

CIRCULAR HEAD ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2020- 2021

Preminghana Petroglyphs

Staff and Community were privileged to attend Launceston's Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery (QVMAG) to view the ancient Petroglyphs. They were removed from Preminghana's (Mount Cameron) landscape in the 1950-60's and taken to the museums in Launceston and Hobart for preservation and display.

In 1999 Preminghana was declared an Indigenous Protected Area due to having some of the most significant ancient rock carvings in the world, the patterns are of animal & bird tracks and the circles represent the sun & moon. Pictured is Kelly Burke & Dr Auntie Patsy Cameron AO



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional custodians of the Northwest Nation of Tasmania;

The Tomme-ginner people of Table Cape

The Parper-loi-hener people of Robbins Island

The Pennemuker people of Cape Grim

The Pendow-te people of Studland Bay

The Pee-rapper people of West Point

The Ma-ne-gin people of Arthur River

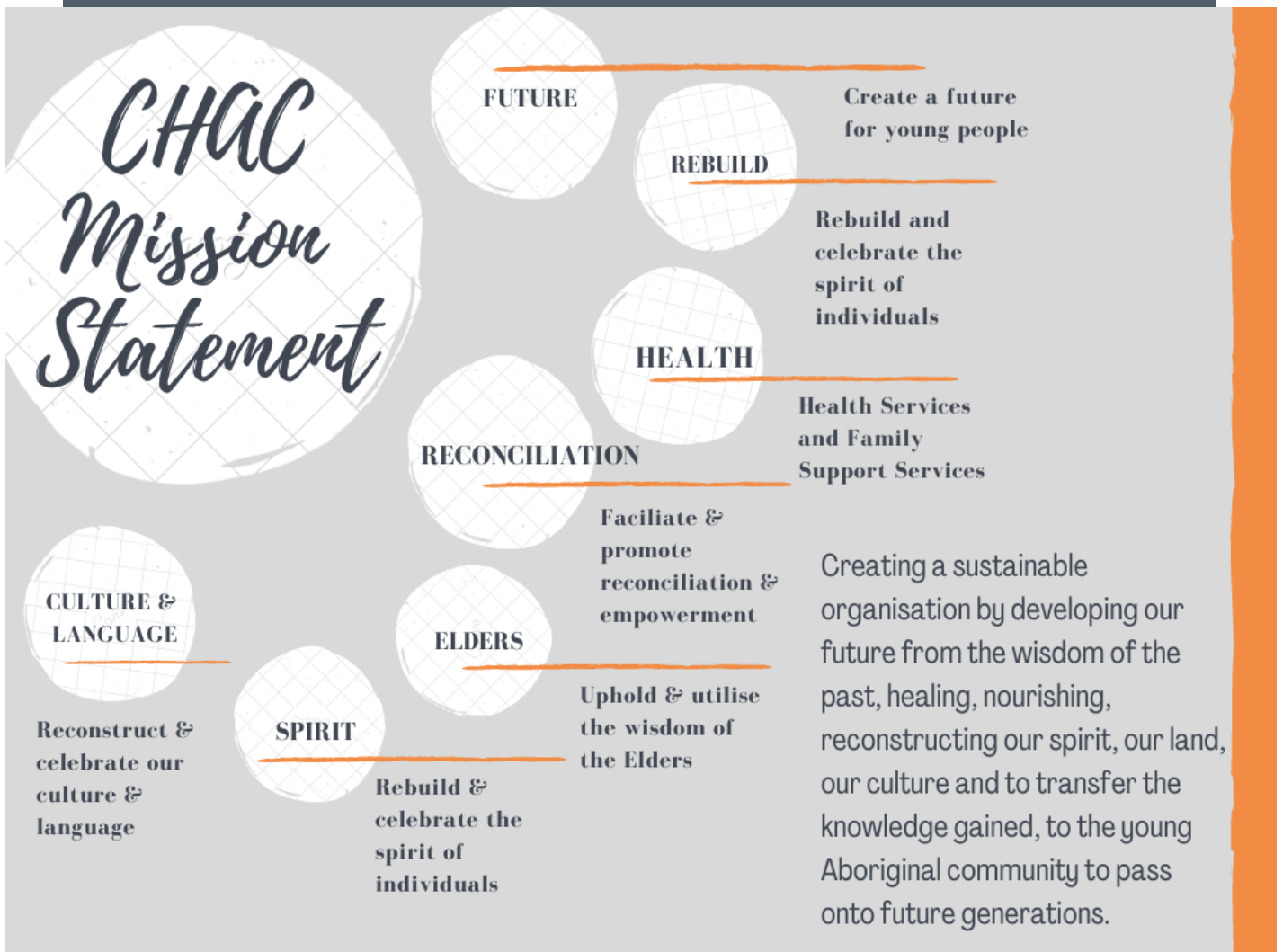
The Tar-kiner people of Sandy Cape

And the Pe-ter-ni-dic people of the Mouth of the Pieman River.

These people were the Carers and Fire Farmers of the land and sea that surrounds us, we would like to take the time to acknowledge the pain and suffering that these people endured in the time of invasion and for many years after. We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contemporary custodians of this land we stand on today. I acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

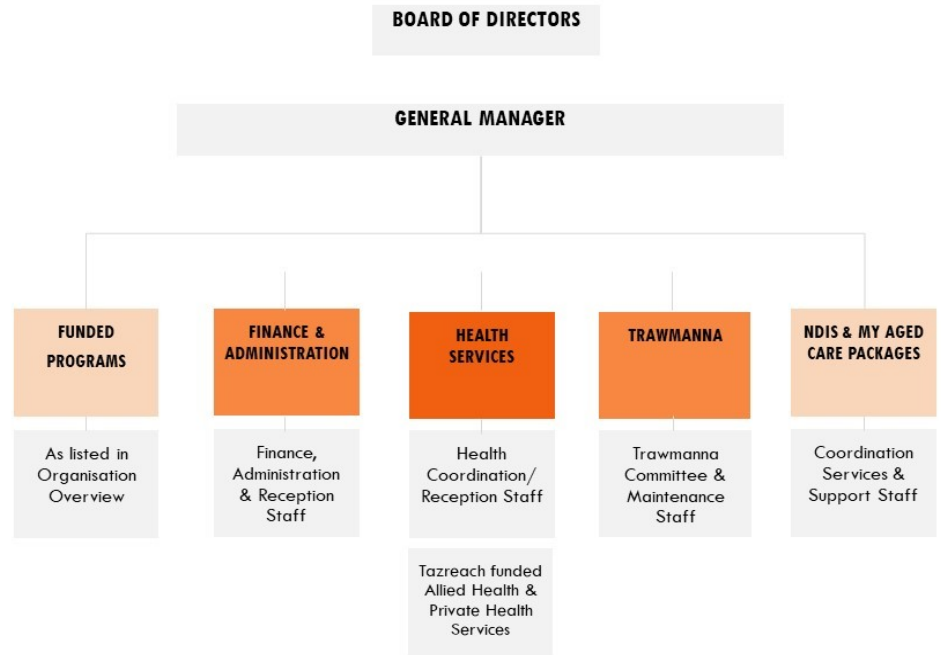
Tasmanian Aboriginals believe we belong to the land. This belonging carries out responsibilities, as well as rites and ceremonies.

Without experience and application, traditional practices stay a theory. We have to experience our practices, test them out and live them, only then will we have something to relay and pass on to our children. We can create the understanding that will add to our Indigenous knowledge of what needs to be maintained to sustain ourselves and our communities.





CIRCULAR HEAD ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ORGANISATION STRUCTURE



Organisation Overview

Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) was originally formed by a small group of people for the purpose of gaining cultural knowledge and recognition. CHAC became incorporated on the 13th of March 1994. The organisation delivered two programs, (Drug and Alcohol and Family Support) from the rear of the dentist building in Smith Street, Smithton, with two staff and several volunteers. It wasn't long before CHAC outgrew the building because the support of the community became very strong. ATSIC funded a new building, the premises that CHAC resides in today, 10 King Street Smithton.

CHAC is registered with **ORIC (Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations)** and is governed according to the **CATSI Act**.

CHAC has grown over the years due to the needs of the community. CHAC now operate a Health Centre located in Nelson Street, the premises purchased in 2011. The grounds at Mella Road, Trawmanna, which means (Our Place) was handed back in 2012. In 2018 CHAC also purchased the building adjacent to the main building in King Street Smithton, Administration offices and Cultural Information Centre accommodate these premises.

Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation operates services from the Main Building premises at the at 10 King Street operating hours are Monday – Thursday 8.00am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.00am – 2.30pm and the Health Centre at 165 Nelson Street hours are Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 5pm and Friday 8.30am-2.30pm. Cultural Information Centre is open by appointment. The Main Building became CHAC's home premises in 2002 with 5 programs and 5 staff members operating under its banner, the programs were Youth, Culture, Recreation, IDDI and HACC. By 2009 CHAC was successfully running 9 programs with 11 staff members and at 30th June 2021 there is 18 programs and 50 staff members.

The key priorities which CHAC aims to address are: education opportunities; education and awareness of health related issues; accessibility to services as a priority to Aboriginal community members; awareness of services that are delivered on an outreach basis and to assist the community to address their health and well-being needs. Education and Awareness of culture is also a main focus for CHAC as lost history is evident, therefore the importance of recovering history and language is a priority for the next generation.

CHAC strives to obtain a healthy and positive connection with the community to provide empowerment and quality services to aid in a healthier community.

Organisation Overview

CULTURE & CAPABILITY

This program will endeavor to engage the whole Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community of Circular Head in cultural activities and youth leadership programs. The project aims to identify, preserve and develop a wide spectrum of ATSI culture essentially around the transmission of knowledge and skills across generations, with the object of: Maintaining ATSI culture through community involvement. Increasing public awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture - including through the preservation, presentation and exchange of culture. Supporting new forms of ATSI cultural expression - working with men, women and young people. Supporting the sustainable development of community activities and events involved in transmission of culture across the community as a whole. Enable the Circular Head Aboriginal community to become more aware of the history that is attached to the Circular Head municipality and to empower them to embrace the knowledge and to transfer their newly gained skills to future generations. Enable leadership skills within local youth, engaging the youth in the development of whole community activities.

CHILDREN & SCHOOLING - EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAY, SCHOOL & SPORTS

The Early Childhood Program endeavors to engage the whole Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community of Circular Head in activities that build the strengths, safety and well-being of families and their young children. The program promotes positive interaction between parents and children by: Parents engaging in a supported playgroup environment which compliments activities undertaken through post natal & ante natal programs. Improving parents or caregiver's knowledge, skills and capacity for parenting, positive lifestyle behaviours and sustaining family wellbeing. Educate and promote positive parenting. Educate and promote motor and cognitive skill activities within early childhood. Promote community connectedness through workshops. School engagement program aims at engaging participants in early childhood, school sports and school engagement programs designed to provide strategies for regular and consistent routines for the family unit. Provide assistance with basic life skills. Engage families in health and wellbeing related activities.

CHILDREN & SCHOOLING - SMART, STRONG & PROUD

The Smart, Strong and Proud Program will endeavour to engage the whole Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community of Circular Head in activities that build parenting skills; parent and student engagement with schools, empowering both parents and students. This program aims to promote positive interaction between parents and high school aged children within their family unit, schools and community by: Convening parent groups to provide support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) parents with high school aged children. Assist in the setting up support groups in specific areas of need. Engaging parents in activities that build on parenting skills; support day to day needs of children and assisting in supporting school work. Develop activities that engage parents and/or students after school and through school holidays. Engage parents with positive relationship development with schools and community. Assist parents develop and build on their personal literacy and numeracy. Provide one-on-one support for high school aged children to enable higher attendance rates.

SAFETY & WELLBEING – YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & FAMILY VIOLENCE

This program endeavours to engage the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community (12-25 years) of Circular Head. With a focus on case management for youth in need of support to assist them in following their mental health plans. Supporting clients in medical appointments with GP's, Psychologists & Counsellors. Providing transport when required, both in and out of Circular Head. Coordinator runs programs in both the High School and Primary Schools around life/social skills and anxiety/depression. This program also has a component of addressing family violence and the effects it has on youth and their families. The program aims to spread awareness of supports available in the area, and will assist clients when making the first steps to leave the situation they are faced with. Referrals to correct supports are provided by Coordinator.

Organisation Overview

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING (SEWB) MENTAL HEALTH (Strategies of Serenity)

The Mental Health program will provide a program for up to 8 weeks (1day a week) for up to 6 participants which will be made up of community members and CHAC staff. The program delivers activities based on mindfulness and strategies to understand preventative measures for addressing mental health. Participants take home many tools to work with and the staff are gaining new skills to work within a group environment.

ILLICIT DRUG DIVERSIONARY INITIATIVE

The program endeavours to provide support, drug education, assessment and treatment via brief interventions to individuals. The program aims to: Provide drug education, assessment and treatment via brief interventions to individuals diverted by the Tasmania Police under this initiative. Instead of going to court for minor offences the Police can at their discretion, divert through this program to avoid criminal records being received. Accept referrals from the Alcohol & Drug Service Diversion Worker and provide the individuals with a brief intervention.

SAFETY & WELLBEING: DRUG & ALCOHOL AWARENESS & SUPPORT

The prime purpose of this project is to work in the Drug and Alcohol Awareness program providing, education, referral and advocacy to the Aboriginal clients of Circular Head. The program aims to provide (ATSI) clients with a safe, confidential environment to refer and support clients and their families that are affected by addiction. The program: Aims to increase the level of awareness of the impacts of drug and alcohol abuse. Build capacity to avoid drug and alcohol abuse within men, women and young people. Provide a provision of support services to clients and their families, referring clients to appropriate voluntary programs. Initiate proactive programs to address the needs of the community. Build contacts with appropriate community health organisations and key personnel to attract referrals and to assist in the dissemination of information to the client group. Develop/implement a work plan for service delivery in accordance with the organisation's funding agreement. Provide early intervention for school aged children.

INTEGRATED FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

The program will endeavor to provide support services to families where risk factors to the welfare and development of children is present. Services will address identified issues of concern and work to build on families' capacity to self-manage risk factors associated with their intake to the service.

The implementation Strong Families, Safe Kids Advice and Referral Line, replacing the former Gateway service, assists in seeking and providing support services to families where risk factors to the welfare and development of children is present, using a community support approach where possible.

Integrated Family Support Services provides access to a network of community sector supports and services for vulnerable children, young people and their families. Increase the capacity of the community sector to provide secondary level support services. Provide an improved service capacity for families who may not come into contact with child protection services. Reduce the number of families notified to child protection services by improving access to and responsiveness of community-based services.

STRIVE TO DRIVE – LEARNER DRIVER MENTORING PROGRAM

The program will endeavour to engage the disadvantaged community members of Circular Head. The programs coordinator seeks volunteer mentors to assist these clients in achieving their driving hours that is required to attain their provisional driver's licences.

Organisation Overview

SAFETY & WELLBEING ADULT THROUGH CARE (ATC)

The Adult Through-Care Program provides intensive support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Adults at risk of receiving a prison sentence, incarcerated and post release with the aim for a smooth reintegration back to family and community while supporting their family members and children at home. The ATC ensure court appearances, bail, parole conditions are met. Working on individual goals and future plans, improve social outcomes, life skills and enhance employment opportunities. Provide encouragement with social, emotional and wellbeing involving Families & Children. Work collaboratively with involved services to achieve positive outcomes for a crime free future.

INDIGENOUS YOUTH JUSTICE PROGRAM (IJP)

The program is aimed at providing support to clients, their families and youth diversion support to young people across the North West and West coast of Tasmania. The program aims to provide support to clients and their families that are affected by the judicial system by developing and undertaking projects that will help respond to the urgent challenge of the accelerating rate of Indigenous offending and incarceration as well as support the realisation of safer communities. Act as a prison support and rehabilitation officer to implement a pre and post prison release support and rehabilitation program for Aboriginal people across Tasmania not just for the Circular Head community. Provide intensive through-care support, reducing levels of engagement within justice system for offenders, youth and their families. Reduce the amount of Indigenous community members entering the justice system, reducing court appearances and levels of reoffending. Break down barriers between clients and uniformed statuses, encouraging better relationships. Provide early intervention support to youth across the North West and West coast.

ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer provides consultation to the Advice and Referral Line (ARL) this is a universal service for everyone with a concern about the wellbeing or safety of a child: prescribed persons, concerned relatives, friends or neighbors. Families and children can also call the ARL and seek assistance.

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer provides;

- Local Knowledge - Support Advice and Referral from staff with local knowledge regarding families and available service provider options or capacity.
- Local Consultation Point – Available for consultation with local service providers, government departments and schools regarding the Advice and Referral Line or local Child Safety Services.
- Local Child Safety Connection – Ongoing collaboration with local Child Safety offices and conduit for information into and from the department.
- Family Visits and conferencing.
- Collaboration and Inter-Agency Approach – We contribute to a number of joint agency initiatives that look to support families via information sharing and collaborative interventions.
- Community Education – Ongoing conversations regarding the role of Advice and Referral Line and broader Child Safety Service system and;
- Integrated Family Support Services – Facilitate allocation of families to specific service providers while providing ongoing support to workers regarding the efficacy of their intervention.

Organisation Overview

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM (CHSP)

The aim of CHSP is to help provide low level support service to older people aged 65 years and over (50 years and older for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) who need assistance to living independently as possible – with a focus on working with you, rather than doing for you. It is about working on your strengths, capacity and goals to help you remain living independently and safely at home.

CHSP services are delivered on a short term or ongoing basis with a strong focus to consumer direct care (CDC), health and wellbeing. The services that CHAC provides;

- Social Support
- Home Maintenance
- Garden Maintenance
- Transport (Medical /Non-Medical)
- Specialised Support Services; Vision, Hearing, Continenence, Dementia, Client Advocacy

HOME CARE PACKAGES (HCP)

A home Care Package is a coordinated package of care and services to help you to live independently in your own home for as long as you can. Some people receive services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program and are then assessed for a home care package. Others will start with a home care package.

The benefit of a Home Care Package is that your home care provider will work with you to:

- Choose care and services that best meet your needs and goals and
- Manage your care and services.

There are four levels of Home Care Packages to help meet the different levels of care needs. During your Aged Care Assessment, your assessor will discuss your current care needs and determine the best level to meet them. It is expected that more people will be assessed as eligible for a lower level package, with a smaller number being assessed as needing higher level packages.

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE (HACC)

The Tasmanian HACC Program provides funding for basic community care services that support persons who are under 65 years or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged less than 50 years of age living with disabling conditions and their Carer. Services are targeted towards people who live in the community and whose capacity for independent living is at risk, or who are at risk of premature or inappropriate admission to long term residential care.

CHAC provides these services to eligible HACC Clients:

- Social Support
- Home Maintenance
- Garden Maintenance
- Transport (Medical /non-Medical)

Organisation Overview

INTEGRATED TEAM CARE (ITC)

The Integrated Team Care Program (ITC) is designed to support individuals that identify as Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander that have a chronic illness, to manage and understand their condition. Through ITC you have access to a registered nurse that can provide guidance and support in a team arrangement with your chosen general practitioner. ITC can arrange and coordinate appointments as well as transport and support. ITC will advocate and help you navigate the complexities of the health system. ITC will work with your GP to get a management plan/team care arrangement plan done on a regular basis. ITC can conduct health assessment and education in line with the general practitioner. ITC can assist to source required medical equipment and instruct on correct use. ITC have a weekly men's group at Trawmanna to support health and wellbeing, a small meal is provided and all ITC services are free to the consumer.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROGRAM NEW DIRECTIONS/CHILD & MATERNAL HEALTH

This program will endeavor to engage the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community of Circular Head with a focus on parents and their children to be active in child and maternal health. The program aims to promote child and maternal health within families by: increasing access to antenatal care for ATSI women. Provide information about baby care for mothers of ATSI children. Increase monitoring of ATSI children's weight gain, immunisation status, infections and early developmental milestones for 0-10 years by a dedicated primary care service. To provide practical advice and assistance with breast feeding, health and nutrition information and parenting skills for mothers of ATSI children. Provide testing, early detection and referral for timely treatment of ATSI children's hearing, sight, speech and other development issues before starting school. To make a continuous effort to improve the quality of services being delivered through this funding and across the whole community.

INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN HEALTH PROGRAM OUTREACH WORKER

The program will endeavor to engage the ATSI community of Circular Head to be active in utilising health services increasing the number of identifying community members. The program aims to promote health services and self-identification within the community by: Establishing links with ATSI individuals within the community to encourage and support the increased use of health services and continue to promote the services through various networks that are already in place. Continue to work collaboratively with all stakeholders. Identify and record barriers that may impact on people accessing health services and health checks by engaging with the community. Provide practical assistance to community members to undertake health checks and to access other health services as required. Overcome problems that may be restricting community members' access to health services.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) program provides support for Australians, their families and carers with disabilities, the NDIS supports people with a disability to build skills and capability so they can participate within their community and to assist in engaging with employment opportunities.

HEALTH CENTRE COORDINATOR/RECEPTIONIST

This position was created to ensure the community is made aware of the health services provided and to create new health services in a remote area and support the visiting outreach specialists. The position will endeavor to provide clients efficient and professional access to the services associated with CHAC's health building through coordination and reception duties.

Organisation Overview

Visiting Specialist to the Health Centre

- Psychologists
- Pediatrician
- Dietitian
- Dermatologist
- Podiatrist
- Exercise Physiologist
- Counsellors
- Cancer Council Tas
- Eyelines
- Hearing Australia
- Amplifon
- Island Chiropractic
- Royal Flying Doctor service – Mobile Dental Program
- St Giles Speech Therapist
- Smithton Physiotherapy
- Relationship Australia counselling
- Youth and Family Community Connections Drug and Alcohol counselling 3 days per week

OTHER OUTREACH SERVICES

- Centrelink 1 day per fortnight
- Community Corrections 1 day per week
- My Pathways 1 day per fortnight



Board Members 2020-2021



Chairperson– Dianne Baldock, Di is an Aboriginal woman born in Tasmania. Di is passionate about the health and well being of the Aboriginal community of Circular Head. Di also has a position as a Director on the newly formed Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal Services. Di operates her own business as a consultant and spiritual healer.



Vice Chairperson- Gypsy Draven, Gypsy is an National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and Social worker. She is also a Bundjalong artist, fashion designer, writer, mediator and a mother of 6 children



Treasurer– Aaron Robertson, Aaron is originally from a small rural town in the South Island of New Zealand and has been a part of the Circular Head community for over 20 years now. He came to Smithton to be part of the VDL dairy conversions and is now a partner at a local accounting and advisory firm, Findex.



Director– Andrea Ollington, Andrea was raised and educated in Smithton. Andrea has worked in Oral Health sector for over 28 years. A passionate advocate for Health Services for our community, mindful of culture and country and a strong interest in Disability Services and Health Care. Affiliated member of- NDIA Participant First Team, Health Consumers Tasmania, Children Young People with Disability (CYDA), National, Aboriginal @ Torres Strait Island Health Workers Association (NATSIHWA)



Director– Darryn (Luke) Grey, Luke has worked in Tasmania mostly as a painter, but also part time as a person who enjoys working with horses. He has also worked as a masseur and in Queensland, Northern Territory, Kimberley's and NSW on cattle stations with horses and cattle.



Director– Robin Searle, Robin was born and bred in Circular Head and worked on Woolnorth for most of his life. He is passionate about our community and the local environment. He is a commercial fisherman/diver who lives in Stanley.



Director- Sam Cleland, Sam's career has been of science and public service. After 18 years as a Darwin meteorologist, climatologist and lover of outdoors, Sam moved to Circular Head in 2009 to manage the Bureau of Meteorology's Cape Grim Baseline Air Pollution Station, a globally significant observatory that measures changes in atmospheric composition that drive climate change. He soon realized much of his early education of Tasmanian Aboriginal history had been misleading, so wanted to learn more and contribute.



Director– Malcolm Wells, Malcolm was born in Smithton before moving away to Devonport and then Melbourne for a career in the Airforce. Malcolm eventually moved back to Devonport and is currently settled in Latrobe but has come back to his roots by being an active member of CHAC and then to nominating for the Board.



Director– Selina Maguire, Selina is currently employed in Aboriginal Education. Selina has worked in the Training and Employment Industry – assisting in the Aboriginal Engagement space. Selina has worked in consultation in areas such as Youth Justice, Corrective Services, Department of Education, Aboriginal School Based Training and Aboriginal Youth Programs. Her passion is working with the youth and disadvantaged and empowering Aboriginal community through employment and culture. She holds qualifications in Indigenous Mentoring, Cert IV Training and Assessing, Cert IV Career Development and a former *Aboriginal Advancement Council Director and Coolabaroo Child Care and Housing Director and is actively involved in Aboriginal Community.*



Board Compliance

- 1 **Fiduciary Duty**
- 2 **Due Diligence**
- 3 **Conflict of Interest**
- 4 **Occupational Health & Safety**
- 5 **Equal Opportunity Law**
- 6 **Privacy**
- 7 **Insurance**
- 8 **Audit Scrutiny**

Chairperson's Message

Firstly I would like welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting.

I know as we all do how times have been over the past year and how many changes and challenges have impacted all of us in one way or the other. Some decisions we have had to make have been quite difficult to do but bearing in mind the future benefits for the whole community.

I want to thank all the volunteers and staff of CHAC for their dedication to their roles and for exceeding their position descriptions to enable positive outcomes. Their compassion, kindness and devotion to their clients happens from the quality services they provide.

To Di, Thank you for stepping up yet again to help when it was desperately needed. For your ability to think outside the box and for chasing opportunities for CHAC to benefit from.

Just a reminder that we are a community based organisation with our main focus being the health and wellbeing of our members and the wider community.

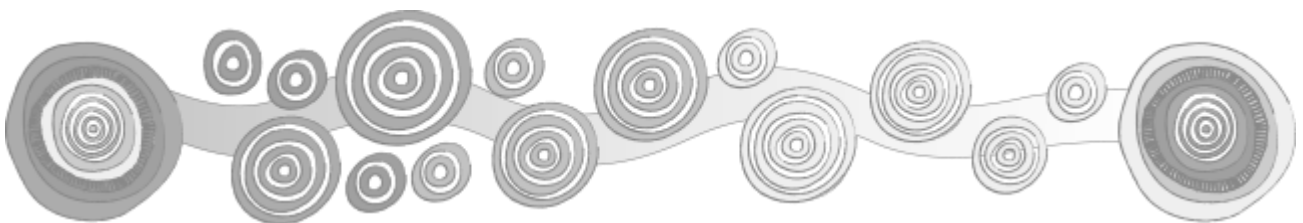
A quote I would like you to consider is that our philosophy is one of inclusion not exclusion.

Thank you

Gypsy Draven

Acting Chairperson.

September 2021



General Manager's Message

Welcome to the Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation Annual Report for the 2020-2021 financial year and I trust that our overviews and shared message with Ms Dianne Baldock and myself will provide you with a snapshot of CHAC's operations.

Reflections on the past year I feel certain our community and partners will be thankful of our achievements. Again this is demonstrated when people are committed, valued and inspired by a positive working environment and that our people have a passion to help others.

I express my recognition of all staff and volunteers that provide our organisation with such dedicated service across all domains is made with sincerity and I wish to thank you all.

Our year commenced in July with us providing our COVID 19 Safety Plans to our Partnering providers of our programs across the organisation and has maintained throughout the year.

The highlight of our year was indeed NAIDOC Week Celebrations and the unveiling of the portrait of Tunnerminnerwait who was a local Parper-Loiheener man from Robbins Island. The life size portrait of Tunnerminnerwait on a large rock placed at Trawmanna painted by local Artist Ms Fran Joyce was unveiled by Dr Aunty Patsy Cameron AO and the former Governor of Tasmania Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC, with 280 people in attendance.

Aunty Patsy Cameron provided the story on Tunnerminnerwait with such emotion that flowed with a special Smoking Ceremony followed by Aboriginal dancing and storytelling by Rangers from Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service.

Throughout the year On Country culture and history experiences provided by staff have included Students from The Hutchins School Sandy Bay, local schools, community members and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs were provided at Cape Grim, Woolnorth Point, Greens Beach and West Point.

Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania provide staff and community members with a Culture and History trip into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area providing an Aboriginal Culture and Heritage trip of remembrance.

Staff arranged trips to the Queen Victorian Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston for community members to see the display of Petroglyphs that were originally removed from Preminghana area before the decision to remove them from QVMAG.

Work continues with Reconciliation Tasmania who approached the Circular Head Council seeking the Council's support towards a (RAP) Reconciliation Action Plan for the community.

We wish to recognise the service of staff that have left service during the year-

Mr Greg Baldock completing 13 years at CHAC was well recognised amongst the Tasmanian Courts, Children Services and Tasmania Police for his dedication towards his service to people in the community.

Ms Kristy Heald 20 September 2016 to 9 December 2020

Ms Sonya Searle 28 January 2014 to 24 February 2021

Ms Maree McMullen service 25 October 2016 –1 April 2021

General Manager's Message

For a personal note I wish to sincerely say thank you to the Board for their support provided to me with the sudden onset of family illness, Dianne Baldock for your strong support and my staff for your understanding and moral support.

A summary of my work at CHAC re-commencing in March.

I commenced back in the role of Acting General Manager for an indefinite period of time.

I was able to secure funding from Cancer Council Australia for a Support Coordinator role. This funding has been allocated for a 3 year agreement. I have been assisting Camilla Woolley in the transitioning to the Culture program and Kelly Burke in the Social Emotional and Wellbeing program.

TRACA attendance has been worthwhile as Dual Naming of Aboriginal places came through. Local place names for Cape Grim, Doughboys, Suicide Bay and Woolnorth Point were accepted through the Place Naming Board.

Barb Schmidt and Associates have been working alongside CHAC to ensure all new policies and procedures are in place for the Commonwealth Home Support Program, Home and Community Care and Home Care Packages transition.

Within the last 6 months many staff have been completed Certificate 4 in Alcohol and Other drugs and new staff have commenced signups for relevant certificates and training.

The RFDS dental room had a facelift with renovations completed to expand service delivery and to comply with legal regulations.

I am enjoying my time back at CHAC and am looking forward to future developments.

I would like to congratulate all staff and volunteers for their amazing work to date.



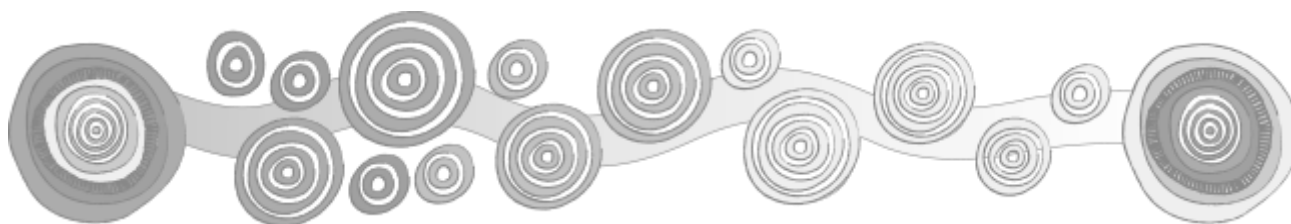
Tony Smart

General Manager



Dianne Baldock

Acting General Manager



Program Achievements

Integrated Team Care (ITC) Chronic Disease Management Care Coordination/ Supplementary Services

Krista Mills and Cheryl Marshall

The ITC program is funded through Primary Health Tasmania, it supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to better manage complex chronic illness. The ITC program has facilitated access to allied health, specialist and GP care, it continues to provide support and transport to such appointments. The program has been able to facilitate increased numbers of health checks and vaccinations this year with increased challenges due to Covid-19. ITC has remained vigilant and safe during pandemic times doing everything to ensure clients are safe. ITC has assisted to educate and ensure medical instructions are followed and chronic illness is managed in the best possible way. ITC has also established a hydrotherapy group that focuses on rehabilitation and maintaining strength. Hydrotherapy currently takes place on Friday's at 10am with the support of Swirl-Smithton Wellbeing Indoor Recreation and Leisure instructors.

Clients serviced— 57 Services provided—705

Integrated Team Care Men's group

ITC Men's Group continues to be held at Trawmanna, 73 Mella Road on Tuesdays from 10.30am, we have around 15 regular participants. The group comes together to yarn and do small projects of interest, lunch is provided and participants are encouraged to help and learn about meal preparation if they desire. The group has an area in the garden, where they are able to grow some produce that we are able to share, guest speakers are often invited to take part and share health and wellbeing information and support. To assist in social connection and wellbeing the group has recently had some field trips to local business and industry which has been received well. Men's Group has featured in Primary Health Matters Magazine showcasing some successes for our participants.

For more information contact Krista Mills 0400861550 or 64521287, k.mills@chac.com.au



Primary Health Matters article 2021



Men's Group visit to Swirl Wellbeing Indoor Recreation and Leisure



Men's Group at Trawmanna

Program Achievements

Indigenous Australian Health Program– Outreach

Niki Hunter

The start of the 2020/2021 financial year in the health sector seen a big change on how and when clients could access health care. Many health professionals now leaning towards phone or telehealth consults where applicable. This new mode of service brings lots of uncertainty and confusion for clients as many are unsure how to utilise the technology needed for the consults. The Outreach Program Coordinator has reassured clients around this new norm and assisted with the telehealth consults.

The Outreach Program has provided assistance to clients with chronic health conditions improve outcomes in the following areas (free service);

- Transport and support to medical appointments state wide (273)
- Support and advocacy at medical appointments (691 individual contact services)
- Help to navigate the health system
- Promote and assist with Closing the Gap (715 health checks and PBS Co-payment) registrations
- Perform basic health checks ie, blood pressure/ glucose, height weigh /BMI
- QUIT Smoking advice
- Referrals (71)
- Health Screening referrals (Blood Donations, Mammograms, Cervical Screenings & Bowel screening kits)

Niki and Cheryl Marshall from the ITC Program have completed all the training and assessments for their Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care. They are both looking forward to receiving their qualifications and recognition of all the hard work and commitment to complete this training. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers (ATSIHWs) provide primary health care in a culturally appropriate manner. They play a vital role in the primary health care workforce, reducing communication gaps, improve follow-up practices and help with medical advice for individuals, families and community groups.



Program Achievements

New Directions Program

Kristy Ollington & Julie Scott

Currently have 79 families signed up to New Directions Program.

New Directions support workers have made 1269 individual contacts including 96 Home Visits and 110 Transports.

Individual group attendances of 408 to the 20 Ladies Lounge sessions held and 76 to the 7 sessions of New Parents Group at Smithton District Hospital.

The New Directions program is continuing to make an impact for families in the community, staff are well respected amongst health service providers and this contributes to continuing referrals for families.

The New Directions team have had many successful outcomes from their client's hard work & staff have enjoyed celebrating these triumphs with them. Enhancing children's social skills and understanding while providing outdoor experience of planting our vegetable garden to fully grown then picking and taking home to cook or eat raw, lots of dirty hands & faces. Another enjoyable & successful day was the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, it enabled children & parents to come together to interact and children enjoying activities & awareness of their cultural history.

Our cultural and kelp basket making day was another fantastic day with Camilla and Di teaching techniques on how to shape and mould kelp into baskets and weave reeds.

COVID restrictions has interfered with some of our activities but looking forward to returning full programs.

We take our program to heart & are proud to be able to help our families and community and strive as a team to support our clients the best way we can.



Program Achievements

Health Centre

Keryn Brockman & Yvette Buckby

The Health Centre has had a busy year with the successful renewing of its TAZREACH, Medical Outreach Indigenous Chronic Disease Program, Visiting Optometry Scheme and Healthy Ears Better Hearing Better Listening programs. This funding allows for some amazing specialists (Psychology, Exercise Physio, Dietitian, Podiatry, Optometry, Speech Pathology, and Paediatrician) to provide essential services to the local Aboriginal community in a culturally safe and respectful environment. All of these services are fully utilised at every clinic which makes CHAC's clinic one of the most successful of its kind in Tasmania.

This success in coordination and reputation has seen growth in private allied health services seeking room and / or admin within the Health Centre making it a busy health hub five days a week. These private clinics allow the whole Circular Head community to access services locally which supports everyone in maintaining their health and well-being. The current list of private specialists are– Footprints Podiatry, Island Chiropractic, Smithton Physiotherapy, Amplifon, Hearing Australia, RFDS Mobile Dental Care and Youth, Family Community Connections.

Youth Mental Health & Family Violence

Kelsie Kearnes

This 12 months ran successfully for the Youth Mental Health & Family Violence Coordinator, there was again a steady increase of young Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander people reaching out for support in both areas. The main areas of concern the Coordinator saw in these young people were depression & anxiety, self-harm, suicidal ideation, school struggles, home life struggles, substance abuse and relationship breakdowns.

The ongoing issue of COVID-19 has still had an impact on the way of life in our community with many people still unable to travel interstate freely to see family and friends, causing a huge feeling of loneliness and isolation. Luckily for our State things have had a more positive outlook and a good plan for moving forward.

Different referrals the Coordinator has made during this reporting period were to - Rural Health for Counselling appointments, CHAC Programs such as New Directions, Early Childhood & Learner Driver Mentor program, CHAC Health Centre for Counselling & Psychology appointments, Ochre Medical Centre, Housing Connect Burnie, Safe Space Burnie, Legal Aid, Family Planning Burnie, YFCC - Youth Family Community Connections, Anglicare, Laurel House Burnie and Smithton Police.

Different groups or events that the Coordinator was a part of this reporting period – Anxiety groups at Forest Primary School, Life/Social Skills groups at Smithton High School, What's Up at Smithton High School, Seven Up Youth Centre on a fortnightly basis, Youth Fest 2021, Play Gym run by the Early Childhood Program at CHAC on an as need basis & P-E support at Smithton High School.

Youth Fest 2021 was a very successful event for the community, it had an attendance of 300. This was made up of kids and service providers and was held at the Smithton Recreation Centre and had heaps of fun activities for the kids to participate in.

The Coordinator completed many client transports in the reporting period, these were anywhere from local to further along the coast. For those clients who don't have a license or are too young to drive this distance can be a huge barrier as the only form of local transport is bus but it leaves at 7am which then leaves the young person stranded in Burnie waiting for hours for their appointment. The bus then doesn't return until late afternoon which is a big inconvenience.

In total Coordinator worked with 80 indigenous people from our community.

Program Achievements

Commonwealth Home Support Program & Home and Community Care

Joanna Carson – Coordinator, Kelly Burke – Support Worker, Narelle Perry - Trainee

The end of 2020 saw us rethinking our service delivery procedures with the frail and older community members being asked to limit their exposure to large gatherings and the stay home to stay safe precautions. These precautions put the community at risk of isolation and mental health issues and may have also stopped them from looking after their health in the mist of COVID-19. We as a service provider have made every attempt that our clients are looking after their health, with welfare checks via phone calls and social visits (as restrictions eased). 2021 brought us better days and we are looking forward to a great year with our clients.

Meals in Centre and Delivered

The 2020/2021 year we supplied 1858 meals to community members

CHSP Consumers- 997 meals

HACC Consumers- 132 meals

Community Members- 729 meals

With COVID-19 easing we worked together as a team and come up with a COVID – Safety Plan and bought Katie's Corner back in Centre on the 9th April 2021.

This has lifted the spirits of our clients to be able to regular contact with us and the wider community.

Social Support / Specialised Support Services

As COVID restrictions were starting to lift we were able to have larger attendance to fortnightly Bingo groups with an average of 12 people per session. The Bingo session have brought people together for fun and laughter in isolating times.

Home Maintenance

This financial year we have delivered 1009 hours of home maintenance services to 61 consumers from both CHSP and HACC.

Due to ongoing COVID precautions Stormco was unable to travel and assist with our home maintenance this year.

Transport

We were able to assist with 654 transports to medical appointments, shopping assistance and social/culture excursions.



Program Achievements

My Aged Care—Home Care Packages

Helen Busscher RN/Care Coordinator

The Home Care Package Program (HCPP) is an initiative of the Australian Government to help older persons to live independently at home for as long as they can.

A person is assisted to work out the need for a package by a professional assessor, this is usually conducted by the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT). Once approved for a package, the information is placed in the national queue, and the person is notified when the package is assigned. They can then select a provider of their choice.

The program provides funds, called a subsidy to be used to put together a package of care, services and case management to meet individual needs. There are four levels of packages that range from L1-L2 – Basic to Low level needs, and L3-L4- Intermediate to Complex Care needs.

Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) provides the Home Care Package Program at all Levels and currently services 14 packages. L1-1, L2-5, L3-5, L4-3. In addition, CHAC has brokering arrangements with two (2) other providers to provide package support to their clients. Approximately 10hrs per week and extra by arrangement. Currently coordinating a further L4 and L1 package which will commence within the next two weeks. With x2 L4 packages awaiting assignment that will come to CHAC.

CHAC, Aged Care Services and the Board have been working with a business team over the last 12 months to assist with the Aged Care business arm and provide better understanding around compliance and clinical governance, also navigating funding changes by the government and how this impacts on the ability of CHAC to continue to provide services. The team have recommended a new structure for aged care management and provision of services, along with service price rises. A new program, E-Tools has been purchased to streamline budgets, finance, staff movements and payments etc, this is still in the implementation phase. The Board continues to work with the team to fully understand proposals and to give appropriate approvals moving forward.

The HCP program is managed with seven (7) support workers and Registered Nurse Care Coordinator.

The HCP program at CHAC provides holistic care, tailored to suit and respect the choices of the individual client.

National Disability Insurance Scheme

Michael Fletcher

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) program provides support for Australians, their families and carers with disabilities, the NDIS supports people with a disability to build skills and capability so they can participate within their community and to assist in engaging with employment opportunities. CHAC provides care and support to people with a disability in Tasmania and in particular the North West of Tasmania.

The NDIS team at CHAC consist of 8 support workers who work with 25 NDIS participants. CHAC also provide Coordination of Support to 10 participants. Coordination of Support is used to support NDIS participants with more complex NDIS plans where the participant requires more intensive support to engage providers and implement their plan. CHAC is connected to National Disability Services (NDS) and are currently in the process of connecting with the First Peoples Disability Network.

Program Achievements

Safety & Wellbeing—Drug & Alcohol Awareness & Support

Cindy Schuuring

Alcohol and Other Drug Awareness (AOD) program is designed to deliver education, referral pathways and advocacy to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait community of Circular Head.

Maree McMullen resigned from the position in April as the AOD Coordinator, she is currently travelling Australia with her Husband Brett, and we would like to thank Maree for her dedication to CHAC for the past 5 years. Meanwhile Paul Arthur provided AOD support services to the community in the interim.

Cindy Schuuring has taken on the role as the AOD Coordinator full time in July, Cindy has been a CHAC employee for 8 years, working in the Children and Schooling space as an Early Childhood Coordinator. She has recently completed her Diploma of Alcohol and Other Drugs certificate and is looking forward to putting into practice and assisting with the many challenges that occur within AOD.

The program provides a culturally safe, confidential environment and aims to increase the level of awareness of the impacts of alcohol and drug addictions.

While the main aim is to close the gap of drug and alcohol abuse within men, women and young people in the community, working collaboratively with other key stakeholders to ensure the client is receiving maximum provisions for their individual complex needs.

Learner Driver Mentoring Program

Krystle House

Learner Driver Mentoring Program (LDMP) is funded by State Growth and overseen by Driver Mentoring Tasmania.

The program is exceeding expectations and currently have 15 active learner drivers in the program with 8 on the waiting list. The LDMP program has had a very successful 12 months and is reaching on road targets each month with most months exceeding.

LDMP focus is to assist learner drivers achieve the skills and to create pathways to gain employment, their independence which will create other opportunities. It also enables preparation for their Provisional license test, so they can be responsible drivers on our roads.

The Coordinator delegates and organises the rosters for the Mentors and Learner Drivers ensuring that each mentor and learner are confident with each other to gain the best outcomes possible. Hours each learner has driven and with what mentor are record and reported to Driver Mentoring Tasmania monthly as well as to State Growth twice yearly.

The Coordinator goes into the schools and other community groups to educate them of what LDMP is and how they can access it as a learner or mentor and to keep learner and provisional drivers license holders and their mentors informed of all changes to Tasmanian road rules.



With the hard work and dedication to the Program we have worked towards a new car Hyundai i30 from the Department of State Growth, which the program will receive 26th August 2021

Program Achievements

Aboriginal Mental Health – Social & Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB)

Kelly Burke & Camilla Woolley

The Aboriginal Mental Health Program delivers an 8 week program named Strategies of Serenity (SOS), 1 day per week for participants. The groups are made up of a mix of community members and CHAC staff.

SEWB have also had a series of workshops with local Artist Fran Joyce, from Creatively Curious. These workshops ran over a seven week period (1 day per week), for a group of 7 budding writer/painters at various skill levels. This group has been invited to put up a display in the Circular Head Arts Festival (CHArts). They will continue to meet once a month to allow participants to work on their display and produce a piece of writing or artwork to enter. SEWB have been able to provide a variety of one off workshops along the way to assist in attracting new participants, program promotion and staff wellbeing.

The SEWB program provides a diverse range of information, activities and workshops based on mindfulness and self-help strategies aimed at assisting participants to better understand techniques in preventing, recognising, de-stigmatising and managing mental health issues and barriers. Workshops are chosen to suit the group's participants (person centred/holistic approach) and consist of interactive, creative, interesting art therapy style activities.

Culture is a large part of SEWB, the sharing of knowledge and skills, the incorporation of On Country days all work towards establishing and maintaining Aboriginal people's connection to country and strengthening cultural ties.

There has been a change of staff with our former SEWB Culture Coordinator Sonya Searle moving on to pursue new life ventures – we wish her well.

SEWB has welcomed a new Culture Coordinator Camilla Woolley to the fold, Camilla is enthusiastic, passionate and proud about culture and her Aboriginal connections. Camilla is not new to CHAC and is bringing her experience, skills and knowledge to build on and strengthen the SEWB program and its participants.



Program Achievements

Integrated Family Support Services

Sonia Nicholson

In November of 2020 the Integrated Family Support Services (IFSS) program saw the resignation of its worker Kristy Heald, this was a great loss to the program and Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation. In March, Sonia Nicholson took over the program for our community.

Most IFSS programs are a team headed up with a Coordinator that attends to the weekly allocation meetings and allocates clients to the worker they believe is the best fit for the family. CHAC's IFSS program is a sole worker, that has been given the extra responsibility of being able to write up referrals for families in our area and not having to wait for Strong Families Safe Kids to send in a referral, this is a great benefit to the program. IFSS's has long been looked at by the general public as being Child Safety Services or the now nonexistent Welfare and we are not, this is a mindset the Coordinator is working hard to change at every opportunity.

The Coordinator attends weekly meetings in Burnie or Devonport and accept families in that are in our area or close, the General Manager then must go into the MACSIMS program as my supervisor and accept the families allocated.

When the Coordinator took on the program it had no clients and has grown to 7 clients with two complex requiring double support hours allowing me to still take on another 5 as at 09.08.2021. The clients receive support in the day to day challenges of life that they are struggling to cope with. This can include budgeting, cleaning, diet, management of difficult behaviors (often these are part of a medical condition), legal situations, medical needs both physical and mental, NDIS claims and school interaction, social and cultural connection and family violence. Referrals are made via schools, counsellors, Doctors, other programs and self-referral. The aim of my position is to assist community members be the best that they can be to look after their families and keep them together via connecting them with other programs and services that can meet each of their individual needs in the best way for strong positive outcomes for themselves and their families.

Youth Prevention and Diversion

Mathew Walker

The program is aimed to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) youths across the North West coast of Tasmania. The program aims to provide the support to clients and their families that are affected by the judicial system. The aim is to try to reduce the amount of indigenous youths entering the justice system, reducing court appearances and levels of reoffending.

Supports are also offered to the Education Department, where the Coordinator tries to give direction with pathways of behaviour, group sessions as well as having one on one time with the youths. Provided animal therapy as a way for the youth to have some responsibility of looking after the animals by grooming and feeding, the students really look forward to those days and the results were very positive. We also have held weekly gym sessions where the youths were mentally as well as physically challenged and the outcome of these sessions has been great to see.

Travelling to youth court every second Thursday the Coordinator has established a working relationship with the following providers- Tasmanian Police, The Tasmanian Aboriginal Legal service, The Legal Aid Commission of Tasmania, Children's Safety Services and Youth Justice.

Clients worked with so far have included approximately 35 boys and 7 girls ATSI youth, the ages for those clients range from 12-24. The majority of those clients are from the Circular Head area with the exception of a few.

Program Achievements

Prisoner Rehabilitation, Post Release Support Program (PRPR)

Kristy Wilson & Jarrod Farrelly

The Prisoner Rehabilitation, Post-Release Support Program (the Project) are pleased to have received a further 2 years funding under the National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIAA) -Safety and Wellbeing Project. The project objective is to strengthen social and emotional wellbeing where possible by providing counselling, healing activities and/or other social and emotional wellbeing supports to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, prioritising the needs of members of the Stolen Generations and their families.

This project aims to support strong, healthy and resilient individuals, families and communities, which in turn may enhance pathways to education, employment, reduce substance abuse, violence and contact with the Criminal Justice System. The Project is in recognition of the impact of current, past and intergenerational trauma, dispossession, separation of families, ongoing social disadvantage, racism and other historical, social and cultural issues that impact on the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities. It is intended to assist in the process of healing for people through a strengths based, culturally safe, trauma aware and healing informed approaches. Indigenous prisoners and offenders often come from intergenerational disadvantage. Breaking the cycle of incarceration will require addressing the many issues faced by Indigenous prisoners and offenders.

As reported to NIAA for the previous 6 monthly report, the Project has 23 Indigenous males and 1 Indigenous female accessing case management whom have been incarcerated and /or are post release. Barriers faced this reporting period are; lack of accommodation available for inmates on release state-wide, inmates due for parole are serving longer sentences due to lack of appropriate accommodation, the closure of Smithton Court has made it difficult for clients to travel to appear in Burnie and accessing Risdon Prison Professional visits due to lockdowns and staff issues.

For the very first time, the Coordinators were invited by the Secretary of the Justice Department, Tasmania to have involvement and input in the new Strategic Plan going forward which will held in Hobart in August 2021. 'Breaking the Cycle – A Safer Community' – Strategies for Improving Through-Care for Offenders, developing a new plan represents an exciting opportunity for Corrections in Tasmania to consolidate the progress made by the previous plans, consider the current environment and opportunities for change, and focus energy and resources on common goals for the future. The new Strategic Plan will include recommendations for Corrective Services in respect to three strategic pillars: Offenders, Corrections, Community and focus on strengthening activities in respect to rehabilitation and reintegration.

In December Coordinators will be presenting at the Indigenous Justice Forum which will focus on Reforming Correctional services around the country to close the gap on Justice Outcomes which will be held in Melbourne, our topic being ***Making sure that Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders taken into custody receive Indigenous representation.***

Program Achievements

Children and Schooling—Early Childhood Program & Smart Strong and Proud

Cindy Schuurin, Krystle House, Camilla Woolley & Steph Johnston

The Children and Schooling team consists of the Early Childhood Program (ECP) and the Smart Strong and Proud Program (SSP). The two programs run under the same banner but deliver programs to different age groups. ECP delivering programs to early childhood aged from birth to 12 years and SSP supports from year 5 through to year 12.

Early Childhood Program and Smart Strong and Proud Coordinators continue to provide support and build relationships within the local schools and wider community. Both programs continued to mentor individual students, conduct whole class groups, on Country trips, facilitate school holiday programs, assist with breakfast clubs at local primary schools, facilitate Seven Up, facilitate community kids alongside Rural Health.

Early Childhood Program play an active role in the Early Childhood Advisory Group that take place quarterly.

Coordinators across both programs continue to undertake a variety of training to enhance their skillset and enable them to provide a well balanced and holistic approach to the community needs.

The program had a staffing change when Camilla Woolley accepted more hours with in the Culture Program reducing her SSP role.

Early Childhood Program has delivered and continues to deliver culture through many local schools, providing access to information, resources and on country trips to places such as Cape Grim, West Point, Greens Beach, Fossil Bluff and a variety of other places.



Program Achievements

Culture and Capability

Camilla Woolley

This program aims to support Indigenous Australians in the Circular Head region to discover, learn and maintain their culture with a focus on intergenerational transmission of knowledge, delivering capacity building activities and encouraging participation.

The program has seen a change in Coordinator since April—saying goodbye to Sonya Searle and welcoming Camilla Woolley.

In the previous 12 months the Culture and Capability Program has continued to see a steady increase in the number of Indigenous community members who wish to learn and understand their own cultural heritage and history as well as the broader community.

Culture and Capability continue to facilitate On Country trips to a broad range of people from all over the state including local and out of region schools, community, other service organisations and a variety Government Departments. Culture and Capability has had a presence in all local schools within the region, sharing history, culture, language and cultural items with children ranging in ages from 4—18. These sessions in the local schools are ongoing.

Culture and Capability have also held events to celebrate Reconciliation Week, Sorry Day and NAIDOC week. Our annual NAIDOC event at Trawanna was well attended and a great day was had by all.

Culture and Capability have also welcomed a School Based Trainee on board—Jack Smith. Jack is studying Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management.



Providing a Welcome To Country to the Hutchins School



On Country with Kate Warner and Tim McCormack at Cape Grim

Program Achievements



Staff members Joanna Carson and Narelle Perry
On Country collecting river reeds



Staff and students from Smithton High
School took Minister Jaensch out On Country



Performing a smoking ceremony for Grade 3/4
children at Forest Primary School



Participants of a trip to the TWWHA



NAIDOC Annual Event 2021



Thomas Kearnes of Forest Primary School

Program Achievements

Trawmanna

Shannon Blake & Jared Evenhuis

The local Vegie Market for vegetable sales has really taken off this year with most visits being more than a shopping experience, visitors get to chat about the produce as well as wonder around the garden and share knowledge and friendship. Harvesting of the Native Pepper Berries has been done with Jarrod Farrelly taking on the project of processing them himself. He coordinates picking and dehydrating the pepper and packaging the bags to target the niche local produce market. Guests at the NAIDOC event were treated to a Pepper Berry and Leatherwood Honey Cheesecake that was amazing and an example of how these versatile little berries can be used.

Staff at Trawmanna remain as Shannon Blake and Jared Evenhuis with Sonny Quarrell volunteering 15-20 hours a week. The Trawmanna Community Shed has been very busy since the return of group events hosting Men's Group, Bingo, New Directions Groups and other small groups regularly as well as CHAC's NAIDOC week event and Rotary's Devil Country Muster (local artists).



Devil Country Muster



Native Pepper packaged for sale



Tunnerminnerwait Portrait at Trawmanna



Parks & Wildlife staff, Leslie Dick and CHAC staff at NAIDOC lunch

NAIDOC 2020 - ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE

Always Was,
Always Will Be.

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NAIDOC 2020's theme Always Was Always Will Be was about recognising that First Nations people have cared for and occupied this land for thousands of years. NAIDOC 2020 encouraged all Australians to embrace our history and the true First Nations history of this country and take the time to see, learn and hear the history. Celebrating that Australia has the oldest continuing culture on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty has never ceded.

Our first celebration day recognising the local Aboriginal man Tunnerminnerwait was held during the 2020 NAIDOC week allowing the story to be told at a time of purpose with great success and with approximately 200 people who attended from across the state. The unveiling of the full size painting of Tunnerminnerwait on the rock was conducted by Dr Aunty Patsy Cameron AO and Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner, AC, Governor of Tasmania.



Auditor's Report Declaration

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Principal: Rendell W Ridge B.Ec Registered Company Auditor #161503

Independent auditor's report To members of Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation

I have audited the general purpose financial report of Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the general purpose financial report of Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia the financial position of the Corporation as at 30 June 2021 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

In my opinion, the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set down in Division 60-45 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (as amended)*.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Management Committee is responsible for preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report and information contained therein. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) (where applicable), and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Corporation's financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no contravention of auditor independence and any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Limitation of Scope

It is not practicable to establish complete accounting control over all transactions processed by the Corporation from all of its activities. Verification therefore has been limited to the transactions recorded in the Corporation's financial records.

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