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NTSGAC 2018 Community Culture Day Event

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Hello all,

2018 started at a hectic pace starting with our successful Cultural Day on Tuesday 6th February with a grant from NT Government and other sponsors – Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation, Relationships Australia, Fred Hollows Foundation, Intract Pty. Ltd. – where we were able to showcase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services and businesses and provide everyone with a taste of some of our traditional and local dishes, didgeridoo welcome by Les Huddleston, Welcome to Country by Jeanneen McLennan and entertainment by Jennifer Baker and the Milingimbi dancers and the Upai Puri Puri group.

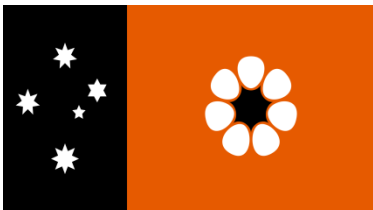
We were also honoured to have Her Honour The Administrator of the Northern Territory, Mrs Vicki O'Halloran attend. We send a big thank you to everyone involved, including our stall holders, cooks and volunteers.

This was followed up the following week when we combined with Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation to successfully commemorate the 10th anniversary of the National Apology Day, held at the premises of Larrakia Nation. Funding was provided by the Healing Foundation and in-kind support from Larrakia Nation and Pam Clarke Catering Service.



That afternoon, some of our Stolen Generations ladies, together with our Chairperson and CEO attended an afternoon tea hosted by Prime Minister & Cabinet staff.

We also hosted our first-ever International Women's Day luncheon with a grant from Minister for Territory Families and Member of Parliament Paul Kirby. This was attended by 80 wonderful and talented ladies, some of whom had exhibits and spoke of their services. Member of Parliament Ngaree Ah Kit was our guest speaker and she was joined by other successful speakers.



We are busy with plans for the commemoration of our 20th Anniversary to be held on Friday 18th May at DoubleTree by Hilton. This will be a 2-course formal gala dinner, with Welcome to Country, entertainers, music by The Mystics and dancing.

We have received funding from Lord Mayor, Kon Vatskalis, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Northern Territory Government, Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet, INPEX, Territory Technology and Intract Australia Pty. Ltd to assist with this event. Unfortunately, the budget does not allow us to invite our 500 plus members, but we are hopeful of inviting as many of our first generation and second generation Top End Stolen Generations peoples as possible, free of charge (not including drinks). Otherwise, tickets will be for sale at \$80 with bar facilities available. Bookings can be made at our office.



Our CEO meets on a regular basis with Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet to ensure that our organisation continues to work within our budget.

Our Team Leader and Caseworkers have been busy with more client intakes and are currently arranging pre-reunions, reunions and outreach visits to Daly Waters, Elliott, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Tiwi Islands and Gove between now and July. They are also continuing with appropriate training courses to gain national accreditation and qualifications.

Our Family History Research Officers continue uploading data onto Foxtrot and closing clients' files, and continue to work closely with our Caseworkers tracing and researching families. We advertised for a Counsellor in December and received two applications. However, neither was suitable and the position will be re-advertised.

Regular staff meetings are held, and our staff continues to assist families with funeral booklets and transport to events, as well as completing questionnaires for the solicitors assisting us with our push for compensation. We continue to advocate and write letters to the Prime Minister, Federal Opposition Leader and Senators regarding compensation for our NT Stolen Generations peoples. Three of our Board Directors – Maurie Ryan, Halpin Hart and Audrey Tilmouth - attended the 10th Anniversary of the National Apology in Canberra and met with other Stolen Generations peoples from across Australia and discussed our situation. There was unanimous support for us from them all and the document resulting from that forum has also been sent to the Prime Minister etc. Chairperson also continues to advocate in interviews with the media.



National workshops, training, meetings conference or forums for Link Up services

- Team Leader and one Caseworker will be attending the National Link Up meeting in Sydney.
- Our Family History Research Officers have attended an Elder Abuse Prevention Information workshop, and other workshops involving families and childrens.
- Caseworkers Raelene Rosas and Evelyn Perkins attend the regular Darwin Priority Working Group meetings hosted by Prime Minister & Cabinet
- Research Officer Miriam Cleary attends the regular Aboriginal Advisory Group meetings.
- Miriam attended the Advocate for change at 2018 Overcoming Indigenous Family Violence Forum in March.
- Steven Hayes attended the Darwin National Suicide Prevention Trial Steering Group Meeting on 10 Nov 2017 and will nominate for the working group.
- CEO attends the Steering Committee Darwin National Suicide Prevention meetings.
- Chairperson Eileen, Miriam Cleary and CEO have had meetings with Matthew Stephens from NT Archives regarding East Arm Leprosarium. Further meetings are scheduled.
- Evelyn Perkins, Donna Hunter and Miriam Cleary attended a meeting with Territory Families to see how our organisations can work together for our children in care.
- Chairperson continues to give talks on our Stolen Generations history.



Client Engagement/Social Activities/Promotion

Some of the activities we attended:

- Cultural Day at Juninga on 31 January.
- Chief Minister's 2018 – The Year Ahead at the Convention Centre on 12 February.
- Breakfast event at Charles Darwin University on Apology Day.
- First Circles Leadership Reception at Parliament House on 13 February.
- Reception to celebrate Chinese New Year of the Dog at Parliament House on 15 February.
- Reception to commemorate the 76th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin on 19 February at Parliament House.

We also endeavour to serve our members as best as we can within our funding agreement and continue to seek grants and other funding for events for their enjoyment. Sadly, we have lost more of our Stolen Generations peoples this year, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to all their families.



Eileen Cummings, Chairperson



Maisie Austin, CEO





Les Huddleston, Peter Panquee, Shirley Collins



Maisie, Tanyah & Joann Nasir, Chief Minister Michael Gunner



Relationship Australia- Unveiling Ceremony Nightcliff Beach Front



Women's International Day Celebration

21s March 2018

Double Tree Hilton





This year NTSGAC held the Apology Day morning tea to commemorate the 10th Anniversary with Larrakia Nation. Students from Dripstone Clontarf assisted the elderly with serving morning tea. The event was greatly appreciated by the community. Special guest speaker was the Member for Karama, Ms Ngaree Ah Kit.



Nora Kempster, Eileen Cumming, Bernadette Shields assisted Elder Nancy Gibbs cutting of the 10th Anniversary Apology Day Commemoration cake.



Culture Day – February 2018



Les Huddleston opening the event



Milingimbi Dancers



Dale Austin with his art work display



local cooked Dampers & jams



Intract- Indigenous Contracting Services



Sue Castillon handcraft display

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Tom filleting local supply of fish



Enjoying our local cooked bush foods



Young Torres Strait Islander dancers



Organisation promotional items



Naomi Briston displayed clothes
Designed by Tiwi Islanders



Yingwati Pty Ltd (Kim Hill Jnr) Family
owned Aboriginal Business

Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (Raffle 1)

Waterhole and Rainbow Serpent

Artist: Rosemary Egan-Nampijinpa

**Tribe: Walpiri. Country: Yuendumu, northwest of Alice Springs
(approximately 145 cm x 66 cm)**

\$25.00 per ticket (Ticket numbers 1 - 100). Prize will be drawn when all tickets have been sold



Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (Raffle 2)

BUSH MEDICINE

Artist: Daisy Duggie

(approximately 81 cm x 62 cm)

\$10.00 per ticket (Ticket numbers 1 - 100). Prize will be drawn when all tickets have been sold



NOTIFICATIONS BOARD

Confirmation of Aboriginality

Due to the high volume of applications and the added costs associated with the administration of the process, applications for confirmation of Aboriginality will now incur a fee.

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 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.

Link-Up Clients

Please inform our Link-Up team if you have changed your address or contact details.

NTSGAC Members

Contact the office on 89 47 9171 to update your Membership details



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CURRENT BOARD AND STAFF



Current Board Members

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Eileen Cummings	Chairperson
Maurie Japarta Ryan	Deputy Chairperson
Halpin Hart	Treasurer
Audrey Tilmouth	Director
Nora Kempster	Director
Verna Macauley	Director
Joseph Daby	Director
Joyce Napurrula Schroeder	Director
Bernadette Shields	Director
Gloria Daylight-Corliss	Secretary / Minute Taker



Current Staff

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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 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.

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.

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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**



**NT Stolen Generations
Aboriginal Corporation**

Contact Details

Phone: 08 8947 9171

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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.



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