

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Mens
Outreach
Service

ABORIGINAL **C**ORPORATION

STRONG men communities

DECEMBER 2023



Family
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Service

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YOUNG PEAPLY



DIJUN WAY



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Mens Outreach Service
Aboriginal Corporation
acknowledges the
Traditional Owners as
custodians of the land on
which we live and work.
We recognise the spiritual
relationship
Aboriginal people have with
Country and pay
deep respect to Elders past
and present.**



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The MOSAC Board would like to acknowledge the expertise and effort that all the MOSAC staff have demonstrated in 2023 with their program delivery. It has been a year of trying to get back to business as usual after COVID and the unprecedented flooding damage.

Once again, MOSAC staff have delivered an award-winning service to the youth and families of the Kimberley, with both Alive & Kicking Goals and Together We Ride taking out awards this year. The MOSAC Board and I congratulate all the MOSAC staff for your continuous hard work and dedication to the Kimberley community throughout the year.

2023 saw MOSAC launch a new arm of Mens Outreach Service Aboriginal Corporation, the Family Outreach Service. This new service was introduced to better encompass the service delivery that MOSAC now covers, servicing youth, mothers, partners, and families holistically, but also to ensure MOSAC stays true to its original focus, the holistic care of men in the Kimberley.

As the Chair, I would also like to thank all the MOSAC Board members and the Leadership group for their solid commitment to providing strong leadership and governance for MOSAC. The Board and I look forward to working with you all again in 2024.

Thank you
Troy Edwards
MOSAC Chairperson

MOSAC Board of Directors

- Troy Edwards - Chairperson
- John Bin Salleh
- Elaine Jolliffe
- Mathew Taylor
- Mandi Dia
- Ted Wilkinson
- Neil Walker
- Peter Mitchell



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Once again, the past year has seen a continuation of expansion and evolution of MOSAC with an increase in programs delivered, and staff employed. As we approach the end of this year, we are taking time to draw breath and review what our ongoing priorities should be and how we can best meet the needs of the communities we serve.

Governance and Compliance

Our Board of Directors has undergone some changes since the last AGM; we recruited a new independent non-member Director Neil Walker, an experienced accountant who brings a wealth of relevant knowledge. Neil has joined a Board that provides a broad range of skills and experience, including legal, financial and management experience, strong community representation, and cultural and gender diversity.

Board meetings were held on 3 February, 28 March, 4 May, 10 Aug, and 2 November.

The organisation has fulfilled its compliance obligations and has not been involved in any legal action.

Acknowledging the significant increase over the last few years in MOSAC's services, staffing and revenue, and the responsibilities of the Directors, we continue to seek to strengthen our Board in terms of its skillset, experience, and community representation. The Board's diversity would be enhanced by the addition of a Youth representative, which would also be a capacity-building opportunity for that person.

We completed the review of our Strategic Plan, which now recognises the existing broad scope of our activities and services, and the potential for those services to expand to include major projects such as the proposed Broome FDV Hub. Looking ahead, our major challenges and opportunities for 2024 include the redevelopment of our Hamersley St site, the development of the Broome FDV Hub (if we are successful in the tender), and the retention and recruitment of staff, in a very high-cost environment.

Family Outreach Service

In June we hosted (in partnership with Kullarri Patrol) our first NAIDOC event and launched our new Family Outreach Service (FOS), which had been recognised in our strategic planning processes as a way to more accurately describe at least half of our current services, while not losing the reputational strengths of our original "brand", the Mens Outreach Service. In this process we developed a FOS logo and allocated relevant services such as our new Youth Services teams into the FOS.

Sector and partnerships

We have maintained our membership and involvement in a broad range of relevant local, regional, and national groups, ranging from strategic and collaborative groups such as the Kimberley Aboriginal Health Planning Forum and its sub-committees, to "communities of practice" around FDV services.

A significant increase in partnership development was undertaken as part of our Offer (under the new FOS banner) in a competitive tender process for the Broome FDV Hub project, due to commence in 2024. Developing this Offer was a major undertaking for senior management and corporate staff in 2023. We worked closely with senior colleagues from Anglicare WA as our co-lead organisation and developed partnerships with key local support service providers such as Nirrumbuk, Broome CIRCLE, Jalygurr-Guwan, Broome Legal Aid, and many other potential partners. We will be advised in early 2024 if our Offer has been accepted. If we are successful, this project will constitute a major increase in staffing resources and responsibilities for our organisation.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (CONTINUED)

Overview of Business Performance- Financial Report

The organisation continues to be in a strong financial position, taking a stringent approach to ensuring that the true costs of service delivery are included in any budget. The 2023 General Purpose Financial Report (audited financial statement) was accepted by the Board at its meeting on 2/11/23 and includes the following key elements:

1. page 2- Statement by the Board of Directors that the report is accurate, and that the organisation can pay its debts and liabilities.
2. pages 3-4 – Director’s Report (Financial)
3. page 5 – Auditor’s Independence Declaration
4. pages 6-7 – Auditor’s Report to the Members
5. page 8 – Auditor’s Management Letter to the Board
6. page 9 – Statement of Financial Performance FY 2022-23
7. page 10 – Statement of Financial Position on 30 June 2023
8. page 11 - Statement of Working Capital

Points to note:

- The Management Letter gives the organisation a clean bill of health.
- The Statement of Financial Performance (annual result) notes a 20% increase in the annual income and an increase in the annual surplus of \$111, 689 over the previous year.
- The Statement of Financial Position notes an increase of 11% over the year in the organisation’s equity, to \$1.629m as of 30 June 2023.
- The Statement of Financial Performance and the Statement of Financial Position are included separately in this Annual Report

The audited financial report demonstrates another very good financial result for MOSAC. We thank our former contract bookkeeper Flick Financial Services, and accountant VLK Accounting for their contributions to our financial management in the financial year, noting that VLK Accounting have taken on the bookkeeping role since 1st July.



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT (CONTINUED)

Staff

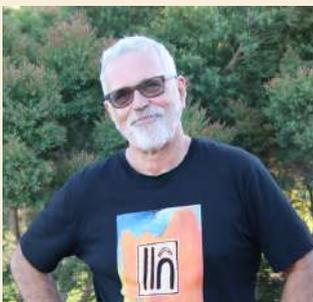
Recruitment of staff has kept us busy this year with the addition of new programs and roles; our staff list has now grown to 38 positions (33 current staff and recruiting for five vacancies). Once again this represents a steady increase year on year in staff numbers. Three of these current vacant positions will be servicing the towns of Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek, with the intention of hiring local based staff. The new positions are all based on contracts with the government in which MOSAC was approached to address gaps in services, which indicates the confidence that funding bodies have in our organisation.

Activities of the Corporation

See the Chief Operation Officer's Report for an overview and The Team Leaders and Program Reports for more details. COO Sarah Macnee has once again provided tremendous support to our staff, as individuals and within teams, including organising a restructure based on the new Family Outreach Service which includes our Youth Services and the partner support elements of our FDV programs. Sarah provides direct supervision and support to our three Team Leaders, and provides support to staff regarding their training, professional development, and wellbeing needs.

I congratulate and thank all our Staff, Members and Directors on the hard work that has brought MOSAC to this point of its journey, and its mission to strengthen the men, families, and communities of the Kimberley.

Peter Mitchell
Chief Executive Officer



FINANCIAL POSITION

MENS OUTREACH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
OPERATING REVENUE			
Grants and contributions provided	3a	4,257,676	3,530,714
Interest received		6,262	776
Other operating revenues	3b	690,634	498,208
User charges & fees	3c	32,200	21,996
Net profit on disposal of assets	5	-	(72)
		<u>4,986,772</u>	<u>4,051,622</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Depreciation & amortisation	4c	60,748	64,018
Employee costs	4a	3,256,908	2,863,499
Other operating expenses	4d	1,496,487	1,063,165
Net loss on disposal of assets	5	-	-
		<u>4,814,143</u>	<u>3,990,682</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS		<u>172,629</u>	<u>60,940</u>

Notes to the financial statements are set out on the attached pages.

FINANCIAL POSITION

MENS OUTREACH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and bank	6	3,161,712	2,119,003
Receivables	7	136,767	12,188
Inventory		-	-
		<u>3,298,479</u>	<u>2,131,191</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	10a	388,729	260,145
Provisions	10c	180,939	150,734
Unexpended grants	18	1,513,983	670,460
		<u>2,083,651</u>	<u>1,081,339</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>1,214,828</u>	<u>1,049,852</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	502,464	478,309
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Long Service Leave	10a	88,105	71,603
NET ASSETS			
		<u>1,629,187</u>	<u>1,456,558</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus		<u>1,629,187</u>	<u>1,456,558</u>

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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

The 2022/2023 year has continued to challenge and inspire us, with the significant growth of MOSAC over the previous years, continuing unabated, with a new program and new team, a major rebrand for the organisation, longer term funding secured for some major MOSAC programs, and the ongoing need to pursue funding for programs on short contracts.

A significant strategic decision this financial year was the establishment of Family Outreach Service as an operating 'arm' of MOSAC. This was driven by the need for our name and brand to reflect the increased focus on women's and children's programs that now account for about 50% of our work. This strategic decision, positions our organisation more strongly for opportunities such as our recent Broome FDV Hub submission, and will support community and stakeholder awareness of the breadth of our clients and work. Additionally, as part of our branding across programs, new logos have been created or refreshed (featured below) and each holds strong meaning. Tee Jay Worrigal created the artwork for the Men's Health & Wellbeing logo, while the rest were created by our other 'in house artist' Kevin Mckenzie.

Lovely acknowledgement of the work of our Youth Services team, was the winning of two awards at the recent WA Mental Health Awards (picture below). Our Together We Ride Program won the Innovation for Change Award, and AKG won the Prevention or Promotion Award. These awards were hotly contested with 144 submissions, and we were advised that we were the only organisation to receive two awards in the one year.

As in previous years, our programs are a highlight, with strong delivery across all program areas, working to support our clients and communities. A new program in this reporting period, is the Dijun Way FDV primary prevention program, which uses the dual platforms of workshop delivery in schools and social media and radio messaging, all focussed on healthy relationships. This new team led by Debbie Medhurst and Nic Glauser, are to be commended for developing content for 6 workshops, forging strong relationships within the education system, and delivering an impressive number of workshops in a short period of time, given current funding is for one year only.

An additional highlight this year was our Youth Services team taking the lead in organising a community event at Town Beach for Youth Week. This event held in April attracted strong support from other Broome youth services and was well attended. It is planned that this will be an annual event.

Our staff team remain the heart of our organisation, displaying resilience, commitment, flexibility, and unwavering client and community focus. All staff meetings, On Country Days, social club events and a session to celebrate the outstanding work of our team, have all contributed to strengthening our cohesiveness as a team, with more work planned together early in the new year.

One of our newer programs Together We Ride, has had significant growth in the last year, engaging over 20 young men in a meaningful way, in many cases being mentored on a daily basis, and demonstrating its significant value and potential. Outcomes thus far, include increased school attendance (in one case 0% increased to 60%), engagement of a key family member for each participant, workshops with the AKG team on key wellbeing topics and volunteering in community. The recent award at the WA Mental Health Awards, for this new program, emphasised the need to secure ongoing funding for a program that is contributing to the wellbeing and future of not only the young participants, but also to the community as a whole.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT (CONTINUED)

Other highlights from the last 12 months include the MOSAC hosted NAIDOC event in partnership with Kularri Patrol, the expansion of CEW Communities to Kununurra where 2 shortened workshops were delivered, and more recently the expansion of the Men's Health & Wellbeing team's outreach service to Fitzroy Crossing, where the team will support men through case management and referrals, as part of the 2023 flood relief support.

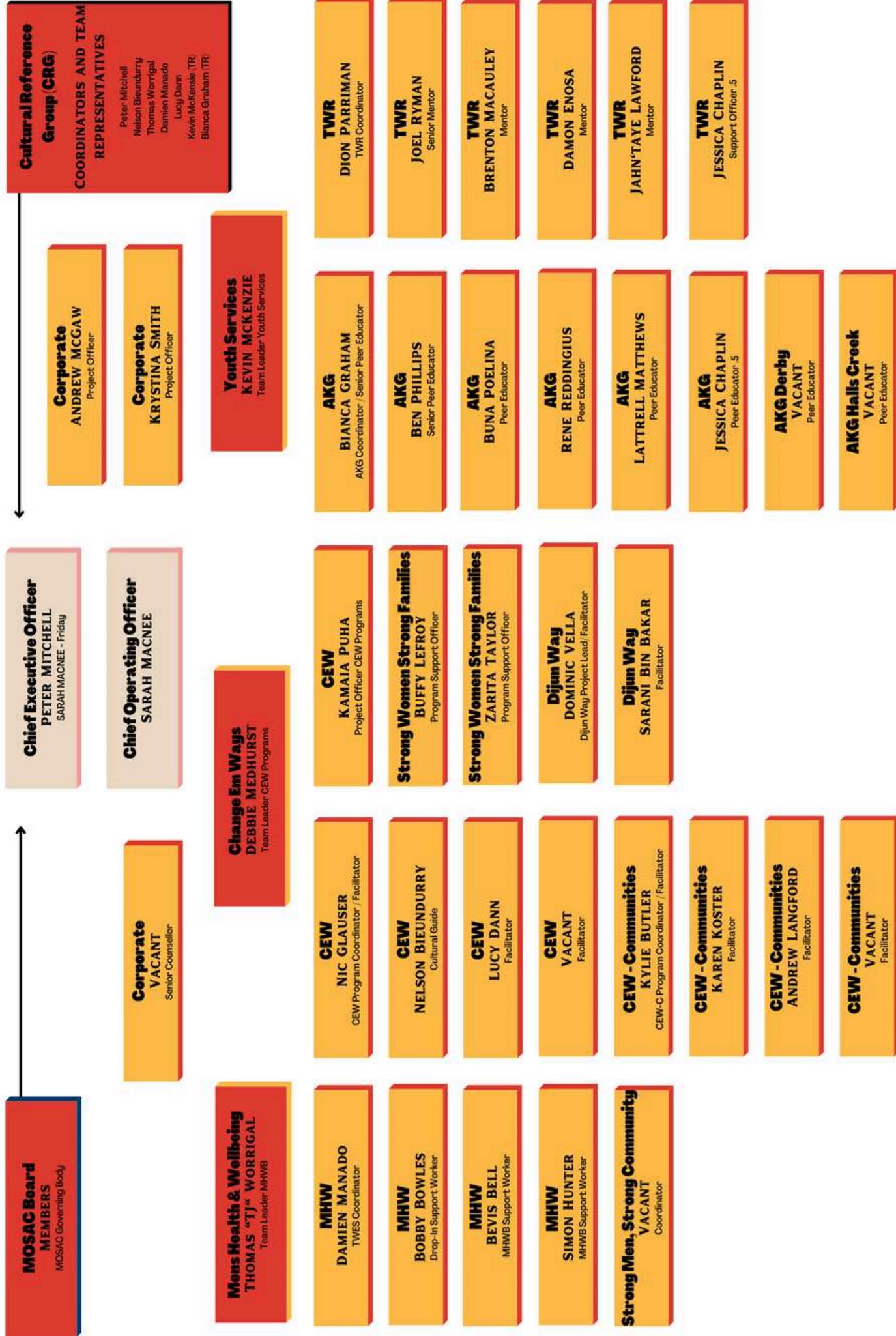
There have been a number of significant challenges over the last year including managing the significant expansion and growth of the organisation, whilst maintaining a lean corporate team, managing a rebrand of MOSAC/FOS, establishing new programs, and investing significant energy in ongoing funding submissions for current programs and new opportunities. Pleasingly, the last year has seen some longer term funding for key programs, and the addition of a third Project Officer role, has supported a focus on managing risk, meeting accreditation (particularly in ICT) and developing key policies.

Finally, I would like to thank the MOSAC Board, our CEO Peter Mitchell and the Leadership Team, and every member of the staff team for their support and investment in the work of MOSAC and FOS over the last 12 months. Once again we anticipate a challenging, productive and rewarding year ahead, and look forward to strengthening the reach and impact of MOSAC and FOS in partnership with our community and stakeholders and in the best interests of our clients.

Sarah Macnee
Chief Operating Officer



MOSAC STAFF ORGANISATIONAL CHART



TEAM LEADERS AND PROGRAM REPORTS



Thomas (TeeJay) Worrigal
Team Leader
Men's Health and Wellbeing



Debbie Medhurst
Team Leader
Family Violence Programs



Kevin McKenzie
Team Leader
Youth Services



MEN AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

CONTRACT PARTNER:
Department of Social Services

TEAM LEADER:
Tee Jay Worrigal
PROGRAM TEAM:
Men's Health and Wellbeing

Providing a safe space for all men that are vulnerable and seek support with homelessness, mental health issues, return to Country, unemployment and alcohol & other drugs, to provide case management including goal setting and tracking to better support the individual in any way possible. Referring men to specialised agencies in the Broome and surrounding Kimberley area for ongoing support.

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

- One on One Talk/Talk Sessions
- Onsite regular health education with KAMS and Milliya Rumarra
- Support and advocacy in obtaining housing, training, ID and banking.
- Successful case management of 51 clients including referrals to other agencies as required.
- Outdoor shower & shave station installed to promote personal hygiene.

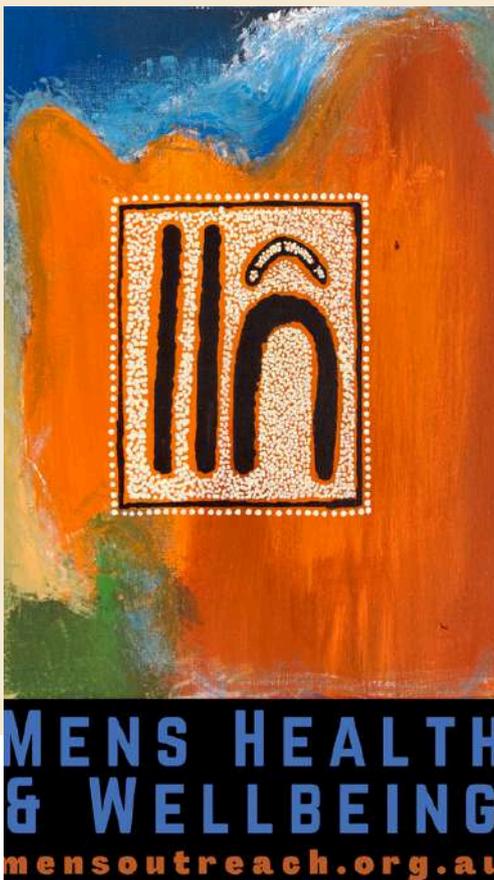
OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

- To promote MHWB more widely through the use of social media.

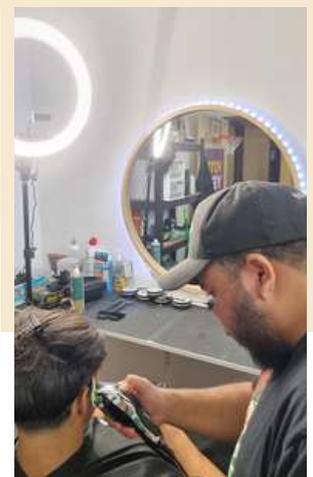
SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:

Tee Jay Worrigal, Damian Manado, Bevis Bell, Bobby Bowles and Simon Hunter

Number of clients supported over the last 12 months:
Drop in averages 28 clients per day seeking support and advocacy
51 active clients supported with case management



The MHWB Broome team is proud to support the safety of our vulnerable men and their families in the community, through working with men with trauma and strengthening them and their families and communities, through support from our team and our programs.



PRISON HEALTH

CONTRACT PARTNER:
WA Country Health Service (WACHS) -
Strengthening Aboriginal Health

Supporting Aboriginal clients whilst in prison and immediately post release, to identify their ongoing health needs and to engage with local health providers, optimising their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

TEAM LEADER:

Tee Jay Worrigal

PROGRAM TEAM:

Men's Health and Wellbeing

SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:

Bevis James Bell

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

Participant report:
Prison health client has been supported by Bevis to attend BRAMS for regular health checks after release in early 2023. Bevis assisted in registration for training programs with Nirrumbuk AC and Djaringo and the client has now completed a Cert in Civil Construction throughout 2023. Client has participated in gym sessions at the PCYC and his fitness and mental health has improved significantly.

OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

- Continue to provide extra support with transporting clients back to Country on release, this enhanced relationships with clients and enabled better communication and support.
- Network with other agencies re health requirements when commencing employment.
- Engage in more communal yarning sessions about Men's health in the prisons.

Number of clients supported over the last 12 months: 46
21 clients currently being case managed.



TIME TO WORK EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

CONTRACT PARTNER:
Department of Education, Skills and Employment

Supporting Aboriginal clients with their employment or training needs and opportunities as they transition from Broome Regional Prison and West Kimberley Regional Prison back into the community.

TEAM LEADER:
Tee Jay Worrigal

PROGRAM TEAM:
Men's Health and Wellbeing

SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:
Damien Manado

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

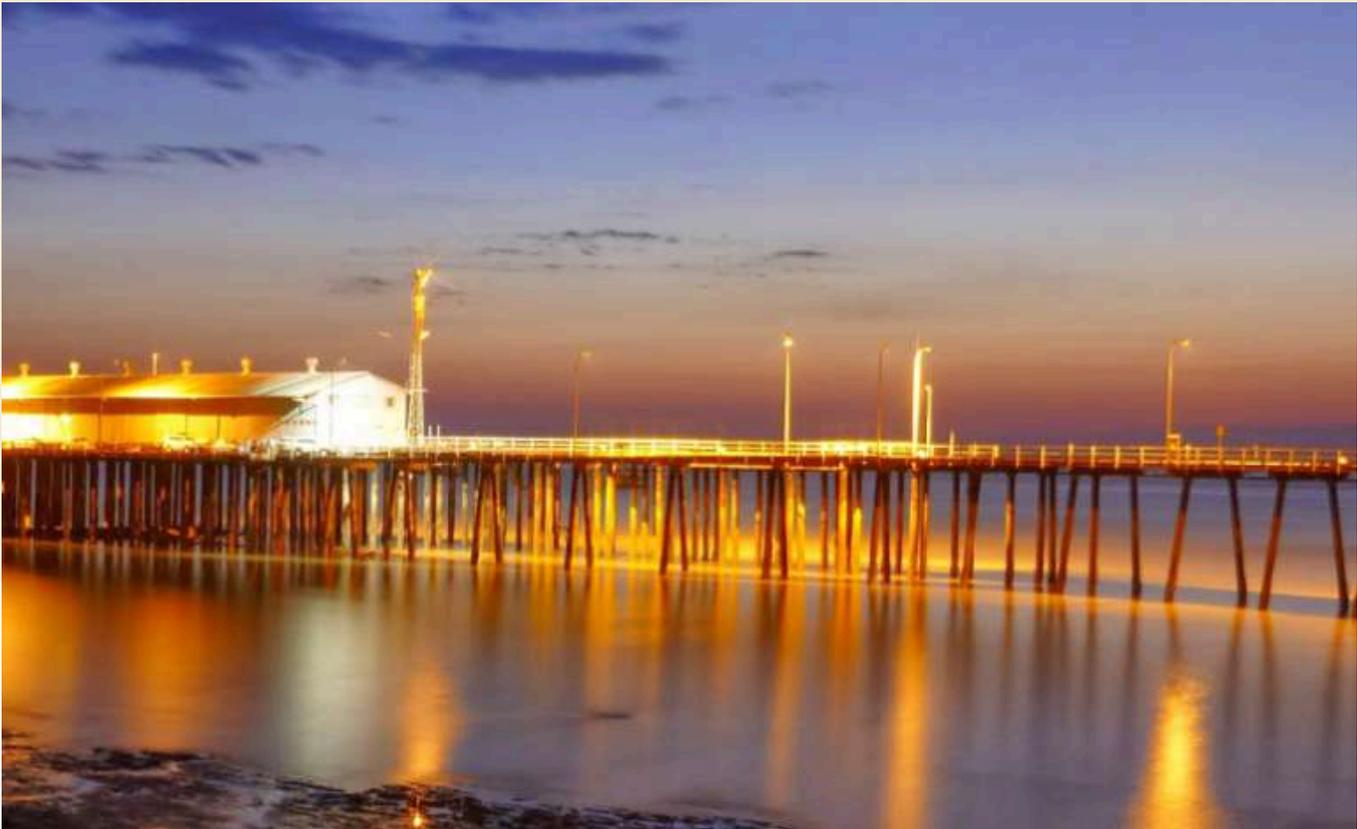
- Established a strong relationship and communication system with relevant present staff.

OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

- Strengthen communication to ensure lists are current and participants are willing to engage.

Number of clients supported over the last 12 months:

Broome Regional Prison January to Dec 2023
Total Participants: 33
Current active participants: 16



BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE (MAD BASTARDS)

CONTRACT PARTNER:
Department of Social Services

Funded as a "Community-led project to prevent violence against women and girls" this uses the BTBYCB workshop model to raise awareness in community members of issues around respectful relationships between men and women.

TEAM LEADER:
Tee Jay Worrigal

PROGRAM TEAM:
Men's Health and Wellbeing

SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:
Tee Jay Worrigal,
Damien Manado,
Bevis Bell

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

- Maintained and strengthened supportive relationships in both West Kimberley Regional Prison and Broome Prison

OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

- To be able to provide more support to families of men in the program.

Number of clients supported over the last 12 months:

4 Successful programs completed in 2023.
West Kimberley Regional Prison x 2 - total participants 16
Broome Regional Prison - total participants 9
Derby Men's Shed - total participants 15

2 Information sessions at Beagle Bay: 14 participants



CHANGE EM WAYS BROOME

CONTRACT PARTNER:
National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)
Funded to 30 June 2024

Change Em Ways (CEW) is an Indigenous Men's Behaviour Change (MBC) family and domestic violence program delivered in Broome.



TEAM LEADER:
Debbie Medhurst

PROGRAM TEAM:
Change Em Ways team

SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:
Nic Glauser, Lucy Dann, Mick Peters, Nelson Bieundurry, Buffy Lefroy and Zarita Taylor.

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

- CEW Broome received 95 referrals for men during the year ending 30 June 2023; a 25% increase from previous, which reflects the program's ongoing increased reputation in the community.
- Strengthened relationships with Western Australia Police (WAPol) have resulted in increased information sharing and referrals.
- The program has appointed a Cultural Guidance Worker, who leads all On Country camps and days out and provides cultural advice to the team.
- CEW Broome has built a strong relationship with community Elders in Djardinjin, using this location for On Country camps this year.
- There is ongoing strong support from the Courts and legal system, as well as other stakeholders and the wider community.
- CEW Broome's Aboriginal female Co-Facilitator represented MOSAC on a committee chaired by Preventing Violence Together, providing a West Kimberley perspective on a practice and workforce capability framework for the primary prevention of violence against women.

OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

- Change Em Ways remains the lead family domestic violence (FDV) program for men in the West Kimberley, offering the only men's behaviour change group program.
- Several of the team will be heading to Perth in December to attend the National Family Safety Summit, which will provide a valuable opportunity to learn, share knowledge and network with other services.
- CEW has been working with an external consultant to develop a comprehensive program manual, with sections for both co-facilitators and stakeholders.



Number of clients supported over the last 12 months:

95 men have been supported by the Change Em Ways program in the 12 month period ending 30th June 2023, either by attending all or part of the CEW program, or attending an intake assessment, which involves a lengthy interview and completion of a safety plan. A total of 78 women have also been supported in their safety, through contact with the Strong Women Strong Families Partner Support Program. This has included supporting women to access the refuge, relocate to safety, apply for Family Violence Restraining Orders (FVRO) and access associated relief payments .



CHANGE EM WAYS COMMUNITIES

CONTRACT PARTNER:

Department of Communities
Funded to 31.12.2023 with
ongoing funding anticipated.

TEAM LEADER:
Debbie Medhurst

PROGRAM TEAM:
Change Em Ways
Communities team

CEW Communities (CEWC) is an Indigenous men's behaviour change program that has been funded to be delivered in remote communities. The Communities model has been designed using the Broome program and has been modified to be culturally secure and deliverable to individual community needs and demands.

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

- Change Em Ways Communities (CEWC) has had an exciting year, with a total of three workshops having been successfully delivered; two in Fitzroy Crossing and one in Bidyadanga; and after much promotion and a carefully planned launch, a modified introductory program was successfully delivered twice in Kununurra, in the East Kimberley.
- CEWC has successfully delivered several 'On Country' camps for workshops in Fitzroy Crossing and Bidyadanga this year and is also now consistently providing a partner support service as part of the program. At the time of writing, there are now two full-time staff members undertaking partner support work.
- Commencing the year with several new facilitators, CEWC has formed a cohesive team. Taking advice from the Cultural Guidance Worker, emphasis has been given to strengthening community ties through respectful communication and consultation with community members, along with building strong relationships with other service providers.
- The team persevered with travel and workshop delivery despite some significant setbacks, including a major flood event in Fitzroy Crossing in early 2023 which resulted in displacement of clients and hardship for many across the region. Lore (law) / ceremony time, sorry time and the resignation of male co-facilitators have also impacted on the team.



SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:

Kylie Butler, Karen Koster, Andrew Langford, Nelson Bieundurry, Buffy Lefroy and Zarita Taylor

OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

- The program is building a strong reputation in the three delivery locations and is seeing an increased number of enquiries and referrals.
- It is hoped that this will result in increased numbers of men participating in and completing the program in the next year
- The team hopes to build on its success in Kununurra and schedule in additional trips to enable face to face outreach support with clients next year



Number of clients supported over the last 12 months:

73 men have been supported by the CEWC program in the 12 month period ending 30th June 2023, either by attending all or part of the program, or attending an intake assessment, which involves a lengthy interview and completion of a safety plan. Of the 73 men, 21 completed a workshop in full. A total of 81 successful partner contacts were made, from 116 attempts by the Strong Women Strong Families Partner Support service, which supports women and their children to increased safety.

DIJUN WAY YOUNGN DEADLY

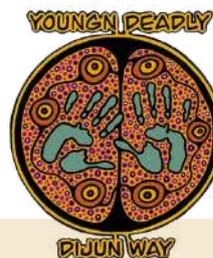
CONTRACT PARTNER:

Department of Communities
Funded until 29 February 2024

Dijun Way is a youth program that is focused on promoting awareness of family domestic violence.

TEAM LEADER:
Debbie Medhurst

PROGRAM TEAM:
Dijun Way Team



SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:
Nic Glauser, Dominic Vella and Sarani Bin Bakar

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

- This new Primary Prevention program aims to reduce the incidence of Family Domestic Violence by educating young people aged 12-18 years old through delivery of 6 module workshops in schools, as well as through using social media and radio.
- Since the 12 months of funding commenced on 01st March 2023, several key milestones have been met, including recruitment of a Program Lead and Co-Facilitator, development of workshop content for six educational program modules including Dating, Relationships, Emotions, Sex and Consent, Masculinity and Role Modelling; creation of a program logo with local Aboriginal art, production of a comprehensive brochure, and commencement of delivery of multiple workshops in Broome, Derby and Beagle Bay. At time of writing, many of these workshops have now been successfully completed.
- The program has been very positively received in schools with substantial support and positive feedback already received from teachers and school counsellors to date

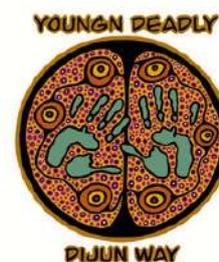


YoungN Deadly



OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

- Further funding is being urgently sought to enable Dijun Way YoungN Deadly to continue beyond February 2024.
- The team has already been approached by several schools who are requesting the team commits to workshop delivery well into 2024.
- The team is planning to promote key messages from the program through a social media campaign using Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok; and Pakam radio, to enable a wider audience to be targeted.
- Dijun Way YoungN Deadly also plans to support a range of upcoming community events including Ochre Ribbon in Broome, and at the school in Beagle Bay, for 16 Days in WA, through collaborating with key stakeholders, such as Aboriginal Family Legal Services (AFLS).



Dijun Way YoungN Deadly logo Story/Meaning

- Circle- unity
- Two halves in the background - represent two sides of a relationship, Brain - we're changing the thinking around Family Domestic Violence
- Green Hands - represents youth, growth, fertility.
- Purple - colour of Family Domestic Violence awareness
- Six circles - represents six modules of the program.

Number of clients supported over the last 12 months:

Dijun Way YoungN Deadly reached over 170 students within the first 3 months of its launch, with 80% being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. At time of writing, the team has delivered 66 individual classroom sessions to students (11 workshops each including 6 modules).

ALIVE & KICKING GOALS! YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

CONTRACT PARTNER:
WA Country Health Service (WACHS)
Rio Tinto

TEAM LEADER:
Kevin Mckenzie

PROGRAM TEAM:
AKG Team

The AKG team develop and deliver a range of innovative activities and regular workshops with schools, youth groups and organisations in the West Kimberley (Central and East where funding allows). Using the peer education model, we take an early intervention/holistic approach to break down the stigma that overshadows SEWB and suicide.

SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:
Bianca Graham,
Benjamin Phillips,
Buna-Tuaty Poelina,
Rene Reddingius,
Lattrell Matthews,
Jessica Chaplin.

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

Another amazing year providing support within our community showing positivity, self-growth, and resilience.

Youth Services hosted an event for Youth Week on April 21st. This was an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and big smiles, celebrating the positive contributions made by young people within our Broome Community. The theme for 2023 was 'Becoming: With Others We Dream'.

New partnership with Kimberley Community Alcohol and Other Drug Service (KCADS), currently in the recruitment stage with 2 applications received for the Derby position. We are working through some options to gain more interest for the position in Halls Creek. It's awesome to see it slowly becoming real - the expansion of AKG across the Kimberley.

Our partnership with Rio Tinto commenced with the agreement of us providing support through Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) group workshops followed by 1 on 1 sessions. Our first trip was in late February:

- 2 Workshops - 18 participants.
- 1 on 1 session - 4 participants.

Our Second visit on site was another success, this time we changed the times to accommodate participants who were on day and night shift.

- 2 workshops - 14 participants.

Our Youth services team had the opportunity to support the Wananami Remote Community School delivering the LifeCycle Youth Connect program, workshops around managing our SEWB and help seeking.

OPPORTUNITIES / GOALS

Our overall goal/vision of the AKG program is to be supporting our youth and communities throughout the Kimberley on a regular basis through peer education, one on one mentoring and holistic SEWB group workshops, with the aim to minimise suicide and promote the value of living a strong and healthy life.

Support the Together We Ride Program.

Recruit and establish the AKG Peer Educators in Derby and Halls Creek.



Number of clients supported July - Dec 2022:
408 participants through 40 workshops.
14 clients between 5 mentors.
23 community events/stakeholder engagements.

Number of clients supported Jan - June 2023:
750 participants through 47 workshops.
18 clients between 5 mentors.
38 community events/stakeholder engagements.

Overall, 2002 young people have accessed support through AKG, 1158 participated in 87 SEWB group workshops. 32 clients supported through one-on-one mentoring.

TOGETHER WE RIDE

CONTRACT PARTNER:
Department of Industry,
Science, Energy and
Resources: Safer
Communities

TEAM LEADER:
Kevin McKenzie

PROGRAM TEAM:
Together We Ride

The Together We Ride project helps marginalised youth at risk in the Kimberley develop life skills by engaging 12-14 year old male youth in an intensive mentorship program which includes healthy risk taking activities, strengthening family connections, supporting life skills workshops and On Country camps with an individual and wholistic approach.

SERVICE DELIVERY STAFF:
Dion Parriman, Joel Ryman, Brenton Macauley, Jahn'taye Lawford, Jessica Chaplin.

ACHIEVEMENTS / HIGHLIGHTS

Engagement:
Giving back to the community - 4 of our participants baked a cake and gifted it to Headspace Broome for RUOK Day.
Acknowledging the support they provide within our community and the importance of being aware of your family and friends wellbeing.

OPPORTUNITIES /GOALS

Provide outreach support to Dampier Peninsula, Derby, Looma and Fitzroy Crossing.

Improve on the impact we've established in our community to help change the trajectory of the cohort were targeting.



Out of 35 Young males referred, 25 are regularly being supported encouraging engagement in education, life skills, SEWB awareness, giving back to community, connection/reconnection to family and culture.

Feedback from Stakeholders and Participants

T120 - "We have thoroughly enjoyed working with TWR over the past year, as they work alongside many of our clients too. Our clients look forward to engaging with TWR programs after school - fishing, basketball, mentorship & various skill building workshops that assist our clients' growth and wellbeing. We work closely with TWR around school transportation, progress updates on shared clients & activity coordination - and TWR are always there to lead us & support us throughout. The TWR team are passionate, enthusiastic & fantastic at their jobs - our clients are very lucky to have the team as a massive support group around them, and we look forward to continuing to work with TWR into the future!"

Client 1:

What is your favourite part of the TWR Program?
"Crabbing, camping, all of it."
How do you feel TWR has helped/supported you?
"I feel like this program has been good for me. I feel better."



Client 2:

What is your favourite part of the TWR Program?
"I like being able to chill with the boys. I like going hunting for barni."
How do you feel TWR has helped/supported you?
"I feel like it's helped me. It's supported me going to school. It's helped me be able to go out on country."



OUR PEOPLE

Our greatest asset...



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Kullarri Patrol (Mamaulanjin Aboriginal Corporation)	Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation
Broome Saints Football Club (AKG)	WA Police Department
Legal Aid WA	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service
No To Violence	Nyamba Buru Yawuru
Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation	West Kimberley Family Domestic Violence Response Team (WKFDVRT)
Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (BRAMS)	Gurama Yani U - Fitzroy Valley Men's Shed
Milliya Rumurra Aboriginal Corporation	Jalygurr Guwan Aboriginal Corporation
KALACC	Circle House
Boab Health	Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation

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