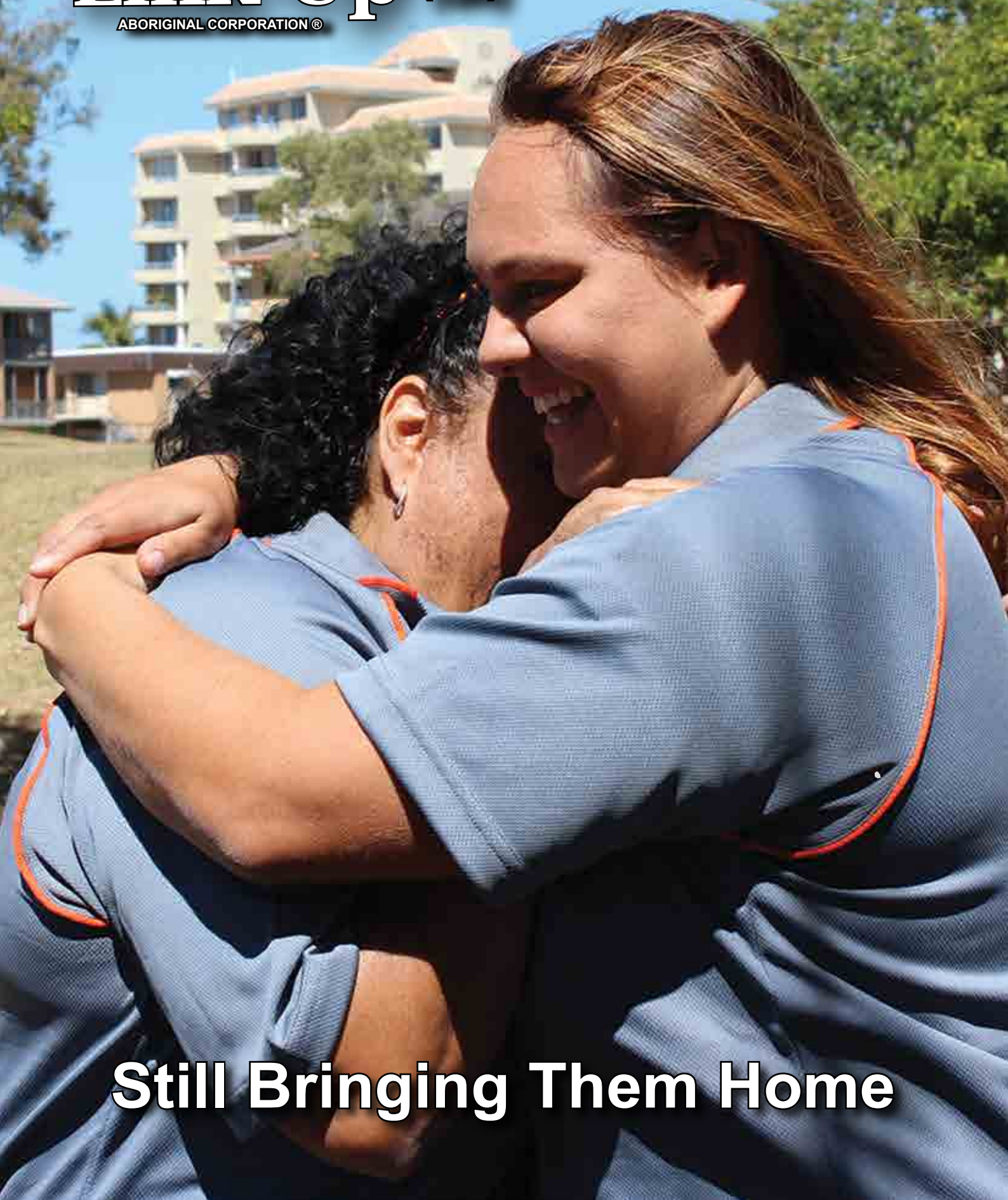




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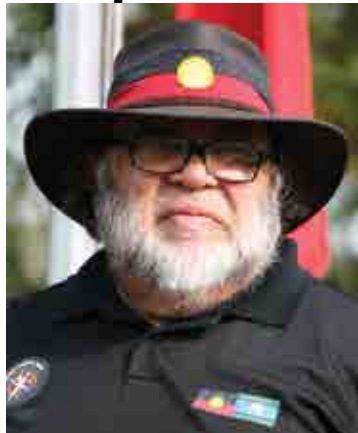
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Still Bringing Them Home

Chairperson - Sam Watson



Sam Watson

Can you smell that?! There is an election in the air and it is going to be a very intense campaign. There has been a minor redrawing of the electoral boundaries and the final outcome will certainly come down to a handful of votes in a handful of electorates. Yes, it will be very interesting sitting back on election night

and looking at how the votes will fall. Our people have only had the right to vote for a few years, so it will be a real study to see how those electorates vote.

Our people are certainly in dominant numbers north of Cairns; but there are substantial pockets of Indigenous voters in key seats across the state. Given the crazy results of the past two state elections I am not even going to try and predict a final result this time. You will have more luck in picking the winner of the Melbourne Cup. No-one saw the incredible massacre of the Anna Bligh government a few years ago and the bloodbath that saw so many government members thrown onto the dole queue. Then there was even more chaos on the following election day that saw “Can Do” Campbell throw away a record LNP majority and the ALP returned to government.

Elections are the ultimate exercise in a democracy. Every person of voting age has the right to cast a ballot and make a choice about who they want to govern their state for the next four years. Remember voters, this is the last election in which the state government had a three year term to deliver their agenda. When you vote this time you will be giving to the ultimate winner, a four year fixed term mandate and every voter will know the exact date for the next poll. I have always been a supporter of four year fixed terms and I voted for the change to the state constitution.



Front Cover:
Kali Sailor reuniting with her daughter Carolyn after 33 years

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.

Indigenous people take their votes and elections very seriously. It is sad that the politicians do not take us as seriously and treat the black voting bloc with a bit of respect. I cannot remember the last time that a sitting member convened a community meeting with our mob to try and convince us to vote for them. Indigenous voters are hardworking, serious people. Because our Elders fought so hard and over so many years for the right to vote, when we go into that ballot box – we really do give a lot of thought to how we are going to mark that paper.



Our families and our community, are very important to us. We want to vote for a politician who is going to fight for us to have good homes, good jobs, better education, better health care. We want political leaders who are going to respect us as equal citizens and make sure that we can live and work in this society without being harassed and targeted by overzealous kops.

Please people, make sure that you are on the rolls and on election day – remember those magnificent Elders who marched and fought so we had the right to go and exercise our right to vote.



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CEO - Patricia Conlon



Patricia Conlon

Welcome to this edition of our magazine, filled with touching reunion stories and colourful photographs. Our staff have been very busy as usual. In Cairns, between delivering research reports and organising reunions, we moved into new premises just a block up from the old office.

We are now on the corner of Spence and Draper Streets – 2/128 Spence Street.

We were really pleased that the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion took time out of his busy schedule to be in Cairns to officially open the office with the local Member for Leichhardt, The Hon. Warren Entsch MP. Our Chairman Sam Watson and local director Lionel Quartermaine were also present.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships was represented by their Regional Director, Stephen Ung. Our partner organisations who we work very closely with also attended and thank you particularly to our Elders and clients who came along and shared their stories, knowledge and wisdom, it was a wonderful day, we enjoyed good food and good company.

The National Link-Up Leadership Group met recently in Brisbane. Our group meets twice yearly to share information and ideas about strengthening collaboration, cooperation and representation. Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet representatives also attend this meeting, it is an opportunity to have direct conversations about the SEWB program and Link-Up services we deliver. PM&C staff also provided an overview of key national projects such as: Closing the Gap Refresh; Social and Cultural Determinants of Health; Health Performance Framework; SEWB Framework and also an overview of IAG Mental Health and Wellbeing Projects – National Indigenous Critical Response Project and Suicide Prevention; Mental Health First Aid Training roll-out and The Healing Foundation Needs Analysis. Important information in terms of supporting the work of Link-Up's around the country.

The Healing Foundation also attended our National Link-Up Leadership Group meeting sharing information about the important work done on BTH20 and

outlining the recommendations included in an Action Plan for Healing. They are also doing important work on a National Evaluation Framework – a healing framework. There was certainly good discussion around this issue, what it might look like and how we can work together. We look forward to engaging with The Healing Foundation around this important work.

2018 is the 10th anniversary of the Apology – Lisa Hillan shared with the leadership group, key activities being planned and also information about funding for organisations to run local events in local communities.

Recently Link-Up (Qld) had a surveillance audit conducted by the Institute for Healthy Communities Australia Certification Pty Ltd and are pleased that we have maintained certification against ISO 9001:2008 standards. I commend staff for their dedication and efforts to quality improvement.

Our financial audit has also been finalised and I would like to acknowledge the excellent work our Finance Manager Mirko Soto and Finance Officer Cheryl Page do in terms of managing our funds and maintaining impeccable financial records. We have a clean audit – a credit to our Finance team and Board of Directors for their oversight.

I am proud of the quality service Link-Up (Qld) staff provide to our clients. Our reunions stories from our clients are a testament to the quality of support our staff provide to our clients on their journey. Len White in this edition expresses *“there were times when I felt like I was struggling but they understood all my emotions and were always there with the support I needed and this saw us through those moments”*.

Our Multi Media Unit and the quality of their work is something we are really proud of – the recording of oral histories and production of DVD's for our clients, the extensive photograph collections we have, the production of our magazine to share our journeys – deadly work. Thank you all for your tireless efforts.



Link-Up (Qld) Cairns Office Opening



We were pleased that the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion together with Federal Member for Leichhardt, The Hon. Warren Entsch were both available to do the official opening of the new Cairns Office on 30th August 2017. Our Chairman, Sam Watson and local director Lionel Quartermaine were both present, our Chairman giving a good overview of how Link-Up (Qld) started over 30 years ago and sharing some of the highlights over that period. We are really proud of the work that we do being able to provide research reports detailing family histories and taking our clients on their reunion journey and supporting their healing.



Staff were very busy through August moving just a block away from the old office. The new office is at 2/128 Spence Street, Cairns (cnr Spence and Draper Streets). Our staff have increased to 4 in the Cairns office, so additional space was needed. We also have 1 staff member in Townsville which is part of the Cairns Regional Office.

Senator Scullion spoke about the important work Link-Up (Qld) does, reuniting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island families, he acknowledged that 27 reunions had been completed in the 2016/17 financial year, a good achievement. Senator Scullion was also touched by the stories he heard from our clients Brian Gray and Kayleen Jackson who shared their family history.





Federal Member for Leichhardt, The Hon. Warren Entsch



Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion



Brian Gray



Kayleen Jackson



Aunty Caroline Warta from Yarrabah is presented with her oral history DVD



Link-Up (Qld) Regional Manager Kathleen Bobongie & Minister Scullion



Auntie Minnie Maggable from Cairns receives her oral history DVD





Link-Up (Qld) Chairman Sam Watson and CEO Patricia Conlon with staff outside the new Cairns Office

We were thrilled that some of our Elders were also present, they really enjoyed the day out, having a laugh, sharing their personal journeys and also sharing their knowledge and wisdom. We welcome them to our new premises, a lovely space for them to share their stories, catch up with old friends and to make new ones, particularly at client support morning teas.

Jason Ives our Multi Media Officer spent time in the north, recording oral histories. Jason finalised the oral histories on DVD's, packaging them with photo's of our clients and Elders on the front cover and Minister Scullion and the Hon. Federal Member, Warren Entsch presenting them to our clients. The recordings are important to maintain oral history for future generations.



Link-Up (Qld) Multi Media Officer Jason Ives at Yarrabah



Link-Up (Qld) Caseworker Sylvia Wright, Client Brian Gray and Pat Whitla

State Funeral for Indigenous Right's Pioneer Dr Evelyn Scott



Dr Evelyn Scott.

Photo: Andrew Meares

Link-Up (Qld) wishes to pass on our sincere condolence to Dr Scott's family. Dr Scott who was a pioneer figure in Indigenous civil rights movement passed away aged 81. She is survived by her son, four daughters and seven grandchildren.

A well-respected Elder, Evelyn was committed toward self-determination and empowerment, never losing sight of the grass roots, she worked relentlessly to improve the lives of Indigenous people.

Indigenous people in Queensland suffered under the notorious Aborigines Protection Act, classified as minors under the "protection" of the Queensland Government and with no political rights.

One of thirteen children, born in Ingham in 1935, she grew up experiencing discrimination. Her father's early advice: "If you don't think something is right, then challenge it" influenced her life.

"In 1963 I went into a bridal shop to buy my wedding dress. I selected two gowns and asked to try them on. I was told that they would sell me a dress but that I could not try it on...I was black...it was against their policy."
Racism No Way - Dr Evelyn Scott, Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation

Her husband, a member of the Communist Party, introduced her to campaigning to bring about political and social change. Living in Townsville in the 1960s, she witnessed discrimination against Aboriginal people in housing, employment, education, in the provision of health services, and witnessed Aboriginal people at the mercy of an often-racist police force.

Working tirelessly alongside prominent Indigenous people including Faith Bandler, Joe McGuiness, Evelyn was actively involved in the campaign for the YES Vote in the 1967 Constitutional Referendum. The Referendum aimed for the inclusion of Aboriginal Australians in the national census and gave the Australian Government the power to craft legislation for Indigenous Australians.

By 1973, she became the first General-Secretary of the Indigenous-controlled Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI).

Meriam land rights legend Eddie Mabo was a close friend from their early days of shared political involvement in Townsville. Having been always passionate about the environment, she was a Board Member of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority in the 1980s.

Evelyn became Chairwoman for the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation from 1997 to 2000, navigating those fraught and emotionally charged times with grace and unwavering dedication.



A highlight was the Corroboree 2000 Bridge Walk, when more than 250,000 people marched across Sydney Harbour Bridge in support of an official Apology.



She was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977 and in 2003 she was a recipient of the Queensland Greats Award. She received two honorary doctorates, in 2000 and in 2001. In 2001 she was appointed an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday honours. As a part of 2015's NAIDOC Week celebrations, she was presented with a Bupa Reconciliation Lifetime Achievement Award.

On Friday 6th October, 2017, Dr Evelyn Scott was farewelled with a State Funeral in Townsville. She is the first Indigenous woman to be afforded that honour by the Queensland Government.

At the large gathering, Western Australian Senator Pat Dodson delivered a eulogy acknowledging Dr Scott's leading role in the referendum to recognise Indigenous Australians in 1967.

"I want to thank her family for giving this nation the opportunity to benefit from her grace, her experience and her wisdom," Senator Dodson said. "She has left our nation a richer, a fairer, a more equal place because of her commitment and her dedication."



Some events during her life included:

1897-1966 The Aboriginal Protection Act

1910-1970 The Stolen Generations.

1959 The Social Services Act enabled Aborigines not 'nomadic or primitive' to receive maternity allowance, widows' pensions, old-age and invalid pensions, unemployment and sickness benefits.

1901-1966 The White Australia Policy. 1961 Prime Minister Menzies defends Apartheid.

1963 Old Mapoon, Qld Police forcibly remove people and burn their homes. The site had the biggest deposit of bauxite in the world.

1965 Charles Perkins led the Freedom Ride bus trip in NSW.

1966-1975 Wave Hill Strike, Vincent Lingiari led 200 Gurindji workers to strike over wages & poor conditions.

1967 Constitutional Referendum – 90.8 % Australian voters chose 'Yes'.

1968 National Land Rights campaign by (FCAATSI)

1968-1987 Joh Bjelke-Petersen longest serving Premier of Qld

1972 Aboriginal Tent Embassy established in Canberra

1982 Commonwealth Games and Protest

1987-1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Kali Sailor Reunion - Coolangatta



Kali Sailor meeting her daughter Carolyn after 33 years

My name is Kali Sailor, I've lived all over the Eastern Coast of Queensland including Brisbane, Gold Coast, Townsville, Cairns and Kuranda to name a few. I've worked many places and learnt so much, but my passion was working with or for families that were for whatever reason disconnected with one another, because of my situation. You see I was adopted out at birth, born in Brisbane and adopted into a non-indigenous family, this had an enormous impact on my life, not knowing where I came from and who and where I belonged. I always felt like the token black growing up and overhearing my adopted great grandmother talking about me when I was in Primary School took away my innocence, realizing then I was different.

I had 5 children to 1 man, being so young and not coping, we separated and I adopted our youngest daughter out at birth, I requested she be placed with an indigenous family, and remember telling her 'I hope your life is better than mine'. I was determined that Carolyn would grow up with a connection to the Indigenous Community!



My 2 older children were supposedly adopted by my adoptive father and his second wife, this was to be a temporary arrangement. I tried to develop our relationship moving back to Brisbane in 1992 visiting my children and them visiting me. My goal was to take my children back and grow them up, my adopted father's second wife started getting territorial with my children and after several arguments I left Brisbane alone. In 2000, I found out that this 'adoption' wasn't true and I was shattered, thinking how does someone do this to someone, keeping us apart all these years. I applied to Adoption Services Queensland in 2014 to track any documents regarding the 'adoptions', there were none on record. I will continue to look for answers and hopefully find the truth.

In 1991 my new partner and I were given a girl then in 1993 a boy by their grandmother, my husband's aunty. So, I dedicated my life to growing them up as my own.

I contacted Link-Up (Qld) several years ago because





Reuniting with son Jai

I wanted to meet my birth mother and family. It was then I became aware of the 'no contact clause' in my adoption papers and was told I could not contact my mother. This had a huge effect on me, depression and suicidal thoughts took over me, 3 years down the track I am still having counselling but coping much better.

The Link-Up (Qld) worker I first connected with gave me some good advice. I was told 'let go of what you can't control and have no say in, focus on what you do have control over'. So, I decided to try and reconnect with my daughter, letting go of my search for my mother, cleared the way and I found my daughter after 33 years.

It took several years of working with different Link-Up (Qld) Offices and staff due to my moving around, when I received a phone call from Link-Up (Qld) asking if I was ready, everything had been confirmed, and Carolyn was keen to meet.

We flew into Brisbane on Friday 15th September 2017, Kathleen Bobongie, Sylvia Wright from Cairns Link-Up (Qld), Rhonda Duffin my support person and I. From Brisbane, we drove to Coolangatta, I was so excited going full circle.

Friday night in my room I had the most amazing experience, a calming peaceful presence overcame me and a feeling of love I have never experienced before filled the room. I felt it was my unborn children and acknowledged the fact that this was the 1st time I had been back in 33 years. I also realized that I had gaps in my memory, I couldn't and still can't remember certain things...



Jai, Carolyn, Kali, Rhonda and Link-Up (Qld) staff Kathleen and Sylvia





Kali, Carolyn, her husband and Children and Jai

The 2 weeks before the reunion I couldn't sleep, anxiety levels were high, I was nervous and excited. Carolyn had also asked if Jai my son could also be a part of the reunion, that made me emotional, thinking about seeing them together for the 1st time meant so much to me. I knew my middle daughter wouldn't join us, she is very bitter towards me and that is going to take a long time if ever, to reconcile, so I concentrated on getting well enough to attend this reunion. Doubts were creeping in, would it go ok, would I be accepted, would my grandchildren accept me, did they know about me?

Saturday the 16th arrived, we drove around looking for a spot for the reunion, it was very windy so we decided not to go to the beach, I took notice of a park we drove past on Friday, it had an ANZAC memorial, and we saw the Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian flags blowing in the wind on the sand. The Memorial was important as I remembered Carolyn's children

observe ANZAC Day for her adoptive father who had recently passed away, I had to honour his role in her life as well, it was a no brainer, that's where we were going to meet up.

The reunion was very emotional to start with, but when we sat down to yarn, it's like we'd never been apart, then Jai joined us and we sat for ages talking & laughing. There was no judgement, only love and respect and we began connecting the dots. Our little family agreed this was the perfect spot to rebuild our lives, to start the healing process, where it all began.

Sunday morning Carolyn was bringing her children, husband, adoptive Mother & brother to meet us. We met which was very emotional again, I was meeting my grandchildren for the 1st time and I could thank Meredith personally for doing what I couldn't. To hear stories about Carolyn and from Carolyn made me realise we had a lot in common, like sleeping the same



Kali meeting Carolyn's adoptive mother Meredith





way, walking the same, dreaming about 1 certain animal and her sporting skills gave me a sense of pride. Photos were taken then I asked my granddaughter if she wanted to yarn and she just lit up and we had some quiet time together. There was another moment when a photo was taken of me and my grandchildren and the youngest Carter just climbed up on my lap, I was so happy, I was finally holding one of my own grandchildren.



I came away from the reunion feeling stronger, I still have other aspects of my life that need healing, but I have a purpose now and I feel truly blessed to have had this opportunity. Nothing could have been done better, Link-Up (Qld) were amazing and so thoughtful, down to the smallest thing, everyone's wellbeing was respected and thought of. It was great debriefing with Kathy and Sylvia at the Airport while we waited for our respective flights. Rhonda kept the support going by coming back to Townsville to spend another night with me which was very appreciated.

I can't thank Link-Up (Qld) enough, their CEO Pat Conlon, Kathleen Bobongie, Sylvia Wright, Rhonda Duffin, Jai, Carolyn, Caleb, Meredith, James and Alira,

Trei, Kaylis and Carter for making the weekend such a special time. Not only did they help me reunite with my daughter and her children, my son was reunited with her and his niece and nephews. It was awesome meeting Meredith & we are staying in contact and planning a holiday soon, hopefully over the Christmas holidays. Link-Up (Qld) made us all confident and comfortable which was key to us having a good reunion, it could have been very awkward but it wasn't. Link-Up (Qld) has also given me information to continue the healing process with updates on legislation around adoption, getting DNA tests done to confirm who my father is & options to help me get closure on these and other issues in my life.

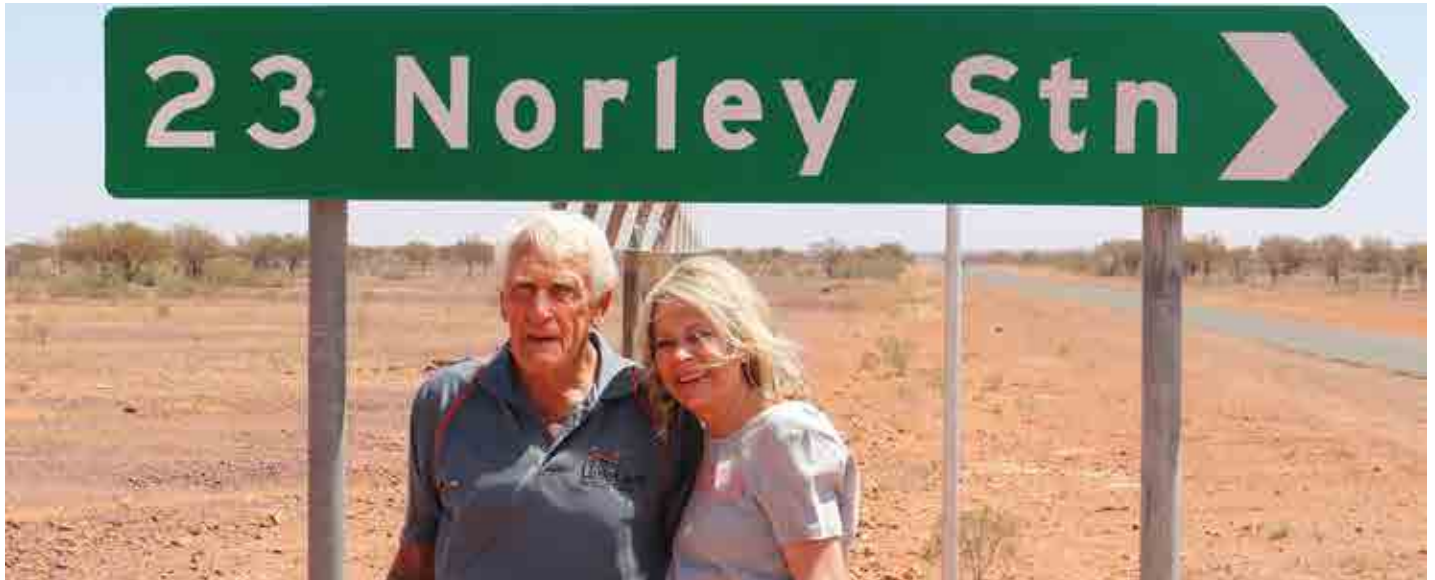


Rhonda and Kali

A special thank you to Rhonda Duffin my support person, who has supported me over the years on this and knew my story. Last but not by anyway the least I need to publicly thank Meredith (Merry) for being such an amazing mum to Carolyn and for having such a generous heart, I look forward to sharing time with our new extended family and for that I feel truly Blessed.

I have now read my file which I hadn't been able to without heartache, pain and tears, the healing has begun.

Len White Reunion - Norley Station



Link-Up (Qld) Client Len White with his wife Claire

How do I begin to tell a story that has taken 75 years to be revealed, & now that I have started to understand some of it, things are going so fast that I am finding it hard to take it all in. I first approached Link-Up (Qld) to help with my heritage some months ago & since that time I have finally come to know that my ancestors were indeed Indigenous. I have so many people to thank that have helped me to this situation so far, but I am constantly told that my story is just beginning,

I first approached Link-Up (Qld) for help to trace my heritage some months ago & they have wasted no time in supplying me with the information that I always imagined would apply to my background & where my ancestors originated. My wife & I have just returned from a reunion accompanied by Sloane Stallan & Rob Frescon, these amazing young men helped me through difficult times & there were many when I felt like I was struggling but they understood all my emotions & were always there with the support I needed & this saw us through those moments. They were constantly professional but always laughing when we laughed & cried when we cried, just by being there they made our adventure all that better & we will always remember this experience with gratitude.



Sloane & Rob took us to many places where we met people who were able to help us unravel the puzzle that has always surrounded my background. These people we met were always warm & inviting & we have contacted them since our return to thank them for their support, we have made so many new friends & found so many people that we can call family.



Len and Pat going through his research

We travelled to Charleville by plane arriving mid-afternoon & were soon talking to Pat at CWAATSICH & later in the evening she introduced us to many people who helped with more information that I can certainly use in my search, the next morning we left very early & travelled to Cunnamulla where we met Allen Wharton at the Primary Health Centre, once again we were overwhelmed by the warmth & generosity as he continued to give us all the help he could with his knowledge of the area, we then left for Norley Station & was welcomed by John & Kate Dandridge, who once again were eager to help showing us records that were left on the station, here we left a dedication plaque to my mother Emily, John helped attach it to a stand that supported the old dinner bell, we could imagine my mother ringing this bell as she called the station hands to meals, this was a very moving moment & we left feeling a degree of sadness that soon left when we arrived in Thargomindah.



Len with a historical photo of Norley Station

Irene Woods who worked at the library was immensely involved in research around the area & once again offered to find any information & send it on to help in my family connections.

After our return to Charleville we all agreed we needed a goodnight's sleep, the driving Rob & Sloane had shared throughout the day was long dusty & tiring.



In front of the dinner bell and plaque dedicated to his mother



The next morning we managed to squeeze a visit to the aged care nursing hospital where an old family member lived, we were sad to see her condition had progressed to the point where she did not remember me, so we made our way to the airport for an early morning flight back to Brisbane.

I now have enough information to build onto what I already have been handed by Link-Up (Qld) & with the continual support of Sloane & Rob I am sure that my search will have a very happy ending, it will always be my wish that all people will have access to their Aboriginal heritage & that older men & women can overcome their fears of the past & teach their own to be proud of their own people & culture, this way future generations will walk proud & tall with their knowledge, I know this will stop a lot of heartache.

Saying our goodbyes to Sloane & Rob left us feeling a little down, but we know Link-Up (Qld) is always there to help.

Many thanks to everyone,
Len & Claire White

Cheryl Haines Reunion - Townsville



My Name is Cheryl Haines, I grew up on Palm Island with my family. I worked at the Council Office after I finished my schooling, then held a few different jobs on palm here and there.

I came into contact with Link-Up (Qld) for more information about our grand-mother, her name was Nancy Hatcher. She was born in Normanton around 1920-1922, somewhere down the track she was sent to Palm Island as a child. In 1939, she married my grand-father Cyril Chapman, they had my mother in 1941 and seven more children. My mother didn't talk or tell us kids at all about her mother, but I know in the late 50's, she got very sick after her 1st son was born.

But sadly, she died in the Townsville Hospital on 27 April 1957.

When we found out she was buried in Townsville and not Palm, it was time to find her grave.

I felt happy that we were going to finally find where our grand-mother was laid to rest all those years ago with no name but a number to on her grave.

It makes you wonder, how many more families are in unmarked graves with just a number to their name.



I hope a lot of people go to Link-Up (Qld) to try and look for their grand-parent or great grand-parent. I took my brother Cyril for support and we both did it together. My grand-son Ronald was part of our reunion as well.

We are now trying to do one on our grand-father and his father. Now that we found our grand-mother, it's time to put a name on her grave.





Cheryl Haines and her brother Cyril at the grave of their Grandmother

After the reunion, we had a good talk with our cousin and one of the workers. When we left the cemetery, I felt a bit sad and then happy that we found her. I know somewhere down the road, we will find out more about her and the rest of her family.

I would like to thank the Link-Up (Qld) staff for all their support, and the hard work involved with the research and always keeping in contact with me. It was good that my cousin Sylvia Wright was with us on this graveside reunion, also Kathy Bobongie and Vicki Darr a very big thank you to you all.



Cyril, Cheryl's Grandson Ronald and Cheryl pay their respects at the grave of their Grandmother Nancy Chapman

National Link-Up Leadership Meeting

Link-Up (Qld) hosted the National Link-Up Leadership meeting on 6th - 7th September 2017 and Chairman Sam Watson welcomed our leadership group members to Brisbane, giving a very informative history lesson about the Brisbane region. We also visited Orleigh Park at West End, the site of Cranbrook House, Aboriginal Girls Home (1899 – 1906) acted as a receiving depot for Aboriginal domestic servants from all over Queensland. Each year at this site Link-Up (Qld) hosts Sorry Day event.

Representatives – Irene Krauss, Owen Pettit from national office the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet attend each meeting, and our local rep Erica Evans also attended. PM&C provided the leadership group with an updated overview of key national projects. It is also an opportunity for us to collectively engage with PM&C directly and to have robust discussions.

Lisa Hillan and Sarah from the Healing Foundation together with Dr John Prince presented information



about a work being done on a National Evaluation Framework – a healing framework. There was good discussion about what this might look like and how we work together. Lisa also shared information about 2018 being the 10th Anniversary of Apology and the key events being planned by the Healing Foundation and the opportunity for organisations to run events at a local level.

Overall, we had a good meeting, with very robust discussion on particular issues



Representatives at the National Link-Up Leadership Meeting

Presentation to Nalungu Elders



Nalungu Elders at Caboolture

Our CEO, Pat Conlon, Sam Watson Jnr and Cheryl Page recently presented information to Nalungu Elders at the invitation of Marshal Saunders from the Institute of Indigenous Urban Health. It was great to share the morning with Elders, giving a presentation about Link-Up (Qld) services. We met up with Auntie Margaret Stanley who was happy to share her reunion story with the group. We were invited to stay on for lunch and to participate in some activities with the Elders at the Caboolture Clinic. We thoroughly enjoyed the morning and were happy that Elders were interested in our work and how we can help them to find family. We invited them to our office at Woolloongabba at the next client support group morning tea, where we are sure they will meet up with old friends and make some new ones as well.

Thank you Marshall, we really enjoyed the morning.

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

Contact us on (07) 4041 7403 for more details

Next meeting will be on:

29th November



Selena Seymour, Link-Up (Qld) CEO Pat Conlon and Marshal Saunders from the Institute of Indigenous Urban Health

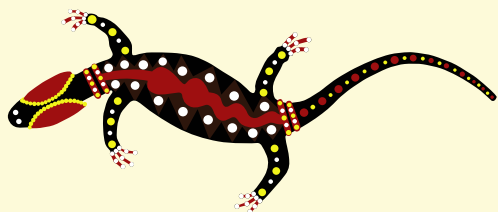
Brisbane Client Support Group **2017 Morning Teas**

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

Contact us on (07) 3638 0411 for more details

Next meeting will be on:

30th November



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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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