

INALA WANGARRA

2023 Annual Report



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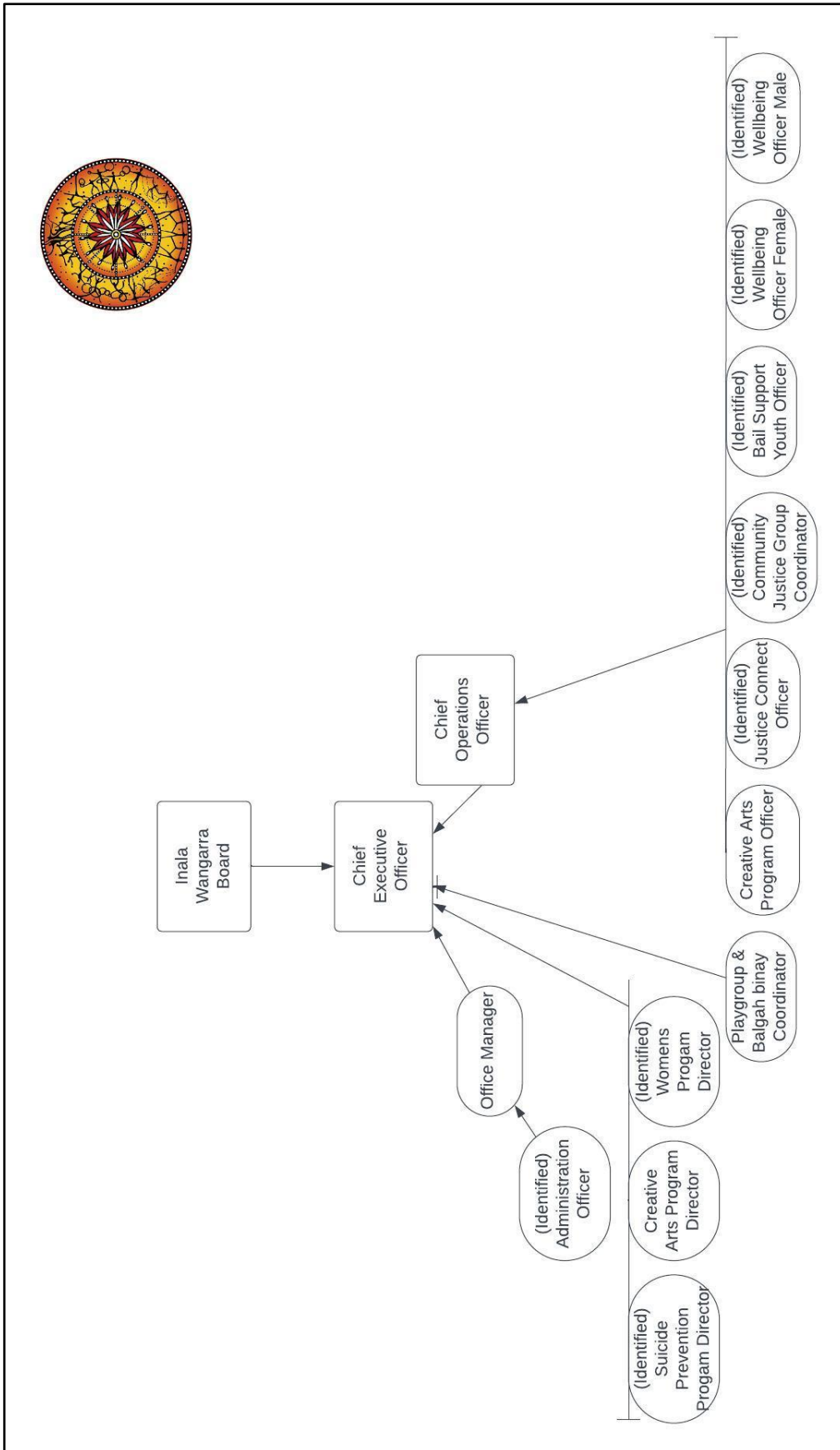
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Organisational Structure



Our Board

The Board of Inala Wangarra meets at Our Meeting Place monthly to manage the strategic direction of the organisation and to guide and improve the services provided to the community. Additionally, a Finance sub-committee meets monthly to review all financial matters of Inala Wangarra and reports to the Board. The Finance sub-committee includes Professor Chelsea Watego (Treasurer), Bob Smith (CEO) and Judy Robson (Office Manager).

From the 2022 Annual General Meeting, we were pleased to welcome the following Directors to Inala Wangarra's Board:

- Aunty Kerry Charlton (Secretary)
- Uncle Vern Hopkins (Director)

Both of our new Directors are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have a strong connection to the community and bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and stewardship to Inala Wangarra.

Other movements on the Board that occurred during 2023 include:

- Aunty Kerry Charlton stepping down
- Uncle Vern Hopkins stepping down
- Kyle Bekue-Ryan nominated to the position of Secretary
- Aunty Mary Stacy stepping down

There has been no other movement on the Board.

Our Staff

Inala Wangarra is committed to supporting the growth and strength of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce. Inala Wangarra was pleased to welcome the following staff to our family:

- Bob Smith – Chief Executive Officer
- Kate Bond – Community Justice Group Coordinator
- Sonya Egert – Chief Operating Officer
- Warren Rogers – Naree Wandima Wellbeing Officer
- Tyson Athman – The Seventy7 Youth Officer
- Robert Morganson – Naree Wandima Wellbeing Officer

Sadly, we have had to farewell the following staff members during this year:

- Karla Brady
- Kellie Stacy
- Belinda Duroux
- Jorja Bell
- Mary Stacy
- Samantha Clevens
- Grace Kyle
- Tyson Athman
- Robert Morganson
- Warren Rogers
- Christopher Roe

We will always be truly grateful for all that they have done during their time at Inala Wangarra, and we wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

Other movements with staff during 2023 include:

- Kellie Stacy moved into Acting CEO
- Roxanne Ware returned from extended leave
- Joshua Gow commenced extended leave
- Arts Assistant title and role changed to Arts Program Officer
- Women's Project Officer title changed to Women's Program Director
- Resource Officer title changed to Suicide Prevention Program Director.

CEO

I am pleased to present the annual report for Inala Wangarra, covering the last 12 Months.

As the newly appointed CEO, I want to express my deep appreciation for the hard work, effort, and contributions of our recent board members, past and current staff members, and our previous CEO, Karla Brady. It is their dedication and unwavering commitment that has enabled Inala Wangarra to provide dedicated care and service delivery for the local Inala and surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Over the last 12 months, Inala Wangarra continued to make significant strides in fulfilling our vision of creating a thriving and empowered community. Our commitment to excellence in service delivery remained at the forefront of our operations, ensuring that the unique needs of our community were met with care and compassion.

Recognising the importance of collaboration and inclusivity, we are making it a priority to go back out into the community in 2024. Our aim is to facilitate a co-design process that will inform Inala Wangarra's new strategic plan and direction for the years 2024 - 2026. By involving our community members, we aspire to be inclusive and impactful organisation that truly addresses their evolving needs and aspirations.

We are grateful for the support and trust of our funding partners, sponsors, and community members. Without their generosity and belief in our mission, our accomplishments would not have been possible. Their continued support enables us to expand our reach and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve.

Our hard work over the past 12 months has resulted in:

Extended Funding for another three years:

- Brisbane City Council - Creative Arts \$100,000
- Department of Justice and Attorney-General - Murri Court \$289,200
- National Indigenous Agency - Women's Program \$207,500

- Brisbane City Council – MABO and NAIDOC \$50,000
- Department of Tourism, Innovation & Sport \$27,500
- Department of Communities \$5,000 – Community support funding
- Inspire Youth & Family Services \$10,000
- Mission Australia \$83, 330.50
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communication \$67,200
- Sunshine Coast Council \$5,000.

Looking forward, we remain committed to our vision of fostering a thriving and empowered community. Through the co-design process in 2024, we will work hand in hand with our community members, board and staff to shape Inala Wangarra's strategic plan and direction moving forward. By incorporating their valuable feedback, insights and perspectives, we ensure that our programs and services are tailored to their specific needs, empowering them to lead fulfilling lives.

In conclusion, I extend my deepest gratitude to all our stakeholders for their unwavering support. Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones, and with your continued partnership, we are confident that Inala Wangarra will continue to positively impact the lives of our community members.

I look forward to continuing the Deadly work we do alongside you all into 2024.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Smith', written in a cursive style.

Bob Smith, CEO

Seventy7

The Seventy7 Youth Hangout Centre is designed to offer young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 12 – 17 years with a safe space every Friday and Saturday night from 5pm to 10pm. Inala Wangarra has self-funded the Seventy7 until 28 February 2021 and most recently secured short term funding from DATSIP and other alternative funding partnerships. Since securing funding from DATSIP Inala Wangarra has also been successful in securing targeted funding from Inspire youth and family services to provide a young men’s group as a sub program to Seventy7 moving forward.

Activities

Offering a suite of scheduled and unscheduled activities, plus cultural workshops the Seventy7 delivered the following:

- Traditional Indigenous Games
- Touch Football
- Handball competitions
- Basketball
- Pool competition
- Board games
- Tiggy
- Spotlight
- Boomerang painting and throwing
- Didgeridoo workshops
- Cooking
- Ping pong competition
- Movies
- Arts & crafting
- Music - piano

Outcomes

- Delivered 31 activities;
- Attended by a total of 1683 Indigenous young people;
- Increased number of referrals made for participants (Total of 31 referrals made)
- 78% of the young people have attended more than once;
- Employed 6 local Indigenous Youth Workers;
- Increased engagement within activities by young people in out of home care;
- 15 new and strengthened community partnerships developed;
- Every session included a Yarning Circle with all the young people where they do an Acknowledgement to Country, introduce themselves and discuss the rules;
- Every session, a number of young people can be found waiting for the doors to open prior to opening times;
- Increased professional development and capacity building for staff and volunteers (9 training sessions provided);

Moving into 2024, a young Men’s Group has been developed as a sub program of Seventy7 as requested by participants. Inala Wangarra is very excited to partner with Inspire youth and family services to ensure staffing can be provided for Young Men’s Group.



Women's

The Indigenous Women's program aims to engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who identify as female within the community to increase their access to services, support leadership skills, self-confidence, enhancing personal growth and well-being. The program has been funded through National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Activities

The Women's Program Director has been responsible for the following activities:

- Sewing Circle
- Cultural Arts
- Pathway to Healing
- Deadly Choices Senior Games
- Aqua Aerobics
- Yarning Circle
- Sista's Cup
- PHN Morning Tea
- Girls Rugby League Clinic
- Pink Ribbon High Tea
- Queensland Murri Carnival
- Rites of Passage
- Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts
- Voice of our Covenant Exhibition
- Bronco's Indigenous Round
- Kuril Dhagan Elders Morning Tea
- Christmas Break up Party
- Women's Group Cooking Classes
- Mabo Promotion Day
- West Inala Football Club
- Welcome Babies to Country

During this reporting period, 103 activities were delivered to 1,267 community members. These programs have provided 74 community members employment, with 44 of those community members identifying as Indigenous. During this period the numbers of community members have increased in attendance and employment.

Welcome Babies to Country Jarjum Expo

In 2023, the Women's Program Director delivered Welcome Babies to Country Jarjums Expo for the first time prior to the ceremony. Over 50 parents, caregivers and grandparents attended the 3-hour event. The Jarjums Expo was co-delivered in partnership with other community members and organisations that support children, parents and caregivers in the early stages of life through to school. The Jarjums Expo offered parents and caregivers the opportunity to develop new skills and assist with guidance and support for raising their children. The Jarjums Expo was especially valuable for our 10 new parents to build upon their knowledge base and make useful connections to different health and community services for further support.

In 2023

The Women's Program Director received training in Emergency Management with Fire Ready Australia and renewed her CPR training with Saint John's Australia First Aid. The Women's Program Director has made many connections and is developing strong relationships with many organisation such as Kurbingui, Your Town, Aboriginal Centre for Performance Arts, Kummara, Inala Child Health, Brisbane City Council Library, Metro South Oral Health, Kuril Dhagan, Bfit4life and West End Uniting Church.

Looking towards 2024

The Women's Program Director is looking forward to mentoring the Rite of Passage Youth Advisory Committee which will consist of young peoples aged 15 to 21 years old from the Inala community and surrounding suburbs. In 2024, the Women's Program Director is excited to engage with Kuril Dhagan for a research family history program which will support community members.

Franny Lomas, Women's Program Director

Justice

The Community Justice Group (CJG) program is funded by the Department of Justice and Attorney General and provides support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples engaged with the criminal justice system.

The program also delivers the Murri Court, which is made up of Elders and Respected Persons. The Murri Court is a therapeutic court setting that works with participants coming through the criminal justice system to address underlying issues that play a role in their offending and reoffending behaviours through cultural advocacy and advice, programs aimed to address trauma and community input and knowledge on justice related issues.

Activities

The Community Justice Group has been responsible for the following activities:

- Providing support to participants navigating the criminal justice system
- Referrals to community service providers
- Preparing culturally appropriate court submissions
- Coordination of Murri Court
- Coordination of monthly CJG Meetings and quarterly Murri Court Stakeholder meetings
- Delivering fortnightly Yakka Malar – The Hard Work of Men (Men’s group) activities
- Coordinating training for community members and community workers including:
- Maintaining a presence at Richlands Magistrate’s Court.

In this period, the Community Justice Group supported 20 Murri Court participants through sentencing with successful outcomes for participants and their families.

New Community Justice Group Coordinator

The Community Justice Group Coordinator was recruited to the role in May 2023. The new coordinator, Kate Bond, has stepped into the role well, undertaking a community-based approach to the justice space and in supporting participants.

In 2023

The Community Justice Team has expanded and strengthened connections with stakeholders locally and in greater Brisbane. With stronger connections into the local prisons to best support community members reintegrating back into community on release from incarceration. The Community Justice Group has undertaken a review of membership for the Community Justice Group and Murri Court Membership. An expression of interest process has been undertaken with the aim to engage key stakeholders in the Community Justice Group as members to best address community matters and coordinated approaches to supporting community.

Looking towards 2024

Community Justice Group and Murri Court members will undertake vital training in targeted areas of Queensland Corrections, Family Domestic Violence, Alcohol and Other Drugs and NDIS. There will also be a strong focus on diversionary activities that are embedded in cultural and community knowledge exchange.

***Kate Bond, Community Justice Group Coordinator
Joshua Gow, Justice Connect Officer***

Creative Arts

Inala Wangarra's Creative Arts Program works collaboratively with our community to explore, create and tell the stories of the urban First Nations experience. We use creative arts to strengthen through healing, culture and the reclamation of personal stories and histories. The artworks created celebrate the resilience, strength, beauty and humour of our community.

The Creative Arts Program is funded by multi-year organisational funding from Arts Queensland and Brisbane City Council. We also receive project funding from Creative Australia (formerly known as the Australia Council for the Arts) and the Indigenous Languages and Arts fund from the Federal Government. The Creative Arts Program works to connect our community with the arts experiences, exhibitions, performance, and employment opportunities.

Activities

Activities delivered by Creative Arts Team include:

- Fashion Club Gone Wild worked with young people to create wearable art works with a fashion parade at the Inala NAIDOC Family Fun Day
- Gamify your Town – a singing/ songwriting project delivered in partnership with Queensland Music Festival and the University of Queensland
- Shadow Sisters public exhibition and opening at the Art from the Margins Gallery, Fortitude Valley
- Weekly Fashion Club in partnership with Hymba Yumba Independent School creating a creative and safe environment for students
- Established and delivered monthly writing group in partnership with the Queensland Writers Centre focusing on the development of local writers

- Managing Inala Wangarra's social media and communications, developing flyers, videos/reels to promote and grow our organization in the digital world
- Singing Our Songlines Group including a performance and Qld Museum and Laidley Naidoc.

Singing our Songlines

My highlight for this year would be the Singing Our Songlines group performance at the QLD Museum, to see the emotional response from the crowd as the performers sung from their own personal black life experiences was truly incredible. Additionally, witnessing the confidence in each performer as they took to the stage to tell their stories from the heart. It was a night to remember.

In 2023

This year has really seen a lot of growth in our participants, their growth in confidence since the beginning is an achievement and something to be proud of. From having no confidence in their ability to perform or even write, to now, witnessing the skills, they have gained in their participation here is admirable. This year also seen the Arts Assistant transition to Creative Arts Program Officer, recognising the importance of the role and the capability and increased responsibility within the Creative Arts space.

Looking forward to 2024

In 2024 we are set to launch SparkleMob, a project designed specifically for and by young, queer and Black people. This is a space within the community which does not have the support that it requires, with a rapid growth of mental health issues in this space there is a growing demand for support. This is a program that will be the first of its kind and we are excited to see how it will unfold and it's impact.

Jane Jennison, Creative Arts Program Director & Paige Parnell, Creative Arts Program Officer

Suicide Prevention

The aim of the Suicide Prevention program is to support and work within community alongside young people and their families who are at risk and/or impacted by suicide.

The Community Resource Officer also co-ordinates and leads the delivery of the Gift of Gallang program - healing of the mind, body and spirit. This program aims to engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth to increase their ability to maintain resilience in difficult situations and promote strategies to allow ones-self to heal within.

The program was funded by the Brisbane South Primary Health Network until 30 June 2022 and is now funded by the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health Service until 30 June 2024.

Activities

The Suicide Prevention program delivers the following activities:

- The coordination and delivery of Gift of Gallang within the Inala, Logan and Scenic Rim regions
- Supporting families impacted by Domestic Violence by linking to appropriate services
- Maintaining and building positive relationships with local High and Primary School Principals and staff
- Coordinating external cultural services and providers to come into schools to deliver activities
- Coordination of professional development for Gift of Gallang facilitators and Indigenous community workers
- Networking and maintaining positive relations in community
- Supporting students to access mental health services and support
- Linking community members to appropriate support services.

Highlight

The Rochedale South State School principal participated in the Gift of Gallang Smoking Ceremony, delivered at the commencement of the Program. The principal was emotionally moved going through the smoke and embraced being invited to participate in a spiritual cultural practice. Principal sought permission from the traditional performers and invited the whole school to be included in another Smoking Ceremony. This Smoking Ceremony involved the Gift of Gallang students clapping with their clap sticks whilst the entire school moved to the oval where the ceremony took place. Students in the program have always understood the clap sticks are a representation of being connected to each other hence they did not stop clapping until the entire school were present. Through the program students also were aware that they saw themselves bound and connected in many ways through Culture, family, friends and students of Rochedale South, The Gift of Gallang students were centered in the middle of the oval in a circle clapping until the entire school gather around them all.

Looking forward to 2024

The Suicide Prevention program will deliver programs with a focus on youth as well as a range of workshops to community to empower and upskill in the area of suicide prevention.

***Roxanne Ware, Suicide Prevention Program
Director***

Naree Wandima

Naree Wandima, which means “I Rise Up” from the Goenpul and Yuggera language and gifted to Inala Wangarra by Steven Coghill Junior.

The program is delivered in partnership with the Institute for Urban Indigenous Health. Providing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 16+ living in the Inala and surroundings areas. Naree Wandima aims to provide participants with a holistic approach to their social and emotional wellbeing thorough identifying self-determined goals to address factors such as alcohol and others drugs, mental health, social supports (Centrelink, housing etc), re-connection to community.

Activities

Naree Wandima has provided the following activities:

- Bandarr Gan Gu – to Strengthen Women (women’s group)
 - Bowling
 - Aqua Surf
 - Bold Black and Beautiful Luncheon
- Yakka Malar – The Hard Work of Men (Men’s Group)
- Individual and whole family support including referrals and advocacy
- Referrals and support to attend external support services including health appointments -hospital, doctor specialists; NDIS; Centrelink; Department of Housing; National Redress Scheme, emergency food relief, enrolling younger participants back into school, obtaining new identification, court appearances and weekly catch ups
- Support IYS at The Hut afternoon activities
- Attending local community events and presenting information sessions.

Naree Wandima Case Study

A participant who was diagnosed with diabetes, had identified the significant impact this news had on their existing mental health condition and caused suicidal ideation. Due to the therapeutic relationship between Participant and Naree Wandima Female Wellbeing Officer, participant felt comfortable to disclose their situation to seek help. Wellbeing Officer referred Participant to Gallang Place where they began to engage with a counsellor, organised weekly boxing sessions and weekly walks around the local park. The Wellbeing Officer gifted Participant a journal and some positive affirmations to empower and support. Participant commenced a TAFE course to upskill her numeracy and literacy skills in preparation of the work force. Female Wellbeing Officer worked with Mental Health Worker to gain a better understanding of participants situation and how they can both work together without doubling up. Naree Wandima Participant is an active participant in all women’s group activities and events and is has expressed their gratitude for the support.

In 2023

Naree Wandima Team members have expanded on their community engagement to strengthen partnerships with key stakeholders to provide quality service for participants. They have undertaken professional development to enhance their own skills to best support participants. Case Management training, First Aid training, Medical Software training and Fire Safety have been undertaken this year.

Looking forward to 2024

This program will continue to support local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to address their individual social and emotional wellbeing needs on their life journeys. Naree Wandima Female Wellbeing Officer will undertake further education and training to continue supporting her community.

Kiara Tyson, Naree Wandima Wellbeing Officer

SWAP Bail Support

Delivered in partnership with Inspire youth and family services, in Community – Ipswich and Youth Advocacy Centre, this program works intensively with young people attached or at risk of entering the youth justice system. Inala Wangarra's role within this partnership is to ensure practices and engagement is culturally safe.

This partnership employs an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander specific Youth Worker and is funded by the Department of Youth Justice until 2024.

Activities

The Bail Support Youth Worker has been responsible for the following activities:

- Improving employability – communication, presentation, conflict resolution, teamwork and confidence building
- Work search skills – cover letter and resume preparation and writing and how to seek out and apply for opportunities
- Upskilling – seeking out advanced training opportunities to upskill in job readiness
- After employment support to assist young people during their transition to employment and to maximize their chance of sustaining employment
- Cultural and community connection to enhance prosocial engagement, improving positive social connectedness and contributing to recidivism reduction outcomes
- Networking – building up an extensive network of local services and with local service employers and providers to identify supports available to help sustain employment and local employers to break down barriers between local young people and local business. Giving participants the opportunity to learn about different industries and encourage employers to give local young people a chance.

Supporting Young People in community

SWAP Bail Support Youth Worker reflects on a highlight this year – He has worked with a Young Person and supported them to achieve their goals. He recalls that at times it could be challenging however it was worth every minute for both him and the Young Person. Young Person's goals were to achieve employment. He was empowered to complete his resume, actively look for and apply for work whilst continuing to report and meet his bail conditions through Youth Justice. This Young Person overcome so much trauma and is now employed, reconnecting with family and obtained all his identification. Youth Worker is very proud of this Young Person and has thoroughly enjoyed walking beside him whilst he achieved his goals this year.

“There are so many more Young People's stories that I can say but this one has hit a spot within me that I'm so proud.” Chris Roe

Looking forward to 2024

SWAP Bail Support Program will continue to engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in culturally safe support, with a strong focus on re-engaging with education and/or employment opportunities.

Chris Roe, Bail Support Youth Worker

Balgah Binay

Balgah binay means “to come together, to learn and be uplifted” in Yuggera language and was gifted to Inala Wangarra by Gaja Kerry Charlton. This program, funded by the Brisbane South Primary Health Network aims to allow community organisations to become an interface of primary health care and empower older people and their families and carers to confidently manage their own health and wellbeing in the community.

Activities

Balgah Binay program has delivered 14 sessions with 119 participants in 2023, some activities have included:

- Bingo
- Trivia
- Cooking
- Field Trips
- Yarns
- Falls Prevention Information
- Services Australia - Centrelink
- PHN NAIDOC Elder’s Luncheon
- Cooking
- Fair share meal plan
- Mob 23 Referendum Information Session
- and many more...

Highlights

- Celebrating NAIDOC “For the Elders” at PHN Luncheon for Elders. Elders enjoyed coming together and reconnecting with Elders from other communities across the south-east.
- Uncle Roger Knox sharing a special performance at a session. Everyone enjoyed listening and singing along with Uncle Roger and felt happy and uplifted.

Looking forward to 2024

The Elders have valued the information sessions and expressed their appreciation of being able to access a range of social and emotional and health information session delivered through Balgah binay.

Little Jarjums Playgroup

Little Jarjums Playgroup aims to provide a safe and nurturing environment through play-based activities with a strong focus on enhancing Jarjum’s growth, gross motor skills, fine motor skills hand and eye coordination for children 0-5 years of age.

Activities

Little Jarjums Playgroup has delivered 23 sessions, with 246 participants and been responsible for the following activities:

- NAIDOC activities
- Healthy eating
- Under the sea
- Insects and bugs
- 5 Senses – smell, taste, see, hear, touch
- Celebrations – Easter, Father’s & Mother’s Days
- 123’s and ABC’s
- Shapes and sizes
- Community Hero’s

Highlights

Jarjums and families participated in a range of activities focusing on NAIDOC providing an opportunity to yarn about NAIDOC and in particular the theme “For our Elders”. Families enjoyed nominating an Elder who inspires them and created an art piece including a photo of their beloved Elder and why they were nominated. This special art piece was then presented to their Elder. Lil Jarjums Playgroup Coordinator has been promoting playgroup at a number of community events such as Welcome Babies to Country Expo and Kummara Family Fun Day which has provided more engagement and increased in participant numbers.

Tamara Egert, Balgah binay Coordinator & Little Jarjum Playgroup Coordinator

West Inala Rugby League Football Club

West Inala Rugby League Football Club is delivered by Inala Wangarra and governed by a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee consists of community members who meet monthly to discuss operational and strategic business for the Club. The Committee also volunteer their time at Club meetings, fundraising activities and deliver key activities like Trophy Presentation Day. Whilst, Inala Wangarra does not receive any direct, ongoing funding for club it has supported a number of successful sponsorship and grants received this year.

Activities

- The Club hosted the Rugby League Brisbane U6's Gala Day for the second consecutive year.
- Trophy Presentation Day celebrated players, coaching staff, volunteers and the wider club community, this year it was followed by the inaugural family fun day which was a huge success.

Sponsorship and Grants

This season West Inala receive a total of \$54,500.00 in sponsorship and grants as follows:

- Institute for Urban Indigenous Health \$20,000
- Nova Entertainment \$2,000
- Depart of Tourism, Innovation and Sport \$2,500
- Richmond Fellowship \$5,000
- First Nations Sport and Recreation \$25,000

Your Town Partnership

In partnership with the Club, Your Town, facilitated a Work Skills Construction Traineeship funded by Skilling QLD for Work Initiative. This program has seen participants undertake maintenance of the grounds to improve visibility and safety for our club as well as improving the main playing field surface.

Community Cultural Events

As one of the leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in this area, Inala Wangarra has a responsibility to our community to support the delivery and management of several annual community cultural events. As these events do not fall under the banner Inala Wangarra's current programs, the tasks were managed by the whole team. It is important to note that while Inala Wangarra auspice these funds, we work in partnership with relevant stakeholders.

Achieving the deliverables of these community cultural events without any additional resourcing can be challenging and Inala Wangarra would like to acknowledge the Inala Elders and other community members for their continued support.

Activities

The community activities managed by Inala Wangarra include the Southside Mabo Promotion Day, Inala NAIDOC Launch and Inala NAIDOC Family Fun Day and Too Solid Awards.

Inala NAIDOC Launch & Family Fun Day

Proudly supported by the Brisbane City Council and Inala Plaza, the launch included traditional dancers, guest speakers and was enjoyed by a huge crowd. We thank the Inala Plaza management team for hosting our launch and for hosting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activities workshops for children at the centre throughout NAIDOC.

This year's Inala NAIDOC Family Fun Day was enjoyed by over 5,000 people. With traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performances, cultural workshops, stalls, local entertainment, children's activities and rides, Elder's tent and much more, it was an important and fun day for all. The community celebrated the theme "For our Elders" and paid tribute to Elders past and present. The highlight was welcoming Lenisha Duncan to the role of MC. Lenisha wowed the crowd with her amazing skills and community were immensely proud to see a local young person in this role.

Photo Gallery

