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NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation

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Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

NTSGAC acknowledges all the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their rights to continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to our Elders past, present and future

Warning

Photos displayed in this newsletter may contain images of deceased persons and may cause distress.

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Hello all,

We continue to promote our organisation and our Link-Up programme, and are planning outreach visits throughout the Top End.

During Reconciliation Week, our Chairperson and CEO gave talks to various organisations, and members enjoyed a harbour cruise hosted by Sealink Northern Territory, for which we thank them.

We had a very enjoyable and successful 2-course Gala Dinner at Double Tree by Hilton on the Esplanade to celebrate our 20th Anniversary. Appreciation awards were presented to the organisation's Chairpersons and members who formed the corporation. Les Huddleston introduced Richard Fejo who welcomed everyone to his country, and the Mystics had everyone up dancing till stumps.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to all our sponsors — City of Darwin, Fred Hollows Foundation, Northern Territory Government, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet, INPEX, Territory Technology, Intract Australia Pty. Ltd., Healing Foundation and the Commonwealth Bank.

We held a community meeting on 26th June at Tracy Village Sports Club to provide an update on the current situation regarding compensation for our NT Stolen Generations peoples, an also to let everyone know about the current National Redress Scheme for children who were institutionalised and sexually abused. We thank Crystal Keitaanpaa from Relationships Australia for her presentation. Crystal can be contacted on 8923 4999.



We strive to assist our Elders and members whenever and wherever possible. Sadly, we have lost more of our Stolen Generations peoples, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to all their families.







austin Maisie Austin, CEO

NTSGAC would like to thank our Sponsors for their support for the



Northern Territory Stolen Generations 20th Anniversary 1998 – 2018 Gala Dinner















Commonwealth Bank

NTSGAC 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner





Reconciliation Week -"Don't keep history a mystery".







Chairperson- Eileen Cummings gave talks to staff at Casuarina Centrelink





CEO- Maisie Austin attended Reconciliation talks at Darwin & Palmerston Centrelink offices.

Reconciliation Week — Harbour Cruise

An opportunity to embrace and incorporate recognition, acknowledgement and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture.

Conversations with Eileen Cummings and Maisie Austin and community elders of the NT Stolen Generations, to reflect on the theme of National Reconciliation Week, 'Don't Keep History a Mystery' while cruising beautiful Darwin Harbour.











Community Meeting- National Redress Scheme

NTSGAC Community meeting was held at Tracy Village Sports Club with CEO, Chairperson and Board of Directors to discuss the National Redress Scheme and update about Compensation.





Guest speaker from Relationship Australia NT, Crystal Keitaanpaa also gave information in regards to services, support and counselling available to members if they require assistance in both urban and remote areas.



Crystal Keitaanpaa- Relationship Australia Adult Support Service Coordinator



Notifications board

Confirmation of Aboriginality

Applications are endorsed by the Board of Directors

Fee Structure:

Adults: \$10.00 (18+yrs)

Children: \$5.00 (0-17yrs)

Family: \$20.00 (2 Adults- 2

Children)

Re-Issue: \$5.00

All monies received funds NTSGAC's non-funded programs.

NTSGAC Members & Link-Up Clients

Please inform our office if you have changed your address or contact details.

Telephone 89 47 9171

NTSGAC Support

Whilst NTSGAC endeavours to provide **printing of booklets** for funerals for Stolen Generations peoples, we do require advanced notice as we have limited staff and cannot always provide the service.

If you require further information or seek funeral support please contact the CEO directly on 8947–9171.

Notice

We would like to advise members that our AGM will be held in November.

All Directors positions will become vacant. If you or anyone you know maybe interested in nominating for a position, please contact the office for further information.





Top End Link-Up & Reunion Casework Services

LINK-UP COUNSELLORS

The Link-Up counsellors provide counselling and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are tracing and/or locating their families and/or planning a reunion. They offer counselling which includes transgenerational grief, trauma and family relationship counselling. They also provide referrals to other relevant health professionals. They work closely with the Link-Up Service.

What we do

- Family tracing
- Family reunion management
- Research and access to records
- Guidance and support to clients
- Referrals to other support services

What we don't do

- Genealogies
- Family History
- Locate Missing Persons
- Child Protection Cases
- Family Law Courts
- Native Title

Eligibility Criteria

- Affected by the past government policies of removal.
- Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres
 Strait Islander descent.
- Must reside in the Top End region.
- Must undertake an initial assessment for registration.

Confidentiality All staff are obliged to:

- Adhere to NTSGAC confidentiality agreements.
- To ensure that client rights are protected.
- To provide a professional level of service.
- Agree to maintain confidentiality and to respect the views of clients and their families.

Cultural Protocols

Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation is committed to providing a culturally sensitive service to all clients and their families.





Our Link Up Caseworkers give priority to 1st Stolen Generations clients, especially the elderly and those requiring urgent assistance due to health concerns.

Our Link Up Counsellor provides counselling and support within our SEWB programme to those who are tracing and/or locating their families and at reunions. This includes counselling for intergenerational grief, trauma and family relationships.

The NTSGAC office is closed between the hours of 1pm- 4.30pm on the first Friday of every month to support administration requirements and staff development.



