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Queensland

Clay Reunion

My name is Naraja Clay and I am a 20 year old Kalkadoon (Mt Isa) and Bwgcolman (Palm Island) woman. This isn't something I always identified with until recently.

I grew up in a white foster home with my twin brother up until the age of 13. Our carers weren't equipped with any knowledge nor sought out any knowledge about our culture. We were always told all the negative media portrayals of Aboriginals, especially after the death in custody on Palm Island (my home community). This shaped a lot of my identity and views of other Aboriginal people.

My brother cottoned onto this situation long before I did and so he was kicked out of the foster home and sent to live with my aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and mum. He lived up in Townsville for nearly 10 months before he came back down to Brisbane and we lived together for a little bit, however I was just about to move to Port Stephens with my carers as I had been offered a position in a selective school in Newcastle. My brother ultimately didn't end up moving down with us and stayed in Brisbane, eventually moving back up to Townsville.

In February 2013 I got a call from my brother saying mum had passed away in a car accident.

I had a very long drawn out process of mourning because at the time I didn't even know if I deserved to mourn her death because I had never seen her as a child or teenager.

In early 2017 I moved back to Brisbane after realising that I needed to be closer to my brother and to finally figure out my cultural identity as I was starting to do some work in the community sector around Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues but soon realised that I didn't even know anything about my family and the history.

Things had also gotten a bit complicated with my family as Child Safety and my carers wouldn't allow me to travel up to Palm Island for her funeral.

A friend of mine suggested that maybe I give Link-Up (Qld) a call. I did some research into what Link-Up (Qld) did and if I would even be eligible. I was eligible and before I knew it my family history was starting to get collated into a document and we started talking about a reunion back to Palm Island, so I could see my mums grave.

As the history was being collected, we talked about what the reunion would look like. Sharron Jackson (my caseworker) contacted my Aunt Liz and my brothers and sisters to plan the reunion. When



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experiences I have ever had in my life, talking to my sisters and brothers and spending quality time with them. I also got to meet some of my other nieces and nephews who I hadn't met before. It was such a beautiful afternoon down by The Strand.



We all had an early night as we had to be up early the next morning for our flight over to Palm Island. Waking up in Townsville on my birthday was such an awesome feeling and knowing that I was on the trip of a lifetime, finally getting to see my family just amplified the excitement. Most of the anxiety that I had been having the day before had disappeared and I was keen to get over to the island.



I was welcomed home by my aunties and uncles, and they took me down to my mum's gravesite to finally sit down and be with her. We went back a bit later with the staff from Link-Up (Qld) and we decorated her grave with flowers and took a couple photos. My brother and I spent some time just sitting there talking to mum and appreciating the fact that we were both here with mum spending time together.



We had lunch in the park with some of my aunties and uncles and met more cousins and other family on Palm. To top off the awesome day that we'd had, we went to dinner with Sharron, Kathy and Sam.

The next day we spent exploring a little bit of the island and driving with my brother showing me different places he lived and stayed and where mum had lived and stayed. We got to meet some more of my family that we hadn't met the day before.

Flying back into Townsville was tough because I felt like I still hadn't been home long enough. However, my brother and I have since made plans to go back home and spend some more quality time up there with family and we'll get to explore the island more next time.

Thank you to Link-Up (Qld) for your support and encouragement through this journey, it was a tough but well rewarding and soul filling experience. Thank you to Sharron, Kathy, Sam and my brother Taz for your support and coming with me on my reunion.

we started talking about available dates, the first one we could agree on happened to be the day before our 20th birthday. So, by the time all the planning was done and my family history, including a copy of my mum's death certificate was delivered, it was organised that my reunion was to take place on our birthday!

The night before we flew out to Townsville was so full of anticipation and anxiety, I hardly slept. We got up early and made our way to the airport to meet Sharron and Sam Watson Jr. Sam's grandfather, Uncle Sam Sr grew up with my mum and aunties and uncles. It was so surreal and comforting knowing that we were also going up with another family member.

When we landed we met up with another Link-Up (Qld) Regional Manager (and Counsellor) Kathy Bobongie, soon we were off to the hotel to set up for the first reunion, my sibling reunion.

The anxiety before seeing and meeting them all was unreal, however as soon as they started turning up, the anxiety disappeared and I was suddenly surrounded by my family. It was one of the most amazing



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Mary Broome Story

My name is Mary Broome, I contacted Link-Up (Qld) in April 2017 in hopes of finding some recorded information on my grandfather's family. My Grandfather was Jimmy Possum who was found in a hollow log by a white trooper after a massacre in the Ravenshoe, North Queensland area and was placed with Rachel and John Murray at Cashmere station by the trooper's sister. They later moved to Kirtleton Station near Cardwell.

According to my research Grandfather was born in Cardwell between 1864 and 1865 which is approximately 173km by road from Ravenshoe. A newspaper article relating to the death of Mrs. John Murray in February 1931 suggests that grandfather was adopted by the Murray family when he was young. Mrs John Murray was Rachel Murray nee Little, the daughter of John Little who took up Rosedale Station near Bundaberg in the 1850s. Rachel married John Murray in 1859, John Murray was in charge of the Cardwell Native Police Camp in 1860s and early 1870s. After John passed away in 1876 Rachel and their children returned to Rosedale Station including my Grandfather Jimmy where he was a stockman for many years.

Link-Up (Qld) caseworker Joshua Thompson came to visit me in Innisfail and asked if I would like to go to Rosedale station where the home that my Grandfather spent most of his life is still standing and is now heritage listed. My family had been to the vertical slab house at Rosedale Station and I heard stories over the years about the big lagoon. I would always picture this lagoon, so I thought it

would be a great opportunity to go and see for myself where grandfather lived and worked.

Our Journey begun when Joshua picked my daughter Gloria and I up to travel to the Cairns Airport to fly to Brisbane. Once we arrived in Brisbane we were kindly greeted by Link-Up (Qld) staff Natalie Harrison (Counsellor) and Sam Watson Jnr (Multimedia). The five of us then boarded our next flight to Bundaberg. The very next morning we drove forty five minutes north to Rosedale, we talked and laughed on the way mostly about koalas, the landscape and food which was very comforting for me. Once we arrived in Rosedale Sam took photos of us in the area and even the church that my Grandfather built. Soon after we drove across the highway towards Rosedale Station. Once we arrived we met with Lee the current owner of Rosedale Station who took us through the Vertical Slab House and gave us some more information on Grandfather Jimmy. The Vertical Slab House was amazing. It has been standing for all these years and the wood hasn't rotted away, Lee stated that the name of the wood is unknown and that he had a person who worked with wood for over thirty years come to inspect it, even he couldn't tell Lee what sort of wood it was. Lee was very welcoming and said he is trying to get the Vertical Slab House lifted and have tours there once or twice a week and would like for me and the family to go back once it has been completed. Lee also stated that Grandfather was a much respected man, great stockman and had better manners than anybody and was much loved by the Little family who had erected a headstone at the Bundaberg cemetery where grandfather is buried.

The next day we picked up some flowers and a little cactus and went to the resting place of Grandfather Jimmy Possum at the Bundaberg cemetery. Even there we were in good spirits and our presence surrounded with joy and laughter.

While we were in Bundaberg Sam Watson Jnr recorded some of my story that I can pass onto generations to come. I'd like to sincerely thank Link-Up (Qld) for all they do from research to reunions. It's been a great journey with you all and I look forward to the upcoming Healing Camp all the best.



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Josephine Murray Reunion

My name is Josephine Barbara Murray, I was born on the 9th January 1966 on Dunbar Station along the banks of the Mitchell River. My father, George Joseph Murray, was also born around 1927 on the Mitchell River Mission and my mother, Lucy Geraldine Footscray was born in 1932 at Mapoon Mission.

I first heard of Link-Up (Qld) when I was working at a remote community as a Community Support Worker. I was aware that there was family who lived there who possibly knew more about my childhood than I did at the time. I contacted Link-Up (Qld) to find out more about my family and to bring closure to many years of family arguments and disagreements of being taken away and being raised differently from other family members – and not being given a place of belonging and true sense of identity.

From memory, when I was about 5 years old, my brother and sister and I were taken from our parents at Koolatah Station and flown to Weipa Airport where we were met by an Anglican priest who took us in a 4WD truck to Coen Inland Mission to be educated. I thought that we would go home regularly to Koolatah Station for the school holidays but that didn't happen very often due to my mother falling very ill after my birth. When I was 9 years old, we were taken back to Normanton to be close to our mother before her death in 1975. It was really difficult for both my mother and I. I was the youngest child and the separation and time away from each other meant that we hardly knew each other. My siblings and I were living in a hostel in Normanton and were cared for by two nuns. I wasn't allowed to grieve for my mother and my emotions were buried inside me.

I was excited when caseworker, Sylvia Wright from Link-Up (Qld) organised a meeting to deliver my research. A reunion was later organised for me to visit Mapoon where my grandparents Frank Footscray and Lois Curry had lived and where my dear mother, Lucy Footscray was born.



Sylvia and Kathleen from Link-Up and I travelled to Weipa on the 20th September and met up with Ricky Guivarra who escorted us to his home community of Mapoon the following day. One of the biggest highlights of the trip was when Ricky gave me some significant information about my mother's family and then showed me a photo of my mother when she was 18. I was stunned as I don't have any photos of my mother and kept staring at my mother's face – I couldn't get over how much I looked like her. I felt very emotional.

Ricky showed us around Mapoon and sprung another great surprise on me, he took me to the block of land where my grandparent's had lived and where my mother was born. The homestead



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was long gone and the only thing left standing was an old dunny. I walked on the land, I felt that I was returning, her baby, the only difference was that I was an adult with children of my own. I rubbed my feet in the hot red dirt and walked through ashes where fire had been. I felt at peace with myself. The butterflies that greeted me were memories of Coen Inland Mission days where we would find chrysalises and watch them develop into butterflies. This gave me an interest in butterflies and helped keep my mind off waiting to return home to my parents. Another important creature also appeared, a Torres Strait pigeon sitting up in the trees and letting me know that it was there. I felt emotional again, so many memories of my mother swirled in my mind. I felt a sense of belonging, a connection to my mother. It was a place for me to start healing, years of tears and sadness for a woman who died with a broken heart searching for her stolen children.

We also visited the site of the Old Mapoon Mission and walked in the sand of some of the most beautiful beaches. I washed my

hands in the sparkling blue ocean as a sign of respect for the people of the land.

I had mixed emotions during the reunion trip, sometimes moments of great sadness, other times feelings of happiness to be back walking on the country where my mother was born. I couldn't stop some of the grief that was bottled up for so long from coming out of me. I still haven't washed the special dress I wore when I visited my mother's birth place. Somehow I feel that if I wash it, it will erase those special memories of my mother.

I still have a lot of questions and need some more answers but the research and the reunion trip has helped my healing journey. I am a strong believer in moving forward as, however painful, the past cannot be changed. I would like to have a family gathering next year and share some of the information and photos that I have from the trip. Thank you Link-Up (Qld) and to Ricky Guivarra who enriched my life with the photo of my mother and took me to the place she was born.

Western Australia - Yorgum

Yorgum - LinkUp Perth Western Australia

NAIDOC celebrations occurred during the week of 8th-15th July 2018, in Perth Western Australia, with the theme , Because of Her We Can.... How special it was to honour, pay our respect, reflect and recognize our Women, both past and present.

Yorgum attended and participated in the Ashfield Family Day in Ashfield. This yearly event brings Community agencies, Government and the public sector together, promoting their services to the Aboriginal and the general Community. It is always well attended and this year was no different. There were many stalls and displays, with entertainment for all ages, along with food. There were at least one thousand people in attendance on this day.

Staff who were involved with the Stall this year included Researchers, Caseworkers, Administration and a Work Force Support person. The group had promotional bags to give away to the public, and provided information about the Services which are offered at Yorgum including Family Research, Reunions and Back to Country Events, Counselling, Clinical Counselling, Redress Service. Old black and photographs were displayed in an album, which attracted a number of the public's interest.

An art board, which had been decorated by Link Up Staff, celebrating the NAIDOC Theme attracted many women out of curiosity to our stall. The background of the board had been painted blue, depicting the colour of the Nyoongar Season, Djeran and, many different pictures of women were placed on the bottom section of art piece. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours were used to provide an outline of the women using paint,

beads and wool. As members of the public approached the Yorgum Stall, they were invited to reflect on this year's theme, and write a message about a Grandmother, Aunt, Sister or some other inspirational Aboriginal Woman whom they considered, had left a lasting effect on himself or herself. These messages were stuck on the board with a button attached to the message. The button symbolizing the "holding together" of Families. This was an opportunity for the public to share some of their story with our workers as they reflected and wrote their messages, and at times different emotions surfaced. This was an inspirational activity, which not only engaged members of the community, but also gave the opportunity for people to acknowledge and reflect on the Women in their lives who made a difference.



Mental Health Week 7th – 14th October, 2018

"Drumming and Yarning In The Park"

At Wellington Park

As part of Mental Health Week 2018 Yorgum Link Up were invited to be part of a working party involved in the organisation and implementation of the community event "Drumming In The Park".

The event was held at Wellington Park, in East Perth and was to promote awareness and understanding of health issues associated with health and wellbeing.

There were four different Aboriginal organisations that provided support by having tables set up with different activities and displaying promotional material for each group.

Clients were involved with a variety of activities including drumming, face painting and yarning.

The consensus for the day was that everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and had a good time.

Western Australia - KSGAC

AIATSIS meet up with KSGAC Caseworkers

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has met with Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation Link-Up Caseworkers to discuss accessing archival resources. AIATSIS aims to develop, preserve and provide access to a national collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage; AIATSIS is located in Canberra but held its annual Conference on Native Title in Broome.

AIATSIS had a public stall where access to the Database was available free of charge and KSGAC member Leonie Kelly visited the site. Leonie Kelly said, "It was great, I just typed in the name of my people and information come up. It was privilege to go and to have access on the spot instead of going to Canberra. It was an eye opener. I was looking for mum and dad and I had some luck."

KSGAC Office Link-up Caseworkers Paula Ellis and James Feehan met with AIATSIS Family History Unit's Sheri Dean and Liz Kerchel relayed the important collection contains many different materials such as; film, audio recordings, written and photo materials. KSGAC clients are able to request information on behalf of clients through a KSGAC Link-Up Caseworker.

Pictured Right: AIATSIS Family History Unit Staff Liz Keschel, Sheryl Dean with Link-Up Caseworkers James Feehan and Paula Ellis.



Above: Broome Mental Health Week Link up Caseworkers Maureen Pigram and Paula Ellis.



Notre Dame Medical Students expand on the importance of Social and Emotional Wellbeing when working with Indigenous people.



This year KSGAC has welcomed more than 70 Notre Dame University Medical Students during education and cultural awareness sessions. During the visit the students learnt about the forced removal of Aboriginal Children from their families and human rights issues.

The members talked about the need for Medical Practitioners to have an awareness of Social and Emotional Well-Being issues to help Aboriginal people. KSGAC CEO Tania Bin Bakar discussed the services role of assisting Stolen Generation Members with Counselling Support, Link-up, the National Redress Scheme and wellbeing projects.

During the visit the students heard personal accounts of several members. The Medical students were encouraged to gain enough tools to help Indigenous people with Social and Emotional Well-being issues and to think about emotional wounds inside of Indigenous patients to provide better support. The Students were encouraged to seek guidance from Indigenous Medical Staff whose role is key in understanding patients, health and families. Indigenous Doctor Kim Isaac was present during the morning visit and gave her unique practice experiences and perspective on closing the Gap.



Above: Members with University of Notre Dame medical students

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Kimberley Stolen Generation IN BRIEF

We are continuing with inquires as people come in to ask for help finding their family. This indicates to us there is still so much work to be done to assist Indigenous people or their relatives who have been affected by past government policies of forced child removal.

We have had a positive year but one also marked with sadness and we pay our respects to a number of our Senior Kimberley Stolen Generation people who have now passed. We have helped with travel arrangements for our members to travel to several funeral and commemoration services and financial support for funeral services of 1st Generation elders.

We have a new website and we'd really like you to have a look around. Feedback so far has been really positive.
Go to: <https://www.kimberleystolengeneration.com.au>

Our service is growing and on our website you'll see who we are, what we do and also our dedicated Board Members and staff.

On the KSGAC Website you can get in early to purchase your Sorry Day Flowers. As Postage around Australia can take several weeks and we don't want anyone to be disappointed.

Our staff are constantly working through research to help our clients and any new information helps to build a better picture which we hope leads to an outcome which could be of a reunion, face to face, back to country or a gravesite or a mission.

To build on our skills; training is ongoing and staff are working through numerous courses and workshops; First Aid, Cultural awareness, Certificate 4 in Stolen Generation Family Research and Case management and also Research Training with Yorgum.

We have restructured our Link-up Service to place Pauline McKenzie in a Team Leader's role to ensure the team has supports in place to best service clients on their journey.

Our Redress team now includes and Male and Female Worker Servicing Broome, Bidadanga and the Dampier Peninsula and helping people with applications.

Our Healing Art Classes are always positive as our members spend time together and participate in new activities.

We will also be looking forward to undertaking new programs in 2019.



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Promotional event and coverage JULY TO DECEMBER 2018

Throughout the year the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation organises a number of promotional and information sessions offering the service throughout the region.

The Link-Up Team and Senior Counsellor travel extensively to help with family tracing and reuniting Aboriginal people who have been effected by past government policies of forced removal.

The Redress Team currently service Broome, Bidadanga and the Dampier Peninsula.

In the past six months we have met people at our regional and local promotional stalls in Halls Creek Shire Park, both of Broome's shopping Centres, Bidadanga, the Dampier Peninsula, Kununurra, Moongardi community, Red Hill- Lundja Community's Warlawurru Catholic School, Warmun community Centre, and Wyndham's Ngnowah Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation. In Kununurra, Fitzroy Crossing and Derby shopping areas and the Looma local store we have also had stall. As a result of the promotional work client numbers have now increased.

The KSGAC works with many other service providers who are located in the Kimberley communities and they allow us to set up at their sites in order for community members to gain the help they need through Link-Up and the Redress Scheme. An example of this is through the Bidadanga Administration office, Health and Aged Care Facility and the Kullari Regional Incorporated office (KRCI).

As the number of people who come forward for Redress Support increases so too does their need to feel safe and secure through the process. With this in mind the Redress Workers are conscious of people's right to privacy and through the support of the other services rooms are made available to keep client confidentiality.

Female Redress Worker Hayati Jaffrey said building up trust with other services and individuals is very important. 'KSGAC's Redress team currently covers Bidadanga, Broome and the Dampier Peninsula communities.'

"We assist people who are eligible with applications if they were effected by Child Abuse within an institution, such as an orphanage, a sporting group or through a church organisation. We need to go through people's story when they apply and we are very conscious that trust is key in helping people. The number of people stepping forward for redress support is increasing and when we meet with people they might want general information about the process. They might be asking for the information for themselves or even for a family member or friend."

"Thanks to the relationship we have with other services we can use their office spaces and applications can take place without others in the community knowing people's business." said Female Redress Worker Hayati Jaffrey."

Shinju Matsuri

Shinju Matsuri Festival Parade - Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation message well received. The KSGAC participated in the 2018 Shinju float Parade. More than 4000 people watched the parade and continuous claps of applause and praise were given as the KSGAC float passed in a sea of purple with life size National Sorry Day Flowers, Stolen Generation members, their grandchildren and staff walking and seated on the float.

The day was very special for the team and the KSGAC was the only social justice float in the Parade and one of three Indigenous groups highlighting their roles in the community. On the KSGAC float the Link-Up and Redress staff hand-painted signs, streamers and Healing Art murals were proudly displayed.

Local participant Betty Dixon said the day was very special. "To have so many people wave to us felt good. We all walked and felt strong. To have our children with us felt right."



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FLOAT PARADE



RECONCILIATION MATCH

10 KSGAC Members and Staff recently travelled to the MCG as part of the AFL Indigenous Round during Reconciliation week. Our KSGAC members acted as the Official Guard of Honour for the Fremantle Dockers before their match against Collingwood Magpies.

The Dockers Guernsey design included the Sorry Day Flower and the team Banner displayed the flower with the words emblazoned, "The symbol of strength and resilience." 32,000 people attended the match and the core message was respecting and acknowledgement of the Stolen Generation and Reconciliation.

KSGAC Members John and Mary Ross said it was really good to go to the match. "It was a great trip we were really happy to be part of it."

KSGAC Redress Worker Kirk Coffin said supporting the KSGAC members was an honour. "It was good for me to have this experience with the elders and it was exciting. It was all part of the Indigenous round that promotes the recognition of Indigenous people. The Umpires were wearing Indigenous designs as well as the players. Fremantle Dockers has our Sorry Day Flower featured on their Guernsey. It felt we was part of the game when we stood on the field as the Guard of Honour."

KSGAC Senior Counsellor David Cox said it was his second time supporting the members. "It really was a privilege because the Stolen Generation members have such big hearts and it carried them to the MCG to represent thousands of other Aboriginal people who were forcibly removed from their families as children, a harmful practice as part of previous Government policies.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were used each time someone scored and I felt that this really supported and acknowledged our culture. Even though the Dockers didn't win it was such an amazing day."

Northern Territory - Congress Link-Up

National Sorry Day Event IN ALICE SPRINGS

Local Stolen Generation members expressed a strong wish to have this year's event based around education for school children, so although the national day was to fall on a Saturday local members chose to hold our event on Friday 25th May so schools could be invited. The event was planned around a large handprint with activity stations at the end of each finger/thumb. Children were invited to complete an educational quiz about the Stolen Generations while making their way around all the activity stations. At least one local Stolen Generations member was positioned at each activity station for the children to have a yarn with and help out with the answers to the quiz. A BBQ lunch was on offer throughout the day and our local Aboriginal Radio station CAAMA did a live broadcast. The event was a big success, with approximately 100 kids attending throughout various times of the day. Our Stolen Generation members were very pleased to see so many young children excited to find the answers to the quiz and learn about our history.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY 2018
Supporting our Stolen Generations and their families

Congress Link Up National Sorry Day ACTIVITY SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:
At each activity station get a stamp — look for clues — answer the questions — and receive a FREE gift bag at the end!

ACTIVITY STATION 1:
Q Congress Link Up supports the Stolen Generations and their families. What is the name of the report presented to Parliament in 1997?
A _____

ACTIVITY STATION 2:
Q The first leader doing the Day's opening was _____ who was presented to Parliament in 1997.
A _____

ACTIVITY STATION 3:
Q In what year was the first National Sorry Day held?
A _____

ACTIVITY STATION 4:
Q The first leader doing the Day's opening was _____ who was presented to Parliament in 1997. What is one of their names?
A _____

ACTIVITY STATION 5:
Q What date was the Apology made in 2008?
A _____

ACTIVITY STATION 6:
Q Why do you think it might be important to remember what happened to the Stolen Generations on National Sorry Day and at other times of the year?
A _____

ACTIVITY STATION 7:
Q What service in Alice Springs Stolen Generations check the registers for family history research and reunions?
A _____

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Territory

Jingo/Turner Family Reunion

Congress Link-Up Service recently had the pleasure of participating in a collaborative Family Reunion with Nunquwarrin Yunti S.A. Link-Up service in reuniting a great-uncle, Mr Jingo - a respected elder of the Mutitjulu Community, with members of his family living in South Australia. The Reunion took place in Mutitjulu, located in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Our client Mr. Jingo, had his sisters removed and placed in the Bungalow in Alice Springs at an early age. South Australian family members were assisted by Nunquwarrin Yunti S.A. Link-Up service to travel from Adelaide to Alice Springs and make the five- hour car journey south to return to Mutitjulu to return to country and meet their great uncle.

The Reunion commenced on Tuesday, 28th August, and an interpreter was arranged via Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Health Clinic in Mutitjulu. The first meeting with everyone together was very

emotional. They discussed the family lineage and were shocked and a little speechless at times. It was a lot to take in because there were many old memories and family photos to look at.

The great-uncle remembered his sisters who were taken away, and the South Australian family shared stories about their lives growing up, and the lives of their children and grandchildren. A wonderful opportunity was taken to correct and update their family tree.

The client's journey back to Country included a visit to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre to view the culture and educational display of their country. It was a very sunny day with Uluru very visible and everyone involved in the reunion were in a joyous mood. The Caseworkers, Counsellor and clients then travelled back to Mutitjulu and a BBQ fire was started behind the community centre and in front of Mutitjulu primary school.



Northern Territory - Congress Link-Up



After school has finished for the day the primary school students were invited to join the family to eat hotdogs, kangaroo and beef steak, and enjoy cold drinks. The amazing kangaroo BBQ lunch offered a nice family atmosphere for all family members to come together and chat, whilst enjoying a late lunch. It was, again, another moving experience to see everyone join together.

There was a unique sense of reconnection during the client's journeys, divided into culture, land and family. This was both endearing and humbling for Congress Link-Up staff to witness, as it was a forming bond within the family relationships. At the conclusion of the BBQ, all clients decided on the following day's activities.

The next day we took the family members and other aunts and uncles to Yulara Junta / Forrester Outstation. Both places hold great significance to the family and it was a beautiful, winding, scenic road with a view of the approaching Kata Tjuḏa, also known as the Olgas, which could nearly be something out of prehistoric times. The two Link-Up service vehicles reached the old camel farm at Yulara Junta / Forrester Outstation where family members had once lived, working on the land. Staff and clients wandered around the property talking about former times before sitting under shade and sharing more stories over lunch.

A great Aunt brought lots of information with her about the outstation, Anangu people and Western Desert culture to share with new family. This formed a bond between the clients and family members shared stories of their childhood and a time when the country was full of laughter, and South Australian family felt like they were being welcomed home.

A *duboisia hopwoodii* shrub (thornapple or pitcher) was planted and watered at the Outstation, as it was remembered that this plant was grown and used by past generations.

After much talking, laughing and singing the family set off on the return journey to Mutitjulu, stopping along the way to chop wood for family members to make into clapsticks. The journey then continued

with many of the older family members singing traditional songs loudly until the vehicles reached Mutitjulu cemetery.

Family members took time to visit significant graves and reflect on the past as they walked across the land on which their grandmother and other relatives lived and worked. There was much emotion – tears and at times laughter. A South Australian family member said that the journey had exceeded his dreams and had filled a void in his family's life. The clients expressed their heart-felt gratitude to the staff of S.A. Link-Up service and Congress Link-Up service. Many sad farewells were said and promises made to meet again soon.

Family members living in South Australia have now returned home, however, they now know that they are Anangu people, and their country surrounds Uluru. They are now aware that they have many more relatives in surrounding communities including Docker River, who they did not have time to meet. Photographs and memories will help keep this journey of healing alive for the family, as well as some sand collected from Country for a memory jar.



Northern Territory - NTSGAC Link-Up

2018 CEO Report

This year we have concentrated on working within our budget and adhering to the terms and conditions of our grant from the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet to ensure further funding for our Link Up programme beyond 30 June 2019. Hopefully, our regular reports to them and our annual audited financial report will be sufficient evidence to achieve that.

Our staff and I work well and positively to best work practices - individually and as a team and meet regularly to ensure that we are providing Link Up and Social and Emotional Wellbeing services to our clients and community and maintaining the Key Performance Indicators required by us, and underwent a very successful ISO Surveillance Audit in August.

Employees have attended various training courses to gain further qualifications and knowledge. These include the Marumali accredited programme, and Certificate IV in Stolen Generations Family Research and Case Management.

As part of the SEWB support activity, we have created a handbook of services available to our (senior) members and have visited them at their home and the hospital, assisted them with completing legal and other forms, referring them to the various service providers. Our intention is to have home visits with them, to see if they are okay, to discuss and leave the handbook with them, and to further assist them.

On 9th and 10th October this year, we hosted the National Link Up Conference which was held at Double Tree by Hilton, The Esplanade. We enjoyed welcoming delegates from all Link Up organisations around Australia as well as delegates from Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet in Canberra, Healing Foundation and AIATSIS.



Nora Kempster, Eileen Cummings, Bernadette Shields assisted Elder Nancy Gibbs cutting of the 10th Anniversary Apology Day Commemoration cake.



Community Culture Day



Northern Territory - NTSGAC Link-Up

Territory Library Tour



We were successful in receiving funding to research and complete a history package on our organisation. The ultimate objective is to have a number of, and different levels of educational packages to market to all educational institutions, libraries, organisations and corporations, and to hopefully become part of our Australian history.

We are hopeful of moving into our own premises early next year. This is an NT Government initiative and I have attended meetings and negotiations with government personnel, designers and other parties to this end. The new premises will provide more space to include a library, healing room and activities room for our members to enjoy.

This year has been a busy one organising events and social activities for our members and the community in general to enjoy.

We commenced the year with a Cultural Day which celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, language and history. It was a way of ensuring that Australia Day meaningfully acknowledged, recognized and celebrated Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal people's contribution to our national identity. This was possible from a grant from NT Government and other sponsors – Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation, Relationships Australia, Fred Hollows Foundation, Intract Pty. Ltd. Traditional and local food tasting, demonstrations of Aboriginal craft, e.g. basket weaving, painting, dances, music, bush medicine and entertainment by schoolchildren were enjoyed by all who attended.

On 13 February, we held a morning tea to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Apology Day at the premises of Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, with funding from the Healing Foundation and in-kind support from Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and Pam Clarke Catering Service

On 8 March, we hosted a successful International Women's Day luncheon at Double Tree by Hilton, which showcased our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in business. This was possible through a grant from Minister for Territory Families and Members of Parliament Ngaree Ah Kit and Paul Kirby.

Our biggest and most important event was the 20th anniversary of our organisation, which we celebrated with a gala 2-course dinner at Double Tree by Hilton. Presentations were made to the original members and past and present Chairpersons and other appreciation awards, and guests were welcomed by Larrakia Elder Richard Fejo and entertained by comedian Kevin Kropinyeri and local band The Mystics. It was fantastic to see everyone dressed in suits and evening wear – everyone looked great. A big thank you goes out to all our sponsors and staff who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of this event.

We partnered with the Vice Chancellor at Charles Darwin University to host a cocktail function to unveil the painting "Tribal Abduction" by Harold Thomas. This painting was purchased by Paspalis, and

National Link Up Conference



Territory

CDU unveiling "Tribal Abduction" painting by Harold Thomas



whilst a number of art galleries are wanting to hang the painting in their galleries, Paspalis believed that it should remain in the Northern Territory and eventually be housed in our own Centre in the future.

On 5 June, by invitation from Sealink, some of our Elders and members enjoyed morning tea on a 1.5 hour harbour cruise as part of Reconciliation Week. For NAIDOC, we held a morning tea at the Botanical Gardens near the NTSGAC monument.

In August, some of our ladies attended a luncheon at the Mantra on the Esplanade hosted by Women's Network NT where the guest speaker was 2017 Australian Senior of the Year Sister Anne Gardiner.

Our Chairperson and some of our members attended the viewing of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse at Parliament House on 22 October. We also arranged for three of our members and our Counsellor to attend the National Apology in Canberra.

We wish to thank all our sponsors throughout the year for their financial and in-kind support in enabling us to host a number of events.

We also pass on our condolences, love and support to the families who have lost loved ones.

Maisie Austin

Maisie Austin, OAM, ASM, CMC



Darwin Harbour Cruise

NT Stolen Generations, to reflect on the theme of National Reconciliation Week 'Don't Keep History a Mystery' while cruising beautiful Darwin Harbour.



Northern Territory - NTSGAC Link-Up

Elliot Reunion

We had a busy year with clients, members and staff. We have worked to get out in the communities to hold Outreach meetings in remote communities and let them know about the Link Up Service and the NTSGAC Organisation. The communities have been very responsive to these meetings and want to work in with our Link Up service and NTSGAC to assist in having Healing Activities on Country.

We have been working really hard to create open and transparent conversations with all departments, agencies and organisations that we deal directly with through meetings and creating MOU's with where possible. Our Case Team meet regularly and all have an input in how we do our business. Our current clients have been able to have some sort of closure with family tracing and finding out more about who they are through our Link Up service. We have assisted our clients to pathway better outcomes and counselling if they choose to do so.

Our Research Team has been working tirelessly to ensure that we have archived our client files that have been closed, uploaded all client files to our Foxtrot database and portable hard drives that have been updated on a regular basis. All these documents and files are stored in locked fire safes, compactor and filing cabinets at all times.

We have had successful reunions for clients that have enabled them to have some closure and reconnect to Country, Culture, Language and Communities. These reunions have assisted our clients to be able to identify with their Aboriginal heritage. The below photos are of a reunion that had pathways the clients to connect with their families. The clients have also commented on how they felt about their reunion.

This reunion was held in the Elliott region of the Northern Territory and enabled the clients to meet families and learn about their ties to family, culture, language and country. The reunion was back to country and learn of their mother's country and families. The clients' shared with elders and families that connected them to their Aboriginal culture and country from their mother who was also forcibly removed as a child. These clients were also forcibly removed when they were young children.

This reunion was great for both client's and now they are able to connect with their families and country in the future. The Link Up Caseworker's have great contacts in the region and the communities are always happy to assist with reunions when necessary. It was an absolute pleasure for the Caseworker's to assist on the journey of these clients and wish them both well in the future.

NIADOC Celebration Botanical Gardens



The photo's below are of the reunion for our clients and their comments following the reunion.

"I loved it! Awesome."

"Great being on Country"

"Caseworkers were great, understanding and were professional throughout the whole journey"

"Talking to family and finding out about my country and culture"

"Being introduced to the right family members resulted in me feeling truly connected to my family and country."

"The Caseworker's helpfulness, humour and storytelling was appreciated and valued by me."

"The Caseworker's were very supportive, caring and frequently checked up on me to see how I was feeling and coping, which I appreciated immensely."



Christmas

at Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary

Every year Link Up SA invites their clients to join them for a Christmas celebration. This year we were joined by clients and staff from our other social and emotional wellbeing teams, Towilla Purruuttiappendi & Paanthi. Our clients met us at their closest Nunkuwarrin Yunti site and together we travelled by bus into the Adelaide Hills for a day at Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary in Mylor.

Warrawong is the only place on mainland South Australia where you may see the elusive platypus. The platypus lived up to this reputation on the day of our visit and didn't make an appearance, however we did see some koala's, bandicoots, snakes and native birds. We were also treated to watching some very cute baby emus take a quick dip in the pond. Some of our young ones even got up close to a rather large Olive Python.

Warrawong is known for being a pioneer in the field of conservation and was once owned by the Ngarrindjeri People. All our clients and staff enjoyed the day which included a lovely BBQ lunch and a visit by Santa.

Tanya Michelle

Counsellor



Link Up Women's Group

Link Up SA is planning a new women's group beginning in February 2019. We are inviting Stolen Generation women, and women whose families were affected by the policies of forced removal to provide their thoughts and suggestions on the development of the group, including what activities they would like to undertake which would best meet their needs and support healing and wellbeing.

Women are invited to provide their input and register their interest in attending the group in 2019.

Please contact Tanya Michelle - Link Up Counsellor on 8406 1600 for more information.

Meet Our Newest Caseworker



My name is Joel Stewart I am a proud Koori man from Nowra NSW. I am from the Yuin Nation on south coast NSW. I have worked with Aboriginal communities throughout rural and regional NSW and extensively around Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory. Also in WA around the Kimberly's.

I have worked in drug and alcohol with HMT- Harm Minimisation Team since coming to Adelaide about fifteen Months ago and I recently moved into my new role with Link-Up and I am looking forward to working and being part of the team.

Maintaining Our Feet

The Taingiwilta Men's Group has just returned from its second fishing charter camp at Marion Bay and again we had an awesome time.

Mark Wynbergen from Reef Encounters Fishing Charters had arranged for an early morning departure and there was a lot of excitement as we made our way to Pondalowie Bay in the Innes National Park to meet Mark and then head out to the "Vixen" for our day on the water, heading 17kms offshore to find Snapper and at the end of the day we returned to shore having reached bag limit.

It sounds like an amazing day and it was, but things do not always go as planned and in the midst of a great time there were a number of obstacles that could have derailed the whole day, including a four meter swell that had a number of us, myself included providing burley from breakfast earlier in the day and also catching big snapper while maintaining our feet under us while the sea tossed everyone from side to side.

It was only when I returned to work the following week that it dawned on me that for so many of our mob life can feel like this, just when you have finally begun to move forward to your life you have to work hard to maintain your feet with constantly moving ground beneath you.

Unfortunately I was not one of those who was able to maintain my balance on the day but as I lay on my back feeling like I was going to throw up again on an empty stomach, I was impressed with the strength, agility, and commitment of the brothers who were holding their own against the sea swell and continuing to pull snapper after snapper. It's an image that will remain with me for some time to come and an encouragement to work to maintain our feet when the storms blow through our lives.



Australia

Family Reunion IN RAUKKAN



It was an emotional reunion and meeting for the first time with relatives Sonia and Tania at the Adelaide Airport, after which the family enjoyed a celebratory dinner and shared stories and photos together.



Link Up SA have been busy over the last few month working collaboratively with other Link-Up services and Yorgum Link-Up Western Australia, to connect Matty and his mother Josephine together with his late father Harold Marten Kropinyeri-White family and return to his father's country.

Matty's father Harold Marten Kropinyeri-White was removed and separated from his family at the age of five after his mother Doris Jean Kropinyeri-White passed away. Matty was a baby when his father passed away and his father's family and relatives were not aware of Matty and they had never met him before.

The following day Matty's emotional reunion with his Nan, Aunt Lola Kropinyeri was shared with his mother Josephine and his cousins Sonia and Tania, followed by a gravesite reunion at the West Terrace Cemetery for Matty to pay respects at his father's gravesite. Matty spent some time at his father's gravesite arranging flowers and playing music in tribute to his father. This visit also included visiting the burial sites of his uncle Trevor and his grandmother Doris Jean Kropinyeri-White and Great Grandfather Harold Marten Kropinyeri and other relatives resting at the West Terrace Cemetery.

Later that afternoon, Link-Up SA staff and family members travelled to Meningie for an overnight stay.

The following morning family travelled to Raukkan for a return to Country Welcome Ceremony provided by an Elder and Cultural Advisor at the Raukkan Community Museum. After the cultural ceremony the family and staff moved to the Raukkan Cemetery on the top of the hill to visit and arrange floral tributes to the gravesites of Matty's relatives and ancestors, where family shared and guided Matty through family history and to his family tree in connections to his father, before travelling back to Adelaide.

The next day the family enjoyed a family breakfast before heading off to the Airport for a farewell, and "See you later".

It was a privilege for Link-Up to have shared in reuniting this family and bringing them together so their healing can begin, as a family, and for Matty to be connected with his father's country.



RESEARCH TEAM

The Research Team have undergone a few staffing changes, we have farewelled Michelle Stevens and thank her for her years of service, Rachel Rewiri is working as the Programmes coordinator in a secondment capacity, assisting our Programmes Director with improvement pieces and general programme coordination and Karen Kobier has moved over to the Family-Link team as the 'Youth and Community Case Worker'. The Research Team is led by Delisa Currie and we have welcomed a couple of new faces to the team to join Gillian McManus - We welcome Kellie Ridgeway and John Ginn.

ROYAL COMMISSION COUNSELLOR/ REDRESS

We welcome Dianne Royce as the Redress Counsellor. Dianne has many years of experience in the Reunification team and will maintain the standard of servicing to our new client's under the Redress Scheme.

With clients always being the main focus of our programmes we continue to see improvements in peoples healing journeys. Seeing a record number of clients has provided logistical challenges and the unmet demand for our services is always a concern for Link-Up (NSW) when balancing our resource. We continue to focus on ensuring strong support for incarcerated clients, with frequent travel and the associated administration of accessing correctional centres reducing the amount of face to face counselling sessions that can be undertaken.

The Royal Commission transiting to a Redress Scheme has meant a refocusing for resources from intensive counselling assistance to providing assistance and guidance through the application and legal process though the claim process. This has also necessitated forging stronger relationships within the legal fraternity and Redress Scheme bureaucracy, so we can ensure the greatest outcome for our clients. We continue to look at ways to expand our services to the many people who did not participate in the Royal Commission but wish to be part of the redress process and have developed a comprehensive community engagement strategy focusing on rural New South Wales.

REUNIFICATION

*Judith Kirby
Reunion*



Wales

The staff assisted the client and her daughter in a Return to Country at Broken Hill. The reunion took place over four days encompassing visits to the family home; Local Aboriginal Land Councils; resting places of the client's family and Mutawintji National Park.

Driving out to Mutawintji National Park was a wonderful experience for the client. The drive was long however it gave the client time to take in how beautiful her Country is. The Caseworker had organised a picnic lunch and we had time to take in our surroundings before we set off again on a drive through Mutawintji National Park and down to the Thaaklatjika Mingkana Walk.

The caseworker located the Ranger who lives and works in Mutawintji National Park. He was a wealth of knowledge

and was able to talk to the client about family, Country and Dreaming.

The Ranger is a Traditional owner and Welcomed the client and her daughter back to Country. This was very special to the client and from that point on she felt more at home and more accepted.

We stayed talking for a while and he gave the client a copy of the Mutawintji book which contains the client's family.

The client and her daughter were very appreciative and thanked the staff for being with them on their journey. The client faced her fear of flying to return home and stated, "I never thought this could all be possible".



"I never thought this could all be possible".

New South Wales

Family Link

The Family Link programme continues to be busy supporting our children and young people at risk of entering or have already entered the OOHC system, led by Delisa Currie.

With referrals constantly being received from not only from FaCS but also private NGOs, the Fee for Service contingency is becoming increasingly popular.

Family History Researchers Elle Carter and Megan Atkinson are kept busy with the hope of securing further funding for more Researchers to do this important work.

The transition of Karen Kobier into our team as 'Youth and Community Case Worker' has been welcomed as an integral part of the Youth & Community Stream.

KIDS IN CARE *Cup*

The Kids in Care Cup is an NSW state-wide league knockout competition that aims to raise awareness of the need for Aboriginal foster carers in NSW.

One again, Link-UP (NSW) were major sponsors of the event bringing together men, women and children of all ages to represent their region. Our sponsorship provided jerseys to every child and young person participating on the day and towards venue hire to make the event possible.

From our experience in connect Aboriginal people to community, culture, identity and kin, we know that events like the Kids in Care Cup not only raises awareness but also allows the community to connect, build friendships, support networks and share similar experiences of trauma and community issues alike.



Victoria

Continuing OUR WORK

It was a great relief to learn that our funding has been approved for the next three years and current and future clients will thankfully continue to receive all necessary support from us to find and be reconnected to their family, traditional culture and country.

We know our program provides an extremely important service to our community and there are such amazing outcomes for our clients and their family and proof about this can be found in the heartfelt feedback we receive from our clients who tell us just how much it means to them to finally be reunited with their loved ones, to finally be able to pay respects to those who have passed on and to finally be able to proudly walk on their traditional country with their own family.

National Sorry Day

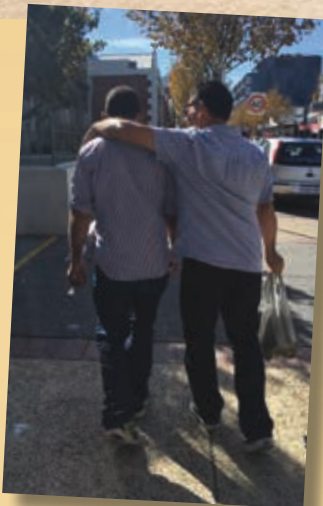
National Sorry Day was commemorated this year with the public unveiling of the Stolen Generations marker in the Atherton Gardens estate in Fitzroy. Designed by artist Reko Rennie who named it "Remember Me". The location of the marker the marker in Fitzroy is seen as very fitting because it was here that the contemporary Victorian Aboriginal political movement and it is where a number of Victorian Aboriginal community organisations and services first began. The Atherton Gardens are also a significant because it was a place during the 1960's-1990's where Aboriginal people would congregate especially the homeless who would set up camp there and it is where any visitors from interstate or people searching for family including the Stolen Generations would make their first introductions to the Melbourne Aboriginal community. The marker itself comprises a bronze coolamon and a row of bronze spears with boomerang shaped seating decorated with Aboriginal artwork and combined together with the landscaping they create an amazing reflective space for everyone who visits the site. The huge crowd enjoyed a very memorable opening ceremony which was followed by deadly entertainment from Kutcha Edwards, Jackie Charles and Deborah Cheetham and of course there was plenty of delicious food to share around with everyone. When night fell, one of the high-rise buildings was lit up on its Gertrude Street side in purple hibiscus flowers which gently flowed up and down the building and it was a great way to end a very special day. We also arranged for the VACCA head office, the water fountain in Parliament Gardens, the Melbourne Town Hall and the Arts Spire to be lit up in purple again and it was truly wonderful to see these Melbourne landmarks shining brightly against the night sky in commemoration of this day.



Reunions

The saying "A picture is worth a thousand words" sums up precisely the photographs that are brought back from each of the reunions we organise and participate in with other services. The best of these photographs are of course the "hugs", that is photographs that capture the moment our client and their family embrace for the very first time. Our reunions are generally organised so that our client and their family meet together at a special place on country but sometimes first meetings have

occurred by sheer accident at other places such as the airport, in a shopping centre, in the carpark of the motel where everyone is staying, in the street and in one recent case outside a hospital but no matter where the first meetings happen, it is always a time of great joy for clients and their family. It is also according to staff the best part of a reunion and for all of us here at Link-Up Victoria it is the most important reason for our service - to bring our people home, to bring our families together again.



Our Team



L-R Back Lillian Arnold Rendell, Bev Murray, Hayden Morris, Jebrina Close, Narelle Carter L-R Front Angela Swindle, Angela North, Anita Singh

Following recruitment to two vacant positions, we now have a full team of deadly people who are committed to the needs of our community and will do their utmost to support the Stolen Generations and their families.

Bev Murray - Program Manager

Angela Swindle - Team Leader

Angela North - Reunions Officer

Anita Singh - Reunions Officer

Lillian Arnold Rendell - Client Support Officer

Hayden Morris - Client Support Officer

Narelle Carter - Client Support Officer

Jebrina Close - Records and Administration Officer

PROMOTION STRATEGY

A Promotions Strategy was developed earlier this year and once we were advised that funding was going to continue the strategy was implemented and as a result we now have a new poster and information pamphlet which we are circulating to not only Aboriginal services but mainstream services such as libraries, community health care centres, etc that that we normally do not engage with but decided to add them too as potential clients may be users of these services. The strategy also includes planning out our presentations so that we can talk to a range of audiences throughout the state about how we support the Stolen Generations. All staff will be involved in this part of the strategy and where needed will be assisted to develop their presentation skills.



Above: New Promotional Poster

FAMILY RESEARCH AND FAMILY TRACING

The time it takes to conduct and confirm a client's family connections can take months and for all searches conducted by workers finding, applying for and then waiting on records from government departments can take months. Once the family connections are confirmed it is then about undertaking searches for living family and these can be the most frustrating of all especially when a search hits a major obstacle. We now have three Client Support Officers whose role will be to support clients with their family research and family tracing needs. It was decided by our service following a review about our work that focusing on this area was going to be a priority for us from now on as it will ensure that all our clients receive a service from us and the final outcome will either be a reunion or if this is something that the client does not want or they are not ready for or it cannot go ahead for whatever reason then at least our client will have their records, or we will have found their family or there has been some contact with their family.

ANNUAL CLIENT SATISFACTION AND WELLBEING SURVEY

We know that for most of our client's, their health and wellbeing has been severely compromised due to their childhood experiences as well as other traumatic events that have occurred in their adult life. We also know that the healing services we provide can make a difference to our client and their family's life. The last survey we conducted confirmed that our clients need ongoing healing services that assist them to continue to heal and that they are delivered in a variety of ways. It is now timely to investigate different models of healing for our clients and engage with partners who can work with us to deliver the best possible healing services we can provide to the most vulnerable group in our community.

COMPENSATION FOR VICTORIAN STOLEN GENERATIONS

Despite recent lobbying from community including the Stolen Generations themselves and by our organisation there is still no state compensation scheme for Victorian Stolen Generations and sadly it seems there is not likely to be one any time soon. This a key recommendation from the Bringing Them Home report, 1997 and it has become a very large sore point for the Stolen Generations of Victoria especially given all other states have established their own. It continues to be heartbreaking when we have to explain to very vulnerable clients that they are not eligible for any compensation because they were removed in Victoria.

RELOCATION TO OUR NEW BUILDING

We have been advised that our move to another site will occur in two weeks' time and we are very much looking forward to being accommodated in a space that will be more suitable for our client group. The building we are moving to will have an open ground floor workshop space, meeting rooms and an enclosed backyard garden area. The building is not far from our current location in head office so we can still be contacted via our current number or our 1800 number. Detailed information about our new address will be circulated far and wide once we move in.

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