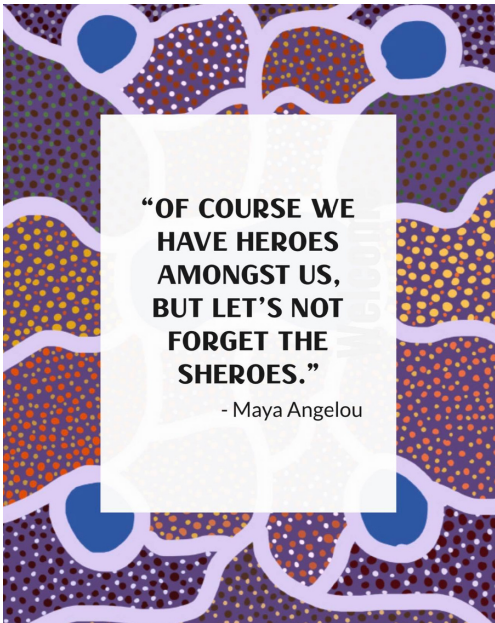




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We exist to:

*Amplify Indigenous Women's voices*

*Promote Australian Indigenous Culture*

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



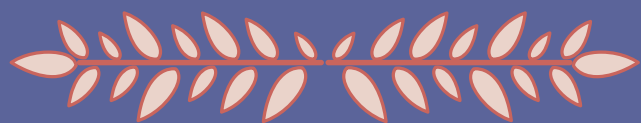
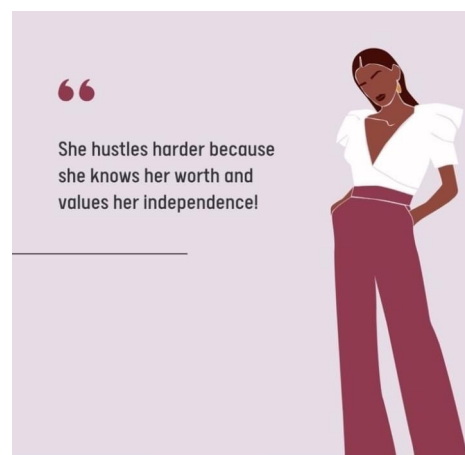
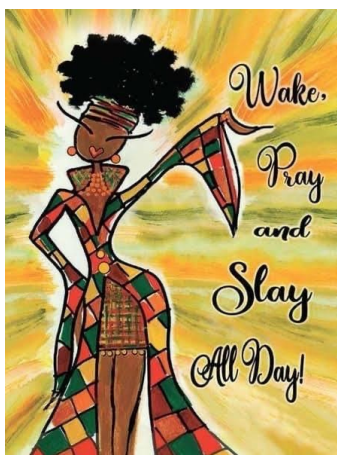
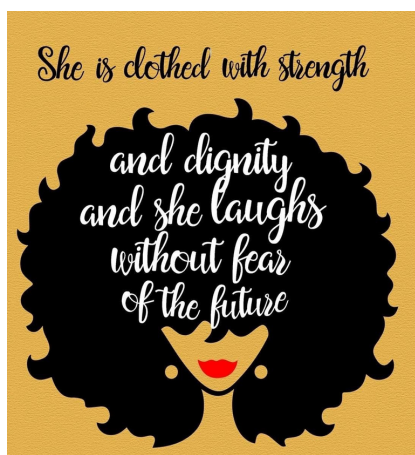
# LOOKING FOR 100 YOUNG ABORIGINAL GIRLS AND WOMEN!

Over the next 6 months we are working closely with Young Change Agents on the Lighting the Spark initiative. We will be targeting 100 young Aboriginal Kimberley women aged between 14 and 24 years of age who are interested in learning more about business.

We are very excited to share in the vision of YCA to encourage and sow seeds of financial independence into our young women.

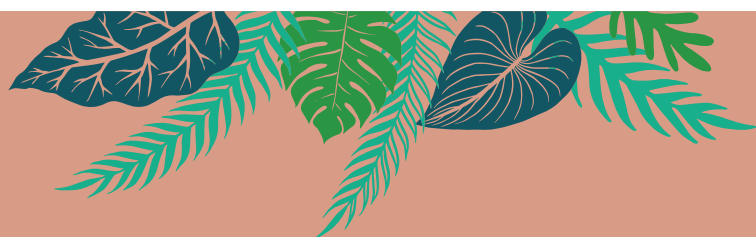
If you want to know more about this work, please contact us or one of our support team on this project, Rowena Mouda, Maureen O'Meara, Sally Martin or Pat Torres.

If you know suitable candidates, including women in this age category, refer them to us, if you know they are open to learning about business.



We joined **Impact North** at their SESNA Social Enterprise Summit for Northern Australia – 'when women lead' webinar in November to speak and share our journey in growing female led businesses in the Kimberley.

It was a great interactive online platform to engage with many people from around Australia who are growing in their interest to learn more about this space.



One way that Kimberley Birds supports Indigenous women around the globe into business, is to financially enable them through platforms such as KIVA. The women repay the loan as their business begins to grow, and more women can be supported. Check out the [KIVA website](#) for more information.



# Exciting news!

Our 'Kimberley SHERos and not so Secret Womens Business' magazine is almost ready for your reading enjoyment.

This publication was enabled through the support of our partners Good Return who assisted us in raising the funds to conduct podcasts with Kimberley Aboriginal women throughout the region. Secondly, we repurposed those audio stories into articles for our magazine. This publication also includes insights from a range of high achieving Aboriginal women, recipes, gardening tips, social and emotional well-being tips and lots of fantastic business resources. It's a keepsake item that readers will enjoy for a long time.

Great news, you have the option of purchasing the magazine in print but if you miss out, there is a digital version available for only \$10 which is great value for content of this nature.

We sincerely THANK everyone who has been part of this incredible journey with us to share the stories of our First Nation women.

We would love to hear your feedback on this publication.



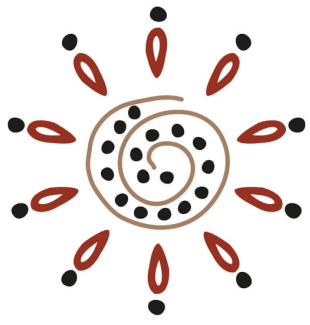
## Birds of a Feather



Don't forget you can support our work by purchasing from our online store – Birds of a Feather, SHOP Together, where 50% of our profits are returned to our community in various empowerment initiatives that support local women.

You can visit our store [HERE](#)





# Maganda Makers

Our 'Maganda Makers' programs is growing rapidly throughout the Kimberley as more Indigenous women are contacting us to 'talk business'.

This is an exciting development for us as we feel that economic engagement by our Indigenous community is a real game change for the future and one of the ways to see true self empowerment happening amongst our people. We have supported numerous Indigenous Businesses this past quarter, and we celebrate every win, great or small, with our local women. This pilot project is being guided by a skilled advisory board consisting of Geoff Haerewa, Clare Wood, Cherie Sibosado and Katina Law. This initiative has been enabled through our partnership with Menzies Foundation and Good Return.



BE THE GIRL WHO DECIDED  
TO GO FOR IT



Today is your chance to  
build the tomorrow you  
deserve.



## ADVOCACY IS KEY...

In November, Kimberley Community Legal Service engaged Kimberley Birds to do some consults throughout the East Kimberley to find out how social housing tenants cope with the extreme heat in our region. Policy does not require that social housing properties are built with cooling systems in homes, such as air conditioning. So it was insightful to listen to peoples stories and collect data about how the lack of cooling systems and the living conditions are having a detrimental effect on residents. Do you have any thoughts about how things can be better for Kimberley residents regarding cooling options in their homes? Contact Grace Dudley at KCLS in Kununurra. Advocacy for this project will continue into 2022.



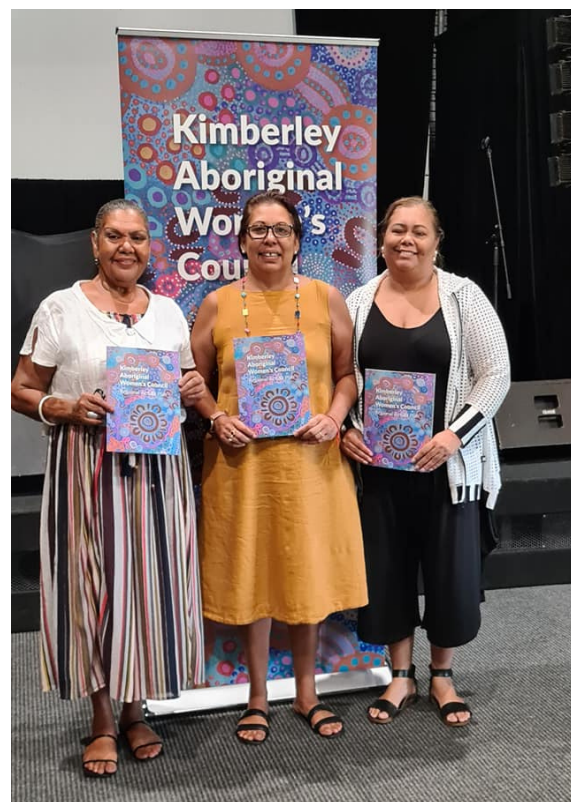


# KIMBERLEY ABORIGINAL WOMENS COUNCIL

Following the recent release of the **Wiyi Yani U Thangani - Women's Voices** report by the Human Rights Commission, a new Aboriginal Corporation has recently been established in the Kimberley, with a specific focus on local women, in line with a recommendation of that report.

The **Kimberley Aboriginal Womens Council** will have a range of priority areas as their initial focus, inaugural committee members and their BIOs can be found on the KAWC Facebook page.

For more information or to connect with the vision of KAWC, please contact the Chairperson Janine Dureau on [Janine.dureau@bigpond.com](mailto:Janine.dureau@bigpond.com)



Established in 2018, Kimberley Birds Pty Ltd is an Indigenous consultancy business based in the East Kimberley region. We engage Aboriginal women to help get better outcomes for our community in a manner that is culturally appropriate and effective. We offer a wide range of services from designing Strategic Plans to Speaking Engagements. Please contact us for more information or visit us on our various platforms to engage with our work.

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