



Kimberley  
JIYIGAS

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NEWSLETTER

We exist to:

Promote Australian Indigenous Culture

Amplify Indigenous Women's voices

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



## Empowering Aboriginal Women Grants

Lexie is the Managing Director of RJ Madden Earth Works and is always on the go, managing her business and taking care of family matters. Each year, through the sales of our merchandise via our online shop 'Birds of a Feather, SHOP together' Kimberley Jiyigas reinvests financial support back to Kimberley Aboriginal women through our Empowering Aboriginal Women grants.

We are always excited to be part of the growing business success of our deadly local women, and we were proud to support Lexie with producing capability statements and uniforms for her growing business.

Watch out for more exciting updates on Lexie and also our EAW grants.

Lexie Trancollino

A proud Gidja woman who  
calls Halls Creek, East  
Kimberley, her home.

## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

Kimberley Birds staff had the privilege of speaking at two International Womens Day events this year, in both Kununurra and Broome. We thank both the East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and the Broome Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to join as their presenters and speak to the broader community about issues we are passionate about.



# KIMBERLEY SHEROS



Our next 'Kimberley Shero' (Female version of a Hero!) podcast episodes are ready for you to listen to! Tallulah Bieundurry is a Kimberley woman with strong ties to the Fitzroy Crossing area, a descendant of the Walmatjarri, Wangkatjungka, Bunuba and Gooniyandi people. Tallulah is the product of a biracial union, and shares her unique life story of growing up and the major influences in her life, including her recently departed, but much loved, 'Jaja' (Mothers Mother).

Tallulah has been given various platforms to amplify her voice, through her radio program 'Deadly Justice' as well as writing regularly for a local regional paper. Listen to this deadly 3 part yarn, with a young Kimberley woman, who was crowned 'Kimberley Girl' in 2020. We thank our supporters in this project, Good Return and Aarnja



## OUR VISIT TO BALGO

Kimberley Birds was at Balgo in February with Enterprise Partnerships WA talking to the local women about their leadership and business aspirations.

Supporting Aboriginal women, in their business goals and facilitating conversations about self empowerment through business growth, especially in communities that are heavily dependent on welfare, is a brand new way of opening up new possibilities. It's a new way of creating income streams.

Business is another way to make money. It's possible to create income streams by using your own knowledge, experience, passions and skills.

We would love to talk to Aboriginal women across the Kimberley about being in Business and how to be your own Boss!

## Native Title Determination in the Kimberley

Congratulations to the Jaru Nation for having established their Prescribed Body Corporation (PBC) as Jaru Aboriginal Corporation. After Jaru people gained their Native Title Determination in 2019, hundreds of people from throughout the Jaru Nation joined together in Halls Creek, East Kimberley in March to establish the PBC & Board.

This was a historic day for Jaru people and signifies the beginning of a new vision for our people, our families, our communities and our Country. There was much excitement and celebration, as we all look forward to our future.

*Always Was, Always will Be.*





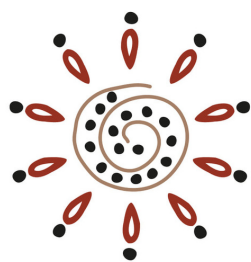


# Politics in Colour Candid Conversations

Did you miss joining our live webinar that showcased the 3 Aboriginal women who contested the Seat of Kimberley in 2021 in the March Elections? Why not visit our YouTube channel to catch up on what was discussed at the Kimberley Aboriginal Women make Political History recording Kimberley Birds sincerely thanks to our partners Women's Business and Women for Election Australia and of course our guest speakers,

- Millie Hills - Nationals for the Kimberley
- Divina D'Anna - Labor for Kimberley
- Naomi Pigram, Greens candidate for The Kimberley

Thanks also to Goolarri Media Enterprises for their professional support.



## Maganda Makers

Empowering Kimberley Indigenous Women  
to build wealth through Business

Kimberley Birds look forward to being part of the continued economic empowerment and growth of Kimberley Indigenous Women (KIW) in Business. As an initiative to champion this growth, Kimberley Jiyigas, in collaboration with Good Return and the Menzies Foundation have created the Maganda Makers (Maganda is Jaru for 'Tomorrow') Business Club.

Over the next few weeks and months more details will be given - so watch this space! Specifically, for now, if you are Ngaringga or Wiyi in Business (whether you are aspiring, emerging or already in business) we invite you to go to the following link to join the private network MAGANDA MAKERS Business Club.

It will only take you a couple of minutes to join (and is free to do so!). The Mighty Networks app you can download on your phone and then search for the network: 'Maganda Makers. You can also find information on the Maganda Makers facebook page: [@magandamakers](#)



*Congratulations Divina D'Anna*  
for securing the Kimberley Seat and we  
all wish her the very best in her new role




## ON BUNUBA COUNTRY

Kimberley Birds hosted the Wiyi in Business camp on Bunuba Country in April. The Aboriginal Leaders and Women in Business event was attended by about 40 Aboriginal women in leadership or business from the West Kimberley.

This event was sponsored by Indigenous Business Australia and was a great success, and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

See our facebook page for more pictures and wait for the camp video to be uploaded to our utube channel.

We sincerely thank our presenters, participants, Yiramalay College and Bunuba people for hosting us.



# Kimberley Birds welcomes Yisah Bin Omar to the Kimberley Jiyigas Network

Nangala skin Yisah Bin Omar is a descendant of the Djugun, Gija, Karrijarri and Nyikina people of the Kimberley region. Through her mother's line also has connections to the Peoples of Quandamooka (Queensland).

Yisah grew up in the West Kimberley and is proud to call the Kimberley home. While raising her family Yisah obtained a Bachelor of Applied Science (Indigenous Community Management and Development) from Curtin University. She has been doing this work formally since graduating in 2012. Yisah has worked in a variety of sectors but has been in the Youth Sector in Derby since 2018.

Read more about Yisah and meet our other Kimberley Jiyigas on our website.

[www.kimberleybirds.com.au/kimberley-jiyigas-profiles](http://www.kimberleybirds.com.au/kimberley-jiyigas-profiles)



## VISIT OUR ONLINE SHOP

*Birds of a Feather SHOP together!*



\$15



\$10



\$65

We now have an Instagram page for the beautiful products from our online shop Birds of a Feather SHOP together! We would love you to follow us @birdsofafeathershoptogether so you can support the work of Kimberley Birds and see our product range as it expands.

Kimberley Strong Woman Coolers (\$10), Large Mouse Pads (\$15) and amazing bamboo material Polo Shirts (\$65).

These items will go quick, so be sure to put in your order at [www.kimberleybirds.com.au/shop](http://www.kimberleybirds.com.au/shop)

PS Remember to spread the word about our Instagram page! #birdsofafeathershoptogether

PPS We would love to see some photos of you with our Kimberley Strong Woman's products! Be sure to put that up on your social media and tag us!

#amplifyingaboriginalwomensvoices #aboriginalwomensuccess #economicempowerment



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