



124 Spence Street, Cairns



Looking deadly

Finding our staff and office made easy.

The Cairns office has had its front doors revamped and vehicles stamped with our logo to make it easy to find us.

The Cairns office house the CEO, Managers and Cairns based workers.

Program offices are located in Napranum, New Mapoon, Aurukun, Lockhart River and Kowanyama.

If you are in Cairns come for a yarn or give us a wave if you see us driving in your community.



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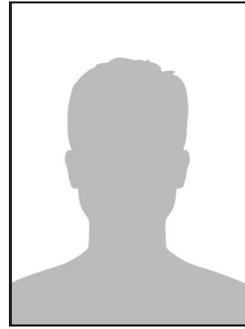
2019 Elected Management Committee



Stuart Marquardt
President



Jessica Vidafar
Vice President



Raymond Sambo
Committee Member



Management Committee as well as Managers completed governance training delivered by NFP Success.

This training gives better understanding of their broader governance roles and responsibilities, share experiences and provide an opportunity to self-evaluate their current effectiveness and identify opportunities to be a more effective board.

For more information on NFP Success head to their website

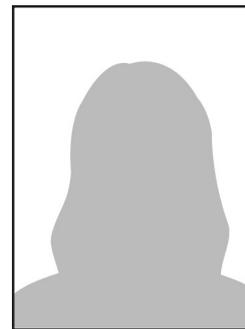
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Paula Neal
Treasurer



Noreen Walembeng
Committee Member



Marcella Ketchell
Ex-Officio

CEO Yarn - Kristine Smith



Firstly, a big thank you to the Management Committee for providing me with the opportunity as CEO of RAATSICC and the staff for being so welcoming.

I am an Aboriginal women descendant of the Darumbal and Wulli Wulli people down

in the Central Queensland area. I recently returned to the Far North after spending almost six (6) years in Coffs Harbour NSW, working as the CEO of Galambila Aboriginal Health Service.

What I bring to the position is a strong belief in Aboriginal Community Controlled principles that demonstrate values based systems to recognise the fundamental Human Rights for our people to become self-determined from a policy and service delivery level.

One of my major focuses in

the coming months is to look at the inner workings of RAATSICC to make it a place staff are looked after and want to stay. This also means working with the Management Committee in setting long term goals for the organisation. With strong leadership from the Management Committee and a committed workforce we commence a journey of possibilities.

I am also good for a yarn and willing to hear anyones views on how RAATSICC can better support children, families and communities.

Domestic Violence Prevention Month in Aurukun

The theme “**Unity in Our Community**” was welcomed by the people of Aurukun, spreading awareness in all corners of the community on Domestic and Family Violence Prevention.

The month of May was jam packed with activities and messages that empowered locals to unite against domestic and family violence reaching over 500 people.

All activities had a component of education and awareness. Activities included:

- School Education Talks
- Best Damper Competition
- Candle Lighting Ceremony
- Respect and You talks
- Family Fishing Competition

A special thanks to all those who attended and participated.

We would also like to thank all who donated and sponsored these events!

Aurukun Shire Council, Skytrans, BCF, CQU Taipans, Kmart (Cairns Central), Big W (Earlville), Glencore, Wik Kath Min Campaign, Bills Marine, Aurukun State School, QPS, PCYC Indigenous Programs, Island and Cape Supermarket Aurukun, Depart. Of Agriculture and Fisheries, NRMA Brisbane Broncos, Cronulla Sharks, ALPA, North Qld Cowboys, QRL, South Sydney Rabbitohs, QLD Corrective Services Staff Weipa office, Dept of Child Safety, Youth & Women (Lake Street), Woolworths Weipa, CYE, Sea Swift, Northern Pride, Remote Youth Justice Aurukun, Aurukun All Sports Association, Western Cape Communities Co-Existence Agreement (WCCCA).



Our families

Family fun



Fiona McLeod
FPP Team Leader

Family Participation Program (FPP)

The Family Participation Program (FPP) service assists children and families to voice their concerns and make positive decisions to problem solve in a culturally safe space, to enhance and develop self-determination and trust.

FPP will facilitate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Led Decision Making (ATSIFLDM) process. This is adopting the approach to do things in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander way.

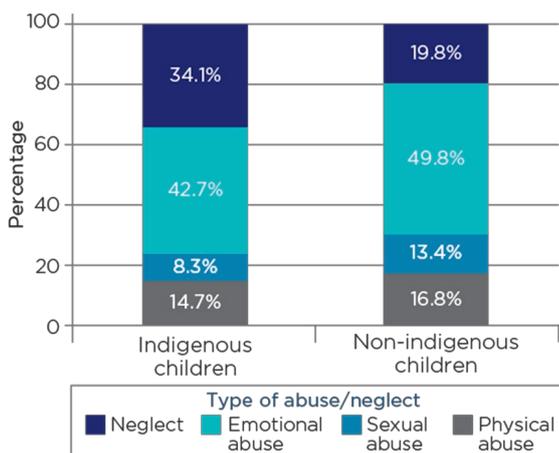
The Family Led Convenors (FLC) will support the child/ren and families throughout this process in addressing the underlying child safety concerns. An Independent

person for the child/ren and for the family is recommended to participate as a supportive advocate to the family.

During the FLDM process the development of an Case Action Plan will be the families voice and acceptance in working collaboratively with invited parties eg; independent person, family support services, health practitioners .

The RAATSICC (FPP) services the following communities; Lockhart, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Aurukun, Weipa Cluster and NPA Cluster. All communities have an allocated Family Led Convenor both based in communities and FIFO

Figure Below: Children who were the subjects of substantiations of notifications received during 2016/17, by Indigenous status and type of abuse (%)



Source: AIHW (2018), Figure 3.8.



Joe Jose
Senior Practice & Development
Officer (SAFE & FPP)

Meaningful activities with children

Simple activities everyone can do to spend quality one on one time with children include:

- Reading together
- Singing and dancing together
- Drawing and doing art and craft together

Tips

Small amounts of quality time spent together are as important.

This builds a good trusting relationship and children learn who they can go to.

Quality time is being free of distractions when you are interacting with children.

Distractions include being on your phone, talking to others, dismissing child queues, and letting your mind wonder away from the child.

Let them watch you.

Children learn by listening and watching others. It is good to explain what and why you are doing things as they watch you. This teaches them life skills and that there are reasons behind the things we do.

Playing games

Try to spend time playing games with children to build their fun memories with you. You will also learn more about what they enjoy.

These are just some of the meaningful activities that create opportunities for good behaviour patterns.

If you feel you need some help with meaningful activities or family support you can contact the SAFE team at the Cairns office on 07 4030 0900.

We also have offices in the following locations Napranum, Aurukun, Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama, NPA.

Journey to healing

The **National Redress Scheme into institutional Child Sexual Abuse** came about through recommendations put forward from the Royal Commission. Information regarding the National Redress Scheme can be found on their website

www.nationalredress.gov.au

RAATSICC is a **Redress Support Service**. Our staff are made up of:

- Redress Sexual Assault Counsellors
- Redress Support Workers

Supporting Redress applicants with emotional counselling and practical support with their application through the assessment process, also referring to the appropriate services when need be.

Applications can be made any time before 30 June 2027

Healing News Australia



The Healing Foundation is a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation that partners with communities to address the ongoing trauma caused by actions like the forced removal of children from their families. Their work helps people create a different future.

They work with communities to create a place of safety, providing an environment for Stolen Generations members and their families to speak for themselves, tell their own stories and be in charge of their own healing.

The Healing Foundation is also leading the way in research into Indigenous healing. Their studies are unique, valuable and highly regarded both locally and internationally.

Check out their website: healingfoundation.org.au



Self healing



Aunty June Kellermeier
Redress Counsellor

Yarning towards healing

Yarning is our way of communicating and sharing stories.

This is the way counsellor Aunty June works— networking and knowledge sharing can support your journey towards healing.

Do you think about bad times a lot?

Do you cry a lot?

Do you get angry a lot?

Do you think what is wrong with me?

You feel you can't talk to anyone?

You feel you are alone?

If you answered yes to any of these questions it might be a good idea to yarn to someone like Aunty June who is able to listen to your worries and concerns.

“We must remember we are all valued people and we all deserve to live a good healthy life with our families and friends.” - June Kellermeier



4th August 2019

If you are planning an event in your community head to the SNAICC website and order some deadly resources
<https://www.snaicc.org.au>

Time out



**VOICE
TREATY
TRUTH** 07-14
JULY 2019
Let's work together for a shared future.

Can you complete the NAIDOC
themed find-a-word?

T I V

X N V P F U T H C

N A A F M S M D B Y V T H

H Z I E D B D Q R G L S X N R U U

F F Y M N O I Z K N O W L E D G E I K

L C O N N E C T I O N K I K P B C E A T Y

R I F Y O W X A R W H G Q S V C D K M T D

H A G G M D L A N G U A G E H X Q T Q H J Y M

C O M M U N I T Y K I K H R G R B X B G W G L

U Z K Y S X I D H E Y J N K C E L E B R A T E G X

P A F X P X Y D Z W G V L D W J C Y V L A C N K A

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G I J I T D M F R G L L M I U P E

L X H G O L V K Y V F Y S

N T R C R E Y B W

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AUSTRALIA
CONNECTION
FAMILY
INDIGENOUS
LANGUAGE
NAIDOC
SEA
TREATY

CELEBRATE
COUNTRY
FUTURE
KNOWLEDGE
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COMMUNITY
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HEALING
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TOGETHER
VOICE

White Ribbon Australia



After a successful 2018 year delivering White Ribbon workshops around the Cape, RAATSICC continued this project during the first half of 2019. Visits included Wujal Wujal, Lockhart River, Aurukun, Napranum, Mapoon and Kowanyama to encourage behaviour change to stop men's violence against women and empower them to take leadership roles to stop this violence.

The purpose was to facilitate community gatherings and re-engage communities involved in 2018 to get insights about experiences of sharing learnt knowledge from previous

workshops. Engage other community members in the domestic and family violence prevention space, encouraging them to be White Ribbon Supporters and progress to being White Ribbon Ambassadors and Advocates.

The topics covered were:

- Understanding violence against women
- Impact and Causes of violence against women
- Debunking myths about violence
- Standing up against violence
- Active bystander behavior
- Available resources

- Being a white Ribbon Supporter/ Ambassador

Ove 40 participants attended session with great feedback about continuing the talk about no violence. Many men's groups have identified they would like more workshops to build on knowledge learnt to help and support men in community

All men who attended as their commitment to making a change took part in swearing the White Ribbon oath.

Yarning with Amnesty International

Making a Change

Presenter: Joel Clark, Indigenous Rights Advocate

Amnesty works closely with Indigenous Communities and people seeking asylum, to fight discrimination, unfair detention and to demand safety and a fair justice system for all. Focus was given to the current campaigns and in particular the Queensland Watch House Campaign where children as young as 10 years of age were being detained. Group Discussions covered local case studies, building relationships, types of targets, tiers of government and planning a campaign.



Ministerial Visit



*Photo: Back L-R: MP Michael Healy, Larissa Walker, Hon. Dianne (Di) Farmer, Aunty June Kellermeier, Kristine Smith (CEO), Arna Brosnan
Front L-R: Asta Naden, Rita Sauvai, Colleen Burfitt*

The RAATSICC staff welcomed the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence the Hon. Dianne (Di) Farmer along with Local MP Michael Healy and Regional Director - Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services Ms Arna Brosnan.

Yarns celebrated the unique and important role of RAATSICC in Far North Queensland. Highlighting the barriers and strengths of service delivery as a whole with the inclusion of the 2019 programs – National Redress Scheme for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse and Cape York and Gulf Fostering and Kinship Care.

CEO Kristine Smith voiced her commitment to RAATSICC and the future of human service delivery in Cape York.



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