



Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy

Newsletter – March 2024

Welcome

The Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy (KJJS) team is excited to deliver our very first newsletter! This is an opportunity to provide updates and share information, ideas and good news stories about our KJJS-funded services. We encourage you to share this newsletter within your organisation and with any members of the community who you think might be interested.

Broome Immediate Response Night Space

Over the past few months work has been underway on the Immediate Response Night Space in Broome. The two-year pilot will provide a safe location and outreach services for young people who are street-present at night from Thursday to Sunday and help connect them with a responsible adult. The program will also offer follow up daytime support to young people and their families.

The pilot was designed by a committee of local Aboriginal community members from Empowered Communities – West Kimberley, Broome Regional Youth and Families Council and Empowered Young Leaders as well as representatives from state and local government agencies. Kullarri Regional Communities Indigenous Corporation (KRCIC) has been contracted to run the service and are working on getting the pilot up and running before the start of the dry season.

Meet the KJJS Team



By now you would be familiar with KJJS team members **Jon, Kristy, Amy** and **Sophia** (R to L). Sophia and Jon reside and work in Broome. 2024 welcomes two new members to the team – **Jessica** and **Julia**.

Our new Principal Policy Officer Jessica will be responsible for projects in the East Kimberley. Previously employed as a Team Leader with Adult Community Corrections, Jessica has spent fifteen years working for the Department of Justice.

Meanwhile, Julia recently commenced as our new Project Director, overseeing the teams based in Perth and Broome. Julia previously worked for the Department of Communities and Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Welcome aboard Julia & Jessica!

Highlights of 2023

- The WA State Government committed an additional \$11.8 million over two years in the 2023-24 State Budget to continue current KJJS services and implement the Immediate Response Night Space pilot in Broome.
- The KJJS team conducted 7 trips to the Kimberley to observe your hard work and achievements.
- The KJJS transitioned to a new grant platform, SmartyGrants, allowing for a more streamlined approach to managing grants.
- The KJJS team established a permanent presence in Broome, with Jon and Sophia based out of the Broome Youth Justice Services office.
- The KJJS is now branded, with special thanks to Broome artist Hayley Pearson. Hayley's artwork illustrates both the East and West Kimberley and is featured in the banner on this newsletter. Check out her other work on Instagram at @hayleypearsonart.

About the KJJS

The KJJS is a Department of Justice-led program which funds a range of community-led, place-based supports for young people across the Kimberley region. These initiatives are primarily delivered by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations or Aboriginal Corporations and aim to engage Aboriginal young people in culturally safe and culturally appropriate activities that steer them away from the justice system and improve wellbeing. KJJS initiatives include night patrols, structured after school activities, on-Country Cultural camps, case management and outreach support, an alternative learning program, school holiday programs, a bush tucker nursery, hoops after dark basketball program and the Immediate Response Night Space pilot.

KJJS-funded services are provided by: Aboriginal Legal Services WA, Broome Youth and Families Hub, EC-West, Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre, Kullari Regional Communities Indigenous Corporation, Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation, Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation, North Regional TAFE, Olabud Doogethu / Shire of Halls Creek, Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation, and Wyndham Youth Aboriginal Corporation.

The KJJS team are happy to link services in with one another so let us know if we can help. We are also keen to feature profiles and good news stories from our ACCO partners in the next edition of the KJJS newsletter.

For further information about the KJJS or to be featured in the next newsletter contact KJJS@justice.wa.gov.au.

