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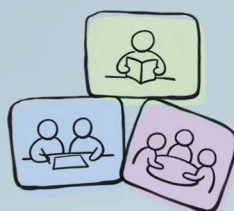
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Building Confidence, Strengthening Connections

KJJS-funded ACCO's within the East Kimberley will soon be able to participate in 'Cool Heads, Warm Hearts De-escalation Training' held over two sessions in October and November 26, facilitated by Clear Story Co.

This training builds confidence to navigate challenging conversations with empathy and understanding. Participants will gain practical skills in trauma-informed and culturally responsive practice, while also strengthening their own wellbeing, self-awareness, and ability to support positive outcomes for others.



**KNOWLEDGE
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POWER**

Kununurra Youth Night Space Kicks Off

The KJJS team are pleased to announce that the Kununurra Youth Night Space (KYNS) commenced operations from a temporary location on 20 August 26, providing a safe place for street-present young people.

Over the first six weeks of operation, Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation recorded 642 engagements with young people, demonstrating both the demand and value of this service within the community.





A night to remember in Fitzroy Crossing

Congrats!

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On 24 September, the KJJS team had the pleasure of attending Marra Worra Worra's (MWW) second birthday celebrations, marking an important milestone and providing an opportunity to reflect on the achievements over the past two years.

The event brought together young people, families, and stakeholders to celebrate the progress that has been made, and to recognise the collective effort that has contributed to MWW's success. It was a valuable opportunity to connect with others, acknowledge key accomplishments, and discuss future opportunities and priorities.

The celebration highlighted the positive impact of collaboration, innovation and commitment across the organisation. It was encouraging to hear about the journey so far and to see the enthusiasm for the work that lies ahead.

Congratulations to everyone involved at MWW for reaching this significant milestone. The event was a reminder of what can be achieved through strong partnerships, shared purpose and a focus on delivering meaningful outcomes.





Night Space Statistics - Since commencing

200+

**Youth Re-engaged
in Education**



31,124+

Individual interactions
from young people making
the choice to visit the
service over and over again,
choosing community and
connection.

25

**Local Indigenous
Mentors**

983

**Unique young
people welcomed**

59,200

**Meals served since the
opening of the Night
Space. That's more than
100 meals every night, in
the last year.**



6th Australasian Youth Justice Conference



Recently, Kristy Chapman and Jon Ellis from the KJJS team had the opportunity to travel to Adelaide with Fiona Hart (Kullari Regional Indigenous Corporation), Aaila Cox-Tanaka (EC-West) and Ee Pin Chang (UWA Research) to attend the 6th Australasian Youth Justice Conference, bringing together practitioners, researchers and leaders from across Australia and New Zealand to share emerging knowledge and innovative approaches in youth justice.

A highlight of the conference was the presentation delivered by Fiona, Aaila and Ee Pin on Ngurra Buru (Broome Night Space) and the evaluation outcomes. Their session showcased the important work being undertaken and generated valuable discussion among delegates from across the sector. The presentation highlighted our commitment to evidence-informed practice and demonstrated how collaborative approaches can contribute to improved outcomes for young people.

The conference provided an excellent opportunity to learn from contemporary research, hear about initiatives being implemented in other jurisdictions, and strengthen professional networks with youth justice colleagues from across Australasia. The insights gained will help inform our ongoing work and support continuous improvement in service delivery.



Thank you to Fiona, Aaila and Ee Pin for showcasing Ngurra Buru (Broome Night Space) and achievements to date. The event reinforced the value of sharing knowledge, learning from others, and working together to achieve better outcomes for young people and communities.





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Celebrating One Year of Connection and Growth

One year on, JJIC is celebrating a growing legacy of connection, opportunity and support for young people in Halls Creek.

On Thursday 1 October, **Jungarni-Jutiya Indigenous Corporation (JJIC)** celebrated the first anniversary of the **Halls Creek Youth Wellbeing and Justice Program** marking an important milestone for the organisation, its team, and the young people they support.

What began with Youth Night Patrol has grown into a valued community initiative, driven by the hard work, resilience and determination of a dedicated team. Despite not yet having a permanent Youth Night Space, the team has continued to show up for young people every week, providing support, connection and positive opportunities.



Over the past 12 months, JJIC has demonstrated what can be achieved when people come together with a shared vision and commitment to their community. The anniversary was celebrated with young people, who gathered to share cake, reflect on the journey so far, and acknowledge the achievements made along the way.



JJIC acknowledge the support of the Department of Justice WA - Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy, and the many partners and community members who have walked alongside JJIC throughout the year by supporting to the program to grow, and highlighting their gratitude to staff for their unwavering dedication throughout the year.

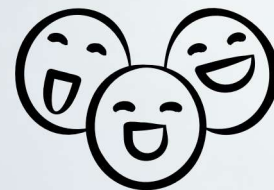
With a strong community backing and exciting plans for a future Youth Night Space, JJIC is looking forward to the next chapter.





Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation (KWAC)

Learning on Dawang - Back to Country Adventures



Term two, KWAC's Learning on Dawang students embraced every opportunity that Back to Country trips offered. Through exploring new places, learning on Country, trying new experience, and enjoying plenty of fishing, students showed confidence, curiosity, and a strong willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

It was inspiring to see students strengthen their connection to Country and culture, build positive relationships with their peers, and create lasting memories together. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and engagement throughout each trip are achievements worth celebrating.



KJJS STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

There have been eight (8) KJJS Stakeholder Meetings this year.



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Recent KJJS Travel

West Kimberley
22 - 24 September



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