



Kimberley Stolen Generation
Aboriginal Corporation

Whadna!

October 2023



Whadna you mob! The year of 2023 has been speeding past us fast go's. Check out what October had installed for us 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.



We'd like to acknowledge our new staff who have joined us at KSGAC.

Please welcome:

- **Rono Bin Swani**
- **Angelo Madeira**
- **Josepha Howard**
- **Djai Hunter**



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Kimberley Girl



Member for Kimberley Divina D'Anna with 2023 Kimberley Girl - Djai Hunter

We wish to extend our greatest congratulations to Djai Hunter, as who was crowned Kimberley Girl 2023.

Djai joined us at KSGAC in the Reception role and has since been a huge help throughout. The staff are able to maintain a strong communication line between both offices and she is always present to tend to a client's needs.

From the Board and Staff at KSGAC, congratulations!



Broome Elders forum

Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation, alongside co-host Rosie Sahanna MLC extended an invitation to the elders of Broome to come together and participate in a few workshops, presentations and performances at this year's Broome Elders Forum. Our Nana's had the opportunity to express their concerns and to strategize as a whole on concerns in the elder's community.

The event was held at The University of Notre Dame, with information stalls from Boab Health, Department of Health and Aged Care, Shire of Broome Helping Minds and many, many more.

In attendance they also had parliamentary colleagues Minister Don Punch MLA, Divina D'Anna-Member of Kimberley and Kyle McGinn MLC and the black star of the show Miss Mary G!

“Aboriginal seniors are pillars of their kin and communities. Through their deep knowledge and experiences of the key issues within their communities, Aboriginal seniors provide kinship and guidance, and pass down cultural knowledge.”

A comment from Minister Don Punch MLA

Shirts Designed by local designer: Kaupa Pitt



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Mowanjum

Mowanjum Community, only has a population of 300 - 500 residents, however what they lack in population they make up for in their Art. Such a community rich with culture and arts hosted many organisations from the Kimberley region to attend a Services Expo.

On the 31st of October, our Link Up, Redress and Community Connecting representatives attended the expo in hopes of promoting our services and the help we offer to our first nations people.

Link Up Team Leader Pauline and National Redress Scheme Team Leader Gingy found this to be an exciting opportunity to extend our client base, and to give remote communities an insight into the help we can offer. Our Community Connectors were also able to connect with other services for future partnerships and planning activities for our men in throughout the Kimberley to be part of.



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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Safe Space Womens Session

During the lead up to the Referendum, we at KSGAC made a decision to host safe spaces. An opportunity for the community to come together and ask questions that will determine their decision or how their decision would make a difference.

Our main goal for these groups was to build community connectedness, no matter the decision of your vote.

It also gave us the opportunity to inform our mob and give them the opportunity to ask questions in a safe environment.

During our Womens “Safe Space” we had the pleasure of having 2017 Uluru Delegate

Cherie Sibosado, who was able to give us a better understanding of the referendum, and how the voice would make a huge impact for our mob as we continuously fight against reconciliation.



*Pictured: 2017 Uluru Delegate
Cherrie Sibosado and Kaupa Pitt.*

The impacts of the referendum was an extremely tough time for our mob. The division it may have caused and the sorrow that was shed after the outcome of the referendum sadden a nation.

If you are still experiencing stress and anxiety or depression persist, please seek help:

- **13 Yarn** (13 92 76)
- **Brother-to-brother** (1800 435 799)
- **Lifeline** (13 11 14)
- **Kids Helpline** (1800 55 1800)



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MEN'S BBQ

Throughout the year our KSGAC community officers host BBQ's for our countrymen and client base. Based on feedback, these BBQ's not only fills them, but they also have a feeling of welcomeness and a feeling of content for our men, which then leads to them to be more open to reach out and seek advice, make connections and just to keep up with the current affairs.

At the most recent gathering, our male staff hosted a BBQ at Town Beach. The goal for this gathering was to inform our Countrymen of the current referendum and how they may be feeling about it. In attendance we had members from Nirrumbuk, Broome Police, Men's Outreach, Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation and many more.

Jeremiah Riley, from Senator Dodson's office, gave a very informative speech on the importance of voting. Jeremiah was able to listen and hear the issues faced and how voting may be able to make an impact for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people. Just a simple thing for them was being heard, and for someone to voice their voice was such a privilege.

KSGAC thank Cherie and Jeremiah for the time and effort they put into spreading awareness, spreading





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Community Healing Gathering

On the 19th of October, Staff and clients attended a community healing gathering with the invitation of Cherie Sibosado.

Cherie welcomed the community to a free event at town beach, to come together and heal as a whole, following the results of the current referendum.

Pictured Right: Link Up Team Leader, Pauline participating in the smoking ritual.



During the ceremony there were a few guest speakers:

- Nini Mills - CEO of Nyamba Yawuru
- Tyrone Garstone - CEO of Kimberley Land Council
- Marty Sibosado - Empowered Communities
- Quentin Turner - Empowered Young Leaders
- Jeremiah Riley - On behalf of Senator Patrick Dodson.

Pictured Left: Community listening to speech.

Dianne Appleby was also in attendance and conducted the welcome to country and smoking ceremony.

The smoking ceremony gave the community a form of traditional cleanse. A chance to get rid of the hurt and heart break of the current affairs, but also to open our hearts to restore hope through healing.

Pictured Right: Dianne Appleby with community member.





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Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid.

During October our staff had the opportunity to complete the Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Course with Brendan Cox and Michael McKenzie of KAMS.

The training is designed to be culturally appropriate and provides a greater perspective and understanding of Aboriginal social and emotional wellbeing.

The course is suitable for adults who live, love and work with Aboriginal people. It enables participants to feel more confident in identifying mental health issues and providing initial mental health first aid, whilst supporting someone access to appropriate help.

Our staff were able to learn the signs and symptoms of mental health problems, where and how to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

Following the course, those who completed the assessment are now accredited Mental Health First Aiders for the next 3 years.



As we are closely approaching the end of 2023, there is still no sign of things slowing down. However, we are preparing plans, events and services for 2024!

KSGAC will close business from Friday 22nd of December and resume normal office hours on Monday the 8th of January 2024.

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