



Aboriginal Strategic Advisory Group

Communique Meeting 02/2023 – 12 & 13 June 2023

The Aboriginal Strategic Advisory Group held its fourth meeting on the land of the Miriwoong people in Kununurra. Members and Department of Communities (Communities) staff were honoured to receive a Welcome to Country from Aunty Agnes Armstrong and Brenda Ningarmara, locally known as a Mantha or water ceremony, on the banks of the Ord River.

The Advisory Group considered information on services and supports for at risk youth and connected with local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. The Minister for Child Protection, Hon Sabine Winton MLA, joined members online to discuss several of the Advisory Group's Strategic Priorities.

Updates provided to the Advisory Group

The Advisory Group received briefings from Communities on its At-Risk Youth Strategy and programs and services funded by the Western Australian Government via Communities to support at risk youth in the Kimberley region and across Western Australia. A briefing on Communities' workforce with a particular lens on the Kimberley was provided and the Advisory Group received an update on Communities' Aboriginal Cultural Capability Reform Program.

The Advisory Group also received a briefing from SNAICC – National Voice for our Children, on the 10 Year Roadmap to Reduce the Number of Aboriginal Children in Care.

Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations

Connecting with local Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations that deliver services funded by Communities to support at risk youth, was a priority of the Advisory Group while in Kununurra. Members participated in one of three site visits to the following provider stakeholders:

- Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation
- Wunan Foundation
- Gawooleng Yawoodeng Aboriginal Corporation

During the visits Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations described their services, in particular for young people at risk, and spoke to Advisory Group members about what it is like as a service provider in the Kimberley.

The next meeting of the Advisory Group will be in Kalgoorlie on 11 & 12 September 2023.

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Acknowledgment of Country

The Department of Communities acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to their Elders past and present.