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## *Still Bringing Them Home*

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## Chairperson - Sam Watson



Sam Watson

“The observation of the National Apology Day was the first major community event that was held at the newly renovated Jagera Community Hall in Musgrave Park in early February. The day was a very special day for members of the Stolen Generations and indeed, it was a moment for the

entire nation to reflect on the apology that was offered to our people by the incoming Prime Minister - Kevin Rudd.

I was in Canberra for that day back in 2008 and I was amazed at the large number of Aboriginal people who made their way to the national capital from all points of the compass. I had a special pass to get a seat in the gallery above the House of Representatives; but as I walked across to the access door I saw one old aunty standing to one side and looking very distressed. I stopped and asked her if she was alright.

She told me that she had come from the top part of Western Australia to witness the ceremony and she could not get a pass into the gallery. She and a small group of other elders had pooled their pension money to hire a mini bus and the trip had taken them almost a week, because most of them were on some sort of medication and they had to take frequent stops. I gave aunty my pass and helped her get to the right door.

I then went back to Senator Claire Moore's office and watched the ceremony on her big TV. It was an amazing moment, the very first time that the federal parliament was opened by a traditional welcome to country and a proper smoking. Rudd got to his feet and delivered the apology and many of the people shed tears as they listened to those words.



Tragically, Rudd had stated most emphatically that his government would never consider any form of compensation to the Stolen Generations. I have always argued that those people were victims of a criminal act and therefore they had every right to be fully compensated. Then when the speech was over we all had to leave the parliament so they could get on with the business of government.

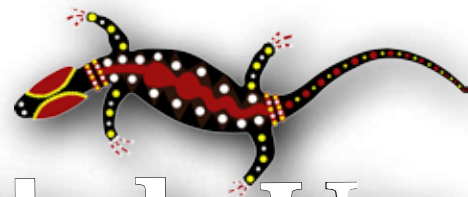
At that stage there was only one indigenous member in the parliament (Ken Wyatt MHR ) and he was a LNP member.

There has been a certain degree of progress since 2008; but we are still fighting for a proper funding level and proper resources to achieve real and lasting outcomes for our clients and our community.

Kevin Rudd has moved on to other things and the current prime minister has never even mentioned the word “aboriginal” in any one of his speeches. I hope that our old aunty from Western Australia still has strong memories about that day back in 2008 - because that is all there is now. Just a few fading memories and very little else..”



Front Cover:  
Rosalie Kunoth-Monks,  
NAIDOC Person of the  
Year and Dame Quentin  
Bryce



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## CEO - Patricia Conlon



Patricia Conlon

Well we are two months into 2016 already and very busy at Link-Up (Qld).

After a very well deserved break over Christmas staff are well into planning their work activities including reunions and a healing camp over the coming months.

Link-Up (Qld) hosted the annual Apology Day event at Jagera Community Hall, Musgrave Park with well over 200 people including many of our Stolen Generations and their families in attendance.

We would particularly like to acknowledge the support from the Healing Foundation to Link-Up (Qld) in hosting this event. The Healing Foundation worked closely with our Multi Media Manager Donna Ives and our team in coordinating the event which culminated in a beautiful day at Jagera Community Hall honouring the resilience and courage of our Stolen Generations and their families.

We appreciate the ongoing support from the Healing Foundation which assists us to support, develop and strengthen healing programs for our clients. Funding from the Healing Foundation supports our organisation to develop healing projects which assists individuals, families and communities to restore wellbeing and build pathways to healing.

Aunty Rosalie Kunoth-Monks was our Key Note Speaker at the Apology Event – her wisdom and presence, an inspiration to us all. It was an honour for us at Link-Up (Qld) to have Aunty Rosalie and her grand-daughter Amelia as our guests over a couple of days in our beautiful city.



Councillor Helen Abrahams

Other guest speakers included Deputy Premier Jacki Trad, Florence Onus, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and of course our local Councillor Helen Abrahams, who will be sorely missed as our local government representative – we appreciate Councillor Abrahams ongoing support to Link-Up (Qld) and the important work we do on behalf of our Stolen Generations.



George Rose and Link-Up (Qld)  
Director Lynelle Mace

George Rose, NRL rugby league player led the candle lighting ceremony with Elders to remember those children who were taken away and a big thank you to Shane Phillips and the Redfern All Blacks Rugby League Team who took time out to attend the Apology Event, acknowledging our Stolen Generations and paying respect to our Elders and country.

I would also like to acknowledge the support from the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service for their support to our clients at the recent Indigenous All Stars game.

The efforts of Link-Up (Qld) staff is to be commended – thank you for your team effort and for your dedication and hard work.

I also had the privilege with William Conlon – SEWB Counsellor and Wayne Ah-Wong – Caseworker from our Cairns office to attend an Apology Luncheon for Elders at Seisia in Cape York. We appreciated the invitation extended by Kathleen Bobongie from the Healing Centre at Injinoo and who works for NPA Family and Community Services to attend their Apology Day event. It was an opportunity to meet with the five communities in the NPA of Seisia, New Mapoon, Injinoo, Umagico and Bamaga.

We provided information about Link-Up (Qld) services and were pleased with the interest shown and new referrals we obtained. We are looking forward to maintaining the close working relationship developed between NPA Family and Community Services and the development of an MOU or Partnership Agreement to ensure that our services reach individuals and families who have been removed and seeking our support to reunite with family or to country.

The hospitality extended to us on our visit was also appreciated – big thank you Kathy.



Redfern All Blacks Coach  
Shane Phillips and players

## Apology Day 2016 - Brisbane

by Al Harris - Healing Foundation



More than 200 hundred members of Brisbane's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community came together in the iconic Musgrave Park to commemorate the 8th anniversary of the Apology.

Hosted by Link-Up (Qld) and supported by the Healing Foundation the commemoration event was attended by many members of the local Stolen Generations and their families.

After the Welcome to Country and a heart-warming dance performance by students from Brisbane's Murri School the audience was treated to a key-note speech by 2015 NAIDOC Person of the Year, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks who spoke of the continued denial of respect and rights to the Stolen Generation and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. "The Aboriginal people and culture of this land provide the colour and dynamics to Australia and yet our culture and our people are constantly denigrated," she said.



Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, 2015 NAIDOC Person of the Year

Rosalie told the audience that respect of culture and an acknowledgement of Australia's history of brutal treatment of its Indigenous peoples was central to the healing of those stolen away and their families.

Rosalie was followed by Deputy Premier of Queensland and local member, Jackie Trad, who emphasised that the anniversary of the Apology was a "day to remember and reflect, to celebrate and to educate."



Deputy Premier of Queensland Jackie Trad

The audience also heard from Palm Island Mayor Alfred Lacey, Brisbane City Councillor Helen Abrahams and Florence Onus, chair of the Healing Foundation's Stolen Generations Reference Committee, who spoke of the importance of collective healing and the release of the Healing Foundation report, Healing for Our Stolen Generations: Sharing Our Stories.



Healing Foundation's Stolen Generations Reference Committee Chair  
Florence Onus

A highlight for many people attending was a performance by Murri music legend, Joe Geia, who performed his classic Yil Lull which he dedicated to the Stolen Generations.

Other entertainment was provided by Toni Janke and by Stolen Generations members Aunties Bessie Parsons and Rhonda Collard.

The day's proceedings finished with a candle lighting ceremony and the cutting of an 8th anniversary cake.





CEO of Link-Up (Qld) Pat Conlon, said she was proud that her organisation hosted the Apology commemoration. "It's a time when we come together to honour the lives of the people who were stolen away from their families. We honour those who, through sheer courage, resilience and determination, came back to us and we remember those who we have lost," Pat told Our Healing, Our Way.

"We commemorate the Apology because it made the start of healing possible, but we know that we still have a long way to go. There are still people that need reuniting and reconnecting to their families, their culture and their country and we have to continue advocating for our people to determine their own processes and methods of healing."



## Apology Luncheon for Elders 2016 - Bamaga

Kathleen Bobongie - Healing Centre, Bamaga to Link-Up (Qld) CEO



On behalf of NPA Family and Community Services, I would like to thank you and your colleagues Bill Conlon and Wayne Ah Wong for attending the Apology Luncheon for Elders.



I was impressed with your team's willingness to attend the luncheon at short notice. I estimate that about 105 people attended on the day. These people included Elders, community residents, artists and service providers from the 5 NPA communities of Seisia, Injinoo, Umagico, Bamaga and New Mapoon.

As guest speaker, your personal story was interesting and the information you provided about Link-Up (Qld)'s role was very informative. Guests were both interested and excited about the Link-Up (Qld) resources that were distributed.



The event and Link-Up (Qld)'s presence prompted some referrals that otherwise may not have been forthcoming. I am pleased with the development of a positive working relationship between this organisation and Link-Up (Qld).



The idea of a Healing Camp would work well if the funding could be accessed from the Healing Foundation. I don't think much has happened in this area previously.

The professionalism demonstrated by yourself and your staff in working with this organisation and the community is much appreciated. We hope to have Link-Up (Qld) visit this area again





**Invasion Day Rally 2016 - Brisbane**





## Mungalla Healing Camp - Ingham



The Link-Up (Qld) Mungalla Healing Camp was held in the beautiful region of Ingham in North Queensland. Staff from Brisbane travelled on the early Monday morning flight to meet with clients, and other staff members who were in attendance in Townsville.

After quick whisk around the city of Townsville, and meeting up with the clients from Palm Island it was then a leisurely drive up to the Mungalla Homestead, a working cattle station that also has accommodation and tours and is owned and operated by the Nywaigi Aboriginal people, the traditional owners of the area.

Upon arrival we were introduced to Mungalla Stations Manager Jacob Cassidy and his crew who looked after us very well over our time there. Clients were shown to their accommodation, and afforded the opportunity to rest and meet the local wildlife prior to dinner.

During the next two days clients were able to partake in a tour of the historic homestead, go fishing at Lucinda Jetty, obtain some pampering, which included make-up, hair styling, and massages, and given the opportunity to wander through the on-site museum displaying history of the occupants and of the local traditional owners.

Our Counsellors conducted Yarning Circles with the group and also one on one sessions, Link-Up (Qld) Caseworkers and Researchers were able to complete intake forms with future clients and run Arts and Craft sessions, while the Multimedia Unit were able to film participants for the "Oral History" program.

The camp proved to be a great success, many of the clients stating they enjoyed the chance to just get away for a few days and spend time with their peers.

We would like to thank all those that attended from Cairns, Townsville and Palm Island. Also Jacob Cassidy and his crew from Mungalla Aboriginal Tours for making our stay there so enjoyable.









## Robert West Reunion - Stradbroke Island



Robert West at Dunwich Cemetery

It was through one of my relations and also through Cathy Franklin at Personal Files and History, that I learned about my Grandmother. Cathy supplied me information on my mum and dad and also their parents. I knew all about my grandfather and my grandmother on my mother's sides but didn't know much about my grandparents on my father's side, very little if anything.

When I got this information I realised that her name was Margaret and she was called Maggie West. I spoke to my father then in about 1959 – 1960 and I asked him where did his mother come from and he said that his mother was a Wakka Wakka woman from Hawkwood Station and that's all Wakka Wakka Country and she married my Grandfather who was named Harry Western and he came from Kangaroo Point here in Brisbane, he was classed as a "Half caste".

He came up to Auburn and Auburn Station and he was initiated in the Wakka Wakka tribe at Hawkwood Station and maybe that's because he married my granny.

All their children were born on Auburn Station, including my father George West.



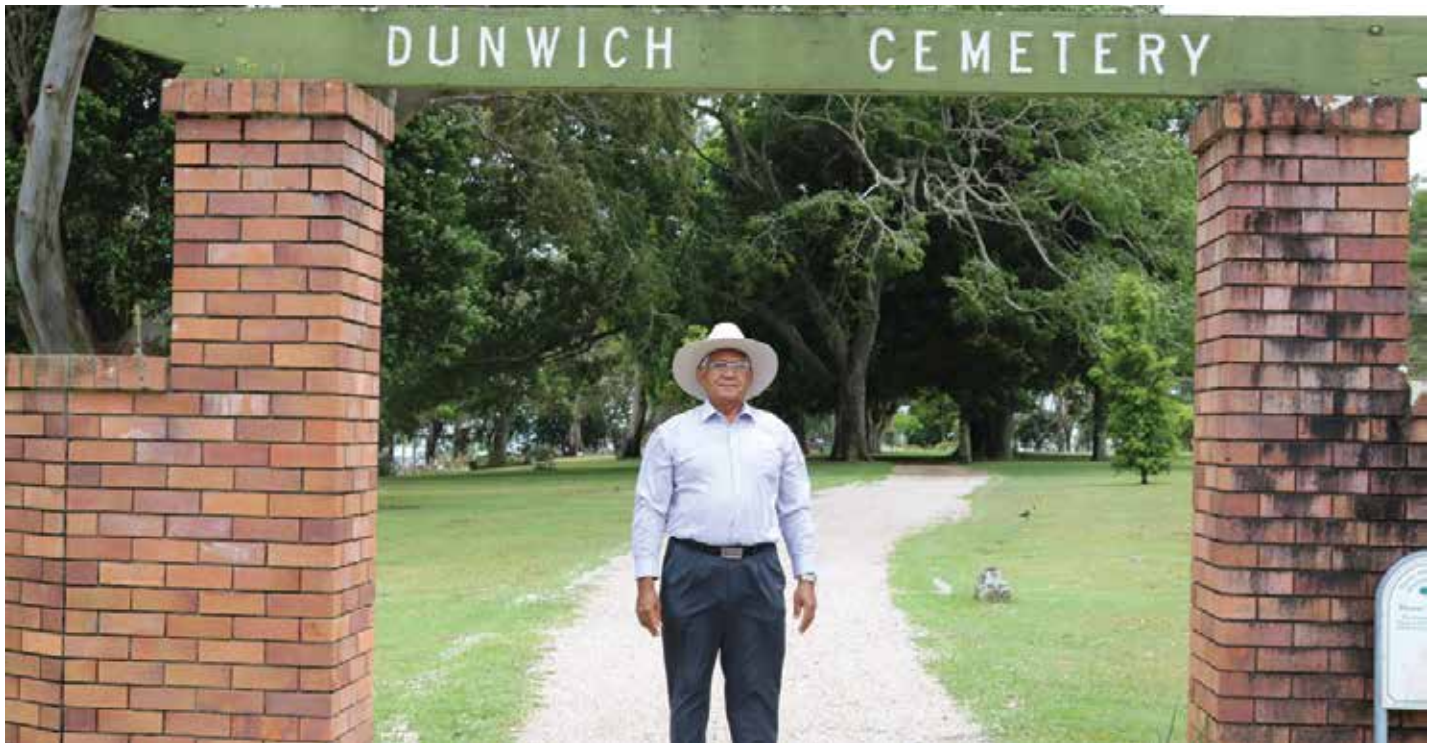
Granny got very sick, I think it was a massive stroke that she had and grandfather looked after her on the station for a long time and then in 1914 they ended up setting off to Cherbourg and from Cherbourg they sent her down to Dunwich, at the Dunwich Asylum there because she was that sick and couldn't look after herself. She passed away the same year and she's buried over there in Dunwich Cemetery.

When I first found out she was buried there I went over there, and me and my wife Leone went over there and I didn't even know where to go and we went to that cemetery and I just sang out there and told her who I was and then came home, but I always wanted to go back and do something more but didn't know how to go about it.

It was Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Jessie Cobbo who suggested it to me about the reunions that you do for such thing and I was really happy to participate in that. So I was really a bit apprehensive and all and that sort of thing but to do something official I think Link-Up (Qld) should never let that thing go past, it's a wonderful thing and I congratulate them for having that program in place. It's really good for someone like me, I didn't really know it existed.







I'm Grannies only living grandson at the moment so I think it was my duty to go over there and talk to her in a spiritual and cultural way which I did. The staff from Link-Up (Qld) and all the people over at Dunwich, the elders there that I spoke to were all in support of me to do that ceremony with granny. I spoke at length to tell her, "I'd like your spirit, granny, to" like we say in Wakka Wakka talk "yunarn-dee back to Cherbourg go, because that's where they sent you to Dunwich, and from Cherbourg then yunarn-dee back to Gayndah go, then from Gayndah, yunarn-dee all the way back to Auburn Station go."

That was the only way I could tell her spirit to go back home because that was the way that she came down. It wouldn't be wise for me to say "go back from here up to Toowoomba, straight to Chinchilla and out to Auburn," because she would not know that and those roads that probably wasn't even around when she was there.

I think Granny would be very pleased with that and I felt really, really good, you know it was a good opportunity to go over there and if that's possible in our way to send a spirit back I think it would have happened.

I know she been there that long but that's something I'd like to do somewhere along the line, have her buried back on Auburn Station. But as far as everything now I'm very happy, very happy with the support, I don't think I could have ask for more. I'm in debt to Link-Up (Qld) for providing this type of service, all the pre-planning that was put into place, the procedures were really easy to follow and to carry out that ceremony was really good.

Robert West



Robert West, Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Jessie Cobbo, with Yulu-Burri-Ba C.E.O David Collins and Merrilyn Simmonds





## Vicki Hardaker-Jaki Reunion - Rockhampton

My story started when I was 36, I am now 56. I was lucky enough to meet my siblings that I never knew existed. I found out that there was a possibility that I had an Aboriginal heritage. I had to take it to the next level to know where I'm from.



I would like to thank Link-Up (Qld) for organising my reunion to Rockhampton. I have been with Link-Up (Qld) for nearly a year now. It's been a great journey with them as they have found a family I've never known. They have taken me to see my Great Grandparents, Great Uncles and Wives and a 2nd cousin's resting place.



Vicki Hardaker-Jaki, Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Jessie Cobbo and Vicki's daughter Kelly



Vicki Hardaker-Jaki at Rockhampton

They advised me that we have a book about my heritage Darunganora: "Darug Country" The place and the people, which I have managed to borrow from The University of Qld Library to read up on more. My Great Great Great Grandmother Peggy (Margaret Reed/Reid) belonged to the Burramatta clan.

This book has information leading me to find my Great Great Great Great Grandparents and also talks about their life and family. I have found out that I have Aboriginal serving family members of the Gallipoli War. One which was Arthur Perfect who served in the 15th Battalion 1st A.I.F so this brings me to another chapter to research.







From my journey to Rockhampton I have since spoken to a 2nd and 3rd cousin that reside in Rockhampton. I would hope to visit and meet these family members in the near future to help solve more of this puzzle.

I am extremely happy and proud to have an Aboriginal heritage.

I am very grateful for all the help that Jessie and the staff from Link-Up (Qld) have provided me, without their support I would never have found my families history.

Many Thanks  
Vicki Hardaker-Jaki





## Michelle Stewart Reunion - Sydney



Michelle Stewart and her sister Tania at their brother's gravesite

Michelle Stewart from Townsville first contacted Vicki Darr, Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker over a year ago to help locate the grave of her brother.

Once the process had started and with the work of Link-Up (Qld) Research Officer Lauren Scheiwe, Michelle's brother's grave was located at Macquarie Park, Northern Cemeteries in Sydney.

Michelle, her sister Tania and Vicki travelled to Sydney on the 30th November 2015 for a graveside reunion and what would prove to be an emotional experience.

The joy of finally knowing where their brother was buried, placing flowers on his grave and spending time with him has bought the family some closure.

Michelle would like to thank Link-Up (Qld) for re-uniting her and her family with their brother, she stated that the organising was precise and that they were grateful for the assistance in their journey of healing.





## Dundalli Remembrance Day



On the 5th of January 2016 people gathered in Post Office Square in Brisbane to remember Dundalli and those like him. Dundalli was a freedom fighter who lead his people with pride and strength in many battles that make up the Frontier Wars.

On the 5th of January 1855, Dundalli was officially the last person publically executed in Queensland at the site now known as Post Office Square.

We now gather there every year to remember the life that Dundalli lived and honour his fight against the colonisers, a fight that ensured the further existence of Aboriginal people.





## Aunty Faye Carr - Elder Honoured

### Yuggera leader fills with pride as Citizen of Year

AUNTY Faye Carr has devoted her life to helping indigenous people through the prison system and in schools. She has survived personal tragedy, including the stabbing death of her son Dean, to work with offenders, victims, children, politicians and people in the legal system. The 70-year-old's lifelong work was honoured when she was named the 2016 Ipswich Citizen of the Year in a surprise moment that left the softly spoken woman tearful and proud.



In a small cemetery near the former Purga Mission, headstones and fresh flowers mark the graves of Aunty Faye Carr's beloved family members.

Her parents are there. Her brothers are there. Her son, stabbed in 2007, is buried there. Opera legend Harold Blair, her mother's cousin, is there. The people in that cemetery, especially her mother and father, are the ones who taught the Yuggera elder what work is.

They are the ones who inspired a life philosophy that culminated in her being named Ipswich's 2016 Citizen of the Year on Saturday.

Her daughter Samantha Carr said it was a well-deserved win after a lifetime spent helping Indigenous people in the legal system, at schools and through programs held at the Purga Mission.

Aunty Faye spent 14 years working in the Ipswich Legal Service with Indigenous offenders and victims. Even now, more than two years after ill health forced her to retire, she continues to offer a listening ear to prisoners through regular visits to Southern Queensland Correctional Centre at Gatton.



Aunty Faye Carr with Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale

"I didn't want to retire but I got sick... now I'm working harder than ever," Aunty Faye said.

Samantha, one of Faye's eight children, said her mother often filled the role of parent for Indigenous young people in the system who didn't have their own. Her work at the legal centre ranged from keeping families in touch with one another to arranging food vouchers and help after release.

She did it all while working at a breakfast program for Indigenous school children in Bundamba and running regular activities from the Purga Mission property. And she continued to work within the legal system even after it made her own family suffer in the wake of her son's death.

Dean Carr was stabbed in the heart in an attack at Flint St, North Ipswich on September 17, 2007.

The man who committed the crime was found guilty of murder in an initial trial in 2009 but later appealed the sentence and was found guilty of the new charge of manslaughter in a second trial in 2010.



Aunty Faye Carr with Deputy Mayor Victor Attwood, last years winner Brian Hall and Mayor Paul Pisasale





Aunty Faye with her daughter Samantha

Both trials were an ordeal for Aunty Faye and Dean's siblings, aunts, uncles and other family members. Aunty Faye said the family had to listen as Dean was portrayed as a homeless Indigenous man. On the fifth anniversary of Dean's death in 2012, the man who killed him was released from prison in a decision that broke the hearts of the Carr family.

Even in the midst of such personal tragedy within the legal system, Aunty Faye continued to offer help to prisoners who asked for her.

"It was a hard thing to do," she said. "I didn't want to be there after that. I just kept going."

Samantha said Dean would be "absolutely proud" of his mother for the work she has done and being named Citizen of the Year. Dean's death is only one of many personal tragedies Aunty Faye has survived in her life.

Her ninth child, a twin daughter, died when she was two-years-old due to a hole in her heart. She would have been 48 now if she had survived. As she tended the graves of her loved ones yesterday, the softly-spoken elder was still in shock at receiving the award.

"There were a lot of other people there... I thought they should have got it," Aunty Faye said.

Samantha and six other family members were there on Saturday night to see Aunty Faye accept the award. None of them knew what award it was before the night. As an Indigenous elder, attending the Australia Day awards was a hard decision to make. The day commemorates the landing of the First Fleet in 1788 and is often considered a day of tragedy for Indigenous heritage and culture. Aunty Faye, who also has non-indigenous heritage on her father's side, decided to attend the award ceremony on the urging of her children.

"Being indigenous... I was thinking about that," she said.

"And my son, he said 'mother, you know you have to go. Be proud.'"

Both Aunty Faye and Samantha hoped awarding Citizen of the Year to an Indigenous person would help foster co-operation in the city, especially given Aunty Faye's respected role.

"A lot of the Indigenous community know mum. She is a well-respected elder," Samantha said.

Aunty Faye, one of 14 siblings, said she hoped her work would help other Indigenous families keep together as hers does.

The weekend's trip to the cemetery is a regular activity that often calls on multiple generations to play their part.

"I'm the grandmother of 47 and I've got 14 great grandchildren," she said.

More than 200 family members also gathered together the weekend before the Australia Day awards to surprise Aunty Faye for her 70th birthday. People travelled from as far as Cairns and Melbourne to help her celebrate the milestone



Aunty Faye at her 70th Birthday

Despite retirement, Aunty Faye has no plans to stop her work to help Indigenous people across Ipswich. She and Samantha said Work for the Dole and horticultural training programs were now running at Purga and they were looking to arrange visits to Indigenous people in the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre.

**This story first appeared in  
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## Client Support Group Morning Tea - Brisbane

The Elders support group morning tea have started up again for 2016. Although there has been a fair bit of speculation on the dates of the morning tea, it was decided to not wait until February, but rather start the year fresh and start in January.



Shane and Uncle Robert

As the new counsellor at Link-Up (Qld), I had the privilege of holding the morning tea in our Brisbane office. New staff members were introduced to the Elders who accepted us with open hearts. I asked the Elders “what they wanted from these meeting”, rather than us as an organisation providing the topics, although there will be at times issues that will be discussed with an emphasis on how we provide a service that better serves our members.



Aunty Rhonda



Aunty Lynne



Uncle Victor

I began by telling the group about my journey, and how I came to be working at Link-Up (Qld). It was then that the real stories opened up. I asked the them to share with me a little about their own journey, and will again say thank-you for those that shared their story. It is very humbling to sit and hear from first hand experiences of what our Members of the “Stolen Generation” have been through, and continue to go through today.

Too you all, you are a resilient, inspiring, courageous, and strong group of Aboriginal people, and I certainly take my hat off to you. With introductions out of the way, and beautiful morning tea was had by all, a big thank-you to the staff from the Brisbane office, who came in early to help prepare.

Our next morning tea will be on the 31st of March, hope to see you all then.

William Conlon  
Link-Up (Qld) SEWB Counsellor.



Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Dwayne Pierce with Aunty Rhonda and Uncle Les



## Staff Updates/Welcome



Link-Up (Qld) SEWB Counsellor William Conlon

I commenced in the Brisbane Office of Link-Up (Qld) on the 18th December 2015 as a SEWB Counsellor. I am enjoying my new role, particularly, the interaction with Stolen Generation's clients and the rewarding outcomes from this work. My previous background was in Child Protection and Health, although I have had many various work experiences in the past. I am looking forward to utilising my skills and experiences with Link-Up (Qld).

I am married and have 4 wonderful children.

I have ventured from the outback of Queensland to take up the position within Link-Up (Qld) in Brisbane, which is a great step for myself and my little family. I have previously lived within other parts of the state, but will continue to venture back to the bush to be connected to Culture and friends. I look forward to forging new friendships with Link-Up (Qld) offices and staff, and with them many special clients who utilise the services of the organisation.



Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Dwayne Pierce

My name is Dwayne Pierce and I am grateful for the opportunity to work for Link-Up (Qld) in Brisbane.

I commenced on the 04 January, 2016 and now that I am settling into this role, I find the work both humbling and rewarding to be invited by our clients to share their journeys to find their way home to family, country, community and to the last resting places of the client's family.

I grew up in Daintree/Mossman, Far North Queensland and I am Kuku Yalanji, Kuku Nyungkul (Shipton Flats near Cooktown) and of the Julaymba (Daintree) Moiety on my father's lineage and Gungandji (Yarrabah) and Juru (Bowen to Ayr) on my mother's lineage. I have been heavily involved in my hometown community and have occupied roles where I have assisted people to access quality and mainstream services to improve their lifestyles.

At present, I am planning my first Client Reunion and I look forward to assisting our clients and sharing many more journeys with Link-Up (Qld).

### Mt Isa Office

Link-Up (Qld)'s Mt Isa office has now moved closer to town.

We have relocated to 2/52 Miles Street.

Come in and say hello.



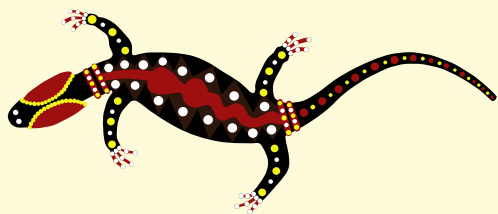
### Brisbane Client Support Group 2016 Morning Teas

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:

**31st March**  
**28th April**  
**26th May**  
**30th June**  
**28th July**  
**25th August**  
**29th September**  
**27th October**  
**24th November**





## 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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- 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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