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Still Bringing Them Home

Chairperson - Sam Watson



Sam Watson

This year is going to be a very big year for us all, particularly our Link-Up (Qld) community. 2017 is the 20th Anniversary of the handing down of Sir Ronald Wilson's report of the Bringing Them Home Royal Commission. Sir Ronald took the Royal

Commission across the country and took evi-

dence from Aboriginal people from many communities. He brought down a complex and honest report with 54 recommendations and urged government to act on those recommendations and deliver real outcomes and lasting justice for the victims of the forced removals. That report and the recommendations have been foundation documents for the Link-Up organisations and the Bringing Them Home networks.

This year is also the 9th Anniversary of the parliamentary apology by the incoming Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. For those of us who were able to get to Canberra to be a part of that amazing day, it really was a defining moment in the history of our struggle. Thousands of Aboriginal people made their own way to Canberra from right across the country. By train, plane, truck and bus and even on foot – they came and made their way into the parliament or sat on the lawns outside and watched the big video screen to follow proceedings. For the very first time the parliamentary sittings were opened with a traditional welcome to country. Auntie Matilda House led her Ngannawal family and conducted a proper smoking ceremony and then she proudly offered the traditional welcome in her own language and then in the English. Then the Speaker called on the new Prime Minister and Kevin Rudd came to his feet and offered the historic apology.

The Elders who were there in the chamber and those who were outside on the grass, were deeply moved.



Front Cover:
Ngarla Myers and her
Family at Apology 2017,
Brisbane.

For those who could not travel to Canberra, most communities held their own ceremonies and watched the proceedings on television. Everyone shared in the moment and it is important for all our mob that we stop on the 13th February every year and remember that Apology and honour the struggle of those very many victims to seek justice.

During the opening parliamentary week in Canberra the new Turnbull government handed down the annual Closing the Gap report. That day began with a formal function in the parliament that was hosted by the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. During that function the two co-chairs, Jackie Huggins and Rod Little handed the Prime Minister a very special document in a traditional, carved Coolamon. The document was the Redfern statement that was a road map to address Indigenous disadvantage and bring together 50 peak organisations from across the health, justice, children and families, housing, education, disability and family violence sectors. It also called for the full implementation of key recommendations put by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in 2000, a treaty and constitutional reform.

So this year is only two months gone and already we have seen an enormous amount of political activity within the Indigenous sector. Here in Brisbane we held our own special event to honour the Rudd apology at Musgrave Park with an amazing list of speakers and performers. We congratulate Professor Chris Sarra who was one of those speakers and wish him well in his new appointment to the Prime Minister's advisory panel on Indigenous affairs. He travels to Canberra with our blessing.

See you all during National Sorry Week in May...

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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 the first edition of our magazine for 2017. Featured in this edition is our annual Apology Event held at Jagera Hall, Musgrave Park on 13th February 2017. The National Apology to the Stolen Generations was one of 54 recommendations made in the 1997

Bringing Them Home report to address the impact of forced removal on our Stolen Generations and their descendants.

Link-Up (Qld) each year hosts an Apology Event, so that our Stolen Generations members and clients can come together to honour and respect the lives of our people who were stolen away from their families. We also honour those, who through their courage, resilience and determination were able to come back to us and we also reflect and remember those who we have lost.

It is also an opportunity to educate the broader community about our Stolen Generations and how their lives have been impacted due to forced removal or adoptions because of past government policies.

Our cover features Ngarla Myers and her family. Ngarla was invited to share her story on this special occasion. Ngarla told us, *"My mob is Wik-Mungkan, (Cape York). I was adopted by a loving family and had the best life, but I didn't have that sense of belonging to my family until a few years ago when someone suggested that I contact Link-Up and try to work out where I came from and about my birth family."* Ngarla told us how she was married with five boys and they also needed to know where they came from. She said, *"It wasn't an easy thing to go through, but thanks to my Counsellor at Link-Up, she was able to connect with them and find them for me to make this dream happen."*

Link-Up (Qld) successfully reunited Ngarla with her family at Cooktown, in Cape York, Far North Queensland in 2015. Ngarla said, *"I found out that I have 3 older brothers and 2 older sisters, so I went from being the oldest in my family to being the youngest."* She went on to say *"My birth mother's brother is still alive and he has filled me in on a lot of stuff that I've missed out on. They didn't know that I existed, so they were just as shocked to find out that they had another sister."*

Ngarla said that at the reunion with her family, when her eldest sister walked in the door, there wasn't a dry eye in the house, it was an instant connection, one that she will never forget. Ngarla reflected sadly *"my birth mother sadly passed away before I got a chance to meet her, see her, hear her voice....."*

Ngarla was supported at the Apology Event by her husband and 5 sons, her parents who travelled from Melbourne and her mother-in-law who said in conversation that she wanted to be here to support Ngarla and to *"thank her for giving her such beautiful grandchildren."*

Her Dad, Graham reflected, *"it's certainly been a long journey for Ngarla, its sad, Ngarla came to us in 1972, with my job we have moved all over the place, we started off on Thursday Island, lived in Port Moresby, Albany, Broome, Adelaide and Geelong. In all of that time, we encouraged Ngarla to show interest in her background."*

Link-Up (Qld) are pleased that Ngarla accepted the invitation to share her story at Apology and to share her experience and to highlight her sense of not belonging, until she found peace by reuniting with her family and on country and to have the support of her loving family who respect her for who she is and where she comes from.

Ngarla's story reinforces and strengthens our focus on individual, family, and community wellbeing. The support people who provide to our clients on their healing journey are integral to their social and emotional wellbeing.

Ngarla's family very clearly shows how it can be done.

A huge thank you to our Guests, Ngarla and her family, Dean Duncan – Life Without Barriers, Robert Wharton – Singer/songwriter, the Murri School Students and the ongoing voluntary support from Fortitude Valley Men's Group and to Professor Chris Sarra – we wish him well in his new role.



Apology 2017 - Jagera Hall, Brisbane

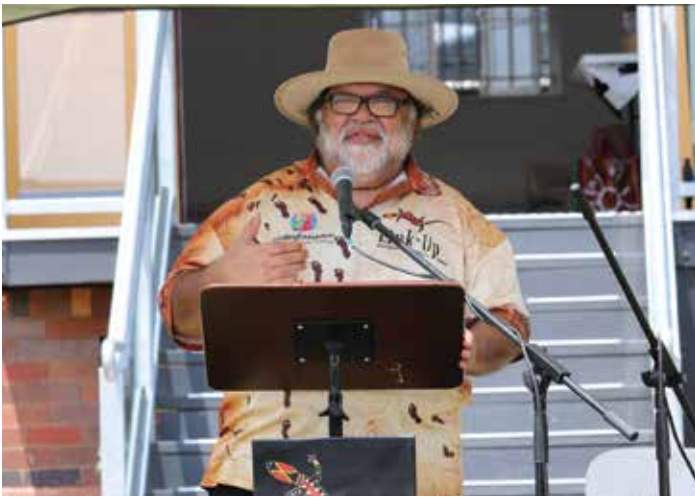
Our Apology event was held on the 13th February, on an extremely hot day Link-Up (Qld) was pleased to welcome 150 people in attendance.

The program was warm, sincere, and welcoming with Professor Chris Sarra, Nagarla Myers and her family a Link-Up(Qld) reunited client, Murri School Student Dancers, Singer and Song Writer Robert Wharton and Dean Duncan National Manager of Reconciliation, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Initiatives, Life Without Barriers.

This year we collaborated with Life Without Barriers with their Partnership Program. Their support is much appreciated. They organised and supplied the BBQ and helped greatly towards the success of the day.

We also would like to thank our Volunteers, the Fortitude Valley Men's Group for ongoing support.





Link-Up (Qld) Chairperson - Sam Watson



Professor Chris Sarra



Ngarla Myers



Ngarla's Dad - Graham Duff



Dean Duncan



Robert Wharton



Apology 2017 - Jagera Hall, Brisbane



Mt Isa Apology Day 2017



Injilnji Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation sponsored a community gathering to commemorate and celebrate National Apology Day and a yarning circle about the closure of the Mount Isa Link-Up (Qld) office.

It is great to see that the community came together to commemorate and celebrate National Apology Day – a day to reflect and remember the Stolen Generations.

Those in attendance also had a yarning circle, expressing disappointment about the closure of the Mount Isa office. Link-Up (Qld) through the Mount Isa office staff distributed a letter to local organisations outlining reasons for the closure. Whilst it is sad to have to close an office, all organisations who receive funding for provision of services have to justify outcomes achieved. This decision has not been taken lightly, however responsible leadership requires making tough decisions.

Since the office opening in May 2013 to December 2016, a total of 4 reunions have been facilitated by the Mount Isa Office. These figures do not justify maintaining a stand alone office. In this edition, there are two reunion stories which were completed in November and December 2016. An improved effort is required to achieve a greater number of reunions.

A meeting of Link-Up (Qld) staff was held with 6 of the 8 current clients located in Mount Isa in January 2017 assuring clients that they would continue to receive a service, their reunions would be achieved and they would continue to be supported on their healing journeys. Clients spoke openly about the disappointment of the office closing, however they were comfortable meeting with Link-Up (Qld) staff and looked forward to follow up visits and regular contact between visits.



Margaret Stanley Reunion - Brisbane



Margaret Stanley with her relatives at her reunion

Margaret's life journey began in 1947 when she was born on Mt Howitt station out on Cooper's Creek. Her mother Margaret was only 14 and died two hours after her birth. Her grandmother Lily Williams who was the station cook then took over her care and that of her two uncles David and Richard aged 10 and 7. While staying in Quilpie Lily passed away in her sleep aged 47 when Margaret was only 10 months old.

Her two uncles were sent to the Enoggera Boy's home and she was sent to the nursery at Cherbourg where she remained until age two. She was then adopted by an elderly Aboriginal couple Willie and Annie Crowe who had their own grown up family and lived in the Wondai and Goomeri area. She only found out when she was in her fifties that Willie Crowe was her grandmother's brother.

She had a happy childhood with Willie and Annie and their children. Fate was to intervene again when Annie died when she was 10 and then Willie when

she was 12. She was then looked after for a while by one of the daughters. Subsequently Margaret travelled to Brisbane by train on her own and was placed in the custody of the Child Welfare Dept. She was then accommodated in the Silky Oaks Childrens Home in Manly West where she attended the local schools.

At age 16 she started working as a nursing assistant at the Boothville Private Hospital at Woolloowin where she quickly found out where babies came from and that they weren't delivered by the stork. She liked nursing so the following year started formal nursing training at the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

She did well at her studies and was popular with the staff and other trainees. The next big step in her life came when she attended a party at Herston down the back of the hospital in 1968. Here she met a fifth year medical student Peter Stanley. Due to some hospital miscommunication problems they didn't get together again until the following year. At the end 1969 they were married after both of them had graduated.

Not having any immediate family Margaret was so happy when she had two sons close together. Both sons are pilots with the eldest David flying for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in NSW. The youngest son Peter is the chief pilot of a Caribbean airline. David has a daughter Kyra aged 10 and Margaret is a very proud grandmother.

Over the last decade or so her health has not been good and she has had heart disease with coronary bypass surgery and then in her early sixties had liver



David, Margaret and Peter Stanley



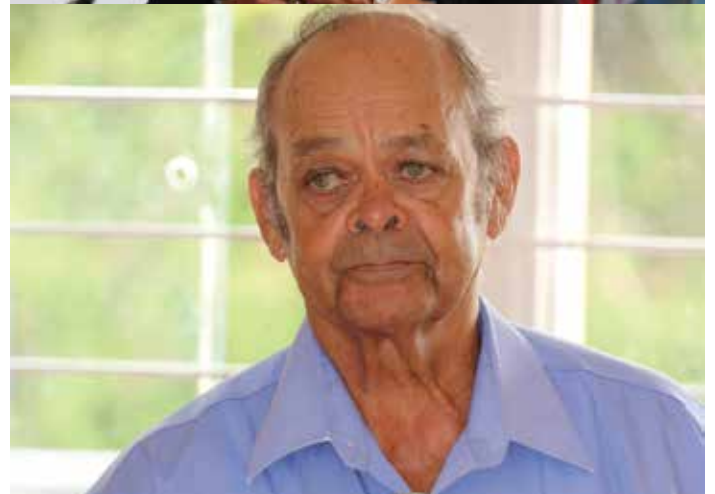
cancer which has been successfully treated. Further health problems came in the last few years with short term memory loss . Fortunately her long term memory is intact and she can remember her extended family and was very pleased when Link Up organized a family reunion for her.

She was so excited the day of the reunion at Jagera Hall in South Brisbane. Meeting all her cousins and friends was a great event for her and one that she will always treasure. Her son David was able to attend having come from Sydney. She much appreciated the distances that some relatives had travelled to make her reunion a success. After introductory anecdotes from friends and relatives it was her time to speak and she confidently spoke to the audience about aspects of her personal life and thanked them for attending.

She had lots of photos taken and now looks at them frequently and uses them as a prompt to delve back into her past. Family is always important especially so for first nation people.

Margaret intends as much as possible to keep in contact with those who made her day so enjoyable and memorable.

Well done Link-Up (Qld) especially Jessie and Carmel.



John Spicer Reunion - Perth



Mark, John and Tegan in Perth

I was born and bred in Newcastle NSW, leaving when I was 17 years old to find a job at Mt Isa in the Gulf region of Queensland.

Growing up I never knew anything of my father and it wasn't till I started questioning my Mother that she told me of my Aboriginal heritage and that my paternal Grandmother was part of the Stolen Generation. I then decided to approach Link-Up (Qld) to see if they could help me find out any more information on my Father.

After a few setbacks and sometime had passed Link-Up (Qld) discovered my father Mark was living in Perth. Through meetings, phone calls and emails it was decided to have my reunion in Perth with Mark in November 2016. The reunion was to be over 3 days, 1 day to travel to Perth, 1 day spent with my father then a day to travel back to Mt Isa.

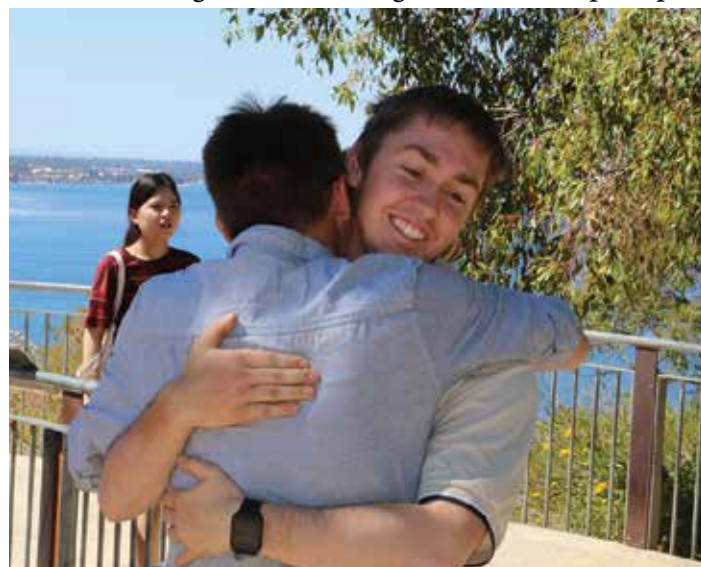
As the days grew closer to flying out of Mt Isa I became very nervous, I had not seen my Father for over 20 years. I didn't know what I was going to say or how I was meant to be feeling. I was glad that I could take my partner of 5 years Tegan as my support person as well as Link-Up (Qld) SEWB Counsellor Desley Ah Wing.

We flew from Mt Isa to Brisbane where we were joined by Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Chris Cole, then another 4 hour flight from Brisbane to Perth. After a full day of travelling it was with nerves, excitement and apprehension we landed in Perth and made our way to our hotel to settle in for the night.

The next morning we arrived at Kings Park where I was to meet my Father again for the first time in over 2 decades. By now the nerves and butterflies had really started, it was great to have Tegan there to help keep



John and Tegan in Perth



John meeting Mark for the first time in over 20 years



me grounded. When Dad arrived, we hugged and talked for what seemed like ages, it happened so naturally. We walked around the park talking more and posing for heaps of photos. Before we knew it was lunch time and we all drove to Freemantle Docks to have a great seafood lunch and talk some more. After lunch we headed to Dad's place to have a coffee and where he could show us his photo albums. It was sad when we had to say good bye and go back to the hotel to pack and get ready for our flight home the next morning.

It was great that Dad came out to the airport to see us off in the morning, we took more photos, talked more. It just came naturally.

After the reunion it was a huge relief, building it up in my head, playing it out over and over, how it was going to happen. To finally have it done was a huge relief, everything went so well. We both hit it off after so many years and closure from not knowing anything to finally being reconnected to a whole side of my family I didn't know. I'm trying to organise for Mark (my father) to come back to Newcastle for Christmas so he can reconnect to all the family, my

brothers and sisters which he seems keen to do. We talk on the phone regularly, it all went so well.

A big thank you to Desley and Chris for the support and travelling with me and to Tegan for without all these people this would never have happened. I can't thank Link-Up (Qld) enough for the service they provide, it changes lives and is so wonderful.



Desley, Tegan, John, Mark and Chris at Perth Airport

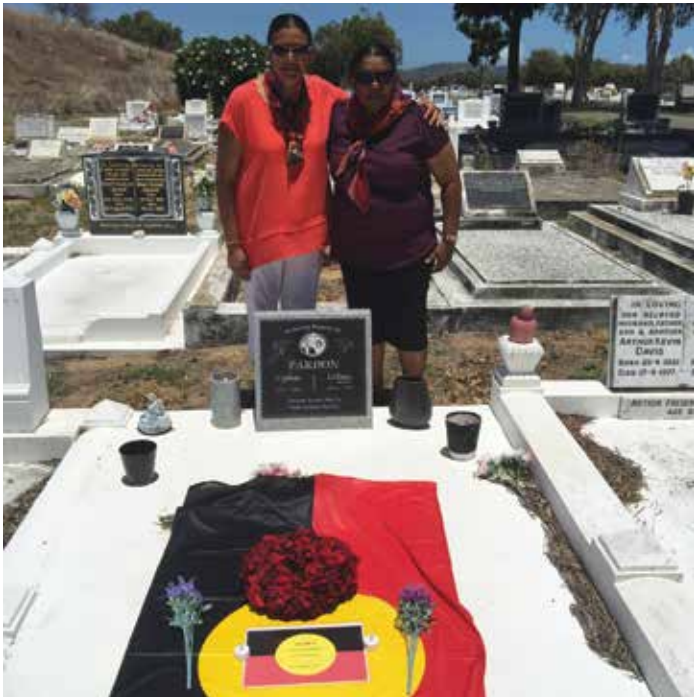
Gail Laffin Reunion - Charters Towers and Townsville



Gail, cousin Tracey, Uncle Reggie and sister Debbie

My name is Gail Laffin (nee Pardon) and I was born and raised in Cloncurry, North-West Queensland. I had grown up with a strong connection to family and community, to be the best that I can be in all I do and to be happy and proud of who I was. I am the youngest of six and growing up in the Curry was the best. We have always been a very sporty and active family and life kept us all very busy. It was hard for my parents to connect us with Dad's side of the family as we lived so far away and I always knew deep inside that I had more family, there was an emptiness inside that I couldn't quite explain why. It was not long after that my children were asking me about our family history and who our mob was that I finally knew that I had to put more time into looking into this further. Low and behold through community contacts and connections that I was put in contact with my deadly caseworker, Desley Ah Wing with Link-Up (Qld) Mt Isa office.





If it weren't for the Link-Up office in Mount Isa, I would never have started this path of fulfillment when I did and so my journey to know more about my Father's side of the family had finally begun.

I only knew up to my Grandparents and not any further. It saddened me deeply to know that my great grandmother had been forcibly removed to Palm Island along with my grandmother when she was only a toddler. The documentation was heartbreaking to read, the ignorance and disrespect towards my loved ones was appalling and angered me so. After all the research and home visits we were all set to attend many graveside reunions with all of our ancestors that had passed and were finally put to rest in the Charters Towers and Townsville area of North Queensland. I was accompanied by my big sister, Debbie Pardon, who was my allocated support person.

Leading up to the Reunion, I was feeling nervous of what lied ahead, but at the same time I felt a sense of accomplishment, that I finally was about to open up a part of me, who I was that I had been closed off for so long. Meeting Uncle Reggie and reconnecting with our cousin Tracey, who I had not seen in many years, was very heart warming, and I was feeling very happy and blessed.

Our planned graveside reunion was made even more special as our cousin Tracey and Uncle Reggie had plenty of information to share with us and were happy to visit the gravesites with us. Both Deb and I had many mixed emotions as we met our ancestors at their final resting place in our grannies country.

I was ever so blessed to meet and pay due respects to our Uncle Laurie Kerr. Just being in his company had goosebumps on my arms, I felt like that I was finally home. I know that both Deb and I will be visiting more often in the future to reconnect with all the family and our country. To finally go back to country has meant the world to both of us and we feel very blessed.

We would like to especially thank the researchers and Link-Up (Qld) for their wonderful support with our journey. Many blessings to the lovely Vicki Darr from Townsville for her time and support also. Finally and with our sincerest and heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the beautiful Desley Ah Wing for her devoted support through such an emotional journey,

Thank You all and God Bless.

Gail Laffin



Gail and Debbie



Paying our respects in Townsville

Brenda Wilson Reunion - Tully



My name is Brenda Wilson. I am 37 years of age and I was born in Mareeba Hospital in 1979.

For many years people would tell me stories about my father, who he was and what he did for a living. He was known as the stockman, a rodeo rider and how he loved the old rodeo days. Some people would tell me that he was one of the best bull riders in the world as he rode the famous Chainsaw for the full 8 seconds.



Hearing these stories of my dad is why I have decided to find out more about my dad. While I was living in Mossman, I met with the Link-Up (Qld) Staff at an information session and I thought that they may be able to help me find out more about my dad. I became a Link-Up (Qld) client and they found the information I needed. Link-Up(Qld) made a family tree and found where my dad was laid to rest.

It was good to go to Tully to see where he was buried and to be at his graveside with him. It was sad and to spend a few minutes with him was hard. I was trying to understand why he passed away in Tully and why he didn't get buried in Laura to be on country with family and friend. I bought a cowboy shoe vase that I thought would be fitting for my dad's grave.





AIATSIS (Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies) provided Link-Up (Qld) with an audio recording of my father's voice explaining some cultural stories with the other elders which is good.

If he was alive today I would have spent more time with him to get to know him. For me and my sister

we didn't know who he was, but will always be connected to him. He is our father for life and the Grandfather to our babies in this life. You will always be with us until we see you again.

We love you dear old Dad.

From Brenda and Michelle.



Link-Up (Qld) Cairns Update



Link-Up (Qld) Cairns Christmas Client Lunch

Cairns Client Support Group Christmas Party 2016 was held on 30 November at the Lantern Restaurant, Brothers Leagues Club. Twenty one people attended including 13 clients, 3 support persons, 2 Counsellors from the Bringing Them Home Program Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service, and 3 Link-Up (Qld) Staff. It was a special time for clients who regularly attend the support group, and new clients, to get to know each other.

Our theme for this Client Support Group Meeting Christmas Lunch was “Celebrations” - the importance of celebrating the positives and the shining star moments in our life. We thought it was important for Link-Up (Qld) to acknowledge and celebrate all the reunions that our clients have completed in 2015 and 2016. We also honoured and paid respect to past and present family members of the Stolen Generation.

Link-Up (Qld) Cairns are excited to have started our monthly client support groups for 2017. This year we will provide morning tea along with Guest speakers, yarning circles, peer support and wellbeing activities. We would like to encourage all past and present Link-Up clients to attend our monthly client support group meetings in 2017. Our support group meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month at our Cairns Office, 18 Scott Street Parramatta Park.

Regular monthly visits to Yarrabah are on our agenda as well as expanding our networking opportunities across North Queensland. Reunions will continue to be the focus of our work linking those who have been separated from family, country and loved ones who have passed. Cairns Link-Up (Qld) staff will be planning a Sorry Day function this year and look forward to the NAIDOC celebrations.



The first Client Support Group meeting for 2017

Cherbourg - Elders Family Tree



On Tuesday 29 November 2016 Link-Up (Qld) staff members Jason Ives (Multimedia), Sam Watson Jnr (Multimedia) and Lauren Scheiwe (Research) visited the Cherbourg Elders group at the Cherbourg Ration Shed and Museum. Link-Up (Qld) were invited to give a presentation about its services and the process for doing family history research. The Elders group had plenty of questions and led interesting conversation around the topics raised. The group are



participating in a new project called Elders Families which began in October 2016. The program runs on Tuesdays at the Ration Shed from 11:30am to 3:30pm.

The Ration Shed was buzzing with activity during our visit with several groups and tourists visiting. Link-Up (Qld) staff also took the opportunity to drop off magazines and brochures to the Council, the hospital, aged care home, radio station and TAFE.



Link-Up (Qld) Staff with the Cherbourg Elders group

Commonwealth redress scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse

The Australian Government is establishing a Commonwealth Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional childhood sexual abuse.

Survivors who suffered childhood sexual abuse in Commonwealth institutional settings will be able to access redress under the scheme.

In addition, consistent with the Government's commitment to redress being provided to as many survivors as possible by responsible institutions, the Government has invited state and territory governments to opt in to the scheme, so that survivors who suffered childhood sexual abuse in state and territory government institutions can also access redress. In addition, if states refer sufficient powers, churches, charities and other community based institutions could opt in to the scheme so that those survivors could also access redress.

The announcement of this scheme is an acknowledgement by the Australian Government that the childhood sexual abuse suffered by children in Commonwealth institutional settings was wrong, and should not have happened. It recognises the suffering survivors can experience. It also demonstrates the Government's leadership in encouraging states, territories and non-government institutions to take responsibility for providing redress to their survivors.

The scheme will provide survivors with access to a monetary payment of up to \$150,000 to acknowledge the terrible sexual abuse inflicted upon them as children was wrong and should not have happened, and that they have suffered hurt and harm as a result.

The scheme is not just about providing survivors with monetary recognition – of equal importance it provides survivors with the opportunity to receive emotional and mental support through trauma-informed and culturally appropriate counselling to assist survivors in the redress process, and to help address the lasting impacts of the childhood sexual abuse they experienced.

Survivors will also have access to community-based supports to provide advocacy, case management and support to connect them with existing services.

Should they wish, survivors will also have the opportunity to tell their personal story about what happened to them to a very senior person, and to receive direct personal acknowledgement and response.

The scheme will be best practice, and be delivered in accordance with a trauma-informed approach. It will be established in 2018.

What will be offered under the scheme?

The scheme will offer the following elements, to acknowledge the terrible abuse survivors experienced, in the hope that they will assist survivors in their personal journey of healing:

- A direct personal response, for those survivors who seek it, involving the survivor having the opportunity to meet with a very senior appropriate person, in a safe and supportive environment, to tell their personal story of what they experienced and how it has impacted them, to provide them with an opportunity to be acknowledged and receive a response.
- Access to trauma-informed and culturally-appropriate psychological counselling, to address the suffering of survivors and support them in accessing redress.
- Access to community based supports, including case management and advocacy.
- A monetary payment of up to \$150,000 in recognition of the abuse, and the hurt and harm suffered.

Can I register now for redress under the scheme?

Details of the scheme are still being worked out. At this time, registrations are not able to be made. The Australian Government will provide as much notice as possible to survivors about when the scheme will open.

Marumali Training - Brisbane



During February 2017, Marumali training was provided to Link-Up (Qld) staff at their Head office in Woolloongabba. The program was delivered by Aunty Lorraine Peeters and her daughter Shaan.

The Marumali program has been developed by Aunty Lorraine as a model of healing based on her own experiences and as a survivor of the Stolen Generations.

Link-Up (Qld) staff in attendance were those who have not previously attended this training program.



Cairns Client Support Group 2017 Morning Teas

Held on the last Wednesday of every month at the Link-Up (Qld) Cairns office from 10.00am to 11.30am

Contact us on (07) 4041 7403 for more details

Next meeting will be on:

29th March
26th April
31st May
28th June
26th July
30th August
27th September

Benevolent Society Meeting



On Wednesday 15 February 2017, Link-Up (Qld) staff welcomed visitors Leza Schultz, Leanne Wiles and Beatriz Martinez from the Post Adoption Support Queensland (PASQ) Unit, Benevolent Society. It was a great opportunity to network together, share insights and learn more about our respective services. PASQ assists people affected by adoption by providing an intermediary service, family therapy, counselling and other services.

Link-Up received an email from PASQ following the meeting "...I just wanted to say a massive thank you to you and the team for allowing us to visit yesterday and for the hospitality provided.

We thoroughly enjoyed the visit and speaking for myself, I learnt a lot! It was so wonderful to hear about the fantastic practice that takes place at Link-Up."

Both PASQ and Link-Up (Qld) are participants in the Post Adoption Service Provider meetings held quarterly each year. We look forward to continuing working together to ensure positive outcomes for our clients.

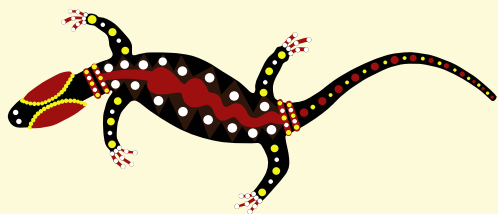
Brisbane Client Support Group 2017 Morning Teas

Held on the last Thursday of every month at the Link-Up (Qld) Brisbane office from 10.00am.

Contact Link-Up (Qld) on 07 3034 8444 for more information.

Next meeting will be on:

30th March
27th April
25th May
29th June
27th July
31st August
28th September



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.

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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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