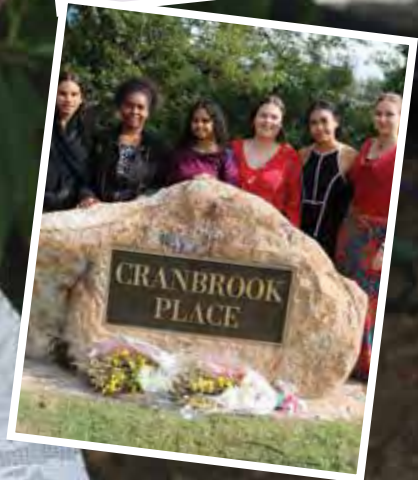




# Link-Up (Qld)

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## Still Bringing Them Home



## Chairperson - Sam Watson



Sam Watson

Every year our community observes very important programmes and events during the early months of May, June and July. May is the time when we observe National Sorry Week and we pause to reflect on the terrible pain, trauma and tragedy of the Stolen Generations. This year again Link-Up (Qld)

hosted our very special gathering down on the river at Cranbrook Place at Hill End and again, the morning was a very powerful and moving event. It was wonderful to see family, friends and visitors sitting down, breaking bread and just talking and swapping yarns.

This year again we were very pleased to share the morning with people who were actual descendants of those young girls who spent time at the Cranbrook House when it was being used as a dormitory to house and punish young Aboriginal girls.

Please be aware that there are moves afoot to expand the boating facilities that adjoin the Cranbrook House site and we must be prepared to mobilise and defend that small piece of land. That site belongs to us as a community and we will not see it handed over to anyone else. The Brisbane City Council must be told in very emphatic terms that we will not give up one blade of that sacred grass to any outside group. Link-Up (Qld) will keep you all posted as we may have to ramp up a major campaign to keep that site as it is.

The actual land was set aside as a place of importance to the Aboriginal community; but over the years other groups have stepped in and hijacked it. Cranbrook Place is our's and we are not going to hand it over anytime soon!!

The Sorry Week time morphs into the National Reconciliation week and this year the national theme was - "Don't allow history to become a mystery.

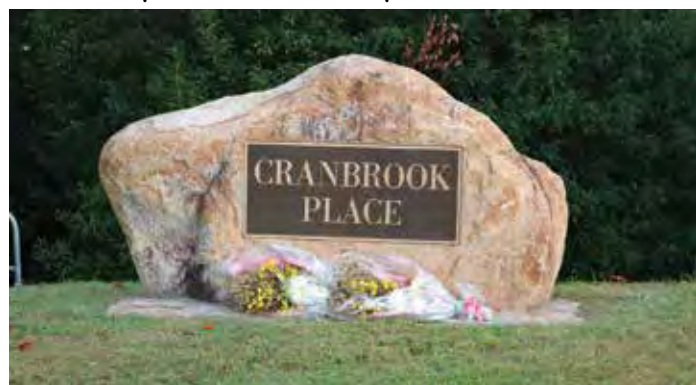
If Cranbrook Place was taken back and handed over to the rowing club, a very large part of our community history would disappear. We cannot allow that to happen.

And then of course we come together in the first week of July to celebrate the NAIDOC WEEK.

This year the national theme for NAIDOC is - "Because of Her We Can..." and this will be a time that is long overdue. This is going to be a time when we as a community can stand together and give due honour and recognition to the enormous contributions that our women have made to our community, to our struggle, to our very survival.

That is another reason that we have to defend Cranbrook House. Back in the day when that place was operating as another Moore River Native Settlement, there were no legal services or medical services or pro bono lawyers to step up and defend the rights of our young girls. They had to suffer in silence, they had no rights. This year, during the NAIDOC week, we should take our families to important places across our community and tell the stories of our heroic women to our children and grandchildren.

"Because of her we can" - Thanks to all our mothers, our aunties and our dear old grannies. You lit the flame and you showed the way...



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Front Cover: Shanice McLean, Advanced Diploma Student at ACPA studying music and Auntie Rayleen Burns, Brisbane Elder, Kamilaroi Tribe, Dirranbandi/Hebel area.

**DISCLAIMER: Whilst every effort has been made to respect cultural traditions, Indigenous readers are advised that this publication may contain images of people who are deceased.**

## CEO - Patricia Conlon



Patricia Conlon

Welcome to this edition of Link-Up (Qld) magazine. Here we are at the end of another financial year and as usual it has been an extremely busy one. The major highlight for us throughout the year is facilitating 25 client reunions – a mighty effort by staff.

We are absolutely

privileged to be a part of our client's journeys, we feel their pain and celebrate their resilience and survival.

In June 2018 we facilitated a Healing Camp at Mungalla Station at Ingham for those clients who have had reunions and for some of those who are still on their journey of finding their connection to family and country. The aim of the Healing Camp is to provide a safe environment away from home for clients to: share their personal stories and healing journeys; interact with other clients and have fun; participate in therapeutic and cultural activities to strengthen their body, mind and spirit; have a break from the challenges and responsibility of their daily lives and to recharge themselves.

Mungalla Station is owned by the Nywaigi Aboriginal Land Corporation, they run cultural tours on the property to improve the economic and social position of their people by sharing the rich history and culture of Mungalla Station.

Jacob Cassady and his wife Joanne and their staff and volunteers are wonderful hosts at Mungalla. This is the second Healing Camp held at Mungalla, it is such beautiful country, the rich cultural history, the historical sites, and the grand homestead, the wetlands and just the relaxing atmosphere at Mungalla makes it the perfect spot for a Healing Camp.



Yarning Circle at Mungalla Healing Camp

The Healing Camp was a safe place for clients to share their stories. Positive feedback was received from all who participated in the Healing Camp, about Link-Up (Qld) staff, Mungalla, Jacob and Joanne, Natasha and Sharron - the hairdressers, Heidi the beauty therapist, the massage therapist and all those involved in the Healing Camp.

Trevor Prior Snr, 81 years old sang a couple of songs which had the crowd looking for more, Trevor Jnr and his son Luke, entertained us all on the last night of the Healing Camp – they are 2 Jam Deadly!

We acknowledge and thank The Healing Foundation for their financial support to run Healing Camps, these camps and the therapeutic activities run at these camps are very important to our clients in terms of supporting them on their healing journey.

Throughout the year, The Healing Foundation also provided other support such as client and staff visit to attend the 10th Anniversary of the Apology; developed in partnership with Gallang Place and a Knowledge Circle of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, a nationally accredited short course designed to equip existing and potential Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers with the skills and knowledge to facilitate a healing journey for individuals and groups.

Link-Up (Qld) was pleased to participate and provide staff members the opportunity to attend this course. Staff have also completed Certificate IV in Mental Health, Marumali Program, Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership and currently staff are enrolled in Diploma of Counselling course at Gallang Place. Staff professional development is high on the agenda at Link-Up (Qld).

Enjoy this edition of our magazine which features beautiful photos taken at the Healing Camp, client reunion stories and Sorry Day event at Orleigh Park in May 2018.



Waiting for the Kup Muri to be served



## National Sorry Day - Oreigh Park, West End - Brisbane



Dr Ros Kidd, Dr of Philosophy Griffith Uni



Link-Up (Qld) Chairperson Sam Watson



Ben Mitchell, Co-Chair - Nat. NAIDOC Committee



Terri Butler MP, Member for Griffith



Cr Vicki Howard, Councillor for Central Ward



Pat Conlon, CEO Link-Up (Qld)

The cool early morning start for our National Sorry Day event on the 25th May 2018 didn't deter 260 people arriving for a hot breakfast cooked by Micah Projects or the fried scones and coffee prepared by Life Without Barriers at Orleigh Park, West End.

Our impressive program included Ben Mitchell, Co-Chair of the National NAIDOC Committee, Dr Roslyn Kidd freelance researcher, investigating official records and providing reports for various claimants in Native Title applications. Writer of "The Way We Civilise", "Black Lives – Government Lies", "Trustees on Trial".

Also 3 Choirs: Aboriginal Centre of the Performing Arts, the Yellow Birds, Meanjin and Songlines performed.

Indigenous Radio 98.9 FM's program 'Let's Talk' with Kaava Watson, Karen Dorante and Boe Spearim went Live and Brisbane Indigenous Media Association Trainees interviewed guests.

The collaborations that Link-Up (Qld) have with Micah Projects and Life Without Barriers contribute toward the success of the day.

Thank you to the Indigenous Team of the Brisbane City Council. Brisbane City Council is a major sponsor for the National Sorry Day at Orleigh Park, West End.



Link-Up (Qld) staff







## Sorry Day - Wuchopperen Health Service, Cairns



Link-Up (Qld) Cairns attended a Sorry Day event organised by Wellbeing Worker, Denise Hansell at Wuchopperen Health Service on Monday 28th May.

About 50 people attended and enjoyed this wonderful day.

A cake cutting ceremony took place also to help commemorate the occasion.

Many of the audience shared their personal stories with the group, while Link-Up (Qld) also had the opportunity to talk about the services we provide.





## Reconciliation Week - Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet Cairns



Staff attended a luncheon to celebrate Reconciliation Week with Kay Oliver, Advisor and staff from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Cairns.

Link-Up was proud to present their promotional DVD for the first time which was very well received. Magazines, brochures and promotional items were also given out.

A beautiful lunch was also provided.





## Gordon Iles Reunion - Emerald, Springsure and Woorabinda



Gordon Iles at the grave of his grandmother, with his cousin Phyllis Heumiller and Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Shane Wallace

My name is Gordon Lindsay Iles. I was born in Springsure on the 23rd March 1933 to parents Arthur Iles and Beatrice Iles (nee Hardiman/Solomon). I am 85 years old. I have lived and worked all over the Queensland outback including around Emerald, Winton and Barcaldine areas. I have a very large family throughout all this area. My first job in 1947, at the age of 14 years was working as a drover and I remained working in this industry throughout most of my life.



Gordon's father Arthur Iles

I started my journey with Link-Up (Qld) worker Wally Tallis many years ago. I wanted to find out more information about my parents and grandparents. I also felt a burning need to find out where my relatives were buried and I wanted to pay my respects to them. So this year, Link-Up (Qld) researcher Rebecca Lockyer was able to locate this information for me. Emerald, Springsure and Woorabinda were the places pinpointed in the research.



A young Gordon last on the right

The family history research that was provided gave me a strong sense of pride and I felt good about being given the opportunity to pay my respects to all the old people in my family that have since passed away. I was very happy that my Caseworker Shane Wallace was able to make all the arrangements for the graveside reunions and to have my close relative Phyllis Heumiller from Emerald as my support person.

**Day One.** Travelling from Townsville where I currently live to Brisbane and then on to Emerald was an exciting plane trip - heading back to my country again.

**Day Two.** The next day Shane Wallace and another Link-Up (Qld) staff member, Rob Frescon arranged a graveside reunion at the Emerald Cemetery for my dear grandmother Daisy Solomon (1881-1967). They made a wonderful plaque and had decorated the graveside very nicely. Phyllis accompanied me. Shane said a few words on behalf of Link-Up (Qld). I also said a few words thanking Link-Up (Qld), especially Shane and Rob for making the site lovely for my grandmother. I really appreciate all the effort from





the researchers in finding out exactly where my grandmother was laid to rest so that now all the family can visit her.

Later that day we drove to Springsure which is my birth place and where I went to primary school. It felt good going home again, and paying my respects to all my family that have since passed away and are buried at Springsure. We caught up with Darryl Black and he showed us the keeping place of our countrymen and the history of our cultural heritage.

We then travelled back to Emerald where we caught up with another relative Myra and her husband Lawrie Stanton. We had a good yarn and spoke about family and country. Myra also thanked Link-Up (Qld) for making all this possible for me - to experience this journey of paying respect to family that have passed and also going back on to country.



Grandmother Daisy Solomon's gravesite

**Day Three.** We drove to Woorabinda to visit the cemetery where a few of my relatives were buried. Unfortunately, there were no records of the exact burial plots, so I laid a beautiful wreath down in honour of my relatives who were laid to rest there. It felt good to be there and to have Phyllis supporting me.

Rob also arranged for Phyllis and I to meet a relative, Rose Thaiday (nee MiMi) at Woorabinda for the first time. It was wonderful to meet her and talk about family and how things were different now compared to back when we were all young. We also spoke about all the family members that have since passed. This was my first time to Woorabinda and I will never forget this place and one day I will go back to visit again.



I want to thank Phyllis Heumiller for being my support person on this journey. I am very appreciative that she was with me in paying respect and honouring our family members that have since passed away.

Throughout the journey I experienced mixed emotions of happiness, sadness, gladness, sorrow as well as times of excitement. I also felt a strong sense of connection and belonging to my family and country.

I especially want to thank Link-Up (Qld) as an organisation as well as staff members Shane Wallace and Rob Frescon for organising my trip and for helping me prepare for a special journey that I will never forget.

Thank you Link-Up (Qld).



## Mary Broome Reunion - Rosedale



Mary Broome, her Daughter Gloria, Link-Up (Qld) workers Natalie Harrison and Joshua Thompson

My name is Mary Broome, I contacted Link-Up (Qld) in April 2017 in hopes of finding some recorded information on my grandfather's family. My Grandfather was Jimmy Possum who was found in a hollow log by a white trooper after a massacre in the Ravenshoe, North Queensland area and was placed with Rachel and John Murray at Cashmere station by the trooper's sister. They later moved to Kirtleton Station near Cardwell.

According to my research Grandfather was born in Cardwell between 1864 and 1865 which is approximately 173km by road from Ravenshoe. A newspaper article relating to the death of Mrs. John Murray in



At the grave of Grandfather Jimmy Possum

February 1931 suggests that grandfather was adopted by the Murray family when he was young. Mrs John Murray was Rachel Murray nee Little, the daughter of John Little who took up Rosedale Station near Bundaberg in the 1850s. Rachel married John Murray in 1859, John Murray was in charge of the Cardwell Native Police Camp in 1860s and early 1870s. After John passed away in 1876 Rachel and their children returned to Rosedale Station including my Grandfather Jimmy where he was a stockman for many years.

Link-Up (Qld) caseworker Joshua Thompson came to visit me in Innisfail and asked if I would like to go to Rosedale station where the home that my Grandfather spent most of his life is still standing and is now heritage listed. My family had been to the vertical slab house at Rosedale Station and I heard stories over the years about the big lagoon. I would always picture this lagoon, so I thought it would be a great opportunity to go and see for myself where grandfather lived and worked.

Our Journey begun when Joshua picked my daughter Gloria and I up to travel to the Cairns Airport to fly to Brisbane. Once we arrived in Brisbane we were kindly



Mary, Gloria and Natalie





With Lee in front of the Vertical Slab House at Rosedale Station

greeted by Link-Up (Qld) staff Natalie Harrison (Counsellor) and Sam Watson Jnr (Multimedia). The five of us then boarded our next flight to Bundaberg. The very next morning we drove forty five minutes north to Rosedale, we talked and laughed on the way mostly about koalas, the landscape and food which was very comforting for me. Once we arrived in Rosedale Sam took photos of us in the area and even the church that my Grandfather built.

Soon after we drove across the highway towards Rosedale Station. Once we arrived we met with Lee the current owner of Rosedale Station who took us through the Vertical Slab House and gave us some more information on Grandfather Jimmy. The Vertical Slab House was amazing. It has been standing for all these years and the wood hasn't rotted away, Lee stated that the name of the wood is unknown and that he had a person who worked with wood for over 30 years come to inspect it, even he couldn't tell Lee what sort of wood it was. Lee was very welcoming and said he is trying to get the Vertical Slab House lifted and have tours there once or twice a week and would like for me and the family to go back once it has been completed. Lee also stated that Grandfather was a

much respected man, great stockman and had better manners than anybody and was much loved by the Little family who had erected a headstone at the Bundaberg cemetery where grandfather is buried.

The next day we picked up some flowers and a little cactus and went to the resting place of Grandfather Jimmy Possum at the Bundaberg cemetery. Even there we were in good spirits and our presence was surrounded with joy and laughter.

While we were in Bundaberg Sam Watson Jnr recorded some of my story that I can pass onto generations to come. I'd like to sincerely thank Link-Up (Qld) for all they do from research to reunions.

It's been a great journey with you all.





## Healing Camp - Mungalla Station

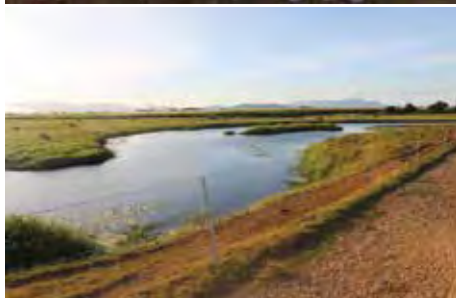


Nineteen clients thoroughly enjoyed the setting at Mungalla Station at Ingham, the relaxing atmosphere, sitting around the campfire at night under the stars, sharing their personal stories, connecting with each other, finding out family connections and forming new friendships.

Link-Up (Qld) Staff prepared a range of activities for clients including – oral history recordings, men's and women's yarnning circles, art therapy including painting, origami, shellcraft including making mobiles with shells and driftwood, candle making, fishing, photography, massage therapy, hairdressing and beauty therapy – which were absolute hits with all the clients – men and women thoroughly enjoyed being pampered by having their hair cut and the ladies, having their hair coloured and styled, and enjoying a massage. Pedicures were also enjoyed by some of the men and the women of course enjoyed having their nails painted.









# National Redress Scheme

**for people who have experienced sexual abuse as children in Institutions.**

## National Redress Information Line - 1800 146 713

*A Recommendation from the Royal Commission into Institutional responses to Child Sexual Abuse.*

\*This information reprinted from the Department of Social Services website.

The National Redress Scheme will provide support to people who were sexually abused as children while in the care of institutions.

The establishment of a National Redress Scheme was recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The scheme is one way Australian governments are working to acknowledge and help people who experienced child sexual abuse.

Subject to the passage of legislation, the Scheme will start on 1 July 2018 and will run for 10 years.

It is designed so that relevant organisations take responsibility to make amends for sexual abuse that happened to children they were looking after.

The Commonwealth Government is creating the Scheme, and it has promised to provide redress to people who were abused in places that were run by the Commonwealth. This includes places such as the Australian Defence Forces and cadet schools and onshore immigration detention.

So that redress can be provided to as many people as possible, other governments and organisations have been invited to join the Scheme, which is called 'opting in'. The Commonwealth Government is pushing for all state and territory governments, churches, charities and other non-government organisations to join up to ensure that a truly national Scheme is available to as many people as possible. State and territory governments have responded to this invitation, and have also worked closely with the Australian Government on the design of the Scheme.

In addition to the Commonwealth Government, so far the governments of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory have all committed to join the Scheme. Western Australia remains the only state yet to commit to joining the Scheme. The Commonwealth Government is working with the Western Australian Government in the hope that they will join soon.

This means that non-government institutions like churches and charities can provide redress for abuse that occurred in all states other than Western Australia.

Six major non-government institutions have committed to join the Scheme. The Catholic Church, the Anglican Church, the Salvation Army, YMCA Scouts Australia and the Uniting Church have all announced that they will join the Scheme and provide redress to people who were sexually abused as children in their care.

When each state government or non-government institution joins up, it promises to pay for redress for people who were abused in its care.

The Redress Scheme will provide three things:

- access to psychological counselling;
- a direct personal response – such as an apology from the responsible institution for people who want it;
- a monetary payment.

Payments will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, reflecting the severity and impact of the abuse experienced with a maximum of \$150,000.

Redress is about acknowledging the harm caused and supporting people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse to move forward positively in the way that is best for them.

The National Redress Scheme is an alternative to getting compensation through the courts – you can do one or the other, but not both.

### **Who can apply?**

Access to the Redress Scheme depends on:

- the type of abuse a person experienced
- where and when it happened
- a person's life now.





### ***The type of abuse***

- It must include sexual abuse.
- An institution must be responsible for the abuse. The Scheme does not cover non-institutional abuse, such as by a family member.

### ***Where and when it happened***

- The abuse must have happened when the person was aged under 18.
- It must have happened before 1 July 2018, when the Scheme starts (subject to the passage of legislation).
- The institution or organisation responsible for the abuse must have joined the National Redress Scheme. So far, the Commonwealth, and all state and territory governments, except for Western Australia have agreed to join the scheme.
- This means that non-government institutions, including the Catholic Church, Anglican Church, Salvation Army, Scouts Australia, YMCA and the Unit- ing Church who have agreed to join the scheme can provide redress for abuse that occurred in all other states than Western Australia.

### ***A person's life now***

- The person applying must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

**NOTE:** at the time of this magazine going to print, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced that Western Australia would sign up to the National Redress Scheme before it starts on 1 July, 2018 which means that every state and territory would be covered.

## **A NATIONAL APOLOGY**

A National Apology to child sexual abuse survivors, victims and their families will be delivered on 22nd October 2018 by Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull. The Prime Minister has also announced that the government will also create a national office for child safety to report to parliament and develop a national strategy to prevent child sexual abuse.

In making these announcements, he said, "Now that we've uncovered the shocking truth, we must do everything in our power to honour the bravery of the thousands of people who came forward."

Of the 122 recommendations directed wholly or in part to the Australian Government, 104 of those have been accepted in principal with 18 recommendations requiring further consideration.

## **Contributing to the wording of the National Apology**

If you are a survivor of childhood sexual abuse in an institution and you wish to contribute to the wording of the National Apology, you will have the opportunity to do so. Part of the process is to have collaboration with the survivors and victims of abuse in the wording.

This can be done in several ways:

1. There will be a collaborative meeting with survivors (A meeting will be available on the Tuesday, 24 July 2018, by invitation only). These sessions will be with the independent, survivor-focused Reference Group throughout the day on the date that is nominated, and a specific time will be allocated to the nominee. The session will be conducted in privacy and the groups that attend will be small.
2. The Reference group will accept a written response and can be sent to the following:  
National Apology Secretariat  
Attorney-General's Department  
3-5 National Circuit  
BARTON ACT 2600
3. There is an online form available to fill in:  
<https://www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au/consultation/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Questions that they ask are as follows:**

Are you a survivor of institutional child sexual abuse?

Are you an Advocate, support person or family member to a victim or survivor of institutional child sexual abuse?

Are you affiliated with a support organisation or peak body for victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse?

Which organisation (s) are you affiliated with?

What would you most like the Prime Minister to address in the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse?

For example, how should the impact of child sexual abuse on victims and survivors be addressed, as well as the impact on their families and communities?



What words or phrases are important to include in the National Apology?

What words or phrases should be avoided in the National Apology? For example, what words or phrases might be unhelpful to include?

How can the ceremony to deliver the National Apology be arranged to ensure it is meaningful to victims and survivors? For example, how can we ensure the event is centered on survivors?

Who should be invited to attend?

Are there particular things we should consider ensuring the National Apology ceremony is accessible and inclusive for victims and survivors? For example, what travel or other support would assist to support survivors to attend the ceremony?

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommended that a National Memorial should be commissioned by the Australian Government for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse in institutional contexts. Victims and survivors should be consulted on the memorial design and it should be located in Canberra.

If you agree that a National Memorial for victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse should be commissioned,

What is important to you in the design of the memorial?

If you do not support a national memorial being established, how would you prefer to recognise victims and survivors of child sexual abuse?



The following support services are available should you require support or assistance.

## QUEENSLAND

### **Link Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation– 07 3638 0411**

Counselling, healing and culturally appropriate support for Indigenous Australians

### **Living Well - 07 3028 4648**

Counselling and support services to the community

### **Centre Against Sexual Violence - 07 3808 3299**

Community based sexual assault service dedicated to serving the sexual assault support, education and information needs of the Logan, Beenleigh and Beaudesert communities

### **Micah Projects Inc - 07 3029 7000**

A dedicated support service and resource centre for Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants

### **Relationships Australia QLD - 1800 552 127/1300 364 277**

Family and relationship counselling as well as a range of specialist counselling services

### **The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld) LTD -**

1800 012 255 (24 hrs., 7 days)



## NATIONAL

**Knowmore** - Free legal help about institutional child sexual abuse service Free advice line 1800 605 762

**Blue Knot Foundation - 1300 657 380**

Counselling and support for survivors

**Bravehearts Inc - 1800 272 831**

Counselling and support for survivors, child protection advocacy

**Care Leavers Australasia Network - 1800 008 774**

Support and advocacy for Forgotten Australians

**Child Migrants Trust - 1800 040 509**

Social work services for Former Child Migrants, including counselling and support for family reunions

**Child Wise - 1800 991 099**

Trauma informed telephone and online counselling for childhood abuse. Training and organizational capacity building on child abuse prevention

**Children and Young People with Disability Australia - 1800 222 660/03 9417 1025**

National peak body for children and young people with disability. Provides information and systemic representation

**Healing Foundation** - <https://healingfoundation.org.au/>

Service to help build the capacity of Indigenous organizations and support the development of the Link Up network

**In Good Faith Foundation - 03 9326 1190**

Independent advocacy, case work, referral and support to aid recovery for victims, their families and communities responding to clergy, religious and lay abuse.

**On the Line Australia Inc - 1300 78 99 78**

National telephone and online support, information and referral service for men with family and relationship concerns

**People with Disability Australia - 1800 422 015/TTY: 1800 422 016**

National telephone line to provide information and referrals to people with disabilities

**Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia - 1800 211 028**

24/7 telephone and online crisis counselling service for anyone in Australia who has experienced or is at risk of sexual assault

**Tzedek - 1300 893 335**

Advocacy, referrals and support services to people who have experienced religious/clergy abuse, with a focus on the Jewish community.





## Link-Up (Qld) Staff Training



Shane Wallace, Aunty Lorraine Peeters and her daughter Shaan Recently Link-Up (Qld) workers Shane Wallace and Rebecca Lockyer attended the four day Marumali Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service Providers delivered in Melbourne.

Participants also attended from Kimberley Stolen Generations in Broome, Tharawal Aboriginal Medical Service in Sydney, County Court Melbourne, Healing Foundation Darwin and VACCA in Melbourne.

Shane found it to be a powerful experience – moving, touching, emotional and educational. Aunty Lorraine Peeters and her daughter Shaan took everybody on a journey of the Stolen Generation that is full of resilience and strength from her incredible story. It was an honour to meet Aunty Lorraine whom is part of the Stolen Generation and has devoted many years of her life to supporting Aboriginal people to heal from past and present traumas today.

Thank you Aunty Lorraine & Shaan



Robyn Forester CEO AILC, Donna Ives and Comedian Steven Oliver **Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership.**

Staff members Donna Ives and Rob Frescon, participated in the Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership course held in Brisbane over 3 x 1week blocks from February to May this year. Although very challenging both Donna and Rob enjoyed the course and the networks made.

The Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre ran the course in which seventeen Students from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia successfully completed the Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership.

If you are interested to do the Certificate IV in Indigenous Leadership contact the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre for course details.

Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre  
Ph: (02) 6251 5770 Freecall: 1800 284 087





## Goondir Health Service



During Reconciliation week, Sharron Jackson and Sam Watson Jnr travelled to meet with Goondir Health service in Oakey, West of Toowoomba.

The meeting was also attended by local council and community members. Mark Copland, the Catholic Social Justice Officer, fittingly spoke about the importance of remembering history, telling some stories of Toowoomba and sharing some ideas about how history can be preserved and honoured, with the theme of Reconciliation week this year being “Don’t Keep History a Mystery”.



Mark Copland, Sam Watson and Sharron Jackson

### **Brisbane Client Support Group 2017 Morning Teas**

Held on the last Thursday of every month at the Link-Up (Qld) Brisbane office from 10.00am.  
Contact Link-Up (Qld) on 07 3638 0411 for more information.

Next meeting will be on:

**26th July  
30th August  
27th September  
25th October**

## Centrelink Inala



On the 31st May Sam and Sharron went to Centrelink in Inala to give a presentation, and to talk about how they can refer stolen generations people wanting to reunite with family and country.

We spoke to around 30 workers about who is eligible to become a Link-Up client, what services we provide, the process for our clients and what takes place on reunions. Many of the workers said that it incredibly valuable and that they hope that they can provide a better service because of the presentation. We want to thank both services for having us visit.



Centrelink Presentation at Inala

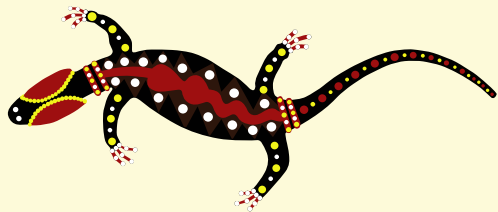
### **Cairns Client Support Group 2018 Morning Teas**

Held on the last Thursday of every month at the Link-Up (Qld) Cairns office from 10.00am.  
Contact Link-Up (Qld) on 07 4041 7403 for more information.

Next meeting will be on:

**26th July  
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# Link-Up (Qld)

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Still Bringing Them Home



## About Link-Up (Qld) -Our Mission-

Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation supports the healing journeys of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people who have been separated from their families and cultures through forced removal, fostering, adoption and/or institutionalisation. We deliver professional, culturally sensitive and confidential research, reunion and cultural wellbeing services.

Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation Caseworkers and Counsellors are experienced individuals who can assist in reuniting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander families.

We also provide a referral service to the appropriate organisation or Government Department.

## Quick Facts

- Link-Up (Qld) is a FREE service
- We offer support before, during and after your family reunion
- We respect your privacy and treat all information confidentially
- Link-Up (Qld) runs a range of healing activities; camps, support groups, art, craft and music workshops
- We offer cultural renewal activities and support return to country

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