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### Warning

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

The Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee of South Australia met with NTSGAC CEO and Board Members for briefing of the reparations process under the South Australia Stolen Generation Legislation.

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





## CEO Report March/April 2016

### Vision for the Operations of the Organisation

#### NTSGAC Rule Book - Vision Statement

The Northern Territory Stolen Generations and their families live happy, healthy productive lives while still retaining their unique and important identity within the social fabric, as original Australians.

#### The Focus of the Organisation

The focus of the organisation is to address the political and social disadvantage of our members. The primary issues remain constant, though over time the pathways to addressing their issues have changed.

The issues of Healing, Truth and Justice are the foundations to building a strong and healthy future for those who were removed, and their descendants; many of who continue to maintain their identity as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Key events the NTSGAC use to promote the service and the issues created by these policies include but not limited.

- The Apology Celebration– 13<sup>th</sup> February
- National Sorry Day– 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Barunga Festival– 10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> June
- NAIDOC Week– 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Reconciliation Week;
- Stolen Generations Group Reunions;
- Other Regional Events



The NTSGAC Organisation and many of the Social and Emotional Well Being programs come from The 54 Recommendations of the Bringing Home report 1997. A key recommendation “Reparations” remains unaddressed and we continue to advocate this issue as instructed by our members.

### *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.

### Principle organisational CEO Activities to date March/April 2016

- Develop Risk Management Plan
- Review Policy and Procedures Manual 2015 version
- Review Rule Book
- Review OH&S policies
- Vehicle Policy



- A Quality Management System
- Financial Policy and Procedures
- Organisational Chart
- Staffing development and training
- Review Assets Register
- Review Job descriptions/Duty statements
- CEO's KPI's, Organisations KPI's submitted
- Operational Plan
- Royal Commission Tiwi island
- Funding for continuation of Royal Commission activities at Garden Point
- 3 year recurrent funding from PM&C financial acquitting and KPI reporting completed
- Submission to ABA for Infrastructure
- Major review of NTSGAC
- IAS funding for a review of regional Link-Up activities, including West Arnhem, Tiwi Island, Katherine, Borrooloola, Daly region and down to Tennant Creek
- Friends of Stolen Gen
- Webpage
- Intranet system
- Electronic Filing and Central Registry to store/archive hard copies
- Introduced an improved financial process in place which PM&C are very happy with.

I would like our members and stakeholder to understand I try and follow simple principles and practices in the workplace as the CEO.

1. The organisation is bigger than the individual.
2. Client focus.
3. Team work.
4. Compassion and empathy.
5. Trust, respect, good manners and loyalty.
6. Capacity Building.
7. Mentoring and leadership.
8. Allowing staff to take responsibility for their action.

As you can see by our ambitious program we will be busy in the coming months, come join us for the journey.

**NTSGAC CEO: Frank Spry**





## **MEDIA RELEASE 21/4/16 - Stolen Generation Reparations SA Scheme**

Today the Board and CEO of NTSGAC meet with Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee from South Australia:

### **Members of Parliament**

Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Chairperson, Dr Duncan McFetridge MP, Hon Terry Stephens , MLC, Hon Russell Wortley MLC, Tung Ngo MLC and Tammy Franks



**NTSGAC representatives** Eileen Cumming Chairperson, Maurie Ryan deputy Chairperson, CEO Frank Spry and Matthew Bonson

As a result of this positive meeting which included a briefing of the reparations process in SA the NTSGAC today call for:

1. Bipartisan Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee for NT.
2. Reparations Scheme for all Stolen Generation Members of the NT based on a similar module but recognizing our Territory uniqueness.
3. Aboriginal History to be part of the NT curriculum.

The Stolen Generation Reparations SA Scheme legislation passed in SA was politically bipartisan and as a result the Aboriginal people of South Australia have finally received recognition for the wrongs that were perpetrated against them based on their racial background. Please read below extracts of the Ministerial statement.



Extract - Kyam Maher MLC Minister Statement Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

19 November 2015 -**STOLEN GENERATIONS SCHEME**

“A person’s place in the world – where they’ve come from, their heritage and their culture – is one of the most fundamental aspects of the human identity. It gives us a sense of belonging that informs the very foundations of who we are and how we see ourselves.

For many Aboriginal Australians, cultural identity can stretch back for hundreds, even thousands of generations. For members of the oldest living culture on the planet, it is possible to place yourself in a context that stretches back further than most of us can imagine. But there are many Aboriginal Australians who know little of where they came from... because they have been denied the opportunity to know. Forced removals of Aboriginal children from their families, which occurred for many decades of our history in every state and territory of our nation, broke apart thousands of important legacies of history and culture. This is not even to mention the unspeakable human tragedy that forced removals wrought upon Aboriginal people. For those who are parents, merely imagining the loss of your child is capable of reducing you to tears.”

**These words ring true to the experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the NT.**

The NTSGAC Chairperson Eileen Cummings and CEO Frank Spry encouraged the Committee to meet with the NT Representatives of Parliament and encourage them to create a resolution to this long standing issue.

**Media Comments:- 89 47 91 71.**





## Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

### MEDIA RELEASE

## ROYAL COMMISSION CLOSES REGISTRATIONS FOR PRIVATE SESSIONS

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders survivors of institutional child sexual abuse are reminded that they must register with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse by 30 September 2016 if they wish to have a private session.

Private sessions allow survivors of child sexual abuse in an institution to share their story directly with a Commissioner in a private setting.

The Hon. Justice Peter McClellan AM, Chair of the Royal Commission, said the strong demand from survivors to share their story has resulted in a queue of people waiting to meet with a Commissioner.

“The rate at which people come to the Commission seeking a private session shows no present sign of diminishing. It has averaged 37 per week over the past 12 months,” Justice McClellan said.

“If the present demand for private sessions continues throughout the life of the Commission, unless we close off applications well before we complete our final report, many people who may seek a private session will be disappointed.”

“In our view it would be intolerable for a survivor to be accepted for a private session only to find we could not meet with them,” he said.

The first private session was held on Tuesday 7 May 2013 in Parramatta, NSW, and in April, the Royal Commission completed its 5,000<sup>th</sup> private session in Queensland. There are more than 1,500 people currently waiting for a private session.

So far, 561 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have had a private session, and 293 are waiting for one.

“The Commissioners recognise that for individuals who have been traumatised by sexual abuse giving an account of their experiences and telling their story to a Commissioner is, for many survivors, an important part of their personal journey,” Justice McClellan said.

“The 1997 *Bringing Them Home* report documented evidence of children’s experiences in institutions where many were sexually assaulted in an institution or foster family placement.

“Their forced removal led to psychological and emotional damage which has been inherited by today’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. As a result, many remain highly vulnerable to child sexual abuse.”

Justice McClellan said the information which the Commission has obtained from survivors, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survivors, has proved to be critical in informing its investigations.

“It will provide a secure foundation for many of our final recommendations,” he said.

The closing date applies only to new applications for a private session.

People who have already been accepted for a private session or who apply before 30 September will have an opportunity to meet with a Commissioner. The Royal Commission will still accept written accounts after 30 September.

“There can be no exceptions for any application received after that date. I know this will mean that some people will be disappointed. For that the Commissioners are sorry,” Justice McClellan said.

## **FAST FACTS**

- Private sessions are unique to this Royal Commission. The Commonwealth Parliament amended the *Royal Commissions Act 1902* so that Commissioners could hear from survivors in private and ‘bear witness’ to their stories of abuse
- Private sessions are held in all capital cities and have also been held in regional areas including Cairns, Coolangatta, Hervey Bay, Rockhampton, Townsville, Woorabinda, Newcastle, Coffs Harbour, Ballina, Penrith, Launceston, Kimberley, Bunbury, Geelong, Bendigo, Ballarat and Warrnambool.
- Private sessions also have been held for inmates in 26 correctional centres in NSW, ACT and Victoria.
- The Royal Commission has Aboriginal staff and Aboriginal counsellors who can assist survivors with their private session.
- The Royal Commission is aware of the special cultural needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and as such has tailored its information and the way it does things to meet these needs.
- In 2014, the Royal Commission brought together 50 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander survivors to participate in a mix of private sessions and group forums, supported by traditional cultural healing practices.
- As at 29 April, 2016, 561 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have had a private session.
  - 184 from Queensland
  - 162 from NSW
  - 67 from Victoria
  - 7 from Tasmania
  - 21 from South Australia
  - 86 from Western Australia
  - 10 from ACT
  - 24 from Northern Territory





## **Could this information or information like it help you obtain Native Title – The NTSGAC Link up service can help you!**

### **Tracking Family: A guide to Aboriginal records relating to the Northern Territory**

#### **Second edition**

National Archives of Australia contributors: Rebecca Bateman, Hilary Rowell, Phyllis Williams.

Past state and federal governments followed policies of separating Indigenous children from their families. Children were placed in children's homes or missions run by the government or churches or, in some cases, children were fostered or adopted. These arrangements caused pain to those separated and their families and communities.

Two government reports have made recommendations emphasising the importance of making relevant records available to assist those who were separated from their families to discover their identity and to link up with their families and communities. These were the:

- Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, established in 1987
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families, established in 1995.

The Royal Commission was set up jointly by the Commonwealth, the states and the Northern Territory in October 1987 in response to concern that Indigenous deaths in custody were too common. The number of deaths in custody was higher for Indigenous people who had been separated from their families than for Indigenous people generally. Many of the Royal Commission's recommendations sought to address this problem.

The Royal Commission recommended that all governments facilitate access to government archival records pertaining to the family and community histories of Indigenous people separated from their families to assist in the re-establishment of family and community links (Recommendation 53).

The *Bringing Them Home* report brought down by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's national inquiry reinforced the need for access to relevant records and made a number of recommendations about preserving, indexing and making available government and non-government (including church) records to assist people with family and community reunion.

Since these reports were issued, a number of bodies holding relevant records have prepared guides and indexes to records, and have developed policies to help Indigenous people access material.





## Newsletter from Link up Case Team



The Link Up Case Team have started the year off a Reunion in Darwin of reunification of siblings. We have had training for staff which includes Marumali for workers who work in the Social and Emotional wellbeing area of which the Case Team does, but it also assist workers who work with Stolen Generations clientele.

We have also had workers participate in the newly developed and now being piloted the Certificate IV in Stolen Generations Family History and Case Management which is being run by two Registered Training Organisation one on the east coast of Australia at the Aboriginal Health College in Sydney and the other which is being run for the central/west coast of Australia by Nunku Warrin Yunti in Adelaide. This certificate has three pillars to it which include; Social and Emotional Well-being; Family History Research and Case Management. In all the Case Team has been busy working for our clients and trying to get out more doing outreach. The following photos are of a Reunion held here in Darwin.



Please feel free to contact any of the Case Team if you have a query about family tracing for you or your families who need assistance. Take care and we will talk to you soon.  
Link Up Case Team ☺!!!!

# NTSGAC :- Staff Training, Meetings & Reunions for April/May 2016

## 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 Gerry Hurst	27 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Marumali Training	Gold Coast

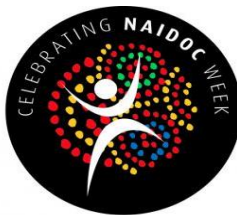


## Up Coming Events for 2016

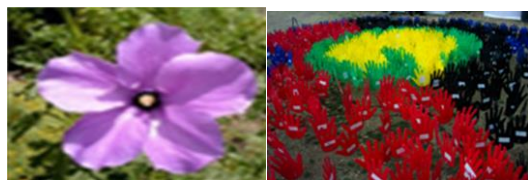
**National Sorry Day Event:** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Barunga Festival:** 10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Naidoc Week:** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July







## *National Sorry Day Event*

*National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities*

***Date: Thursday 26th May 2016***

***Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm***

***Where: Jingili Water Gardens Jingili***

**Come along and listen as Elders and community members share their stories, students will be presenting a play and Guest Speakers included.**

**All Welcome: Morning Tea and BBQ lunch provided.**

**For information please contact Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation office on 89479171**





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To whom it may concern

**RE: 2016 NAIDOC PARTNERSHIPS**

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Top End NAIDOC was established through the amalgamation of the Darwin and Palmerston NAIDOC Committees in 2007. The amalgamation arose through a need for a coordinated effort of both organising committees to deliver a comprehensive program of events in Darwin, as the host city for national NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The Top End NAIDOC Committee has begun planning this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations to be held from Saturday, 2nd July to Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. We intend to deliver another fantastic program of events to encourage community-wide participation.

In order for this to happen, we need to establish partnerships with Businesses and Organisations with shared interests to work together to deliver events to celebrate our culture with the wider community.

We are looking forward to working with Matthew, Frank and Stolen Generations team in relation to the events they have planned in Darwin during NAIDOC week.

Yours sincerely,

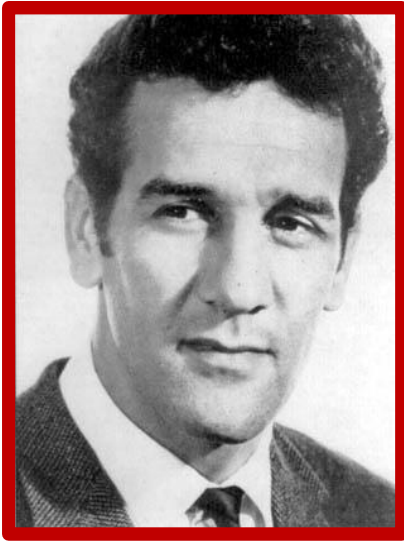
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28 April 2016

Damien Zammit  
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28 April 2016



## National Museum Australia.

### **Charles Perkins – Stolen Generation Legend. (1936 to 2000)**



**Source:** *Smoke Signals*, April 1966

Charles Perkins was born in Alice Springs; his mother was Arrente and his father Kalkadoon. He was removed from the Alice Springs Telegraph Station Aboriginal Reserve when he was 10 and educated at St Francis House, a school established by Father Percy Smith in Adelaide to educate Aboriginal boys. He trained initially as a fitter and turner but, being a gifted soccer player, he played professionally for the English club, Everton, then on his return to Australia with the Adelaide Croatian and the Sydney Pan-Hellenic Clubs.

Perkins first attended the Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement annual conference in Brisbane in 1961. He spoke with passion about his visit to Mungana reserve where he saw a double standard in action: attractive homes for the white staff and tin shanties for the Aboriginal residents.

In 1965 Perkins, one of two Aboriginal students at the University of Sydney (the other was Gary Williams), was keen to find a way to publicise the Aboriginal cause. This led to the formation of Student Action for Aborigines (SAFA) and the decision to organise a bus tour of western New South Wales towns. About 30 students, led by Perkins, travelled to Walgett, Moree, Kempsey and other towns exposing discrimination in the use of halls, swimming pools, picture theatres and hotels. In a number of towns Aboriginal returned servicemen were only permitted entry to the Returned Service League clubs on Anzac Day. This trip became known as the Freedom Ride and assumed iconic status as the students ensured that they had press coverage for the conflicts which occurred in these towns. Their effective use of television brought the issue of racial discrimination in country towns to national attention. Perkins' role in this action propelled him to a position as a national Aboriginal leader and spokesman, a position he held until his death.



In the post-referendum period, Charles Perkins was critical of the Federal Council, believing it had not done enough to share power with Aboriginal members. In 1965 he became the manager of the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs in Sydney, and in 1969 he moved to Canberra to begin work in the Office of Aboriginal Affairs, which was set up by Prime Minister Harold Holt. By 1984 Perkins was Secretary of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, the first Aboriginal Australian to attain such a position in the bureaucracy. In his post-public service life Perkins played key roles on the boards of Aboriginal arts, sport and media organisation. As well he was a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Commission (ATSIC) and of the Arrernte Council of Central Australia.

Charlie Perkins was an independent spirit who gave much to the cause of his people, and also to Australian soccer. His independence of mind meant that he was no stranger to controversy. He was given a state funeral in recognition of his dedicated work for Indigenous Australians.

## Further reading

Charles Perkins, *A Bastard Like Me*, Ure Smith, Sydney, 1975

Peter Read, *Charles Perkins: A Biography*, Ringwood, Victoria, 1990



# 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



## Ladies Day Outing Arts & Crafts (Danila Dilba)

This week we had the opportunity to use the Danila Dilba Healing room for Arts & Craft. We had extra boxes that were stored at the NTSGAC storage shed last month to use. Margaret & Lorna helped to re arrange the boxes into different section for sowing, paintings & jewellery making to make it easier to choose. It was raining so we didn't go anywhere for lunch, I brought fruits, bread rolls & salad for the ladies to make their own sandwiches. All the boxes belonging to NTSGAC were stored in the back room of Danila Dilba for next arts & Craft activities. We talked about personal issues such as pension days-shopping is a headache for some, they don't want to catch the buses anymore (paying for Taxies which doesn't leave them much to live on for the next fortnight) and not feeling safe in their own homes.





## Seniors Ladies Day Outing Trip to Buffalo creek Arts & Craft

Before heading to Danila Dilba for Arts & Craft activities, the ladies decided to go for a drive along the Nightcliff beach and then to buffalo Creek. They spoke about the times they used to spend a lot of time swimming at the creek and how it's all changed due to contamination in the water and the information displayed about infections from the muddy ground.



Elders at Buffalo Creek, Margaret Vigona  
Mitta Cussen, Lorna Cubillo Margaret  
Shields & Veronica Kowcun.



Jewellery making to fundraise for  
Elders Outings at the Sorry day Event  
In May.





# International Women's Day Celebration



The International Multicultural Women's Day celebration was held in March at the Chambers Crescent Theatre in Malak, with guest speaker Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim. Barbara Raymond, Aunty Kathy Mills and myself was invited to attend the function. Aunty Kathy's poetry, tributes and songs were well received by the mixed Multicultural women of the Darwin Community and next year they would like to see more of the Aboriginal Women attend the 2017 Event.





## 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

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
Jamie-Lee Bradley	Reception
Yvonne Bradley	Project Officer
Raelene Rosas	Link-up Caseworker
Evelyn Perkins	Link-up Caseworker
Gerry Hurst	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 -

NORTHERN TERRITORY  
STOLEN GENERATIONS  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Phone: 08 8947 9171

Fax: 08 8947 9173

**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  
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*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**

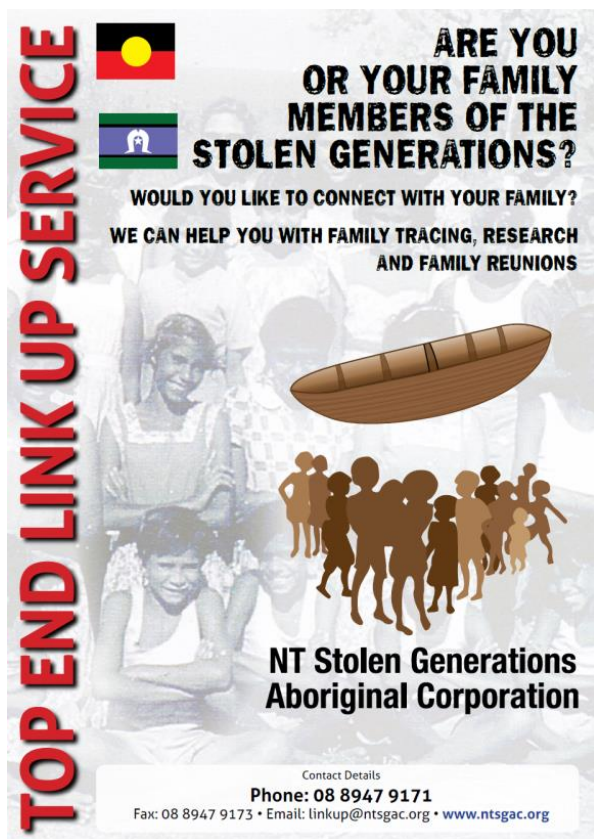
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**Adopted**







# 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**

**NT Stolen Generations  
Aboriginal Corporation**

Contact Details  
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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.



**NT Stolen Generations  
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8.00 – 4.30  
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