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Warning

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

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





Interim Ceo: Maisie Austin

Introduction

For those of you who don't know me, I was born on Thursday Island to Charlie and Mona Adams. My dad is a descendant of the Wutharti peoples and I understand my mum is Dagaman Wardaman or Kungarikin, although this is still being researched.

I was raised and educated in Darwin, have been a business owner/operator and director since the 1970s and have been Chairperson, President and Board member for various organisations over the years.

I feel privileged to be the Interim CEO of this organisation and will endeavour to do my utmost to manage, lead and administer with integrity, credibility and professionalism.

Regards
Maisie Austin
NTSGAC Interim Ceo





Eileen Cummings: Chairpersons 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 or 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 Interim CEO Mrs Maisie Austin 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. NTSGAC want to build 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:

- Review of Strategic Plan 2016-19 -Operational Plan - Draft returned for Board endorsement
- Review of the Rule Book – changes were endorsed at the Special General meeting June 17th .



Croker Island Reunion:

A group of Croker Island Elders had a morning tea with children of Missionaries Mr Newall, Mr White and Mrs Ingram.

Paul Newall did a documentary of Croker Island since its inception and he wanted the Croker Island people to allow him to use photos of the children growing up on the Island. Paul showed the film and the people thoroughly enjoyed the film and the morning tea reunion. It was a time to remember the days on the mission and to enjoy each other's company and remember the stories of days on the Island.

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NTSGAC:

There has been a lot of talk about the organisation and decisions made by the Board. Any decisions actioned in the organisation is done by the Board of Directors not by one person only.

STAFF:

We are fortunate to have the services of a great business woman as the Interim CEO and staff;

- Interim CEO is Mrs Maisie Austin,
- New receptionist is Diara Croker,
- the return of Daniel Fejo and Tyron Major.

The CEO position and Research Officer positions were advertised last week and Interviews will take place next week. The organisation is at full capacity and is doing very well with great relations with the funding agency and the stakeholders.

EVENTS:

I also would like to say thanks you to all members & families for supporting our NTSGAC Events such as the Sorry Day and Naidoc week Celebrations and those who also attended the Barunga Festival.

Regards

Eileen Cummings



Private session registrations closure newsletter content

Version 1

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is closing registrations for private sessions.

Private Sessions allow survivors to share their stories in person with a Commissioner.

If you'd like to register for a private session, you need to do so by 30 September 2016.

For more information visit www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

Version 2

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is closing registrations for private sessions.

Private Sessions allow survivors to share their stories in person with a Commissioner.

If you'd like to register for a private session, you need to do so by 30 September 2016.

Those who have registered for a private session are guaranteed to receive one.

If you miss out on registering for a private session, or you choose not to have one, you can still provide us with information over the phone or through a written account.

For more information visit www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

Phone: 1800 099 340

Or write in person to register:-

Royal Commission

GPO Box 5283

Sydney. NSW 2001



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse





Croker Island Elders Reunion



Saturday 25th of June the Croker Island Elders gathered at the NTSGAC Boardroom to see films & photos supplied by Paul Newell whom was one of the missionaries son. A group of Croker Island Elders had a morning tea with Missionaries, Mr Newall, Mr White and Mrs Ingram children.

Paul Newall completed a documentary of Croker Island since its inception and he wanted the Croker Island people to allow him to use photos of the children growing up on the Island. The Elders thoroughly enjoyed the film and the morning tea reunion. It was a time to remember the days on the mission and to enjoy each other's company and to reflex back on their happy and sad times growing up on the Island.





NTSGAC was invited to talk at the St Francis Primary School about the Stolen Generation people and to ask questions as a part of their school project of **When, Why & What** happened to the children.



NTSGAC chairperson Eileen Cummings spoke on behalf of the Stolen Generation Organisation about the 7 Institutions in the Northern Territory (separation from families, education & her life on Croker Island). NTSGAC power point presentation was shown. The students also received NTSGAC hats, pens and bags.



CDU:- Talks about National Reconciliation Week

Eileen Cummings was invited to be apart of the National Reconciliation week at the CDU. Guest speakers:-

Mr Steve Larkin →



Danila Dilba Ceo: Olga Havnen gave a speech in regards to Reconciliation week on behalf of Danila Dilba



Bilawara Lee, welcoming everyone to Larrakia Country & breakfast



Eileen Cummings special guest for the breakfast talks at the CDU





NTSGAC

2016 SORRY DAY EVENT

Guest Speakers



Welcoming everyone to Larrakia Country
“Dorrie- Ann Raymond”.



Opposition Leader Mr Bill Shorten,
Labour Member Luke Gosling, Nova Peris,
and Labour Senator Mr Pat Dodson.



NTSGAC Chairperson Eileen Cummings
with Father O'Brien Blessing the food &
the people for their Special day of
Celebration.



Mr Bill Shorten & Nova Peris meeting
with NTSGAC Members at the Jingili
Water Gardens.



Organisation stalls at the Event



“Save the Children”



Australian Hearing



Sorry Day Event

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26th 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

This year 2016 Sorry Day event had special guest speakers such as Opposition Leader Mr Bill Shorten, Labour Member Luke Gosling, Nova Peris, and Labour Senator Mr Pat Dodson. NTSGAC had the opportunity to release the balloons whilst Mr Bill Shorten stood amongst the elders as they explained the significance of releasing the purple balloons every year on 26th May.

Schools participating at the Sorry Day Event



Students from Marrara Christine College



Students from Kormilda College



Wagaman Primary School



O'Loughlin Catholic School



“Face Painting, music & games enjoyed by many”





10th – 12th June 2016



Another year of the Barunga Festival that NTSGAC attended to share what the organisation has been doing including the Link up Service. Raelene Rosas - Link Up Caseworker and two volunteers – Sheena Cummings and Charles May who came to assist with the information stall for the long weekend. The information stall was an opportunity for the public to find out about what NTSGAC and Link Up was about, events that have happened and any other queries that the public had about the Stolen Generations.

It was apparent that a lot of the public was interested in what has happened since the **“Bringing them home Report”** and what has happened 20 years on. There was a large interest in how many of the recommendations have been implemented and if so why not.

In all, it was a great community awareness event to showcase NTSGAC and the Link up Service. Bring on next year.

Raelene Rosas
Link Up Caseworker



2016 BARUNGA FESTIVAL



ABORIGINAL



ARTS



CRAFT



SPORTS



SPORTS



Football

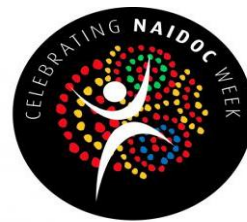


Basketball





Opening of National Naidoc week at Larrakia Nation 4h July 2016



Guess speaker Chief Minister Adam Giles



Raising the flags



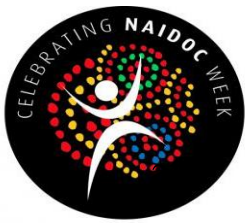
Barbara Raymond & niece Ali Mills
enjoying each others company



Liam Shepherd-Stansfield
entertained the Darwin people
with his beautiful singing voice.



Eileen Cummings greeting One Mob dancers



Around Darwin National Naidoc Celebration St Marys



Patsy Raymond: Organised the Senior Naidoc function at the St Mary's club. Many of the Elders were very thankful for the specials event.

Anyone & everyone had the opportunity to show off their Hula movements, including the Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim in her green dress.

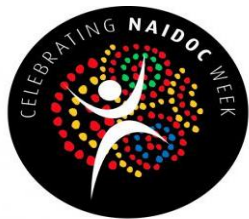


Dance to the Music

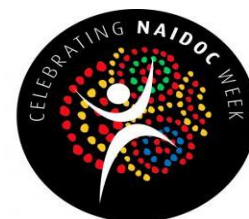


A snapshot of friends enjoying time together.





NATIONAL Naidoc Celebration St Marys



Mona Adams with her daughter
Maisie Austin NTSGAC Interim CEO

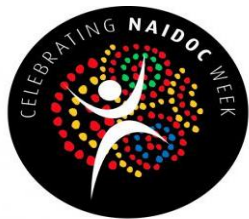


Valarie Day & Mary Raymond

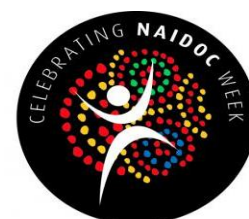


Mitta Cussens had a relaxing day
enjoying the food & entertainment





National Naidoc Celebration



Mary Lee welcomed visitors to show respect to the Larrakia people & land.



Bernadette Shields gave a speech on behalf of Chairperson Eileen Cummings



Stolen Generation ladies enjoying the morning tea hosted by Australian Hearing



Mrs Mona Singh from Belyuen Community painted a beautiful picture as a gift to the Australian Hearing. Lorna Fejo admired the painting and story line it represents.



Kathy Mills reading her poems & tributes



Australian Hearing provides hearing services to over 80 remote and rural communities across the NT, which are each visited between 2 and 4 times per year. At the combined NAIDOC week event held in conjunction with the Northern Territory Stolen Generations and the Red Cross, one of our clients, Mrs Mona Singh presented Australian Hearing with a beautiful painting she had done showing fish, turtle, stingray and dugong. Mona is seen at the community of Belyuen, and receives hearing services there when required.

Australian Hearing's clinical services, including hearing assessments and provision of hearing aids, can be provided to people who meet our eligibility criteria. Device include behind the ear hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and bone conduction hearing aids in a band or in a "hearing hat" for those who have had or continue to have ear infections. Australian Hearing clients are generally those who have received appropriate medical treatment for their hearing problem, but who continue to have significant difficulties hearing. For example it may be difficult to hear their family and friends or perhaps are having trouble hearing in a group such as at a meeting.

Eligibility for our services includes people who:

- a) are voucher holders which includes:
 - people who hold a Pensioner Concession Card and their dependants
 - most veterans and members of the Australian Defence Force
- b) Australian citizens or permanent residents under 26 years of age
- c) all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 50 and over
- d) all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples participating in Remote Jobs and Communities program

1. In Darwin, clients usually prefer to access hearing services at our office at 13 Scaturchio Street in Casuarina. Ring 13 17 97 for more information, or you can contact your local health clinic or GP for advice.

Regards,

john

John Anderson

Manager Darwin and Alice Springs

Australian Hearing Darwin 13 Scaturchio Street Casuarina NT 0810

P: (08) 8920 5900 M: 0400 449 331 E: john.anderson@hearing.com.au

www.hearing.com.au





We all Stand on Sacred Ground:



NTSGAC Staff: Gerry Hurst, Evelyn Perkins, Yvonne Bradley & Diara Croker



Venjie Dilo with his son waving the Aboriginal flag at the Naidoc march



Crowd listening to Indigenous speakers at Raintree Park

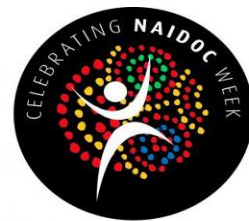




Naidoc Celebration

NTSGAC 2016

Michael Long Complex



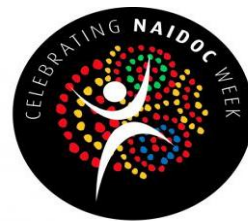
Children's Fashion Parade:
Modelling Indigenous clothing
supplied by Sarina Jan

NTSGAC Power Point
Presentation & talks by
Eileen Cummings





Morning tea
supplied by
NTSGAC



Barbeque
supplied by
NTSGAC

Kids enjoyed face painting by Yenzi



Fashion parade
Coordinated by
Sarina Jan



Hot meals cooked by
Aunty Pams Catering



Prizes of
Indigenous hand
printed bags was
supplied by
Lenore Dembski
of Paperbark



Community Services in Darwin

Beyondblue

Phone:- 1300 224 636

Support:- 24hours- 7 days a week

Chat line:- 24 hours- 7 days a week

Support in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities

Beyondblue recognises that much needs to be done to address depression, anxiety, suicide and related drug and alcohol problems in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Over time and across Australia, generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have experienced trauma, grief and loss.

Psychological distress is high among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and this is worsened by ongoing social and health factors.

In consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, **beyondblue** has developed a range of research, information, education and support strategies for the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Carers NT

Phone: 1800 242 636

Phone: 89444888 –Community Advisory Services

Address: 59 Bayview Boulevard, Bayview. Darwin

Disability Services & Age Care Organisation

- Stress Managements
- Crisis Counselling's



Families Crying Out for Help

Founder: Donna Hunter



In July 2016- Darwin Grandmother Donna Hunter received an award from the Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Achievement after starting the Families Crying Out for Help Support Group.

In desperation, Ms Hunter set up the group Families Crying Out for Help. Grandparents and families of addicts attend regularly, along with users, and those who have quit methamphetamine. Many in the group wish to stay anonymous. They say there is no help out there for them and they have struggled to deal with the meth use of their loved ones.

"I've had a family member who has been on this horrible drug for a number years... there's no real help!. There is a range of drug and alcohol services in the Northern Territory, but no specialised methamphetamine rehabilitation.

Ms Hunter said there is little support available for addicts.

All are welcome at the **fortnightly** meetings at:-

Malak Community Centre
Monday nights (starting at 7pm)

First meeting was held on Monday 25th July





Daniel Fejo: NTSGAC -Wellbeing Counsellor

Link-Up Wellbeing Support Officer provides counselling service to the members of the Stolen Generations people in the area of trauma, grief and loss.

Our people live with these issues on a daily basis to survive due to the past policies that were placed on them without a choice that affected all the country, community, belonging and identity. This affected the families through generations and still continues to this day.

This service is for those people who want to come and have a yarn about it.

Cheers

Daniel



LINK-UP PROGRAM

Enquiries can be made by contacting the:

NORTHERN TERRITORY
STOLEN GENERATIONS
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

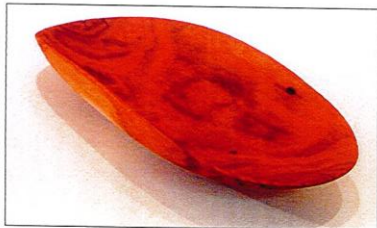
Phone: 08 8947 9171

Fax: 08 8947 9173

**NTSGAC acknowledges
the support of PM & 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.



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

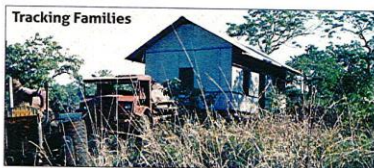
- Family tracing
- Family reunion management
- Research and access to records
- Guidance and support to clients
- Referrals to other support services

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.



BRINGING THEM HOME COUNSELLORS

DARWIN

Danila Dilba

Social & Emotional Wellbeing
Unit 3/1 Malak Place, Malak NT
Phone: 8920 9500 Fax: 8945 7443

KATHERINE

Wurli Wurlijang Aboriginal Health Service

Emotional & Social Well Being Unit
23 Third Street, Katherine, NT
Phone: 8971 2716 Fax: 89971 2784

TENNANT CREEK

Anyinginyi Congress Aboriginal Corp

1 Irvine Street, Tennant Creek NT
Client Services Counsellor
Stronger Families Program
Phone: 8962 2074 Fax: 8962 1118

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc.

Social & Emotional Well Being
25 Gap Road, Alice Springs NT
Phone: 8951 4457 Fax: 8958 4515



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.



**NT Stolen Generations
Aboriginal Corporation**

Bringing Families Together

LINK-UP RESEARCH & REUNION CASEWORK

2/3 Cascom Centre,
13 Scaturchio Street

PO Box 43372, Casuarina NT 0811

Phone: 08 8947 9171

Fax: 08 8947 9173

www.ntsgac.org.au



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

Fostered

Adopted

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 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.

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 printing.

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

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 Schroeder | Director |
| Bernadette Shields | Director |
| Gloria Daylight-Corliss | Secretary / Minute Taker |



Current Staff

| <u>Name:</u> | <u>Position:</u> |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Maisie Austin | Interim CEO |
| Diara Croker | Reception |
| Yvonne Bradley | Project Officer |
| Raelene Rosas | Link-up Caseworker |
| Evelyn Perkins | Link-up Caseworker |
| Gerry Hurst | Link-up Caseworker |
| Daniel Fejo | Wellbeing Counsellor |
| Tyron Major | Administration Officer |

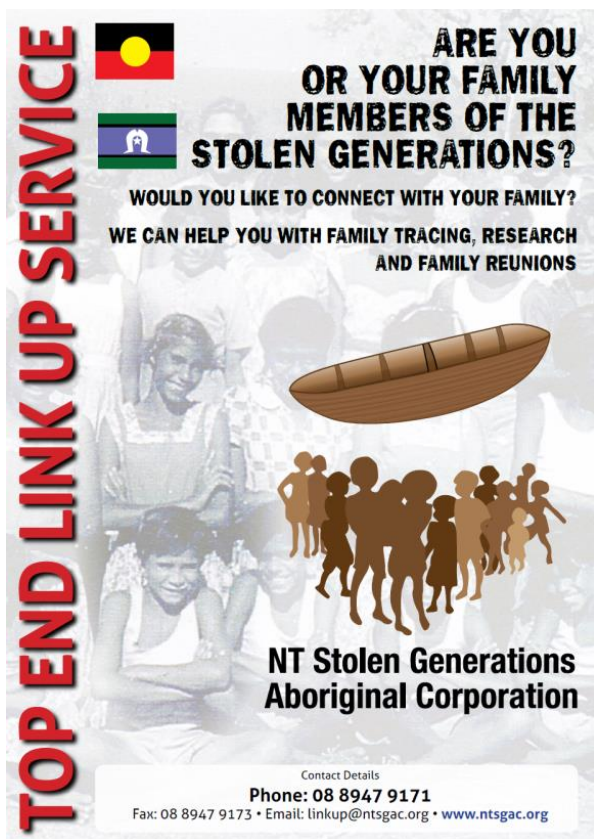
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Please contact the Stolen Generation office on: 89 47 9171 in regards to membership update of yourself and your descendants.



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
Phone: 08 8947 9171
Fax: 08 8947 9173 • Email: linkup@ntsgac.org • www.ntsgac.org

Our Link Up Caseworkers give priority to 1st 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.

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
Aboriginal Corporation**

Office hours
8.00 – 4.30
Ph: 08 8947 9171
Fax: 08 8947 9173

