



Kimberley Stolen Generation
Aboriginal Corporation

Whadna!

August 2023



Whadna you mob!
August flew by that quick. Look what we got up to at KSGAC!



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.



Shop our Merch on our website or visit us at 28 Barker Street

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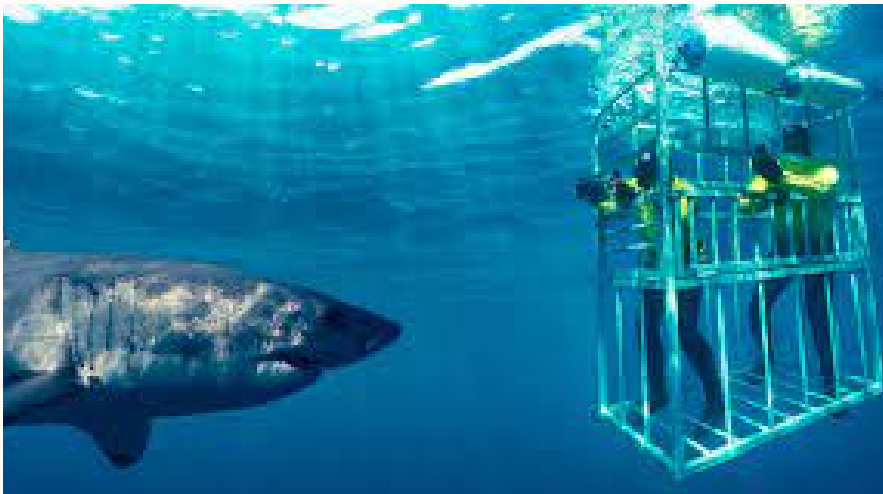
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Shark Cage

Sharkcage started this month at Broome Circle. We had nine ladies attend session 1 - which is more than we expected!

Week one was all about establishing group safety and confidence; through creation of our group agreement, a detailed discussion of confidentiality and privacy to create a safe and supportive trauma-informed therapy group environment and then introducing the Shark Cage metaphor.



In this program, we imagine the world as a big, beautiful ocean, full of friendly fish and dolphins and of course, there are sharks too. This metaphor is used throughout the program and uses visual imagery to imagine that we all have a shark cage around us for protection in this big ocean. This shark cage of human rights and a strong belief in these rights, is used to keep sharks at a safe distance. The shark cage itself, is created through each individual's belief in their human rights.



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Link Up

Link Up service is about reuniting the Stolen Generation and descendants with lost family members and/or country. Caseworkers work with clients on a one-to-one basis to assist in looking for lost family and, if successful arrange a funded reunion.

Caseworker Leni's Story:

"A Link-Up Caseworker just never knows what they will find travelling remote visits. This photo was taken by Leni.

As I got out of the car at the side of the road, for a break on our travel to Derby. this Native Hibiscus bush was standing in front of me! It was such a special moment for me because I knew it as the KSGAC flower.

The flower, proposed by Stolen Generations, symbolises the scattering they were subjected to, and represents their strength and resilience during Australia's era of eugenic policies. The Flower has been endorsed by the National Sorry Day Committee and wholeheartedly supported by the National Stolen Generations Alliance. The Native Hibiscus flower, adopted because it is found widely across Australia, is a survivor, and its colour denoting compassion and spiritual healing, has become an emblem for all Stolen Generations across Australia."





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Education Session University of Notre Dame Australia

The education sessions always bring so many emotions to our guest. Every session is a mixture of sorrow, happiness and healing. The depths our elders have been through cannot be matched. For them to share their stories first-hand is one of those chances you could never imagine.

For some, they are only relived through their descendants. The trauma they carry, even though cannot amount to the elders, has burdened them for many decades.

Gran Daisy Howard shared some parts of her stories with very vivid details and still can feel every emotion she had at her infant age.

One of our Board of Directors Gran Kathy Watson and Gran Theresa both grew up to become staples in Aboriginal health and Nursing. Some experiences they have come across were reconciling patients have been a core memory in their careers.

Thank you, Dr. Kim Issacs, for reaching out and to the medical students at the University of Notre Dame Australia for respecting our elders and staff with the abundance of food and support.

Some feedback from the students:

"The generosity of the First Nations women from the Stolen Generation."

"The stories and the vulnerability"

"The impact of having peoples speak to us about their experiences - it was very moving."

"The elders were so generous with their stories and emotions. It taught me more in one morning than I've ever known. "

We are delighted to host these education sessions. For more information or if you're interested in these sessions, please book on our website

www.kimberleystolengeneration.com.au, or contact reception at reception@ksgac.com.au and free call 1800 830 338.



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EDU Visits



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Shinju Matsuri Team Mary G

This year Shinju Matsuri Festival kicked off on Thursday 24th of August, with the "A Taste of Broome: Music and Picture Show" followed closely by the Northside Rentals Shinju Opening on Saturday the 26th of August. This cherished occasion, known as the festival of the Pearl, has been an integral part of Broome's Heritage for an impressive 50+ years.

KSGAC entered "Team Mary G" in the float parade event. It was a mixture of planning, trialing and rearranging with the plentiful number of ideas. This masterpiece was created with "For our Elders" at the fore front of our minds, in this case we celebrated Mary G with her attention to Health, Education, Reconciliation and through Performing Arts, which coincides with the Shinju Matsuri 2023 theme "What we LOVE about Broome."

Kullarri Building were a massive help with lending us their flatback truck to parade with. Also, to the many hands of our families from the Grannies to the grays everyone played their part and dressed to impress. The organisers of the event, even with the last-minute changes pulled through for another awesome family event.

Another beautiful day on Yawuru Country!
"Whaddyow!"





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