



AUGUST 2020
NEWSLETTER

EMPOWER // CONNECT // NETWORK

EMPOWERING ABORIGINAL WOMEN PROJECTS



Kimberley Birds would like to reinvest back into our local community through our Empowering Aboriginal Women (EAW) projects. If you are an Aboriginal woman aged 16 and over, and you have a positive project that you would like support with, Kimberley Birds is giving away 6 x \$500 financial gifts to help you along!

If you would like more information or to request an application form, please make contact with our team. Our EAW projects is connected to our Kimberley Birds products /merchandise and 50% of all profits will be returned to Kimberley Aboriginal women, through our EAW initiative. Applications are OPEN NOW and will close on Friday 28th August 2020.

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



SAFE
HAVEN



Mental Health Commission recently engaged Kimberley Birds to gather some insights from Aboriginal people in regards to the establishment of a "Safe Haven Cafe" in Kununurra.

The Safe Haven initiative is being designed to offer support to people in our community who are feeling distressed and need a quiet place/ safe place to talk to someone about their concerns.

Special thanks to local Aboriginal people who joined us in the park and contributed to this important initiative.



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

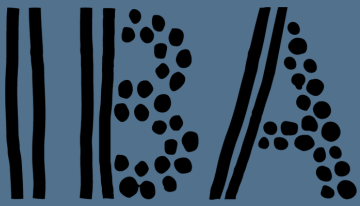
Empower First Nation
women around the
world by enabling
micro business
opportunities

Wunan Health & Wellbeing Centre



Dr Steph is seeing her amazing vision rapidly becoming a reality. The Wunan Medical Centre is on track to open its doors in the next few months and will be a multi-disciplinary facility that will host numerous medical experts under one roof for patient convenience and care. It will serve people throughout the Kimberley as well as tourists to the region.

Dr Steph is still looking for Doctors, so if you're interested in working with the clinical team, please make contact with Fiona Baines at generalmanager@kununurramedical.com to find out more information on how to join their team.



INDIGENOUS
BUSINESS
AUSTRALIA

Kimberley Jiyigas, in conjunction with Indigenous Business Australia, and supported by Yura Yungi Medical Service, will host a two-day East Kimberley Aboriginal Leaders and Women's in Business (EK ALWIB) Forum on the 26th & 27th August on Jaru Country at Caroline Pool, near Halls Creek. The forum will be the first of its kind in the region, and seeks to identify and support Aboriginal women in their business and leadership aspirations. We are very proud to host this event to support the dreams of Aboriginal women of our region.

Watch out for the media updates including photos on our next newsletter.

UNFORTUNATELY, APPLICATIONS FOR THIS EVENT ARE CLOSED

New Jiyigas to the team



Pauline Manning



Annette Koglogo



Jodie Bedford

Welcome new Jiyigas to the network and our new Advisors!
You can check out their profiles on our recently updated website.
It's Deadly!

Credits to: Artwork - Joan James, Photos - Ronda Crear and
Graphic Design - Kristy Brittain

kiva

We support women into micro business opportunities locally, nationally and internationally. Consider donating funds to KIVA through their website and empower a woman into business today!

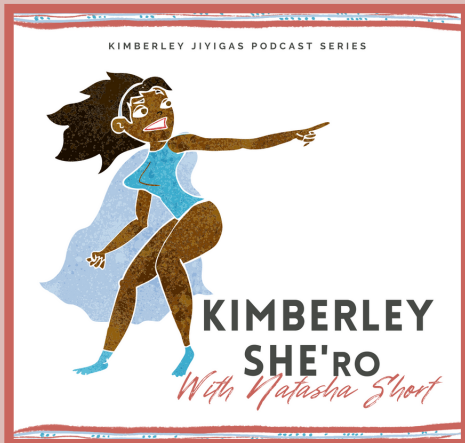


HELP STOP



ELDER ABUSE...

Kimberley Jiyigas has been engaged by the Kimberley Community Legal Service to conduct some work around Financial Elder Abuse within the Kimberley Community, with a focus on Aboriginal people over the age of 50. Financial Elder Abuse is the situation where an older person is being abused by someone regarding their finances. We will be collecting data around this topic and will work closely with KCLS to help develop practical resources to better support people in our community.



KIMBERLEY SHE'RO PODCASTS

What's a SHE'RO? Well, it's the female version of a Hero, according to Dr Maya Angelou. Kimberley Jiyigas will soon be releasing our first episode of the Kimberley Shero Series, the podcast that amplifies the voices of some of our most deadly and inspirational local Kimberley Indigenous women.

Their stories are so important and should be shared widely with audiences everywhere!

This project has been enabled through the generosity of our wonderful local Aboriginal women and with the support of Warringarri Radio station. You can listen to more on Apple Podcast or click [here](#).



coles express

Coles Express has continued to support the local Halls Creek community and have recently donated \$3,500 worth (480 bottles) of hand sanitizers to Yura Yungi, the hospital and the Centrelink office to ensure good practices are maintained following COVID-19.

Coles Express also donated 50 Kangaroo Tails for local people including the Frail Age, HACC and even the local Centrelink office staff cooked up a lovely meal recently for their guests.

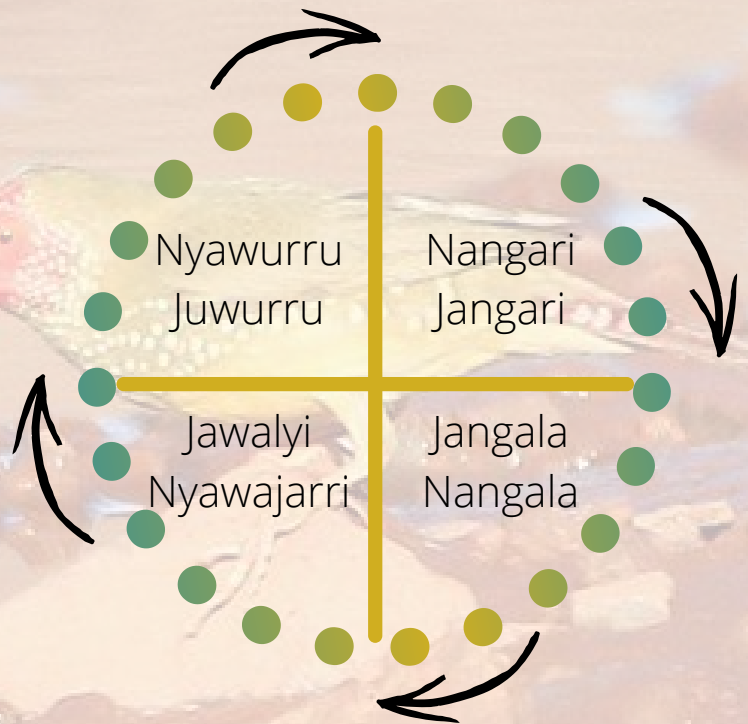
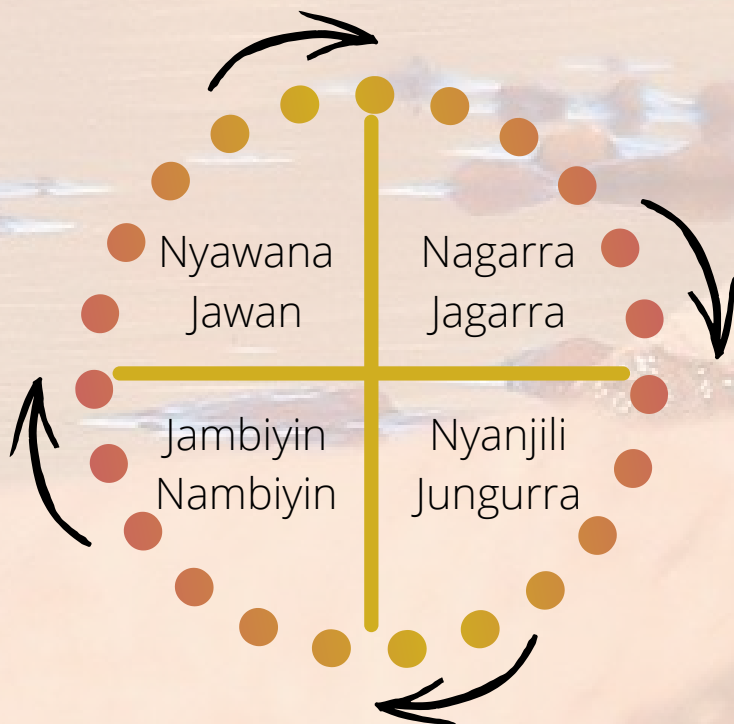
With the support of Kimberley Birds, Coles Express will continue to engage the local community, to strengthen community relationships and ensure the voice of local Aboriginal people are heard.

Watch this space for a few exciting art initiatives!



Skin Group System

The 'Kinship System' can be seen as rules that govern an Aboriginal society. It determines relationships, responsibilities and connection within an Aboriginal society. Skin names identify key relationships and provides guidance to what is appropriate communication within.



While this system is practised at varying levels across Aboriginal Kimberley communities, it highlights the importance and value of family networks. The existence and relevance of the 'Kinship System' should have greater recognition as a reality within communities. This awareness and understanding can facilitate effective engagement and ultimately provide greater social and economic benefits for our local people.

Recently, one of our clients asked, 'how are Aboriginal people throughout the Kimberley are so connected?' Well, it's through the 'Kinship System' (or skin names) that many of our local people relate and connect to each other. A simple understanding of this structure can not only help you build relationships within the community setting but give you an appreciation of how your clients (Aboriginal people) are relating to one another and maintaining their cultural obligations to one another. 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 cultures.



How we can help you!

*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*

*We don't grow
when things are
easy. we grow
when we face
challenges.*



Kimberley
Girl

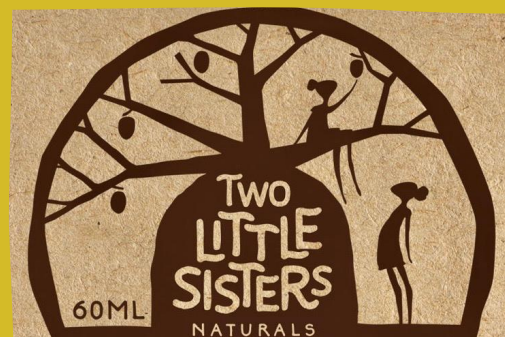


Kimberley Jiyigas will be providing assistance to young Aboriginal women of our region and supporting the goals and aspirations of Kimberley Girl. If you are a young woman living in the East Kimberley, and you want to receive FREE mentoring and support to reach your dreams, get in touch with us. We offer personalised coaching and guidance to network you with the right people and can help you find suitable employment. Kimberley Girl participants – past and future – will also receive additional bonuses offered by Kimberley Jiyigas, so we encourage young ladies to pursue leadership and personal development opportunities that will help to establish your futures. Contact us direct to set up your one on one appointment.

OUR YOUNG KIMBERLEY INDIGENOUS BUSINESS WOMEN IN THE REGION

Zoe Williams and her younger sister Mackaia, are the owners of the business Two Little Sisters. At their age, they are possibly the youngest Kimberley Indigenous business women of our region, with their healing balm. The sisters learnt about the healing properties of local plants through their grandmother, who passed her knowledge onto her grand-daughters. The girls live in Kununurra and are descendants of the Miriwoong people. If you would like to support the girls and purchase their product, you can contact them through their Facebook page, Two Little Sisters Essentials. They are also on Instagram and will soon launch their website if you would like to find out more about Two Little Sisters!

WWW.TWOLITTLESISTERS.COM.AU



www.facebook.com/kimberleybirds



admin@kimberleybirds.com.au



Kimberley Jiyigas is 100%
Kimberley Indigenous Owned

www.kimberleybirds.com.au