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Backing What Works: Four More Years of Funding for Kimberley ACCOs

KJJS welcomes the allocation of four years of recurrent funding for our ACCO partners in the 2026–27 State Budget. Longer-term funding certainty provides organisations with greater capacity to plan strategically, maintain a skilled workforce, and deliver programs that are essential to strengthening youth outcomes and community wellbeing.

We extend our congratulations to all funded organisations. This continued investment reflects the many positive outcomes being achieved and recognises the strong relationships and trust that has been built within community and across the Kimberley region.

Jungarni Jutiya West Kimberley Visit

In March, Jungarni Jutiya Indigenous Corporation (JJIC) staff travelled from Halls Creek to the West Kimberley to learn from ACCO-led night spaces and patrol programs.

They visited Fitzroy Crossing to meet Marra Worra Worra, gaining insights into youth programs and building connections.

In Derby, they joined Emama Nguda's Youth Night Patrol and discussed operations, challenges and lessons from the service.

Their final stop was Broome, where they engaged with the Ngurra Buru team to learn about the local night space and patrol.

It's great to see ACCOs coming together to connect, share knowledge and learn from each other. By working together, teams build stronger outcomes and better support the Kimberley communities.

Marra Worra Worra



Ngurra Buru





A Place to Belong: Two Years of Ngurra Buru

On 7 May, KRCIC staff gathered to celebrate the second anniversary of Ngurra Buru. Since opening its doors on 2 May 2024, Broome's night space has welcomed nearly 2,000 young people and served more than 6,000 nutritious meals. For over two years, Ngurra Buru has been a place where some of Broome's most vulnerable young people have found a safe place to belong.

As well as providing a safe place at night, Ngurra Buru has built strong partnerships across the Broome community. By working closely with other service providers, the team has created reliable referral pathways and continues to advocate for the unique needs of young people and their families at every stage of their journey.

During the celebrations, staff reflected on the meaningful relationships they have developed with young people and their families. They spoke of the deep sense of gratitude that comes from supporting vulnerable youth as they find their footing—whether by reconnecting with school, accessing health services, or simply sharing a yarn with a trusted Ngurra Buru mentor. As Program Manager Fiona Hart observed, these achievements 'highlight the importance of holistic, relationship-based support and the positive impact that strong community partnerships can have in helping young people and families build safer, healthier and more hopeful futures.'

The celebration was also a chance to thank and farewell Program Co-ordinator, Eloise, who has worked at Ngurra Buru since its inception. Eloise has made a profound contribution to the night space as a dedicated team leader, trusted advisor and champion of youth voice in Broome. We congratulate Eloise on her incredible work and wish her all the very best for the next chapter of her journey.

We also congratulate the entire Ngurra Buru team on their ongoing and invaluable contributions to the Broome community - and look forward to many more milestones ahead.





Disco Lights and Deadly Nights in Halls Creek

Young people in Halls Creek came together for an evening of music, dancing, and community spirit at a highly successful Disco Night held on 21 March. The event attracted a strong turnout and created a vibrant, safe space for local youth to connect and have fun. Delivered through a collaborative effort between Jungarni Jutiya Aboriginal Corporation, Garnduwa, the Shire of Halls Creek, and WA Police, the disco highlighted the powerful impact of partnership in supporting positive youth engagement. The evening stood out as a celebration of connection, showcasing how strong local partnerships can open up meaningful opportunities for young people while fostering a sense of belonging and wellbeing.



Yiriman Kicks Off 2026 at Crocodile Dam

The Yiriman Project has kicked off the 2026 dry season, holding its first camp near Old Cherrabun Station. While the original campsite was inaccessible due to boggy creek crossings, the change in location did little to dampen the spirit of the gathering.

A total of twenty-two young men took part in the camp, spending a week on Country alongside three Elders. Together, they shared in cultural learning, reflection, and connection—laying a powerful foundation for the year ahead.

Throughout the camp, Elders guided the young men in conversations about what it means to grow into strong, socially responsible leaders. They spoke about the importance of discipline, respect, and making positive contributions within their communities. These lessons, grounded in culture and lived experience, continue to be at the heart of the Yiriman Project's work.





Small Grants, Big Impact for Kimberley Youth

Congratulations to the following successful applicants of the 2026 KJJS Small Grants Round. These organisations will deliver short-term programs during high-risk periods to support the wellbeing of young people in the Kimberley and meet pressing community needs.

Marnin Bowa Dumbara Aboriginal Corporation Strong Spirits, Strong Minds Junior Basketball Carnival

Get ready for an action-packed regional basketball tournament that brings young people from across the Kimberley together in Derby! More than just a carnival, the program will create a vibrant space where sport meets connection—linking participants with local support services while they play, compete, and have fun.



With plenty of safe, structured activities, this initiative is all about building confidence, encouraging positive choices, and boosting wellbeing. It's a slam dunk for fostering teamwork, strengthening community ties, and helping young people thrive both on and off the court.

Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre Yiriman Fitzroy Valley Basketball Cup

This high-energy tournament brought young people together from across the region for a week of collaboration, competition and community celebration – as well as a chance to connect with local support services.

Packed with safe, structured activities, the event encouraged teamwork, positive choices, and overall wellbeing. The action didn't stop at game time – participants sharpened their skills in coaching clinics with NBL player Sunday Dech, they enjoyed community barbecues, and celebrated the week of competition together with a lively disco.

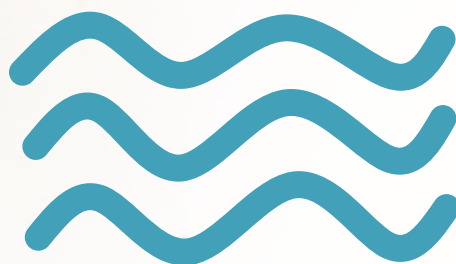
The Cup is another remarkable example of a whole community coming together to play, connect, and thrive.



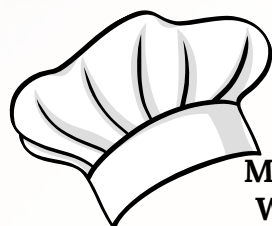


Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation The Martuwarra (Fitzroy River) Program

This dynamic engagement program is all about empowering at-risk young people to reconnect with who they are and where they come from. Participants are supported to grow, learn, and thrive by developing strong links to culture, Country and community through activities centred around the mighty Martuwarra – the lifeblood of the Fitzroy Valley.



Guided by local mentors and respected Elders, young people take part in a culturally safe, hands-on curriculum that builds skills, knowledge, and pride. With tailored, intensive support along the way, the program creates space for positive change—strengthening identity, fostering respect, and building solid pathways for the future.



Mulan Aboriginal Corporation Weekend Cooking for Kids Program

This hands-on training program provides disengaged young people the chance to learn the ropes as Assistant Cooks—building real skills that can open the door to exciting job opportunities.



In addition to supporting practical and work-ready skill development, this program will build a pathway to connection and confidence. Participants strengthen their cultural identity, form positive relationships with supportive mentors, and gain practical experience in a fun, welcoming environment. It's all about stirring up new possibilities, creating purpose, and setting young people on a recipe for success.

KJJS STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

There have been
4
KJJS Stakeholder
Meetings this year.



Recent KJJS Travel

**EAST KIMBERLEY
25-29 MAY**

**WEST KIMBERLEY
13 - 15 MAY**

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