Stolen Generation member Biddy Trust.

Many Stolen Generation people and their descendants came together for several days to be with Biddy and her family. Most were amazed that Biddy stayed up into the wee hours of the morning talking with family and friends.

KSGAC helped people living in the West Kimberley with transportation and accommodation and a bus of excited members and carers travelled more than 1000 kilometres to get to the small community not far from Kununurra.

The KSGAC bus stopped several times so members could take in country and also visit loved ones graves along the way. During the



■ KSGAC members and carers en route to Wuggubun



■ Centre: Mrs Biddy Trust and family

reunion members also made it to Wyndham to sit with other Stolen Generation people. Not a precious moment was wasted.

/// Back to Country Reunions are vital to Stolen Generation people's wellbeing."

KSGAC Chairman Dr Mark Bin Bakar said, "It's never to be underestimated the strength that Kimberley Stolen Generation people gain as they travel back to country to see people and family who they have shared so much with in the early years than right throughout their life.

Biddy is an elder and we were honoured to be with this beautiful welcoming person who has so much kindness for everyone. It was so good to see Biddy's family surrounding her and many people who are connected right across the Kimberley to her. There were many descendants too. Some of our members had grandchildren as carers and there is so much they will get out of this experience.

History, connections, a sense of place, to know how people are connected and to feel the country, it helps us



■ Mrs Biddy Trust's birthday celebrations

more than words can explain. It's belonging that everything feels right.

People like Biddy show us what peace there is in being in the bush, to live a good life and a full one with her family.

The community of Wuggubun is

strong. The time spent there was full of stories and laughter, dancing and good food. Our members were given accommodation at Wuggubun and we are very grateful for the chance to spend time with Biddy and her extended family.



The Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation is proudly supported by the Healing Foundation, The National Indigenous Australian's agency, the Department of Social Services and the Shire of Broome.

We hope you've liked our KSGAC news. This year our news appeared in the Kimberley Profile, the Kimberley Echo, the National Link-Up Magazine, the Koori Mail Newspaper and in our Whadna Newsletter and website.



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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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