

Kimberley Jiyiga's Snapshot

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THE LAUNCH OF KIMBERLEY JIYIGAS (BIRDS)

Kimberley Jiyigas is 'A movement of Kimberley Indigenous Women influencing Social Change.'

We exist to :

- 1 Amplify Indigenous Women's voices
- 2 Promote Australian Indigenous Culture
- 3 Empower First Nation women around the world by enabling micro business opportunities.

A 'Women of the World' event was held on 13 October 2018 (during Indigenous Business month) to celebrate the official launch of Kimberley Jiyigas and as a fundraiser to raise money to enable 14 women in East Timor to enter into micro business opportunities. The event was well attended and included some amazing items from women of different nations; a total of \$1960.00 was raised for international women. Kimberley Jiyigas will be celebrating its 1 year anniversary in October 2019: watch out on the facebook page and in the next newsletter for the details of this event.

The
Kimberley
Jiyigas
Network



Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Dorothy Lee Tong, Francine Riches, Janine Dureau, Olive Knight, Michelle Manning, Judith Butters, Rita Boombi, Kia Dowell, Dr Stephanie Trust, Rozanne Bilminga

KIMBERLEY GIRL-POST SUPPORT

Kimberley Jiyigas has partnered with Goolarri Media in Broome to deliver on-going support to previous Kimberley Girl participants in the East Kimberley.

The development of an after-care model is a key priority and includes a mixture of formal training, professional development and the provision of training and employment opportunities.

The goal is the building of individuals to become lasting ambassadors of Kimberley Girl in their respective communities by strengthening their skills and confidence after the Kimberley Girl experience.



Female Leadership Development Workshops



During January, a series of Leadership workshops were held in Kununurra, targeting Indigenous women in the workforce. These workshops covered topics designed to help give greater confidence to women in the workforce.

The topics included:

Effective team work and navigating workplace diversity

Personal development and setting goals and achieving them

Conflict resolution and effective public speaking skills



Feedback received from the inaugural Leadership workshops:
“Wonderfully inspiring”

“Enjoyed learning about the experiences the trainer had, and enjoyed the activities alot”

Kimberley Jiyigas will develop and deliver further Leadership workshops in 2019, with the next Workshop held in Halls Creek on Wednesday 17th April for anyone interested.

In Partnership with the AEC

Kimberley Jiyigas has a contract with Australian Electoral Commission to help Indigenous people in East Kimberley engage and learn more about the Political system, so they feel empowered to vote for those who best represent their views.

We are letting stakeholders know that we encourage Kimberley Indigenous people to make sure they are enrolled to vote, know how to vote correctly and that there are employment opportunities with AEC during the May 2019 Federal Elections.

It has been just a little over 50 years since Indigenous Australians were given the right to vote so have your say, use your right to vote and be heard in the May 2019 Federal Elections!





Kimberley Jiyigas will be assisting Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service when they host their next East Kimberley Empowered Young Leaders Forum in Kununurra on the 14 -16 May . The Empowered Young Leaders Forum seeks to engage young people from 18 – 30 years of age to have a say about Youth issues in their communities and what changes they would like to see. If you would like to attend this 3 day forum or be considered as the East Kimberley Youth representative, please make contact at spcoordinator@kams.org.au



CHECK OUT OUR NEW CAR SIGNAGE

You might find us somewhere on the backroad of the Kimberley. The artwork seen on the Kimberley Jiyigas vehicle has been designed by Indigenous women Kristy Brittain and Susan Peters.

The Kimberley Jiyigas logo is the Female Cockatoo (as specified by the yellow orange tail) of the local Kimberley Red tailed Black Cockatoo family.



KIMBERLEY 'SHEROS' ! (FEMALE VERSION OF A HERO!)

Through the upcoming Kimberley Jiyigas podcast series, we will be interviewing and promoting the personal stories of local Kimberley Indigenous women, their journey and life experiences. There are some incredible Kimberley Shero stories that we want to share to inspire you. Stay tuned for updates.



We would like to acknowledge Ronda Crerar in providing permission to use her wonderful bird photos. To see more click [here](#).



Ngarranggarni



The 'Ngarranggarni' is known amongst Kimberley Indigenous people to be the time of Creation (the Dreamtime), where all things came into being. Indigenous Australians are a spiritual people, aware of the spirit world, of their ancestors and possess a spiritual connection to land and their 'country'. This reality has been difficult for Governments to understand much less embrace and effectively work within.

In addition to this, Indigenous people are familiar with the 'skin group' system, and operate within this framework to determine their social responsibilities and obligations to those around them. Presently lacking, are sufficient mediators and reconciliatory workers who have adequate understanding of both environments and therefore equipped to bring about restoration and a repair of relationships. This is something that Kimberley Jiyigas believe should be given greater attention to, so that advancement for indigenous people, socially and economically, can take place.

Services provided by Kimberley Jiyigas include mediation and reconciliation. Please reach out via email or phone to have a yarn as to how we may be able to assist you and/or your workplace in this space.

#mediation #reconciliation #restoration #repairofrelationships



KUNUNURRA WOMEN IN BUSINESS (KWIB) is a monthly meeting that seeks to champion the business women of Kununurra. The meeting is for women in the Kununurra and surrounding community area (including Wyndham) who have a business and/or are interested in starting a business or are currently trying out some business ideas and/or run a business either full time, part time or from time to time (for example, twilight markets).

KWIB is held on the last Thursday of each month from 5pm to 7pm at the Kimberley Grande. Each meeting involves time to connect and reflect as Kununurra women in business, plus listening to guest speakers on a business topic and hear some part of their business journey

KWIB is a collaboration between Kimberley Jiyigas Founder Natasha Short and Dream Nurturer and Business Strategist Maree Cutler Naroba. Below are some photos from the monthly meetings from Quarter 1, 2019. Guest speakers included Fiona Kuiper (Country Club Resort), Priscilla Kelly (Kelly's Security Pty Ltd), Deb Pearce (Boab Consulting), Lisa Spackman (Croc Motel), Bernice Spackman (IGA), and Temali Howard (Black Tapas).

There will be a Halls Creek Women in Business Event on Wednesday the 17th of April, 5pm at the Kimberley Hotel. Entry \$10 per person.



www.KIVA.com

Kimberley Jiyigas is a financial supporter of KIVA to empower woman around the world into small business opportunities.

This quarter we have supported Marica in East Timor to start her own Fruit and Vegie business to support her family. Full details clink on this [link](#).



Recent Events



MC for Bukola Esin - launch of her album 'Free'

www.bukolaesin.com



Girls Academy – presented to the girls with an encouraging word to ‘learn as much as you can and make your own choices for change’



Department of Communities – IWD morning tea speaker, encouraging women to recognise their talent and use it to make a difference.

BBY

Empowered Communities



In February 2019, Binarri-binya yarrowoo, the backbone organisation of Empowered Communities in the East Kimberley engaged Kimberley Jiyigas, Natasha Short and Judy Butters to co-facilitate a workshop in Halls Creek. Natasha and Judy worked with participants through the Sub Regional Plan. This plan feeds through into the East Kimberley Regional Development Agenda.

A total of eight initiatives were workshopped, with participants actively engaged in the conversation, and working together collectively to indicate to government where the community of Halls Creek wants Government to focus their attention and priorities.

Feedback from that session:

'Facilitation was excellent and the event was well planned'

'The Facilitator kept us all at task and was passionate'



International Womens Day



Kimberley Jiyigas had the pleasure of hosting the Kununurra International Womens Day event, where one of our team, Dr Stephanie Trust was honoured by being named the winner of the 'Advocay for Indigenous Womens Voices Award'. Well done Steph, you are a wonderful role model and inspiration in our Kimberley Community.

GAWOOLENG (WOMENS) YARNING CIRCLE

An Indigenous Story Telling Night

Sunday 19th May 2019, Gates open at 4:30pm for a 5:30pm start

Kimberley Jiyigas is proud to host an Indigenous Story Telling Night in Mirima National Park during the Ord Valley Muster.

This event is a collaboration between Kimberley Jiyigas, **Black Tapas** and Kimberley Indigenous Women, who will be sharing their personal stories of growing up in the Kimberley.

The local word meaning woman is 'Gawooleng' and is used for this event in acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners. Our Storytelling night has been enabled through the support of **Mirima Dawang Woortlab-gerring** and will feature Miriwoong women as well as women from other parts of the Kimberley.

Join us for a very special night of women sharing their stories around a campfire. You are able to purchase your tickets from this link **EventBrite** and the Kununurra Visitors Centre.



KIMBERLEY JIYIGAS SERVICES



Mentoring
Leadership Development
Workshop Facilitation
Event Management
Cultural Awareness and Safety
Community Intelligence

Interpreting & Translation Services
Policy Advice
Reconciliation Action Plans
Speaking Engagements
Mediation – Indigenous
Communication Strategies



Cross Cultural Awareness

In March, Kimberley Jiyigas Judy Butters provided Cross Cultural Awareness to some of the team members at the Halls Creek Kimberley Hotel. We feel that learning how to better engage with the local people of our region in a respectful manner enhances relationships and promotes better outcomes for everyone. Contact us if you want more information about Cross Cultural Awareness for your staff.


Feedback:

The Cross Cultural Awareness session was extremely informative in a relaxed environment. The session was delivered in an easy to understand format with practical examples given and we found it to be a great resource for our staff to better understand the cultural differences we experience.'



Meet the support team

Kimberley Jiyigas is focused on a team approach in all it sets out to do. Two women on the Jiyigas support team are Kristy Brittain and Rowena Alexander. Kristy provides social media, graphic design and website support. Rowena provides administration support and event assistance.



Kimberley Jiyigas is assisting the Wunan Financial Wellbeing & Housing team to help more Indigenous clients to enter Homeownership in the East Kimberley – if you are interested in knowing more about how we can help with this process, please contact us. Phone: 0448 061 612

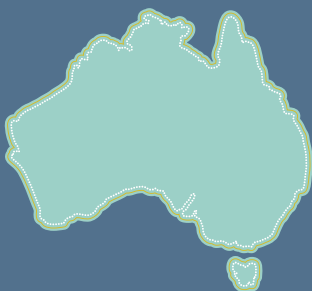


INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH KIMBERLEY JIYIGAS?

Kimberley Jiyigas welcomes partnerships with like minded entities seeking Indigenous empowerment. Contact us for a discussion about how our network can help you achieve greater outcomes and action elements of your Reconciliation Action Plans. Don't have a RAP? We can help with that too!

Email: admin@kimberleybirds.com.au

Phone: 0409 156 756



Kimberley Jiyigas acknowledges and pays respect to all the Traditional Owner groups of the Kimberley region as the original occupants and owners of the land. We acknowledge past, present and future leaders.



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