



A CHAT WITH OUR CEO



The WNAC community recently farewelled its long-serving, passionate Chairperson, Maxine Armstrong. In this edition of the WNAC newsletter we acknowledge Maxine's life-achievements and her many contributions to a broad range of community organisations and issues. Whilst we will all miss having Maxine in our lives, her legacy will live on through the people and organisations for whom she made such a difference.

Maxine was reared and educated in Derby, attending Holy Rosary and the Derby District High School. Maxine achieved a Diploma of Aboriginal Management and Community Development through Curtin University, and her first job was as a junior typist for the Native Welfare Office.

Apart from looking after her children and grandchildren, Maxine also dedicated much of her life to improving the circumstances of Indigenous people. Maxine was the Chairperson of the WNAC Board, a member of the DAHS and KAMSC Boards and the AHCWA (Aboriginal Health Council W.A) at the state level. Maxine was one of only 5-people who were the original Founding Members of the Aboriginal Health Board. In 1992 Maxine was appointed the first ASIC Regional Council Chairperson. In 2016 Maxine was recognised by the Aboriginal Health Committee for her contribution as an elder to cultural knowledge and Aboriginal Health.

Maxine's life-long passions included addressing:

- o The rate of chronic disease amongst the Indigenous community;
- o The unacceptable rate of suicide;
- o The impact of drugs (particularly ICE) on individuals, their families and the communities in which they live, and;
- o The securing of funds for key medical facilities such as the DAHS Dialysis Hub

Maxine was driven to "help my people," by tackling the issues of health and suicide prevention. Maxine was particularly proud of her efforts in helping to establish the Dialysis Hub at DAHS, and the establishment of a refuge for Indigenous women.

Maxine took a stand when a young Indigenous man was killed in a brawl in Broome, because she believed that the response from officials was inadequate and meant that potentially no-one would be held accountable for his death. So, Maxine, as the Coordinator of the Ngunga Women's Group, organised a march of Aboriginal women to highlight the injustice of the situation.

Maxine's time with WNAC extends back to the 1990s when she and Ambrose Cummings negotiated the purchase of the Loch Street property, which WNAC owns and operates from today. Purchasing the building involved countless trips to Perth to negotiate and purchase the property from Main Roads. Maxine was proud of the commercial enterprises WNAC purchased on behalf of its members. Maxine believed that by owning these businesses, Indigenous people would have access to employment and training opportunities that they may not otherwise have had.

Maxine's vision for WNAC was that more young ones would step up to take over from her, to drive important changes in the Indigenous community. Maxine encouraged others to be leaders, to stand up for what needs to be done, to make a difference in others' lives. We need to ensure that Maxine's vision and legacy lives on through others stepping up to tackle the issues so dear to her heart.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Maxine's family and friends.

Rest in Peace Maxine Armstrong.

Susan Murphy.



Tina McMahon



Hi, I'm Tina McMahon.

I am a Nyikina woman and I was born in Derby and spent my early years here. I attended school at Derby District High School. I have 4 children and 7 grandchildren whom all live in Broome. I am part of a large family and have heaps and heaps of relatives stretching throughout the Kimberley Region.

Currently I am a Case manager with WNES and prior to that I was an Activity Supervisor at Pandanus Park. Thoroughly enjoy my job as I get to interact with a variety of peoples and help assist where I am able to and I also get to visit outlying communities – which is great.

I sit on a number of Boards such as Walalakoo PBC Board – part of the Health Country Planning for Nyikina Mangala Country, Nyikina Inc. & Bidan Corporation.

Outside of work I enjoy going Fishing and camping when I get a chance to – which isn't as often as I would like.

Catching up with Travis Ryder & NORFORCE

It's good to have Travis back after being away for 2-weeks in Cairns patrolling out on the waters, protecting our country. Travis got back on Monday 23rd of April just in time for our ANZAC Dawn Service in Derby. The Dawn Service took place in front of the Derby Civic Centre where he & a few others marched. We are so proud of you and how far you've come. Keep it up!





WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER PROTECTION AWARDS 2018

Written by Kelly Kitching – Program Manager Money Management



West Kimberley Money Management Services submitted an application for the West Australian Consumer Protection Awards 2018. There were 7 nominees for The Richard (Dick) Fletcher Award and we are very pleased to advise that we made it into the top 3 finalists:

- 1) Goldfields Community Legal Service;
- 2) Kimberley Money Management, and;
- 3) Consumer Legal Credit Services WA

Congratulations to the Consumer Legal Credit Services W.A team who took the award for this category.

WKMMS are so excited and privileged to receive this award for our efforts in consumer advocacy in our community, by increasing understanding and sharing awareness of consumer protection issues. Our award is a great achievement and is acknowledgment of the WKMM team's efforts and their dedication. Our services include informative workshops and one-on-one advice which we deliver to West Kimberley Derby residents in town and remote communities.

Well done and keep up the good work.



GOOD NEWS STORIES!

INDIGENOUS TRIPLE P TRAINING POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

During Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March 2018, the following staff members participated in and attended the Indigenous Triple "P" Program – Positive Parenting Program which was delivered by Michell and Michael – Indigenous Implementation Consultants from International Triple P:

1. Amy Drummond
2. Wayne Thomas
3. Ian Riley
4. Johanna Kitching
5. Jason Ryder
6. Vicki Numendumah
7. Jennifer Madaus
8. Perter Brooking
9. Yondi Nuglit

The Positive Parenting Program aims to make parenting easier. The program aims to help our mothers, fathers, family and careers to understand how we can help our children grow, teach them right from wrong, help them develop respect, and have strong family relationships. The training offers suggestions and ideas on positive parenting to help you teach your child and enjoy being a parent.



The next training will be held during Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March 2018 this will be the Accreditation training.

These 9 Staff members are then able to deliver the Indigenous Positive Parenting Program to the Derby, Pandanus Park and Mowanjum communities.

Big thank you to Prime Minister and Cabinet and International Triple P!!





About

Shooting Stars is an initiative of Netball WA and Glass Jar Australia, which uses netball as a vehicle to encourage greater engagement and attendance at school of young Aboriginal girls living in WA's remote communities and regional towns.

Working collaboratively with the local community, schools and service providers to implement a regular program of personal development activity and fun for young Aboriginal girls.

Participation in the program enables girls to have a taste of success to improve their self-image, develop hope and aspirations about their future, and provide motivation to attend school to achieve those aspirations.

Shooting Stars now engages more than 300 students across six delivery sites, with an average attendance improvement of 18% across the board, while 60% of participants maintain an average attendance rate of 80% or above. The Program is a key driver in creating equality for female leaders and generational change, with 75% of its staff and 50% of its Board identifying as Indigenous.

Meet two Derby locals ...

WNAC – and the RSAS team – are delighted to introduce you to Shooting Stars, Faith and Le'Chantae, who have attended school 100% of the time in Term 1. Let's celebrate these wonderful young women and their success!

