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### Warning

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

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**13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – National Apology Day**

.....We were Stolen from Our Language, Culture & Land.....



## CEO Report- Frank Spry

As the CEO of NTSGAC I have conducted a number of consultations with our members throughout the last 14 months to find out what members want and need at a grass roots level.

The feedbacks from these consultations are translated to our stakeholders through our Newsletter and direct mail outs.

In the NTSGAC Newsletter we use as an engagement tool with our members to report back outcomes from these consultations. Plus we inform our members what activities we have conducted. Yvonne Bradley supported by myself and other key individuals have driven this engagement tool through its stories, layout and distribution.

The NTSGAC will shortly be implementing a social media strategy that will use Facebook as a key tool in retelling the true history of this country

I can categorically state the members have repeatedly said they want the NTSGAC to advocate for the policies and services that were outlined in the "Bringing Them Home Report".

As the CEO of NTSGAC I need your support to put this important document back on the National and Territory agenda. It tells our story and it re-tells the true history of Australia and its relationship with the first Australians.

**Next Year is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are working on a National Conference extracts from the report. The report as a whole is a seminal document of importance in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History.**

### Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Report

#### Bringing them Home Report

**Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their  
Families**

April 1997



## Appendix 9 Recommendations (Extract from the Report)

### *Recording testimonies*

1. That the Council of Australian Government ensure the adequate funding of appropriate Indigenous agencies to record, preserve and administer access to the testimonies of Indigenous people affected by the forcible removal policies who wish to provide their histories in audio, audio-visual or written form.

### *Components of reparations*

3. That, for the purposes of responding to the effects of forcible removals, 'compensation' be widely defined to mean 'reparation'; that reparation be made in recognition of the history of gross violations of human rights; and that the Van Boven principles guide the reparation measures. Reparation should consist of,

1. Acknowledgment and apology,
2. Guarantees against repetition,
3. Measures of restitution,
4. Measures of rehabilitation, and
5. Monetary compensation.

### *Claimants*

4. That reparation be made to all who suffered because of forcible removal policies including,

1. Individuals who were forcibly removed as children,
2. Family members who suffered as a result of their removal,
3. Communities which, as a result of the forcible removal of children, suffered cultural and community disintegration, and
4. Descendants of those forcibly removed who, as a result, have been deprived of community ties, culture and language, and links with and entitlements to their traditional land.



## ***School education***

8a. That State and Territory Governments ensure that primary and secondary school curricula include substantial compulsory modules on the history and continuing effects of forcible removal.

8b. That the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies be funded by the Commonwealth to develop these modules.

## ***Professional training***

9a. That all professionals who work with Indigenous children, families and communities receive in-service training about the history and effects of forcible removal.

9b. That all under-graduates and trainees in relevant professions receive, as part of their core curriculum, education about the history and effects of forcible removal.

## ***Genocide Convention***

10. That the Commonwealth legislate to implement the *Genocide Convention* with full domestic effect.

## ***Assistance to return to country***

11. That the Council of Australian Governments ensure that appropriate Indigenous organisations are adequately funded to employ family reunion workers to travel with clients to their country, to provide Indigenous community education on the history and effects of forcible removal and to develop community genealogies to establish membership of people affected by forcible removal.

## ***Language, culture and history centres***

12a. That the Commonwealth expand the funding of Indigenous language, culture and history centres to ensure national coverage at regional level.

12b. That where the Indigenous community so determines, the regional language, culture and history centre be funded to record and maintain local Indigenous languages and to teach those languages, especially to people whose forcible removal deprived them of opportunities to learn and maintain their language and to their descendants.





## ***Indigenous identification***

13. That Indigenous organisations, such as Link-Ups and Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agencies, which assist those forcibly removed by undertaking family history research be recognised as Indigenous communities for the purposes of certifying descent from the Indigenous peoples of Australia and acceptance as Indigenous by the Indigenous community.

## ***Heads of damage***

14. That monetary compensation be provided to people affected by forcible removal under the following heads.

1. Racial discrimination. 2. Arbitrary deprivation of liberty. 3. Pain and suffering. 4. Abuse, including physical, sexual and emotional abuse. 5. Disruption of family life. 6. Loss of cultural rights and fulfilment. 7. Loss of native title rights. 8. Labour exploitation. 9. Economic loss. 10. Loss of opportunities.

## ***National Compensation Fund***

15. That the Council of Australian Governments establish a joint National Compensation Fund.

## ***National Compensation Fund Board***

16a. That the Council of Australian Governments establish a Board to administer the National Compensation Fund.

16b. That the Board be constituted by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people appointed in consultation with Indigenous organisations in each State and Territory having particular responsibilities to people forcibly removed in childhood and their families. That the majority of members be Indigenous people and that the Board be chaired by an Indigenous person.

## ***Establishment of family tracing and reunion services***

30a. That the Council of Australian Governments ensure that Indigenous community-based family tracing and reunion services are funded in all regional centres with a significant Indigenous population and that existing Indigenous community-based services, for example health services, in smaller centres are funded to offer family tracing and reunion assistance and referral.



30b. That the regional services be adequately funded to perform the following functions.

1. Family history research. 2. Family tracing. 3. Support and counselling for clients viewing their personal records. 4. Support and counselling for clients, family members and community members in the reunion process including travel with clients. 5. Establishment and management of a referral network of professional counsellors, psychologists, psychiatrists and others as needed by clients. 6. Advocacy on behalf of individual clients as required and on behalf of clients as a class, for example with record agencies. 7. Outreach and publicity. 8. Research into the history and effects of forcible removal. 9. Indigenous and non-Indigenous community education about the history and effects of forcible removal. 10. Engaging the service of Indigenous experts for provision of genealogical information, traditional healing and escorting and sponsoring those returning to their country of origin. 11. Participation in training of Indigenous people as researchers, archivists, genealogists and counsellors. 12. Participation in national networks and conferences. 13. Effective participation on Record Taskforces. 14. Support of test cases and other efforts to obtain compensation.

### ***Indigenous well-being model***

33a. That all services and programs provided for survivors of forcible removal emphasis local Indigenous healing and well-being perspectives.

33b. That government funding for Indigenous preventive and primary mental health (well-being) services be directed exclusively to Indigenous community-based services including Aboriginal and Islander health services, child care agencies and substance abuse services.

33c. That all government-run mental health services work towards delivering specialist services in partnership with Indigenous community-based services and employ Indigenous mental health workers and community members respected for their healing skills.

### ***Self-determination***

43a. That the Council of Australian Governments negotiate with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care and the National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services Secretariat national legislation establishing a framework for negotiations at community and regional levels for the implementation of self-determination in relation to the well-being of Indigenous children and young people (national framework legislation).



43b. That the national framework legislation adopt the following principles.

1. That the Act binds the Commonwealth and every State and Territory Government. 2. That within the parameters of the Act Indigenous communities are free to formulate and negotiate an agreement on measures best suited to their individual needs concerning children, young people and families. 3. That negotiated agreements will be open to revision by negotiation. 4. That every Indigenous community is entitled to adequate funding and other resources to enable it to support and provide for families and children and to ensure that the removal of children is the option of last resort. 5. That the human rights of Indigenous children will be ensured.

43c. That the national framework legislation authorise negotiations with Indigenous communities that so desire on any or all of the following matters, 1. the transfer of legal jurisdiction in relation to children's welfare, care and protection, adoption and/or juvenile justice to an Indigenous community, region or representative organisation, 2. The transfer of police, judicial and/or departmental functions to an Indigenous community, region or representative organisation, 3. the relationship between the community, region or representative organisation and the police, court system and/or administration of the State or Territory on matters relating to children, young people and families including, where desired by the Indigenous community, region or representative organisation, policy and program development and the sharing of jurisdiction, and/or 4. the funding and other resourcing of programs and strategies developed or agreed to by the community, region or representative organisation in relation to children, young people and families.

### ***National standards for Indigenous children***

44. That the Council of Australian Governments negotiate with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care and the National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services Secretariat national legislation binding on all levels of government and on Indigenous communities, regions or representative organisations which take legal jurisdiction for Indigenous children establishing minimum standards of treatment for all Indigenous children (national standards legislation).



## ***National standards for Indigenous children under State, Territory or shared jurisdiction***

45a. That the national standards legislation include the standards recommended below for Indigenous children under State or Territory jurisdiction or shared jurisdiction.

45b. That the negotiations for national standards legislation develop a framework for the accreditation of Indigenous organisations for the purpose of performing functions prescribed by the standards.

### ***Standard 1: Best interests of the child - factors***

46a. That the national standards legislation provide that the initial presumption is that the best interest of the child is to remain within his or her Indigenous family, community and culture.

46b. That the national standards legislation provide that in determining the best interests of an Indigenous child the decision maker must also consider, 1. the need of the child to maintain contact with his or her Indigenous family, community and culture, 2. the significance of the child's Indigenous heritage for his or her future well-being, 3. the views of the child and his or her family, and 4. the advice of the appropriate accredited Indigenous organisation.

### ***Standard 6: Indigenous Child Placement Principle***

51a. That the national standards legislation provide that, when an Indigenous child must be removed from his or her family, including for the purpose of adoption, the placement of the child, whether temporary or permanent, is to be made in accordance with the Indigenous Child Placement Principle.

51b. Placement is to be made according to the following order of preference,

1. Placement with a member of the child's family (as defined by local custom and practice) in the correct relationship to the child in accordance with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander law,

2. Placement with a member of the child's community in a relationship of responsibility for the child according to local custom and practice,

3. Placement with another member of the child's community,

4. Placement with another Indigenous carer.





51c. The preferred placement may be displaced where,

1. That placement would be detrimental to the child's best interests,
2. The child objects to that placement, or
3. No carer in the preferred category is available.

51d. Where placement is with a non-Indigenous carer the following principles must determine the choice of carer,

1. Family reunion is a primary objective,
2. Continuing contact with the child's Indigenous family, community and culture must be ensured, and
3. The carer must live in proximity to the child's Indigenous family and community.

51e. No placement of an Indigenous child is to be made except on the advice and with the recommendation of the appropriate accredited Indigenous organisation. Where the parents or the child disagree with the recommendation of the appropriate accredited Indigenous organisation, the court must determine the best interests of the child.

### ***Standard 7: Adoption a last resort***

52. That the national standards legislation provide that an order for adoption of an Indigenous child is not to be made unless adoption is in the best interests of the child and that adoption of an Indigenous child be an open adoption unless the court or other decision maker is satisfied that an open adoption would not be in the best interests of the child. The terms of an open adoption order should remain reviewable at any time at the instance of any party.



## Indigenous Advancement Strategy

The NTSGAC has received funding under the IAS process; the NTSGAC will be submitting our views in relation **Indigenous Advancement Strategy** audit team.

### **Performance Audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy**

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is conducting a performance audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), which is administered by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). Performance audits involve the independent and objective assessment of the administration of an entity's programs, policies, projects or activities.

The objective of the audit is to assess whether PM&C has effectively established and implemented the IAS to achieve the outcomes desired by government. The audit criteria are:

1. PM&C has designed the IAS to improve results for Indigenous Australians in the Australian Government's identified priority areas.
2. PM&C's implementation of the IAS supports a flexible program approach focused on prioritizing the needs of Indigenous communities.
3. PM&C's administration of grants complies with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines, supports the selection of the best projects to achieve the outcomes desired by the Australian Government and reduces red tape for providers.
4. PM&C has established a performance framework that supports ongoing assessment of program performance and progress towards outcomes.

**Any information collected during the course of the audit is confidential and protected by law under the *Auditor-General Act 1997*. Information you provide is not made available to PM&C and all information is reported anonymously.**

The audit report is expected to be tabled in Parliament in December 2016.

As Part of my role supporting the Board in recent months the organisation has reviewed the following processes and documents:

1. Board Planning – meeting and community events,
2. Review of Strategic Plan 2016-19
3. NTSGAC Operation Plan
4. Review of the Rule Book – changes to be presented to the members

Finally I would like to say that the NTSGAC continues to change and grow to meet the needs of the community. I am pleased that the community members have relayed back to the Staff of the NTSGAC and myself that we are doing a good job.

It really is appreciated!

Frank Spry



# NTSGAC :- Staff Training, Meetings & Reunions for March/April

## March 2016

NTSGAC Staff	Dates	Venue	Location
Frank Spry	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Naidoc Meeting	Darwin
Yvonne Bradley	30 <sup>th</sup> March	SLDO	Darwin
Raelene Rosas	29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Reunion	Darwin

## April 2016

NTSGAC Staff	Dates	Venue	Location
Raelene Rosas Evelyn Perkins	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Outreach- Client Service	Tennant Creek
Frank Spry	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Link-up Leadership meeting	Broome
Yvonne Bradley	13 <sup>th</sup> April	SLDO	Darwin
Gerry Hurst	18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Certificate IV <sub>(FTCM)</sub>	Adelaide
Raelene Rosas Yvonne Bradley Gerry Hurst	27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Marumali Training	Gold Coast



## NTSGAC Staff Training:



**NTSGAC Staff:** Gerry Hurst & Rodney Monaghan in the back row and Daniel Fejo (former link-up Counsellor) attended the week one training for Cert IV in Adelaide S.A

### Cert. IV in Family Tracing and Case Management – Stolen Generations

Nearly 3 years in the making, the Inaugural Certificate Level 4, Pillar 1 in Family Research was held in Adelaide at the Nunkunwarrin Yunti Centre from 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February 2016. In all there were 10 participants from NSW, SA, WA & NT. Input to get this Course up and running came from members of the National Link-up Leadership Group from around the country and was compiled to specifically relate to our Stolen Generation Link-up Service. There are 3 Pillars in all, the next 2 being held in April and June 2016. Thanks must go to Raelene Rosas who is part of this National Leadership Group for her input over the last 3 years.



# Are you or your family members struggling to meet financial bills ?/ foodbank could help you

## What is Foodbank?

Foodbank is by far, the largest hunger relief organisation in the Northern Territory. Last year alone, Foodbank Northern Territory provided enough food for 216,760 meals.

Foodbank Northern Territory is a non-denominational community supported, non-profit organisation which relies on the support of a large network of dedicated people who have a commitment to fulfilling the aims and objectives of Foodbank Northern Territory.

The concept of **Foodbank Northern Territory** is simple – to feed the country's needy by redistributing surplus food. Food growers, manufacturers and processors produce quantities of food which, for various commercial reasons, cannot be sold. The products may be incorrectly labelled, have faulty packaging, be part of a trial run or are not produced to exact specifications.

It is estimated that as much as 30% of all food produced is unsaleable for a variety of reasons. Increasingly, welfare agencies are involved in an on-going struggle to provide food relief to thousands of people who are dependant on food handouts to supplement their welfare benefits.





Foodbank Northern Territory is the link between these two groups. Foodbank provides an outlet to food companies for their surplus stock and at the same time, allows community support agencies to save time and resources in the solicitation of nutritious food. Find out more about how we work.



## The Foodbank Warehouse in Darwin

### Contact Us:

Foodbank Northern Territory  
9 Mel Rd  
Berrimah NT 0828  
08 8947 3669





## Eileen Cummings: Chairperson Report

### Hi Members and Stakeholders,

It's been another busy month for the organisation and the Board.

Sadly we have lost even more members of the Stolen Generation that we have known as part of our community of Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs and it always leaves a sad feeling for all of us.

However the focus of the organisation is its members and we provide a service as best we can with the resources we have to the families in need on these sad occasions.

I can say talking from my personal experience and that of the Board of Directors and CEO as individuals directly affected by the Governments policy of removal from our mothers and families, is we continue to advocate the needs of our members in a passionate but strategic manner.

We want to build our community networks and create and maintain relationships with stakeholders to help us obtain the organisation goals that are important to our members.

As Part of the Board role in recent months we have reviewed the following documents:

1. Board Planning – meeting and community events,
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### Review of Strategic Plan 2016-19



As part of our three year planning we will review the current strategic plan and our strategic vision and Purpose.

## Vision

Stolen Generations members of the Top End and their descendants achieve recognition, social justice and fair compensation, while retaining their unique identity as Aboriginal people.

## Purpose

NTSGAC is an Aboriginal organisation that provides advocacy, social and emotional wellbeing and referral services for Stolen Generation members of the Top End and their descendants, including assistance for reconnection with land, family, language and culture.

### CDU Presentation – to Medical students - The Stolen Generation story and issues including Intergenerational Trauma?

I also was extremely pleased that we made a presentation to the Medical students of CDU. I was really happy with how engaged and interested they were in the topic and the affects it has had on Aboriginal people and families in the Northern Territory. This hopefully will help the students in their future medical professional careers.

A presentation was presented by me the Chair of NTSGAC Board to the Vice Chancellor and head of The Australian Centre for Indigenous knowledge and Education (ACIKE) of CDU about the NT Stolen Generation members and the service provided for the members. Many had not heard the full impact of what transpired between Aboriginal families and the Commonwealth Government from 1900 – 1957 and was well received by all.





## National Apology Day

NTSGAC'S regular Volunteers Maxine Kunde & Verna MacCauley



**Maxine Kunde & Verna MacCauley members of NTSGAC with Shannon Daly, thanking the ladies for their assistance on Apology Day at RDH this year.**

On behalf of the RDH Aboriginal Cultural Advisory Group (ACAG) I would like to say a sincere thank you to your Volunteers Aunty Maxine Kunde and Verna MacCauley for holding and manning the stall at the National Apology Anniversary event held at RDH on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

The information was informative and relevant to the message of Apology Day and the staff and visitors who attended the stall received good education from Verna and Aunty Maxine. I look forward to working with NTSGAC in the future.

**Shannon Daly | Aboriginal Health Practitioner (AHP)**

NTSGAC staff would also like to say a big thank you for your time & support





# National Apology Day Celebration

## St Mary's Club

### 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016



This years Apology Day celebration was held at the St Mary's Club with morning tea provided and guest speakers. In spite of the negative comments, "What's there to celebrate, nothing has changed", but they still had a great time. It was good see the Elders moving (exercising) to music so early in the morning dancing to the Juz3 band, (formally known as the Mystic's). The group photos looked awesome, especially Bernadette Shields posing on the floor. NTSGAC would like to thank the Juz3 band for their uplifting music that brought back a lot of memories to the Elders. Frank would also like to thank the NTSGAC staff and Board of Directors for their support and Don Christophersen for his time on Saturday morning to take photos for NTSGAC.







A great way to start the day, dancing with friends



"Where are the Men?"

There's Wendy again.  
Great to see Jimmy on the dance floor.



Music by **Juz3**  
also known as  
the **Mystic's**



Nancy Gibbs, always happy when she is dancing. A little help from her carer Lyn of Juninga Nursing home.



Bernadette Shields showing her style





# Remembrance



# Families



# Friendship



# Mates





# Ladies Day Outing

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016

### Allora Nursery & ABT Art Gallery

The Ladies enjoying gardening and looking at assorted flowers in and around Darwin, so this week I decided to take the Elders to the Allora Nursery in Berrimah, The Elders bought a couple of pots of sugar leaves especially used for diabetics. I informed the ladies we had to be at the ABT Art Gallery in the City for a meeting with the manager Rebecca Miniken to see if the NTSGAC elders would like to display any of their art & craft at the gallery around June this year.



Great time at the Allora Nursery, there was so much to see. Below: Rebecca Miniken at ABT Gallery canteen displaying Aboriginal foods.



The ladies wouldn't miss this picture taken with this buffalo at the nursery. ABT Art Gallery wanting NTSGAC to display their art.





## Ladies Day Outing Juninga Nursing Home 24th February 2016

This week Project Co-ordinator, Lyn Duckworth invited the Stolen Generation Ladies for morning tea to socialise with the local residents of Juninga Nursing Home. The ladies painted shells, danced and sang old songs and just enjoying each other's company as always. Arts & Craft will continue next fortnight at the Danila Dilba Healing room.



Mary Lee, Lorna Cubillo and Alma Cadell, always enjoys dancing & laughing together.



Morning tea, the ladies had little cupcakes and biscuits made by the kitchen staff.



Mena Clancy

Everyone loves painting. Mena painted the beautiful shells that are hanging on the walls.



Anne Dhatu showing Mary Lee her beautiful paintings she had done for the nursing home.





## Trauma of the Past

by: Luke. S. Morcom

27-2-1999

Never thought about it  
Until you came along  
Then after you departed  
Realisation of past wrongs

The trauma of being stolen  
Has great effect on me today  
Emotions running sky-high  
Delayed reaction from yesterday

Crying in state of bereavement  
Wishing that you were here  
Longing for deceased mother  
Like child life now full of fear

You touched me deep within  
Stirred up the walls inside  
Raised my self- esteem  
Gave me back some pride

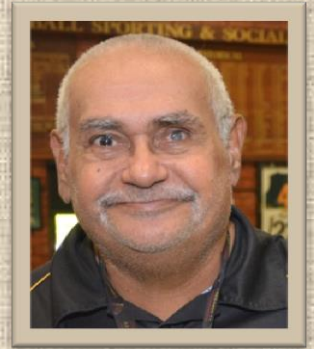
And in doing this  
Made me somehow realise  
Injustices of the past  
That government tried to hide

Living a life of lies  
Embedded in my mind  
Memories so unpleasant  
That was hard and so unkind

Others that were stolen  
Tried desperately to speak out  
Great injustice to Aboriginal Mothers  
Who did not scream and shout

Many of us stolen children  
Needed counselling for great stress  
The trauma of the Stolen Generation  
Now only being addressed

Federal Government in panic mode  
Now expanding their money belt  
Realisation of problem out of hand  
Funding allocated for Indigenous Health.





# A Place To Revive

by Luke Morcom

Take me to place  
So that I could hide  
Where my Spirit can rest  
For it to revive

A special place for me  
Close to land and sea  
Where the sea Eagle Soars  
Where my Spirit an be free



Where the Sea turtle nest  
Upon Muluwas' peaceful shore  
And the crashing of the waves  
Refreshes me once more



Where the stars shine so bright  
An environment of open space  
Where my ancestors once lived  
Everything perfectly placed

On the rising of the Sun  
When my Spirit has revived  
Then will I live again?  
No longer a need to hide



## Confirmation of Aboriginality

Due to the high volume of applications and the added costs associated with the administration of the process, commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012, applications for confirmation of Aboriginality will now incur a fee. Applications are only processed once a month at the Board Meetings.

### Fee Structure:

Adults: \$10.00 (18+yrs)

Children: \$5.00 (0-17yrs)

Family: \$20.00 (2adults,2children)

Re-Issue: \$5.00

All monies received will be put towards NTSGAC's non-funded programs.

## Funeral Support

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

If you require further information or seek funeral support please contact Frank Spry directly on 8947 9171.

## Coming up Events/Notices

April 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

Easter break

May 26<sup>th</sup> 2016

Sorry Day Event  
"Jingili Water Park"

## Link-Up Notices:

Could all clients please inform Link-up at NTSGAC if you have changed your address or contact details.



# CURRENT BOARD AND STAFF



## Current Board Members

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Eileen Cummings	Chairperson
Maurie Japarta Ryan	Deputy Chairperson
Audrey Tilmouth	Director
Nora Kempster	Director
Luke Sydney Morcom	Director
Edward Boyd Scully	Director
Joseph Daby	Director
Joyce Napurrula	Director
Bernadette Shields	Director
Gloria Daylight-Corliss	Secretary / Minute Taker



## Current Staff

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Frank Spry	CEO
Petronella Pigram	Reception
Yvonne Bradley	Project Officer
Raelene Rosas	Link-up Caseworker
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Please contact the Stolen Generation office on: 89 479 171 in regards to membership update of yourself and your descendants.





# TOP END LINK-UP SERVICE

## LINK-UP PROGRAM

Enquiries can be made by contacting the -

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STOLEN GENERATIONS  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Phone: 08 8947 9171

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**NTSGAC acknowledges  
the support of P M & C**

## 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 trans-generational grief, trauma and family relationship counselling. They also provide referrals to other relevant health professionals. They work closely with the Link-Up Service.



**NT Stolen Generations  
Aboriginal Corporation**

*Bringing Families Together*

## LINK-UP RESEARCH & REUNION CASEWORK

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## National aim of Link-up service

To assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people separated from their families under the past laws, practices and policies of Australian governments, to undertake family tracing and family reunions.

## 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

## 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.



## History

NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation was formally incorporated in 1998 to respond directly to the needs and concerns of members of the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. The formation of NTSGAC was the result of discussions and the expressed wishes of many members of the Stolen Generations in the Top End since the early 1970's, and previously included members associated with:

**Roper River Mission 1908**

**Bathurst Island Mission 1911**

**Jay Creek Mission 1911**

**Bungalow 1913 - Alice Springs**

**Kahlin Compound 1913 - Darwin**

**Emerald River Mission 1921 - Groote Eylandt**

**Pine Creek Boys Home 1931**

**Bagot Reserve 1937/1938 - Darwin**

**Croker Island Mission 1941**

**Garden Point Mission 1941 - Melville**

**Retta Dixon Home 1946 - Darwin**

**St. Mary's Home 1946 - Alice Springs**

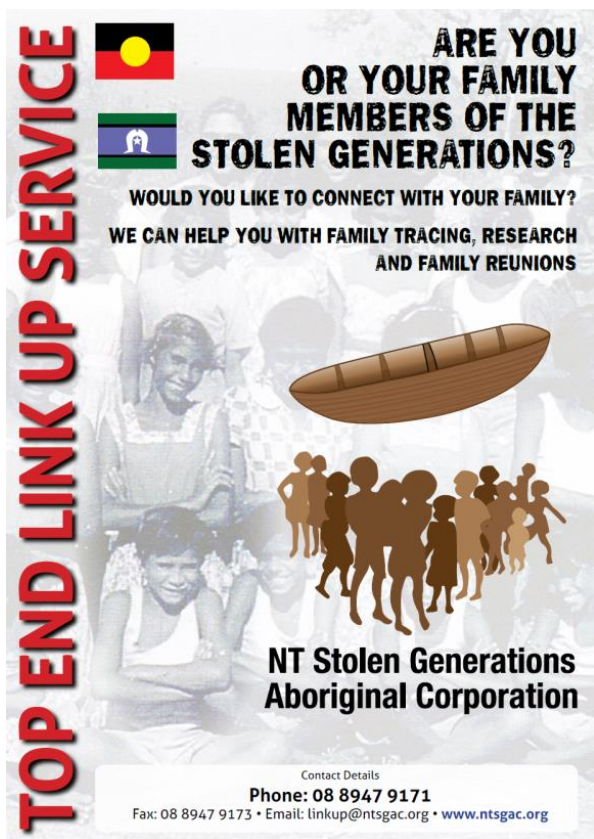
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# TOP END LINK-UP SERVICE & THEIR TEAM





**TOP END LINK UP SERVICE**

**ARE YOU  
OR YOUR FAMILY  
MEMBERS OF THE  
STOLEN GENERATIONS?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAMILY?**

**WE CAN HELP YOU WITH FAMILY TRACING, RESEARCH  
AND FAMILY REUNIONS**

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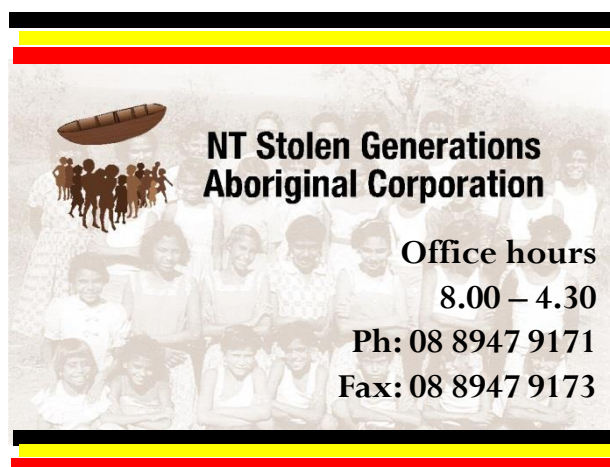
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Our Link Up Caseworkers give priority to 1<sup>st</sup> Stolen Generations clients, especially the elderly and those requiring urgent assistance due to health concerns. We have now employed a Link Up Counsellor and he can provide counselling and support to those who are tracing and/or locating their families and/or planning a reunion and also offer counselling which includes intergenerational grief, trauma and family relationships counselling.

IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY COMING INTO OUR OFFICE OUR LINK UP STAFF WILL COME TO YOU.

We offer a free, professional, confidential and culturally sensitive counselling service. You can make an appointment by phoning: 8947 9171.

The NTSGAC office will be Shut down between the hours of 1pm-4.30pm on the first Friday of every Month to support administration requirements and staff development.



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