



Kimberley  
JIYIGAS



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WE EXIST TO:



EMPOWER  
MORE  
WOMEN INTO  
BUSINESS

PROMOTE  
INDIGENOUS  
CULTURE

AMPLIFY  
INDIGENOUS  
WOMEN'S  
VOICES



## NALIJA TIME IS ON WARINGARRI MEDIA EVERY MONDAY AT 11AM



Nalija (tea) Time is a half hour lifestyle radio show and podcast over a cup of tea. Nalija Time speaks to issues impacting the Kimberley region and beyond. From economics, politics, education, health, wellbeing, culture, land and sea, and development. Presented by respected broadcasters Natasha Short and Mitch Torres, it features some deadly Kimberley characters. Sometimes light-hearted and other times taking a deep dive into important issues of our time.

Want to be a guest or know someone who has something to share? Let us know, we would love to hand the mic over to you too.

**[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO MORE.](#)**





# YOUR VOTING CHOICE

In Partnership with AEC, Kimberley Jiyigas has developed a new resource to help mob to understand the voting system, how it affects them, and how they can participate.

Your Voting Choice is a space for Indigenous voices, knowledge, and empowerment. Our mission is to help Mob understand how the Australian political system works, so you can speak up, show up, and make change in your community.

[www.yourvotingchoice.com.au](http://www.yourvotingchoice.com.au) is an amazing tool for communities and schools to help Indigenous people understand how the government processes work. Join the Facebook Page to learn about how you can participate and get involved.



## Job Pathways STAFF DAY FEEDBACK

Natasha had the opportunity to speak at the Job Pathways Team Forum in August. It was a great session, and this is what they had to say...



"Natasha's presentation at Job Pathways' Team Development Forum was a true highlight. She brought depth, warmth and honesty to the conversation about cultural considerations, helping our team reflect on how we can consciously work better with and within the communities we serve. Natasha has a gift for connecting people to story and place, while also challenging us to think differently. Her knowledge and delivery sparked valuable conversations across our organisation and we are grateful for the clarity and inspiration she provided. Kimberley Birds is making an incredible impact and we feel privileged to have had Natasha share her insights with us."



Looking for ways to support Indigenous Business.... Here is a short video we've made to help you understand why it's so important. If you are an Indigenous Business, please feel free to share it on your socials too! It's important that we all support each other.

**WATCH NOW**





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REIMAGINED

Kimberley Jiyigas has been working with the team at Kununurra Reimagined. Kununurra is changing and now is the chance for Aboriginal people to have a say about what they want that to look like. We need Indigenous voices, ideas, and perspectives to help shape the town of Kununurra so it feels like home for all who live there. Kimberley Jiyigas is making sure that mob knows what's happening when, and how they can get involved.

Natasha facilitated a yarning circle on the 17th of September with the local community to help gather their ideas and thoughts. We've created some fun videos about the project (you can watch one below) and you can follow the link [here](#) to find the most up to date information about the project.

This is an ongoing project, so we will continue to share information and resources with you all over the coming months.

WATCH NOW 

## WUNAN FINANCIAL LITERACY PROJECT

We have been busy behind the scenes working on a project with the Wunan Financial Hub. We are so excited to see it taking shape and can't wait to share the videos when they are finished. Waringarri Media has taken some beautiful video for us, and artist Vanessa White has created stunning illustrations to bring our characters to life.

The Mirima Language Centre has taken the script and has added Kriol translations too. Keep your eye out for the final videos coming out soon!



'PERSERVERANCE  
IS FAILING 19 TIMES  
AND SUCCEEDING  
THE 20TH'

Julie Andrews







## MAGANDA MAKERS LTD IS LOOKING FOR ITS NEW CEO BROOME OR KUNUNURRA - KIMBERLEY REGION, WA

Are you a visionary leader passionate about social impact, community-driven change, and Indigenous development? Maganda Makers Ltd is seeking an inspiring Chief Executive Officer to lead our next chapter in the beautiful Kimberley region (Broome / Kununurra area).

### WHO WE ARE

Maganda Makers Business Club is committed to delivering real, sustainable benefits to communities - fostering local enterprise, cultural strength, and equitable opportunity.

### ROLE HIGHLIGHTS

- Provide strategic leadership and deliver on our mission and values
- Foster strong relationships with stakeholders, communities, funders & government
- Oversee operations, finance, governance, business development & growth
- Lead a passionate team working in a challenging but rewarding environment

### YOUR EXPERIENCE AND QUALITIES

- Proven senior leadership experience (especially in regional or Indigenous development contexts)
- Strong financial acumen, governance & fundraising track record
- Excellent communication, cross-cultural sensitivity, ability to engage with diverse groups
- Commitment to place-based approach, community empowerment & social justice

### WHY THIS ROLE MATTERS

You'll be part of a movement strengthening community-led economic opportunity in the Kimberley. You'll lead with purpose - working with communities, not for them.

- Location: Based in Broome / Kununurra region (Western Australia)
- Applications close soon - don't miss your chance to lead meaningful change.



**VIEW JOB  
DESCRIPTION  
HERE**







# HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAGANDA MAKERS CAMP IN LOMBADINA





## SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

**She Gives** is a movement that seeks to highlight women's giving at any scale, to any cause, accelerating positive social change. **She Gives** ambition is to celebrate, share, and inspire women's giving in Australia. Natasha had the opportunity to share her story as part of **She Gives** 100 Stories of Sharing. Follow the link [here](#) to have a read for yourself.

Do you know of an event coming up that needs a strong Indigenous voice. Natasha is available for speaking and facilitation opportunities. Please reach out if this interest you.

*'Of course we have heroes amongst us, but lets not forget the sheroes'*  
Maya Angelou



### GROWING STRONG IN THE WORKFORCE

BECAUSE EMPOWERED INDIGENOUS STAFF  
BUILD RESILIENT, PROSPEROUS WORKPLACES.

#### THE CHALLENGES

You hire Aboriginal employees because you value their contribution, but are they truly set up for success?

Essential workplace skills like communication, teamwork, and cultural navigation are often assumed, but rarely taught in a way that's culturally relevant.

Managers are left repeating the same foundational guidance over and over, and still gaps persist.

What's missing isn't effort. It's structure, consistency, and culturally safe delivery.

#### Workplace Support that Helps your Indigenous Staff Succeed.

##### A SOLUTION YOU CAN TRUST

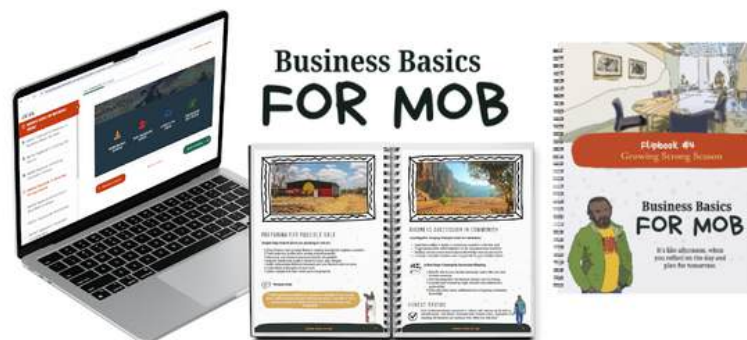
Growing Strong in the Workforce gives your Indigenous staff access to 'foundational workplace knowledge' delivered in a way that resonates.

Created for Aboriginal staff, it's a self-paced online audio program that helps employees grow in confidence, communication, and capability, wherever they work.

It's not HR. It's essential education that many workplaces overlook, but no one should go without.

[Learn More](#)

[GrowingStrongintheWorkforce.com.au](http://GrowingStrongintheWorkforce.com.au)



### Business Basics for Mob

Drawing on decades of experience supporting Indigenous entrepreneurs, this course offers practical, culturally relevant guidance for Indigenous people wanting to start and grow a business

#### BY MOB, FOR MOB

Unlike mainstream business courses, the Business Basics for Mob- "Walking the Business Track" respects cultural obligations, starts from the resources Indigenous people already have and helps them to build a business that strengthens rather than sacrifices their connection to culture and community.

##### THE BUSINESS TRACK

1. Starting our Season
2. Finding customers Season
3. Growing strong Season
4. Storytime: Real Mob in Action

#### SUPPORT THAT HELPS INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURS THRIVE.

##### THE COURSE

Through short audio lessons, real stories from successful Indigenous business owners and simple action steps, you'll learn how to:

- Turn your skills into a business idea
- Get set up properly with minimal fuss
- Start with what you've already got
- Find customers and set fair prices
- Manage money simply but effectively
- Balance business with family and community

[Learn More](#)

[BUSINESSBASICSFORMOB.COM.AU](http://BUSINESSBASICSFORMOB.COM.AU)

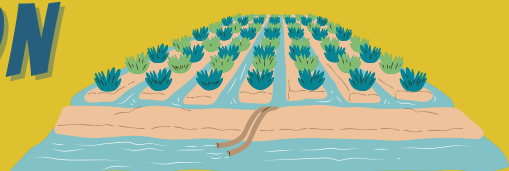


# A NOTE FROM THE GM'S DESK

Hard to believe, but I've just reached my 6 month mark here at Kimberley Jiyigas. I love the work that I have been able to do in my role in this time, and with each project I work on I learn what an incredibly special place the Kimberley really is. The thing that has impressed on me the most is the love that you all have for the place. So much of our modern life is disposable- easily replaced when it no longer serves us. The love and commitment for Country I have seen- the dedication to care for people and place- it has taught me and challenged me to seek out ways that I too can connect and care for my own community better. I look forward to playing my part in our upcoming projects here at Kimberley Jiyigas and seeing how they support the love and dedication you all have for your beautiful region.



## ORD IRRIGATION SCHEME



Kimberley Jiyigas is working with Marsden Jacob Associates to consult with the community on the proposed expansion of the Ord Irrigation Scheme to the WA-NT Border. The NT, Australian and WA governments are interested in extending the Ord River Irrigation Scheme to the NT-WA Border. This will make water available for further agricultural development on both sides of the border. Over the past two years, Marsden Jacob Associates has been working with the NT and WA Governments to look at infrastructure options to get water to the border. Information about this work is available online [here](#).

Marsden Jacob has started a detailed review of three options. This review will look more closely at the:

- Infrastructure design, location and cost.
- Social, environmental, cultural and economic positives and negatives / pros and cons.
- Benefits to the local community, including to the Miriwoong and Gajerrong Traditional Owners and Aboriginal people in the East Kimberley.

The review includes community consultation over the next 6 to 8 months. All community members will be welcome to have their say. The purpose of the review is to gather information and provide advice to the NT and Australian Governments. They will use this information to decide whether to go ahead with the Ord Expansion project.

### Expected Benefits

- Under all three options, the expansion project is expected to create economic, business and employment opportunities across the East Kimberley.
- The project is expected to:
  - Create between \$28.17m and \$81.29m in direct economic benefits (e.g., jobs, wages, revenue and sales)
  - Support 1,291-2,781 jobs across construction, farms, processing and supply chains (e.g., logistics, wholesale, production).





# STRENGTH THROUGH COLLABORATION

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS MONTH 2025



Indigenous Business Month is a month-long celebration and showcase of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, highlighting their innovation, excellence, economic independence and self-determination.

Held annually between 1-31 October, the platform seeks to inspire the next generation of Indigenous entrepreneurs and build awareness of the role Indigenous business plays in creating jobs, preserving culture and driving economic development.

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