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ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



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# NEWSLETTER

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# WINUN NGARI ARTS

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he Winun Ngari Arts participants have been working on creating a mural together to showcase our individual styles within the group. There has been exciting work done on individual pieces. The group have conducted

focus groups, started product testing and development, taken a deep dive into market research and are developing exceptional product knowledge and a tonne of energy.





## CDB BUDULAH WOMEN

The Budulah CDP activity is really setting the standard with beautiful, locally produced pieces of screen printed fabric. Stunning 1m and 2m lengths are already proving popular amongst locals and we're looking forward to taking the fabric to a broader market.



## CDP Civil Construction Training

In January, 33 CDP participants started training for their HR learners and licences, roller ticket, front end loader, grader and water cart licences. The training group were busy with their theory work at WNAC's corporate office then headed out to Bungarun for hands on learning and practical experience. Generating more local jobs!

## THRIVE

**WINUN NGARI'S  
THRIVE PROGRAM  
SUPPORTING  
INDIVIDUALS AND  
FAMILIES WITH YARD  
CLEANUPS AND CAR  
REMOVALS.**

Winun Ngari's THRIVE program is about empowering individuals and families to live their best lives by building their skills and knowledge to reach their social and economic goals. THRIVE replaced the Support and Tenant Education Program (STEP) and focuses on the tailored delivery of services that reflect the diversity of our clients and the community by mobilising local solutions.

THRIVE has a strong focus on early intervention supporting people to identify and tackle problems before they become too great.



THRIVE assists people to manage their household by developing strategies to grow their capacity and resilience, help people navigate and link up with support services and programs across government and the private sector, provide people with long term sustainable support networks and build people's connections to their community.

A big thanks to Men's Shed for all their support!

## REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY (RSAS)

### GOOD NEWS STORIES

#### ONE

The RSAS Team achieved all their KPI's for Reporting period January to December 2019

#### TWO

The RSAS Team has helped more than 45 students increase and improve their school percentage during Semester 2 2019.



#### JANUARY 2020 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

During the January School Holiday Program, The RSAS Program ran a few fun activities to keep the kids busy.

- » Fishing trips
- » Hunting trips
- » Broome Rewards trip
- » Swimming pool fun days
- » Wet and Wild days
- » Family basketball nights

#### SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- » Wednesday soccer nights
- » Tuesdays laser tag

# WHAT IS RSAS?

The Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) brings together families, schools, communities and other services to find solutions to get kids to school.

Families are at the centre of everything RSAS does. Local RSAS teams work with families to take a lead role in their children's education. They support students to attend school,

fulfil their potential and have access to more opportunities.

RSAS teams help schools to work with families and learn more about local cultures and communities. They also offer a range of activities to help families and schools in their community to work together.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES



To Support parents, guardians, carers, community members and students to help get children to school every possible day.



Collect information and feedback on how the RSAS Team can help and support students, families, parents and caregivers.



To work co-operatively with families, community members and schools to put in place strategies to support school attendance; ensuring children go to school every possible day.



Build trust and a good relationship to help and work alongside the students, families, parents and caregivers.



To increase Indigenous school attendance and improve educational outcomes.

Improving education outcomes including Year 12 attainments.



As a team our aim is to meet and connect with students, families, parents and caregivers.

Supporting families to give children a good start in life through improved early childhood development, care,

Build relationships with students, families, parents and caregivers and other agencies.

# WHAT WE DO

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- ✓ Pickup and transport students to school
- ✓ Home visits to families
- ✓ Family support
- ✓ Case management
- ✓ Referrals
- ✓ Specialist staff
- ✓ Community and youth summits
- ✓ Early childhood
- ✓ Enrolment strategy
- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ Community events
- ✓ In school support
- ✓ School holiday programs
- ✓ After school programs

## STAFFING

RSAS contracted to employ 19 Indigenous Staff members.

**1x**

Full-time Program Manager

**4x**

Full-time Student Attendance Supervisors (SAS's)

**14x**

Full-time Student Attendance Officers (SAO's)

## STATS

February 2020

**480**

Successful home visits

**602**

Pickups



## WINUN NGARI ASSISTS NDIS DELIVERY IN WEST KIMBERLEY

Operating out of Derby, Western Australia for over 30 years, Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation is now helping to deliver the NDIS to remote communities in the West Kimberley region.

Providing a range of community programs, Winun Ngari services approximately 15 communities around Derby and has run the Community Development Program (CDP) for the Derby, Looma and Gibb River regions since 2013. As part of their CDP operations, Winun Ngari Employment Services (WNES) helps Aboriginal people gain employment and retain it.

*"Our job is to ... [work] closely with a jobseeker, or CDP participants, and train and get them job-ready, and put them into employment opportunities,"* said Operations Manager, David D'Antoine.

*"That in itself brings about challenges because we're in a remote region of the Kimberley."*

D'Antoine said while small businesses generally have basic labouring opportunities available such as cleaning or gardening, finding work is a very real struggle for jobseekers in the West Kimberley region.

*"There are not too many opportunities at this stage because it's not a really well-developed area,"* he said.

When there aren't many jobs going, WNES ensures jobseekers are participating in activities to develop and strengthen their skills.

### **Service connections**

Recently, Winun Ngari secured a contract with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to become a remote community connector, a hub for people to go to when they need NDIS-related services.

Winun Ngari then connects community members to the relevant providers and support they need.

*"They come to [Winun Ngari] and ... we link them up with our services so they can be thoroughly assessed."*

*"[We] put in an application [with clients] ... to determine what kind of support these people really require to live some sort of normal life."*

D'Antoine said as Winun Ngari grows with more contracts through programs like the NDIS, partnerships with other organisations grow too.

*"We're partnering ... to be able to connect people to those [services], because they're the experts."*

Although the NDIS contract was only secured mid-2019, D'Antoine said Winun Ngari is starting to envision the difference they could make once effective procedures are established.

*"We're starting to get some success there ... I should imagine by the time we get the support provisions in place [there will be] a noticeable impact."*

Like many other Indigenous organisations, Winun Ngari struggles with resourcing – despite being one of the largest service providers in the West Kimberley.

To combat this, the corporation has a position devoted entirely to seeking out potential funding that could help the organisation thrive.

*"We have a dedicated person that searches for that information and looks to see how we can complement the corporation ... [and] everything we do."*

As Winun Ngari grows, they plan to keep an eye out for any grants that may support and complement the programs they undertake in the present and the future.

By Hannah Cross



## DUMBARA BURRU CARAVAN PARK

Winun Ngari purchased the former West Kimberley Lodge and Caravan Park late December 2019, with a lot of work being carried out to bring it into operation ready for this year's tourist season. There are 22 powered caravan sites already established and with a revitalisation of the grounds and surrounding areas, Winun Ngari will be proud to re-open the

Dumbara Burru Caravan Park for travellers to Derby to relax and enjoy our great town. The purchase also included an adjoining block of land and over the next twelve months a range of further development opportunities will be considered that will help to generate more local jobs and support Derby's economy going into the future.



# CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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Winun Ngari is excited to announce that we have been appointed to provide the Containers for Change Recycling Refund Points in Derby (drop off point) and Looma (weekly mobile service). From the 2nd June

2020 residents will be able to drop off approved containers (see below) and receive a 10c refund. We will update you in future newsletters about location, opening hours and processes to get the refund.

## ✓ ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150ml and 3L

## ✗ INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS



Containers not commonly found in litter, including all plain milk, flavoured milks 1L and above, pure juice drinks, wine and spirit bottles, cordials.



## MEET THE WINUN NGARI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION BOARD MEMBERS