



Kimberley Jiyiga's Snapshot

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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.



EMPOWERED YOUNG LEADERS FORUM

13 - 15 MAY KUNUNURRA

Kimberley Jiyigas was very privileged to co-host the East Kimberley Empowered Young Leaders Forum in Kununurra. Over two days, a group of dynamic and engaged young Indigenous youth gathered to discuss some of the issues affecting them/their communities. The forum provided an important opportunity to raise possible solutions as a collective and provide a safe environment for open discussion and sharing. The attendees left feeling inspired and encouraged by sharing with one another.

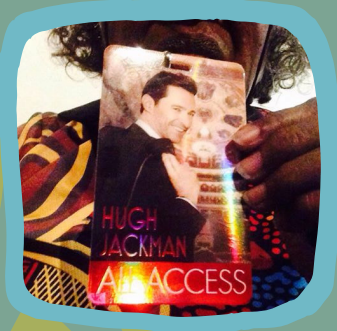
We fully support the work of KAMS and their efforts to empower young people to succeed in all they aspire to achieve.

**If your actions inspire others to dream
more, do more, learn more, and become
more, you are a leader.**

John Quincy Adams



Auntie Olive on tour With Hugh Jackman!!



One of our 'Jiyigas' is currently flying around the globe as part of the Hugh Jackman The Man The Music The Show World Tour. Olive Knight, a Kimberley Woman from Wangkatjungka Community near Fitzroy Crossing, is part of the team singing 'Somewhere over the rainbow' as the finale to each show, singing her part in the Walmajarri language.

Olive Knight is a Rhythm and Blues Gospel singer/songwriter, who has released several albums. She turned 73 in June whilst on tour and felt very special when Hugh encouraged 18 000 fans to sing Happy Birthday to her when performing in London.

Olive is one of our most loved and inspirational women, if you would like to see the show, check out the tour dates for a city near you.

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This quarter, Kimberley Jiyigas has supported another woman into small business opportunity. Her name is Janefer and she is a single mother supporting her children through her small business.

Click [here](#) to have find out more.



Visit to Santa Teresa Community, Northern Territory

Kimberley Jiyigas assisted Social Compass in April to gather feedback on the Intensive Family Support Service in the NT. Sometimes we take these opportunities to buy local Indigenous products, like the beautiful hand printed silk scarf seen here created by the talented Indigenous women of Santa Teresa.



WOMENS YARNING CIRCLE

MIRIMA NATIONAL PARK

19TH MAY SUNDAY

ORD VALLEY MUSTER



Our recently held 'Gawooleng Yarning Circle' hosted in Mirima National Park was an outstanding success and a sell-out event. Almost 100 women gathered together to listen to our wonderful Kimberley women share their stories of our local history as well as our hopes for the future. This event was held during the Ord Valley Muster and was completed in partnership with Black Tapas a local Indigenous catering business in Kununurra.

We sincerely thank all the support received from our stakeholders and service providers and most importantly, our guest speakers, Dorothy Lee Tong, Judith Butters, Dr Stephanie Trust, Marjorie Hunter and Agnes Armstrong who held our audience captive with their sharing.



FEEDBACK FROM THE NIGHT

Thanks for a wonderful evening of truth telling we had some heartfelt discussion during the break. Congratulations on a great event! The Black tapas food was excellent too

Thanks for last night, it was fantastic! A powerful night that I truly enjoyed – thank you for putting it on

Thanks to Kimberley Jiyigas for hosting a splendid soul enriching night



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.

BRINGING NATIONS TOGETHER

On Saturday 12 October in Kununurra, Kimberley Jiyigas will host another Women of the World fundraiser as well as celebrate our First Birthday, and you're invited!

Women of all nationalities are invited and encouraged to share something from their culture. We will share a meal together of various dishes prepared by many ethnic groups and raise money for international support to allow women to go into small business or other opportunities of empowerment.

Tickets for this event will be \$30 and will be available for purchase through Eventbrite soon. All funds raised will be donated to empowering women.



Speaking Engagements

Kimberley Jiyigas was privileged to accept several speaking engagements recently. Join us if you can!



Women's 'Lavished' Conference in Mildura VIC, held in May



TEAR conference -, to be held in Perth on Saturday 3rd Aug, 'working towards social justice'



The Deborah Conference – Christian Women Entrepreneurs on the 9th Nov in Perth

Please contact us if you would be interested in having a member of our team speak at one of your functions and offer a unique Kimberley perspective on matters.

We have several women in our network who are available to attend one of your functions.











Aboriginal Home Ownership



This quarter, Kimberley Jiyigas has been assisting Wunans Pathway to Home Ownership Program. Aboriginal families we have recently helped to buy their first home are now paying less in their mortgage repayments, than their previous rental charges.

If you are living in the East Kimberley and would like to purchase a house through Indigenous Business Australia, the following criteria applies:

-  ABORIGINALITY
-  BUYING A HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME
-  BEEN IN THE SAME PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR 12 MONTHS
-  SCORE OVER 550 ON YOUR CREDIT CHECK. IF YOU ARE A COUPLE, THIS APPLIES TO BOTH APPLICANTS.
-  HAVE \$3000 SAVINGS FOR YOUR HOUSE LOAN DEPOSIT
-  NOT HAVE MORE THAN 15% CONSUMER DEBT



The process can take from 2 to 6 months to complete, depending on the 'demand' for the service. Alternatively, another option is to use an independent broker to find a suitable lender. This process is much quicker to facilitate but you will be required to have a deposit amount of 5-10 percent.

Home Ownership is very achievable for our people.



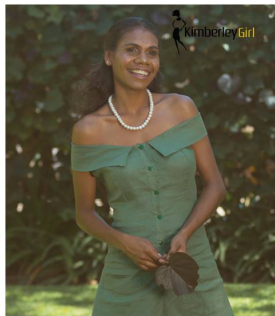
Female Leadership Workshop in Halls Creek 17TH APRIL

We took our leadership development workshops to Halls Creek in April. We were pleased that so many local women joined us for a half-day session. This session was delivered by Natasha Short and Judith Butters. Kimberley Birds is a huge believer that women's perspectives, experiences and insights can be harnessed to create significant social change in our Kimberley community.

FEEDBACK FROM HC LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

- 'A powerful concept, inspirational – congratulations!'
- 'Easily accessible and enjoyable session – thank you'
- 'Love your work – great to meet someone with similar beliefs'
- 'Keep up the good work!'
- 'Very informative, please improve by running more sessions.'





OUR SUPPORT WITH THE FEDERAL ELECTION



Kimberley Girl 2019

Heats Workshops - 30/09 - 04/10



Heat Event - 04/10



Finals Workshops - 7/10 - 11/10



Finals Event - 11/10

Kimberley Jiyigas supported the AEC this term to promote the Federal elections held in May. We fully support and encourage our Kimberley countrymen to register to vote and exercise their democratic right to voice their opinion on who should be our nation's leaders. The newly formed National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) was effective 1 July 2019 and has been put in place to deliver outcomes for our people nationwide. The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP has responsibility of this portfolio – Australia's first Indigenous person to occupy this role.

Kimberley Jiyigas feel positive about our future and we have positioned ourselves to be apart of those who will influence greater change in our communities.



GOOLARRI MEDIA, BROOME Kimberley Girl Mentoring Program

Ongoing support is being provided by Kimberley Jiyigas to ex participants of the Kimberley Girl program.

Through our closed Facebook page, updates are provided such as what is happening each month in your area and employment opportunities. Our goal is to provide authentic and relevant mentoring to young Indigenous girls of the East Kimberley and encourage self-determination through their Leadership qualities.

Through their engagement with the Empowered Young Leaders Program, Kimberley Jiyigas invited ex Kimberley Girl winner Darrylin Gordon of Halls Creek to participate as the Keynote speaker, and share on her experiences of being a young leader in her community. Well done Darrylin, you certainly inspired your peers.



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East Kimberley Indigenous Women's

Leadership Development Camp - Lake Argyle



Kimberley Birds were engaged to facilitate an Indigenous Women's Leadership project which was supported by 6 local Indigenous East Kimberley women attending to offer their personal insights and thoughts on how important change of enabling more female leadership of our region could be influenced. The women selected to attend the camp were chosen for their leadership qualities and ability to contribute valuably to the project's objective of producing a 5 Year Strategic Plan on increasing Indigenous Female leadership in the East Kimberley to occupy CEO positions, board positions and Business owner roles. Barriers and solutions were discussed as a collective and the final report submitted back to Wunan and Building Better Regions Fund as the funding body.

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Women in Business

Halls Creek // Kununurra

Whilst in Halls Creek in April, we took an opportunity to see if business women might be interested in having a networking night to talk through the challenges and highlights of business. Thank you to the ladies who joined us in Halls Creek.

Meanwhile, the Kununurra and Wyndham WIB also held in April was an amazing night of listening to two powerful women, Dr Stephanie Trust and Sophie Cooke, who spoke on innovation in the workplace. Both had a wide reach on the video viewing via our Kimberley Birds social media.

We missed the May KWIB in Kununurra due to a very busy season, but we will continue with hosting a monthly gathering of women in business to champion each other and provide a networking opportunity.

Our June KWIB was held in Kununurra on 27 June with guest speaker being Natika Hawkes Wright on digital marketing.

Costs to attend our Women in Business events are \$10 per person.

Like our Facebook page to get updates on our business events.





We would like to acknowledge Ronda Crerar and a big thanks to James Gardiner, an avid bird watcher who provided permission to use their wonderful bird photos. To see more click [here](#).



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.

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KIMBERLEY JIYIGAS



Our logo is inspired by Indigenous artist Susan Nampitjin Peters

The Kimberley Jiyigas logo is that of the magnificent Red Tailed Black Cockatoo found in the Kimberley region. However, the actual Red tailed cockatoo is male, whilst the yellow-orange tail denotes the female bird. Hence, you may notice that, since we are a womens network, the female bird has been used as our logo. Our logo is further symbolic in that whilst the red tailed cockatoo is most often seen and admired by being more readily visible to people, the yellow tailed cockatoo should be more widely acknowledged and admired for their place of importance also.

Kimberley Jiyigas recently assisted the Department of Finance to organise an Information Session to explain about the Aboriginal Procurement Policy.

This policy was introduced in July 2018, and requires WA Government agencies to award a minimum of one per cent of contracts to registered Aboriginal business throughout the 2018-19 financial year increasing to three per cent in 2020-21.

This contract has been won by Morrgul, who will support Aboriginal businesses in the Kimberley.

If you are a local business, please ensure you are registered with Supply Nation and Aboriginal Business Directory.



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