



Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

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Visiting Perth Children's Court therapeutic programs

We visited Perth Children's Court (PCC) to receive a briefing on their therapeutic programs for Aboriginal young people. We met with Deputy President Judge Wendy Hughes, Magistrates Kim Farmer and Alana Padmanabham and PCC Aboriginal support staff.

We spoke about the two pilot programs, Dandjoo Bidi-Ak and In-Roads, and we were very pleased to hear about the positive results achieved so far. We were inspired by PCC staff's commitment and compassion and recognise the cultural load required to support the children and deliver these programs.

We strongly support both programs and hope to see Dandjoo Bidi-Ak and In-Roads made available in the regions.



L - R: Magistrate Kim Farmer and Jean O'Reeri, AJAC Member.

AJAC Strategic Priority Recommendations

As a committee we continue to work with the Department on recommendations covering our five Strategic Priority areas:

- Young People
- Safe Housing and Homelessness
- Aboriginal Workforce Development and Employment
- Procurement of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Sector
- Prevention of Deaths in Custody.

We are very proud of what we have accomplished working together. It has been a long road, and we believe our recommendations will have a positive impact for our mob.

We would like to acknowledge the Department's ongoing commitment and support. We will finalise our recommendations shortly and present them to the Director General and the Department's Corporate Executive Committee.

Martu Program

Acting Commissioner Corrective Services, Andy Beck, provided us with an overview of Yiwarra Kuju - Martu Western Desert Justice Program (Martu Program), delivered in partnership with Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa Group in Newman.

The Martu Program forms part of the Western Desert Justice Program, working towards reducing the incarceration of Martu people, through culturally designed prevention, diversion, and intervention pathways and initiatives.

The Martu program has achieved positive outcomes for the local community and we would like to send our support to all the local ACCOs in the area.

Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy

The development of the Department's first Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy (AFSS) is led by subject matter expert Professor Victoria Hovane. Professor Hovane is an Aboriginal psychologist and Ngaluma, Jaru and Gooniyandi woman, who previously consulted with us on the foundational documents for the AFSS.

On 18 November 2024, we met with Professor Hovane and Dr Sharni Chan for an update on the First draft AFSS and to provide feedback as part of the final stage of the AFSS development.

16 Days in WA Morning Tea

We were invited to the 16 Days in WA morning tea to support Stopping Violence Against Women and Girls, hosted by Office of the Commissioner for Victims of Crime.

Kuraree Kaatdijin Mia - Annexe Building Renaming Event

In 2022 we advised on the renaming of the Annexe Building at David Malcolm Justice Centre. On 28 November 2024, it was formally renamed to Kuraree Kaatdijin Mia "*The Sacred Place of Gathering and Knowledge.*"

Wandoo Rehabilitation Catering Services

We had the pleasure supporting the women at Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison as part of their hospitality training program and experienced the delicious food prepared for us during our last meeting of the year. The menu incorporated elements of Aboriginal bush foods and produce grown at Karnet Prison Farm. We were thoroughly impressed by the high quality of the food and service provided by the Wandoo team.

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