



KIMBERLEY JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGY

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Welcome to the team, Brooke!

We're delighted to welcome Brooke Smeekens as our new Principal Policy Officer and the first KJJS team member based in Kununurra. Brooke brings extensive experience working with and within the Kununurra community. Welcome aboard, Brooke!

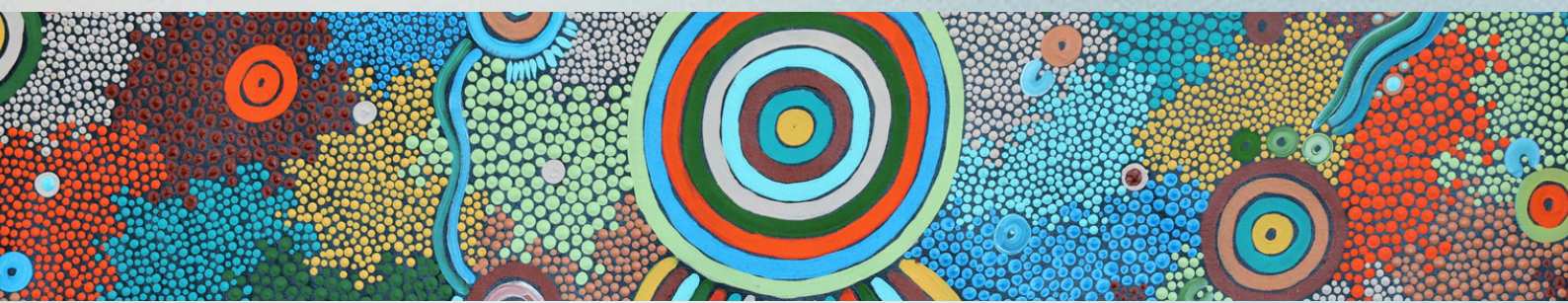


WYAC Youth Leading the Way



The Wyndham Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is stepping into 2026 with impressive momentum, taking an active leadership role in planning exciting youth activities for next year. The committee has also taken its first steps in providing meaningful counsel on youth concerns in Wyndham. Through open conversations, YAC members identified key priority areas affecting young people, shared how they would like to receive support, and outlined the resources they believe would make the most difference. The future is looking bright, and the YAC committee is helping to lead the way.





Community Collaboration - Kununurra Night Space Co-design

A significant milestone for the Kununurra Night Space co-design project was reached when community consensus decision-making workshops were held on 11-12 November 2025. Over 60 stakeholders attended the workshops where key decisions were made regarding the service model, operations, and integration with existing youth services. We look forward to sharing the next steps of the project on its journey towards a successful safe space for young people of the East Kimberley. Follow the link below to hear KJJS's Kristy and Jon discuss their experience at the workshops.
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=853489127163383>

Excellence Awarded in Halls Creek



Congratulations to Jungarni-Jutiya Indigenous Corporation (JJIC) who were announced as the winners of the *For Community Purpose Award* at the inaugural Halls Creek Business Excellence Awards. It is wonderful to see JJIC's tireless commitment acknowledged by the wider community.

Fitzroy Crossing Night Place Milestone



Heartfelt congratulations are also extended to Marra Worra Worra who celebrated the first birthday of the Fitzroy Crossing Youth Connection Night Place in October. The celebration was attended by local leaders, stakeholders, families, staff and of course the young people for whom the Night Place was established. From the warmth and pride on display, it is clear the Night Place has a valued spot in the heart of the community and will continue to thrive as a welcoming and supportive space for the young people of Fitzroy.

Recent KJJS Travel

EAST KIMBERLEY

10-14 AND 17 - 21 NOVEMBER

WEST KIMBERLEY

28 - 30 OCTOBER





Building Understanding: Perth Detention Centre Visit

NR TAFE staff recently travelled to Perth for a significant professional development opportunity - touring Banksia Detention Centre to gain deeper insight into the experiences of Kimberley young people who have been detained. Perth-based members of the KJJS team were also delighted to welcome NR TAFE colleagues for meetings at the David Malcolm Justice Centre. These exchanges help to strengthen our collective understanding and ensure our approaches remain informed, compassionate and effective in supporting young people throughout their journey.



25 Years of The Yiriman Project

The Yiriman Project celebrates 25 years this year! The final camp of 2025 was held in November. Nyikina Traditional Owners welcomed young men for a camp of fishing, hunting and more opportunities to learn from Elders on Country.



Derby Stars Shine in Singapore

ENAC's Budulah Basketball Boys continue to shine on the global stage! This October, several talented individuals earned the incredible opportunity to compete in Singapore at the prestigious Asia Pacific Cup. Two young athletes were selected for the U/18 Binar Indigenous male team, joined by two dedicated staff members who served as Head Coach and Mentor. A huge congratulations to these rising stars and to everyone who has supported them along the way—your commitment and hard work are truly inspiring.

KJJS STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

There have been

11

KJJS Stakeholder Meetings this year.

Merry **Christmas** * from the KJJS team

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