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# NEWSLETTER

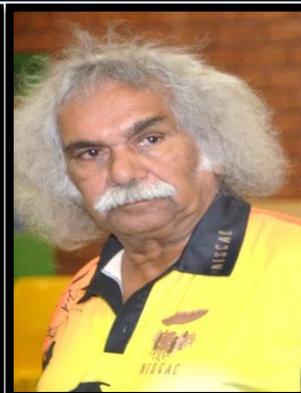
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## NTSGAC 2015 AGM MEETING

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**“ We were stolen from our Language, Culture & Land, but we survived”**

# NTSGAC 2015 AGM MEETING



**Chairperson:** Eileen Cummings  
**Deputy Chair:** Maurie (Japarta) Ryan  
**NTSGAC CEO:** Frank Spry  
**AEC :** Neil Inglis

Many of **NTSGAC** members & Community Elders attended the **AGM** meeting.



Kathy Mills lining up to vote for the new **NTSGAC** Board Members.



Vicky Ross from Barry Hanson Chartered Accountants, reading the **NTSGAC** financials for 2014/2015 to members.



# NTSGAC 2015 AGM MEETING



Verna Macauley: **NTSGAC** secretary checking the **NTSGAC** members list for voting.



Wendy Espie: **NTSGAC** Member & Audrey Tilmouth: **NTSGAC** Board of Directors.



Gloria Daylight - Corliss: **NTSGAC** minute taker at the AGM.



**Chris Roper** from the **Australian Electoral Commission** checking the voting enrolment list.



Everyone enjoyed the finger foods provided by **NTSGAC**.



## 2015 NTSGAC AGM- 25/11/2015 was a very successful event.

The NTSGAC conducted another successful AGM.

The Board prides itself on trying to meet its community obligations to engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. Therefore the following steps were taken to achieve the fantastic community turn out.

1. The meeting was held after work so NTSGAC members could attend.
2. Two ads were placed in the NT NEWS advertising AGM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015
3. A Copy of the NT NEWS AGM advertisement dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 was mailed to all members.
4. The NTSGAC advertised that Darwin style food and drinks would be provided.
5. The NTSGAC undertook an extensive advertisement of AGM through email networks and social media networks.
6. Music was performed by staff to ensure a Therapeutic atmosphere.
7. Nomination forms for Directors positions on the Board of the NTSGAC were mailed to all members
8. Proxy forms to vote at the AGM mailed to all members.
9. Engagement of Australian Electoral Commission to conduct elections
10. Thirteen NTSGAC members were nominated within the Rule book guidelines for nine positions.
11. The Chairperson and CEO thanked all staff, members and stakeholders for supporting the NTSGAC.
12. The overwhelming consensus was the organisation was advocating for the issues the NTSGAC members thought were important.

NTSGAC would like to thank the previous Board Members for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the cause of the Stolen Generations.

<b>NTSGAC 2012 -2015 Elected Board Members</b>		
Eileen Cummings	Chairperson	20/09/2014
Maurie Japarta Ryan	Deputy Chairperson	14/01/2015
Sharon Greenoff	Director	14/01/2015
Ruby Zimmermann	Director	14/01/2015
Leslie Calma	Director	30/11/2012
Verna Macauley	Secretary	30/11/2012
Audrey Tilmouth	Director	30/11/2012
Edward Boyd Scully	Director	30/11/2012
Lindsay Ahmat	Director	14/02/2015
Gloria Daylight- Corliss	Minute-taker	14/01/2015
<b>NTSGAC 2015 - 2018 Newly Elected Board Members</b>		
Eileen Cummings	Chairperson	25/11/2015
Maurie Japarta Ryan	Deputy Chairperson	25/11/2015
Joseph Daby	Director	25/11/2015
Nora kempster,	Director	25/11/2015
Luke Sydney Morcom	Director	25/11/2015
Audrey Tilmouth.	Director	25/11/2015
Edward Boyd Scully	Director	25/11/2015
Joyce, Napurrula,	Director	25/11/2015
Bernadette Sheilds	Director	25/11/2015
Gloria Daylight -Corliss	Secretary/minute taker	25/11/2015





**CEO - Frank Spry**



## **Extract of CEO report taken from the 2015 NTSGAC Annual Report**

As the CEO of the NTSGAC I have attempted to represent the members and staff to the best of my ability. It should be noted that anybody working in the space of Aboriginal politics, services or communities needs to understand the recently described term Intergenerational Trauma.

The NTSGAC members are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human beings that were removed from their mothers across the Northern Territory and suffered extreme trauma at an early age.

The Board of the NTSGAC and myself wish to change the narrative of the Stolen Generation story. This includes challenging the historical language used when describing the issues and politics both of mainstream Australia and Aboriginal society, when discussing the removal of little babies and children from their mothers based on race. Such policies are now seen abhorrent however sadly at the time were given real credibility by Governments and policy makers. In a modern democratic society these past policies of removal based on race are seen as a grave injustice and a breach of human rights.

Therefore some readers who have not ever been told the full story in the school system or by their families, this version of history and the damage it caused to Aboriginal people may be challenging. Please don't dismiss it rather find out for yourself from the mountains of independent evidence that supports the need for Australian society to address the harms of the past in a fair, humane and importantly "just" way.



Therefore the CEO report is in two parts

1. **The first part - context and history** of the issues that affected Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people which results in many people living in poverty, illness, unemployment and continued disadvantaged. There is a reason and it's not because Aboriginal people are less than others it was a systematic approach by the mainstream that amounted to what the Independent Australian Human Rights Commission labeled "genocide". This term remains confronting to many Australians but the examination of the independent evidence supports this finding. In the end the question needs to be asked and discussed continuously, how do we improve people's lives? How do we really correct the wrongs of the past?
- a) **The second part - operations of the NTSGAC over 2015.** How the organisation has met its obligations to our clients. This client focus approach needs to be continuously defined and improved for all organisations that work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people. If organisations that are community controlled by the Aboriginal community are not treated respectfully by Governments how can we truly work together to right the wrongs of the past and present.

## 1. The Context and History

What has become obvious to me in this short period of time as NTSGAC CEO but a life time of living the Aboriginal experience is that despite the good intentions of many people much more needs to be done to redress the **harm and trauma caused by the effects of colonization trauma.**

It is also obvious once you look at all the independent evidence produced by Governments, Universities, Independent Human Rights advocates and Aboriginal groups that, this trauma was caused by the policies of removal and it continues to affect our families including our children and grandchildren.

The following information I think is important to restate as it is presumed all Aboriginal people or mainstream Australia citizens are aware of the issues that have had a historical effect on Aboriginal people in the last two hundred years. This is incorrect and forms part of the bigger picture a historical policy approach to try and rewrite this country's history and denies Aboriginal peoples basic human rights. We cannot go back in time and change what has happened but we can do something today that will help future generations have a better life. The truth finally coming out to all Australians will help Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people navigate through the challenges Aboriginal people face in 2015.



As an Aboriginal man, this year's story of the treatment of Adam Goodes shows how you just have to scratch the surface of Australian society to see what lies just underneath the surface. The fears and concerns Aboriginal people feel for their children and how they will be treated remains when you understand the trauma that is continued to be triggered in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian citizens through this outrageous treatment of a magnificent Aboriginal male hero.

In a very brief way I attempt to put into context the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander experience.

### What is the definition of colonisation?

**Colonialism** is the establishment, exploitation, maintenance, acquisition, and expansion of **colony** in one territory by a political power from another territory. It is a set of unequal relationships between the **colonial** power and the **colony** and often between the colonists and the indigenous population.

### What caused the Intergenerational Trauma?

Prior to British settlement, more than 500 Indigenous nations inhabited the Australian continent, approximately 750,000 people in total.

1. Their cultures had developed over 60,000 years, making Indigenous Australians the custodians of the world's most ancient living culture. Each group lived in close relationship with the land and had custody over their own traditional country. It is estimated that between 1788 and 1900, the Indigenous population of Australia was reduced by 90%.
2. Killed half of the Indigenous people in the Sydney region within fourteen months of the arrival of the First Fleet.
3. The sexual abuse and exploitation of Indigenous girls and women also introduced venereal disease to Indigenous people in epidemic proportions.

From Australian Stories website



## Three main reasons for this dramatic population decline were:

1. The introduction of new diseases
2. Settler acquisition of Indigenous lands
3. Direct and violent conflict with the colonisers

The most immediate consequence of colonisation was a wave of epidemic diseases including smallpox, measles and influenza, which spread ahead of the settlement frontier and annihilated many Indigenous communities.

## Definition Intergenerational trauma

“Trauma” is the transmission of historical oppression and its negative consequences across generations?”

Around the world, indigenous peoples have experienced colonisation, cultural oppression, forced assimilation, and absorption into a global economy with little regard for their autonomy or wellbeing. These profound transformations have been linked to high rates of depression, alcoholism, violence and suicide in many communities, with the most dramatic impact on youth. – Kirmayer, Tait & Simpson 2009, p. 3

It has been accepted by the Australian, State and Northern Territory governments that the independent evidence supports that the removal of children from their families under past policies resulted in horrific inter-generational trauma. The next statement will be challenging for policy makers, however it needs to be put on the table so we can discuss its reality; “if these policies continue to prevail then its implications are expected to contribute to a new “stolen generation” of Aboriginal people”



It needs to be stated the mothers and their families living in remote communities had their children removed, as a result they were affected by the trauma of losing a child. This trauma is vastly understated when considering these trauma impacts and we wish to visit the families and mothers and ask them how this made impact to you.

In the Top End of the Northern Territory, it is estimated that around 2,000 Aboriginal children were removed from their Aboriginal families and transferred to sites such as Croker Island, Kahlin Compound, Retta Dixon Home, Garden Point (Tiwi) and Groote Eylandt. These 'first generations' have experienced directly the impacts of the disruption and dislocation of their lives. The further intergenerational impacts identified have also affected the children, grandchildren, relatives and extended families of those removed.

The 2007 Evaluation of the Bringing Them Home and Indigenous Mental Health Programs (Urbis 2007) found a range of direct impacts on those Indigenous people removed from their family and community. These include (see Urbis (2007) pp 153-157 for references): Loss, trauma and grief – Swan & Raphael (1995) (Koolmatrie & Williams 2000, p163). Increased criminal offending behavior – Edney (2003) Increased adverse life outcomes (ATSIS 2003, p71).

The Bringing Them Home report and its 54 recommendations are good, however many of its recommendations remain unaddressed or not fully implemented.

## **1. The NTSGAC Operational**

A number of activities were conducted throughout the year of 2015.

I can report the organisation continues its goal of delivering client focused services. As part of that goal we conducted community meetings and consultations across the Top End of the Territory.

The consultations focused on where are we now and what next?

Issues discussed included:

- **Compensation for First Generation Stolen Generations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.**
- **Open Discussions on the continued importance of the 54 recommendations from the Bringing them Home Report.**
- **The NTSGAC continues to call for a Stolen Generation Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the Northern Territory. Updates on Link up services and how NTSGAC can help people reconnect with their families.**
- **The members wanted the NTSGAC to advocate on behalf of the Stolen Generations.**



## **Focus on delivering and improving the service**

NTSGAC achieved ISO Accreditation the certification provides confidence in the services provided by NTSGAC. Certification provides a verified demonstrated commitment by NTSGAC to continual improvement. Independent Certified QMS have been demonstrated to improve business outcomes and to assist in managing risks within the NTSGAC. The ultimate aim of a Certified QMS is an increase in the efficiency of NTSGAC business processes, and thereby reduces waste and rework.

An important tool in this process was the development and implementation of the NTSGAC Intranet. The Intranet has increased the efficiency of the organisation and therefore led to improved services of our members.

This process was achieved in a twelve month period with buy?? in from the board and staff this massive undertaking was reached, I am extremely proud of this achievement.

## **NTSGAC Advocacy 2015**

In the year 2015 there has been a massive strategic focus on advocating our issues, we have met and briefed federal and territory politicians, business leaders, community advocates, federal and territory public servants.

The organisation has made submissions to Senate Inquiry's and the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse and Senate Inquiry into Home Care of Children outlining the important issues that face our members in 2015.

We have conducted interviews and provided media releases to radio, television and newspapers at Territory and National level promoting the issues the NTSGAC see as important. Importantly the NTSGAC have engaged our members through regular updates, newsletters, community meeting and consultations.

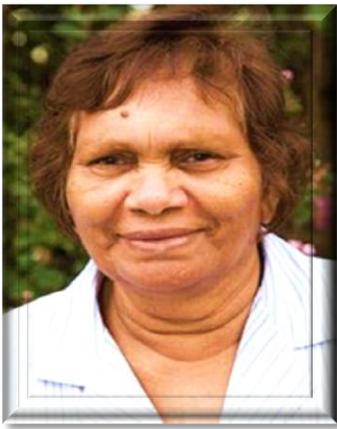
Ultimately the experience of the NTSGAC is that these families seek redress (compensation) for their loss and the effect it has had on their loved ones.

*"Trauma suffered has increased the probabilities that these families and descendants will have poor school attendance, high unemployment and suffer poor health outcomes. This disadvantage will only increase if it is not addressed, allayed & supported.*

*In addition, it has been recognised by the Australian Government that in order to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage, opportunities need to be provided for local people to have ownership and responsibility for the programs delivered in their communities (Closing the Gap: Prime Minister's Report 2013)".*

Many of the 54 Recommendations from the Bringing them Home Report remain unresolved and it is important as an organisation we continue to raise awareness of the underlying trauma and its causes in our families and communities. The aim of the NTSGAC is to improve in a way that meets our community obligations.





**Chairperson: Eileen Cummings**



**Northern Territory  
Stolen Generations  
Aboriginal Corporation**

## Chairpersons report: Extracts from NTSGAC 2015 Annual Report

It has been a very busy and productive year for the NTSGAC Board, CEO, Staff and all who have worked with us. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to previous Directors who have retired. I have only been the Chairperson for a brief time as previous Chairs have now moved on and doing other things.

Sadly we have lost a few family members along the way and because of their passing I extend my sincere condolence on behalf of myself and the Board of Directors to our Stolen Generation families who have lost loved ones throughout this year, our prayers are with you all. **The numbers are few but our Unity and Strength will continue forever.**

It has been a great privilege to be elected by the Board as the Chair for the past months. Since being elected as the Chairperson within my short term I have enjoyed and found the work challenging and rewarding to work with the CEO, Staff, and Consultants and members of NTSGAC.

The Board of Directors have assisted in the update and implementation of the Policy and Procedure Manual for the organisation to support the future strategic directions of NTSGAC. The Chairperson and Directors have worked closely with the CEO Frank to develop better standards of management, compliance and quality management for the organisation.

Over the past year the Board of Directors have committed themselves to participating in workshops, seminars and training in Governance, liaising with ORIC, PM&C and other Indigenous organisations in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs regions and else-where. The Chairperson of the NTSGAC Board is the representative on the Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation Board.



One of the most interesting and valuable interactions I found was with our Elders and young people with the continued talks to students at schools and colleges on NT Stolen Generation issues and the history and participation in Stolen Generation Sorry Day activities. I continue to liaise and work with Flinders University medical students, with various government departments on providing the history of the NT Stolen Generation Group and to encourage recognition for the struggles endured for years and to explore options for compensation and reparation.

The Board of Directors held a meeting with Alice Springs, Katherine and Tennant Creek in Katherine to develop stronger links to address reparation and compensation for the NT Stolen Generation group. This provided a forum to build stronger relationships between all regions and to explore joint future strategic directions. Since the closure of the Alice Springs Office and the proposed Secretariat for the NT Coalition little has been done to progress this further but all is not lost as this will reopen in the new year to ensure links are re-established within regions.

The Chairperson and the Consultant have met with various State and Federal Ministers to showcase the organisation and to discuss compensation and reparation for the NT Stolen Generation Group. Some of the discussions and feedback have been excellent especially in relation to child removal processes in the Department of Children's Services.

As the Chairperson for NTSGAC and as the Board of Directors we have endorsed and supported an application done by the CEO and Consultant to Aboriginal Benefits Association (ABA) to fund a Centre to establish a history safe place, education, arts and crafts and general office space to call our own for the benefit of NT Stolen Generation members. The CEO will report on the outcome.

The NTSGAC Staff of the Linkup Program have an excellent service delivery for the organisation and this has progressed well with full staff providing a service delivery area covering half of the Northern Territory. The Project Officer has been employed and working well with producing a Newsletter, facilitating healing camps, and Elders programs. This is fully supported by the Board of Directors as they are participants in many of the activities provided.

A positive and successful event was the Community Meeting held in September 2015 to allow the members to meet and discuss issues around compensation and relevant matters. As the Chairperson I would like to thank the members the facilitators and staff for their participation as this gave the organisation so much information from the community and fuelled the energy levels to a high.



To support this commitment in the future it is vital that the incoming Board continue to commit to conducting Board meetings and Community meetings in the region, rural and remote areas.

I would like to thank all the members who have been supportive to the organisation and to my fellow Board Directors for the time and effort given to the good governance of the organisation.

I would also like to give a big thank you to the CEO Frank Spry, all Staff members, consultants and the Board Minute Taker Gloria-Daylight Corliss for the time and dedication given throughout the year to clients, members and Directors.

### **SENATE ENQUIRY INTO OUT OF HOME CARE OF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN 2015**

*“Children have always been loved, respected, nurtured and taught in the Aboriginal way. It is important that these values and systems are encouraged and the Aboriginal people are empowered to ensure the systems are once again taught to their children to bring back pride and dignity to the Aboriginal people and communities. Too often the focus is wholly on the negative not the positive of Aboriginal child rearing and the Aboriginal practices which give young people their identity, their values, their role and purpose in life. If this is removed and children are placed outside of this system they lose all sense of identity. Over and over we hear that a key factor in family resilience and child safety was the strength of traditional culture in that community and the performance of ceremonies”.*

**Eileen Cummings**

**NTSGAC Chairperson**



## The Stolen Generations Conference Adelaide: 16/17 November 2015

United Conference Services and Connecting Home Limited extended an invitation to NTSGAC Board Directors to attend The Stolen Generations Conference held in Adelaide in November 2015. Directors Audrey Tilmouth, Sharon Greenoff and Eileen Cummings attended on behalf of NTSGAC.

The Conference organisers were new to facilitating conferences and gatherings as this was the first time they had ever done this. I congratulate them and wish them well in their future endeavours

The Conference was solely to educate and create awareness to mainstream Australia on the impact The Stolen Generations have had and continue to have on Stolen Generation survivors and their families today. This invitation included a 2 day conference with daily morning & afternoon teas and a Buffet lunch.

Archie Roach was the main presenter and this was well received as he talked about his experiences as a child being removed under the removal policies of the 1900s.



**NTSGAC Board of Directors with Archie Roach**



There were speakers from different programs from other States and one of great interest was the Grannies program that assists families in court when their children are removed from their homes and put into out of home care. Similar to what occurred many years ago with the NT Stolen Generation children under the removal policy.

Toni and Cilla work with families and Lawyers to get the children back to their families through court processes. Removing children from home is a concern for many parents in the Territory as children are removed continually without any recourse.

It would be very useful for the Territory to have a presentation about this program to benefit the families in the Territory who are losing their children through this process.

Another program was the Connecting Home which assists and support families that are either homeless or evicted from private accommodation.

Once again similar to how families cope with eviction and other accommodation issues in the Territory.

This program also assists in building confidence and understanding of rental processes and support to enable people and families to move forward and do things on their own.

Another great outcome was that we met a woman who has links with one of our Elders in the Northern Territory and we were able to share this with the Elder giving contact details; to enable Linkup with family members.

Overall the Conference was very interesting and the exchange of information was very useful and beneficial to all who attended.

Eileen Cummings – Chairperson

4.12.2015



# The Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion

## First International Conference on Health Promotion, Ottawa, 21 November 1986

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### Commitment to Health Promotion

The participants in this Conference pledge:

- to move into the arena of healthy public policy, and to advocate a clear political commitment to health and equity in all sectors;
- to counteract the pressures towards harmful products, resource depletion, unhealthy living conditions and environments, and bad nutrition; and to focus attention on public health issues such as pollution, occupational hazards, housing and settlements;
- to respond to the health gap within and between societies, and to tackle the inequities in health produced by the rules and practices of these societies;
- to acknowledge people as the main health resource; to support and enable them to keep themselves, their families and friends healthy through financial and other means, and to accept the community as the essential voice in matters of its health, living conditions and well-being;
- to reorient health services and their resources towards the promotion of health; and to share power with other sectors, other disciplines and, most importantly, with people themselves;
- to recognize health and its maintenance as a major social investment and challenge; and to address the overall ecological issue of our ways of living.

The Conference urges all concerned to join them in their commitment to a strong public health alliance.

### Call for International Action

The Conference calls on the World Health Organization and other international organizations to advocate the promotion of health in all appropriate forums and to support countries in setting up strategies and programmes for health promotion.

The Conference is firmly convinced that if people in all walks of life, nongovernmental and voluntary organizations, governments, the World Health Organization and all other bodies concerned join forces in introducing strategies for health promotion, in line with the moral and social values that form the basis of this CHARTER, Health For All by the year 2000 will become a reality.

CHARTER ADOPTED AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HEALTH PROMOTION\* The move towards a new public health, November 17-21, 1986 Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



## 2015 MARUMALI PROGRAM: REPORT

**Marumali program** was held in Melbourne at the Downtowner Hotel conference room from the 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The facilitator was “affectionately known as” Aunty Lorraine Peeters with assistance from her daughter Shaan.

The 4 day program was based on trauma of the Stolen Generation survivors and their families. NTSGAC gave me the opportunity to be a part of this program as this gave me a broader perspective of what the Stolen Generation is about. During the program there were lots of mixed emotions and healing, some were very moving and others had anger & hatred. You don't realise how we as human beings can have so many different emotions in one baggage that we carry around with us for years.

We need to show more compassion and empathy for the first, second and third generations of this nation due to many suffering from depression and suicidal thoughts that had been under lying issues for years. The outcome of the program was very positive; we shared all different views, opinions, experiences & hands on knowledge that we can take back to our own communities and organisations. Participants who attended the program were:

### Backrow:

Shaan (Lorraine Peeter's Daughter) Nikita Tompkins, Danielle Gillette & Kelly Smith – Tharawal Aboriginal Corp. Gerry Hurst -NTSGAC Darwin and Jason Kelly- Link-up Adelaide



### Front Row:

Yvonne Bradley – NTSGAC Darwin, Kellie Egan - Njernda Aboriginal Community  
**Marumali Founder- Lorraine Peteers**, Christine Ohrin - Biripi organisation Taree  
and Charmaine Hamilton - Adelaide Link-up



# REFLECTION

by Luke S Morcom

Have you ever listened?  
Wind blowing through pine  
Cast fishing line on a beach  
Caught barramundi all the time



Sat around the camp fire  
And feasted on wallaby stew  
Watched turtle lay their eggs  
Got wet by morning dew

Sailed the Apsley Strait  
With an army blanket sail  
Caught the big Jew fish  
From a boat called the Quail

Have you ever wondered?  
Why the moon shines at night  
Heard the Tiwi Creation story  
How Purkapalli won the fight



Ever hunted the dugong  
In a dugout wooden canoe  
Searched for turtle eggs  
From Wulawunga to Imalu



Every climbed a coconut tree  
Watched by Father John Flynn  
Chased the wild donkeys  
Just to ride for a swim

Scattered the domestic goats  
So the DC3 plane could land  
Milked the goats with friends  
Then drank from billy-can



These memories forever to stay  
That gave stolen children pride  
These simple things then fun  
That helped me to survive

# COOLAMON

Kathy Mills  
Nampajinna



Coolamon

Smooth, rounded, safe

Walls that protect from falling

Soft wood from special place

Carved into shape and rubbed

With special oil from the desert oak

Spiced with leaves from the coolibah tree

Coated with paint from the ancient corroboree

Inherent, purposeful with cultural law and ceremony

## The Power of the Hand

Instrument in hand – poised, ready the thrust  
Faltering at times – but the precision is fast  
Point of contact – etched the sign  
Novel or tragic – the message is defined.

Pure –discreet – a virgin plan  
Our thoughts are deciphered – by the guiding hand  
Be it writers and pens – or swords and men  
Events have been marked – over timeless spans.

Nations ravaged – cultures gored  
By governing pressures – and foreign landlords  
Though granite hard – the surface still shows  
where the instrument passed - indelible repose.

So let the adaptation be cautious – bearing in mind  
Once the surface is marked – there leaves a permanent sign  
Whether good or evil – whatever the plight  
The hand that wields – determines the might.

Generosity – greed – diplomacy - need  
The hands' real power – are our minds indeed  
Whatever the notion – that governs the hand  
Should possess humanity – as a right to command.



“Mooroodoop”

Kathy Mills

23/10/1990



# *ladies Day Outing*

## *14<sup>th</sup> October 2015*



On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to look at the facilities available at Danila Dilba for Wednesdays LDO and as I walked into the room most of the ladies were attending a meeting. Shelly Hampton the project officer asked if I could join them for lunch and play some music, so I drove back to the office to collect my guitar and spent the rest of the afternoon with them. This week, NTSGAC combined with Danila Dilba's members for arts & crafts, music, singalongs and dancing at the Danila Dilba's centre.

The ladies had a great time, I showed them videos of my life in the bush and music recorded on Manangoora Station near Borrooloola, and brought CD's to listen to. The ladies enjoyed drawing and painting, most of them drew pictures of the institutions where they grew-up. We had morning tea at the centre then after knitting & painting we had lunch at the Karma Tavern then returned to the centre and had a singalong & dancing. They ladies needed this time together as some were going through a rough time. I thoroughly enjoyed the day with the ladies and they can't wait for the next outing.



**Painting & Drawings while listening to music**



**Lorna Fejo, Lorna Cubillo and Peggy Little showing their style of dancing**





# Ladies Day Outing Report:



Church Service Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

**Church Service:** Another day for the ladies for church service at the Uniting Church on Sunday was very happy time with friends. They were pleased to see Alexis singing in the church choir and had morning tea with all members of the Church. For lunch we continued onto the Bistro at Nightcliff Drive and had fish & chips with side salad which they enjoyed very much. Later we went for drive out to Channel Island then drop off time was around 2.00pm.



## Confirmation of Aboriginality

Due to the high volume of applications and the added costs associated with the administration of the process, commencing Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012, applications for confirmation of Aboriginality will now incur a fee. Applications are only processed once a month at the Board Meetings.

### Fee Structure:

Adults: \$10.00 (18+yrs)

Children: \$5.00 (0-17yrs)

Family: \$20.00 (2adults,2children)

Re-Issue: \$5.00

All monies received will be put towards NTSGAC's non-funded programs.

## Funeral Support

Whilst NTSGAC endeavours to provide **transport services**, and **printing of booklets** for funerals for Stolen Generations peoples. We do require advanced notice as we have limited staff and cannot always provide transport and printing.

If you require further information or seek funeral support please contact Frank Spry directly on 8947 9171.

## Events Coming up

**October/November/  
December**

### **Marumali Training**

(Yvonne & Gerry)

Melbourne

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October

### **NTSGAC - AGM**

25<sup>th</sup> November

### **NTSGAC Xmas Party**

Tracy Village

21st December 2015



# CURRENT BOARD AND STAFF



## Current Board Members

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Eileen Cummings	Chairperson
Maurie Japarta Ryan	Deputy Chairperson
Audrey Tilmouth	Director
Nora Kempster	Director
Luke Sydney Morcom	Director
Edward Boyd Scully	Director
Joseph Daby	Director
Joyce Napurrula	Director
Bernadette Shields	Director
Gloria Daylight-Corliss	Secretary / Minute Taker



## Current Staff

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Frank Spry	CEO
Tyron Major	Admin Officer
Petronella Pigram	Reception
Amanda Perkins	Reception
Yvonne Bradley	Project Officer
Raelene Rosas	Link-up Caseworker
Evelyn Perkins	Link-up Caseworker
Gerry Hurst	Link-up Caseworker
Daniel Fejo	Wellbeing Officer
Denise Hunter	Link-up Researcher - (Extended sick Leave)

### Email:

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Please contact the Stolen Generation office on: 89 479 171 in regards to membership update of yourself and your descendants



## LINK-UP PROGRAM

Enquiries can be made by contacting the -

NORTHERN TERRITORY  
STOLEN GENERATIONS  
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Phone: 08 8947 9171  
Fax: 08 8947 9173

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## LINK-UP COUNSELLORS

The Link-Up counsellors provide counselling and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are tracing and/or locating their families and/or planning a reunion. They offer counselling which includes trans-generational grief, trauma and family relationship counselling. They also provide referrals to other relevant health professionals. They work closely with the Link-Up Service.



## BRINGING THEM HOME COUNSELLORS

### DARWIN

**Danila Dilba Health Service**  
Emotional & Social Well Being Centre  
Unit 3/1 Malak Place, Malak NT  
Phone: 8927 9335 Fax: 8941 8402

### KATHERINE

**Wurti Wurlinjang Aboriginal Health Service**  
Emotional & Social Well Being Unit  
23 Third Street, Katherine, NT  
Phone: 8971 2716 Fax: 89971 2784

### TENNANT CREEK

**Anyinginyi Congress Aboriginal Corp**  
1 Irvine Street, Tennant Creek NT  
Client Services Counsellor  
Stronger Families Program  
Phone: 8962 2074 Fax: 8962 1118

### Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc.

Social & Emotional Well Being  
25 Gap Road, Alice Springs NT  
Phone: 8951 4457 Fax: 8958 4515



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*Bringing Families Together*

## LINK-UP RESEARCH & REUNION CASEWORK

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13 Scaturchio Street

PO Box 43372, Casuarina NT 0811

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## National aim of Link-up service

To assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people separated from their families under the past laws, practices and policies of Australian governments, to undertake family tracing and family reunions.

### What we do

- Family tracing
- Family reunion management
- Research and access to records
- Guidance and support to clients
- Referrals to other support services

### What we don't do

- Genealogies
- Family History
- Locate Missing Persons
- Child Protection Cases
- Family Law Courts

### Eligibility Criteria

- Affected by the past government policies of removal.
- Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Must reside in the Top End region.
- Must undertake an initial assessment for registration.

## Confidentiality

All staff are obliged to:

- Adhere to NTSGAC confidentiality agreements.
- To ensure that client rights are protected.
- To provide a professional level of service.
- Agree to maintain confidentiality and to respect the views of clients and their families.

## Cultural Protocols

Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation is committed to providing a culturally sensitive service to all clients and their families.



## History

NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation was formally incorporated in 1998 to respond directly to the needs and concerns of members of the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. The formation of NTSGAC was the result of discussions and the expressed wishes of many members of the Stolen Generations in the Top End since the early 1970's, and previously included members associated with:

**Roper River Mission 1908**

**Bathurst Island Mission 1911**

**Jay Creek Mission 1911**

**Bungalow 1913 - Alice Springs**

**Kahlin Compound 1913 - Darwin**

**Emerald River Mission 1921 - Groote Eylandt**

**Pine Creek Boys Home 1931**

**Bagot Reserve 1937/1938 - Darwin**

**Croker Island Mission 1941**

**Garden Point Mission 1941 - Melville**

**Retta Dixon Home 1946 - Darwin**

**St. Mary's Home 1946 - Alice Springs**

**Fostered**

**Adopted**



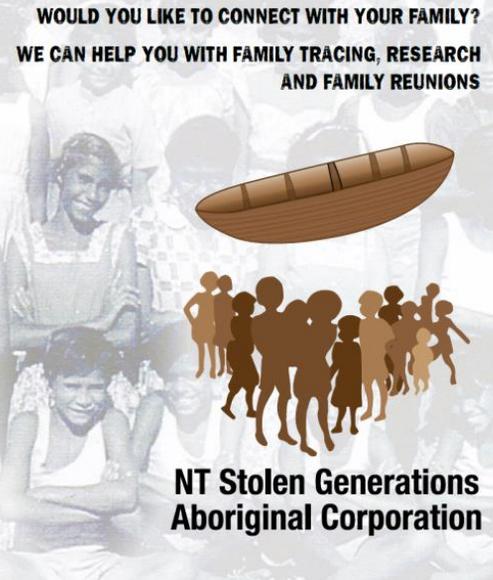
# TOP END LINK-UP SERVICE & THEIR TEAM

**TOP END LINK UP SERVICE**



**ARE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE STOLEN GENERATIONS?**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAMILY?  
WE CAN HELP YOU WITH FAMILY TRACING, RESEARCH AND FAMILY REUNIONS



**NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation**

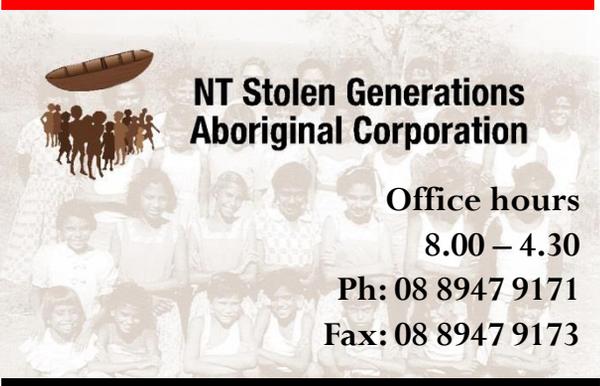
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Our Link Up Caseworkers give priority to 1<sup>st</sup> Stolen Generations clients, especially the elderly and those requiring urgent assistance due to health concerns. We have now employed a Link Up Counsellor and he can provide counselling and support to those who are tracing and/or locating their families and/or planning a reunion and also offer counselling which includes intergenerational grief, trauma and family relationships counselling.

IF YOU HAVE DIFFICULTY COMING INTO OUR OFFICE OUR LINK UP STAFF WILL COME TO YOU.

We offer a free, professional, confidential and culturally sensitive counselling service. You can make an appointment by Phoning: 8947 9171.

The NTSGAC office will be Shut down between the hours of 1pm-4.30pm on the first Friday of every Month to support administration requirements and staff development.



**NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation**

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