



KIMBERLEY JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGY

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With great excitement, the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy (KJJS) team presents our second newsletter. We have had a busy start to 2024 with trips already conducted to East Kimberley in March and West Kimberley in April. We encourage you to share this newsletter within your organisation and with any members of the community who may be interested.

Opening of Broome's Ngurra Buru Immediate Response Night Space for young people

Ngurra Buru, meaning Night Space in the local Yawuru language, opened on 2 May 2024 to provide shelter, food and support to young people who are wandering the streets at night, who come into contact with the Police or are identified by other service providers who have nowhere safe to go at that point in time.

'Ngurra Buru will undertake next -day follow-up with the families and ask what they need to help keep their young people safe' - Jon Ellis, KJJS

This is a Department of Justice initiative in partnership with West Kimberley Futures - Empowered Communities (EC-West) and - Kullarri Regional Communities Indigenous Corporation (KRCIC) and fills a gap in service delivery. Ngurra Buru is a trauma-informed, culturally safe space for these young people. It operates from 10pm to 5am Thursday to Sunday with day-time follow-up support offered from Friday to Tuesday. We would like to acknowledge the fantastic work undertaken by the design committee in the development of this initiative.



Above: Smoking ceremony at the opening of Ngurra Buru

IN FOCUS

Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation

-Hoops After Dark-

ENAC has successfully implemented the Derby Hoops after Dark (HAD) basketball program for young people in Derby and adjacent Aboriginal communities. Clontarf recently hosted a basketball event in Broome with 12 young people from Derby attending. Amongst some great competition, the Under 12 team from Derby took out the win in their age division. A second competition held in Broome, which saw 85 young people participate, was again taken out by the Under 12 team from Derby.



Left: HAD co-ordinator,
tyzeal williams wilson

HAD took 35 participants to the annual Easter Basketball Carnival at One Arm Point. Despite being an adult competition, the Under 16's participated and showed off their skills with the team winning 2 games, drawing 2 games and losing 2 games. The talent demonstrated by the boys was talked about by the community and they were able to gain some valuable experience playing against adult teams. An amazing achievement by all participants and staff involved. HAD provides its participants with an opportunity to develop their leadership skills, confidence and positive peer relationships, whilst working towards improvements in their mental health and wellbeing in an encouraging environment.



Above: Post match celebrations



**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**

7-14 JULY 2024

Upcoming KJJS Travel

WEST KIMBERLEY - JULY 22-26

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

Small Grants Round

We recently ran a Small Grants Round offering Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Aboriginal Corporations across the Kimberley the opportunity to submit applications for grant funding to run short-term programs for youth at risk at coming into contact with the Justice system. Funding up to \$50,000 was offered to the following successful applicants:

- Broome Youth and Families Hub
- Kimberley Language Resource Centre
- Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation
- Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation