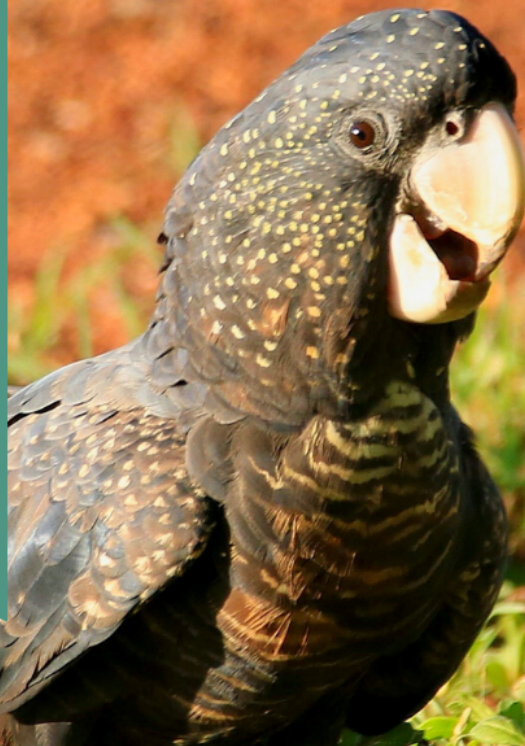




JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



EMPOWER // CONNECT // NETWORK

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!

Kimberley Empowerment, Healing and Leadership

The Kimberley Empowerment Healing and Leadership Program (KEHLP) is an initiative of Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service (KAMS) and is an 8 day program developed by and for Kimberley Indigenous people covering a range of modules including Self, Family and Community. Late in 2019, Kimberley Birds collaborated with East Kimberley Job Pathways (EKJP) and Vicki McKenna of KAMS to deliver KEHLP in Kununurra. Since launching in 2012, KEHLP has been delivered to hundreds of local Indigenous people with great results. Kimberley Birds highly regards the content of this program and encourages others to make contact to find out more about it.

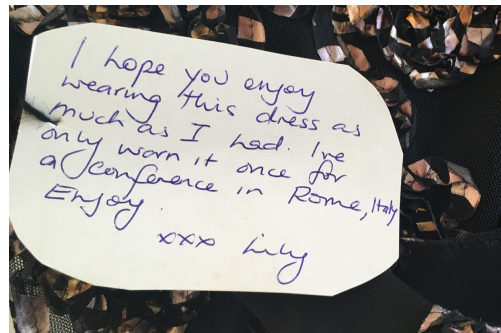
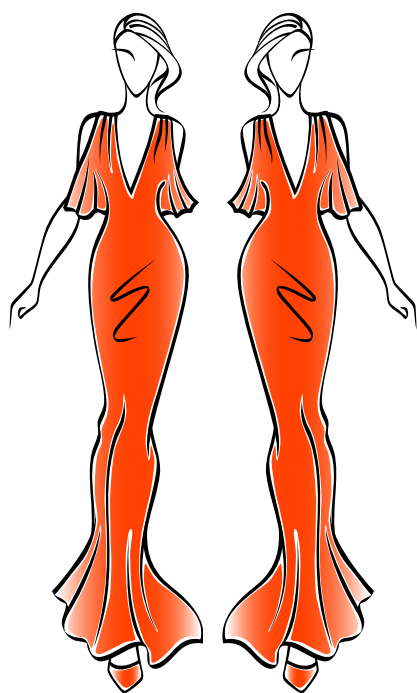
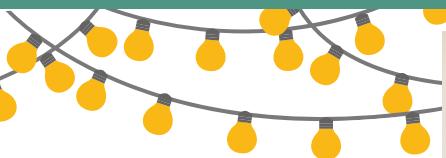


KIMBERLEY JIYIGAS (BIRDS) IS 'A MOVEMENT OF KIMBERLEY
INDIGENOUS WOMEN INFLUENCING SOCIAL CHANGE.'

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

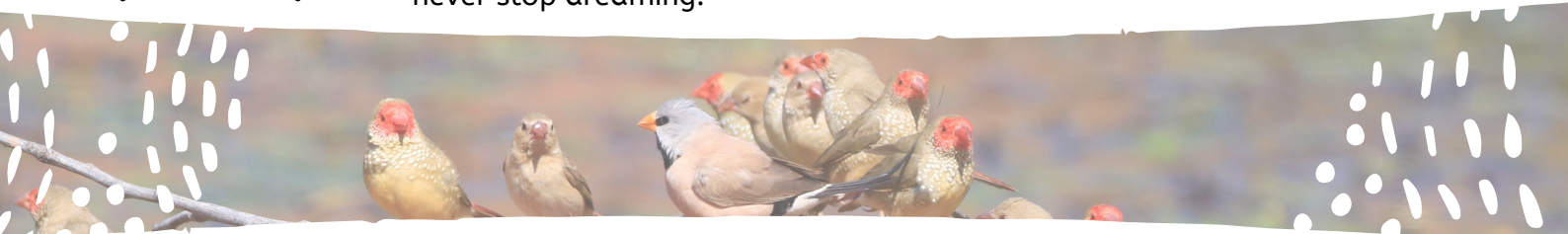




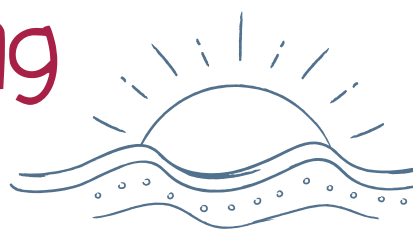
Kimberley Girl 2019

It has been our pleasure to support young Indigenous women of our region throughout 2019 to experience opportunities locally and encourage pursuit of them. Thankyou to Kira Fong and other visionaries of the Kimberley Girl program, who champion change by creating positive role models in our region.

Special mention and thanks to the Jawun team for generously responding to the call to donate some black dresses for the girls during the competition period and for NR Tafe staff in providing support throughout the year. To the upcoming young black and deadly women out there..... reach for the stars and never stop dreaming.



Kalumburu Strong Women's Centre



Kimberley Birds was pleased to join the women of Kalumburu to deliver our Female Leadership workshops. Please 'like' the Kalumburu Strong womens centres facebook page so you can keep up to date on all their wonderful work. You can also buy amazing products from them!!

Our Leadership program was delivered in collaboration with Enterprise Partnerships WA www.epwa.org.au and was a great success. We look forward to further engagement with the local women on empowerment projects and fully support their aspirations of independence.



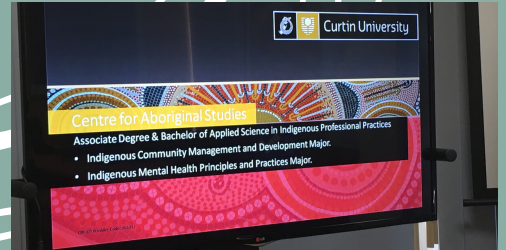
Participant Feedback

'I found the sessions easy to understand, great presentation and lots of explanation about each topic. Full day sessions would give more time for discussion on personal experiences'

'Please bring this workshop back next year so we can learn from it. We want this leadership training to happen again because we want Aboriginal people standing on their own two feet in this community'

Curtin Uni Visit

Kimberley Birds hosted an information session on behalf of Curtin Uni in Kununurra to promote upcoming courses in 2020. If any Aboriginal people in the Kimberley region would like to know more about what support is available to help you gain a University qualification, please contact:
Aaron Matthews - a.matthews@curtin.edu.au or
Frederick Yasso - frederick.yasso@curtin.edu.au.



Freda Carter (Skin name Nyanjili) is a local Jaru woman of Halls Creek. She is a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother and is a well known and much respected person in her community. Jija (Sister) Freda is the epitome of hard work, dedication and steadfastness. She is known for her constant generosity and her caring and gentle nature. Her encouragement to others is 'work hard and always do the right thing'. We couldn't agree more!

Thankyou Jija Freda for all your sacrifices and for your contribution to our East Kimberley community. We greatly value you and hold you in very high esteem.

KIMBERLEY BIRDS SERVICES ARE

- *Community and Cultural Intelligence*
- *Indigenous Female Leadership Development*
- *Conferencing and Event Management*
- *Indigenous Business Support and Development*

We would like to acknowledge Ronda Crerar and friends in providing permission to use their wonderful bird photos. Visit East Kimberley & Northern Territory birds Facebook page to see more.



Kimberley Birds presented the Girls Academy Employment Award to Halejah Storey



Kimberley Bird Natasha Short was a guest speaker at the Deborah Conference in Perth



"A strong woman looks at a challenge in the eye and gives it a wink"

Gina Carey



Kununurra *and* Wyndham Women in Business



Kimberley Birds would like to sincerely thank all the amazing women of the East Kimberley Community in joining us throughout 2019 to talk 'Secret Women's Business'! In 2019, we held regular evening events to champion the women in our community who run their own businesses. In 2020, we will be developing new ways to support local business owners by positively promoting their work and contribution locally, especially our amazing female Indigenous business owners.

Kimberley Birds encourages local business owners to become members of the local East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry to keep abreast of local development. Check out their new website here www.ekcci.com.au. We encourage all Kimberley Indigenous Business owners to ensure they register of various platforms to ensure their business is being promoted and easily accessible.

It is a very exciting time for Indigenous business owners so please contact Kimberley Birds if you want to find out more about how you can be supported to grow your business in 2020!

KIMBERLEY BIRDS CAN BE ENGAGED TO PROVIDE

- Speaking Engagements
- Mentoring
- Female Leadership Development
- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Training
- Advocacy
- Event Management
- Communication Strategies
- Cross Cultural Awareness Training

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

This quarter we have supported Emalyn in Philippines to help purchase food and other supplies to raise her livestock.

Full details click here.

kiva

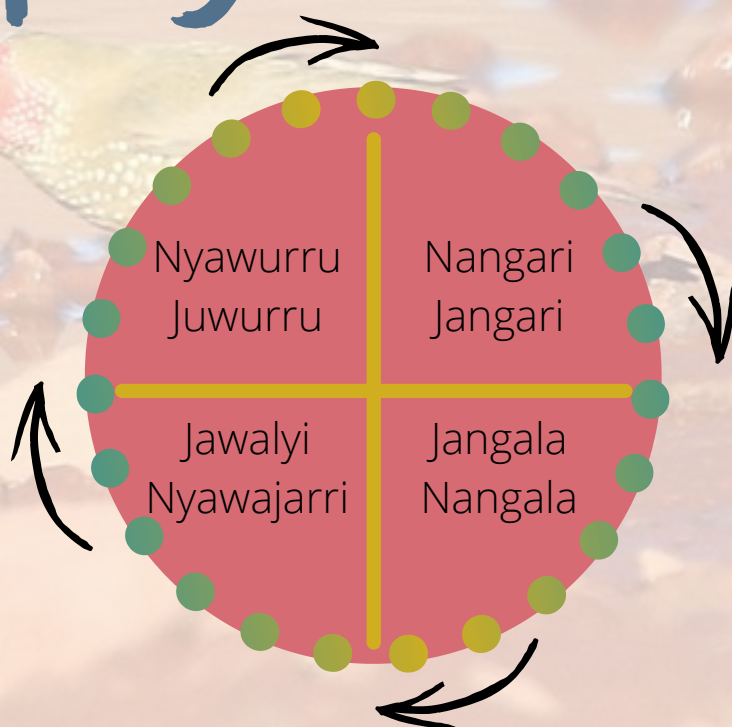
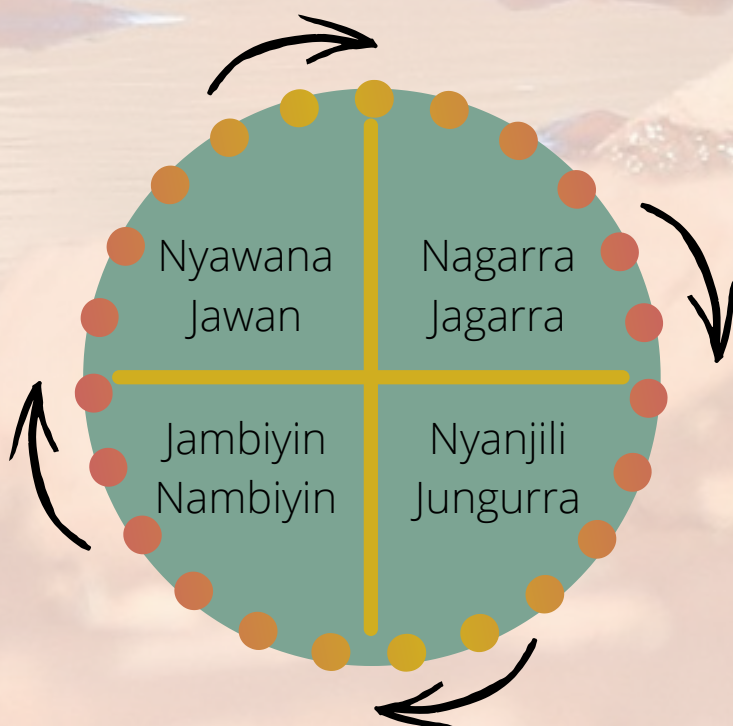


See our Facebook page to know more about the Cert 4 Mental Health Training coming up in 2020 with KAMS. Please contact Lulu McKenna for more information on 0427 365 765 if you are interested!

Skin Group System

The 'Skin Group' is a system within Aboriginal societies that determines relationships, obligations and your connection in that society.

The relevance and existence of the Kimberley Kinship system should have greater recognition as a reality within community so there can be more effective engagement with our people and greater social and economic benefits can take place for local people.



Although this system is not as strictly practiced as in traditional times, it highlights the importance and value of family networks. A simple understanding can help build relationships and allow for more effective communication that enhance better outcomes. Kimberley Birds offers Cross Cultural Training OR we can put you in touch with the right people if you want to know more about Kimberley Indigenous Culture.



www.facebook.com/kimberleybirds



admin@kimberleybirds.com.au



Kimberley Jiyigas is 100% Kimberley Indigenous Owned

www.kimberleybirds.com.au