



NORTHERN TERRITORY STOLEN GENERATIONS NEWSLETTER ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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Bringing Families Together

ATTENTION ALL VOTING MEMBERS:
CALL OUT FOR DIRECTOR
NOMINATIONS: 2022 AGM



**Providers of
TOP END LINK-UP SERVICE**

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Chairperson's Report

It has been a very busy and productive year for the NTSGAC. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to the CEO Maisie Austin, staff & Directors who have worked with me throughout the year.

Once again, it is sad to say that we have lost a few family members along the way and because of their passing I extend my sincere condolences on behalf of myself & the Board of Directors to our Stolen Generation families who have lost loved ones throughout this year; our prayers are with you all. Each year we grow even smaller in number.

However, It was wonderful to finally have the recognition and accountability in 2021 from the Commonwealth Government in announcing the Territories Redress Scheme for compensation for the Northern Territory Stolen Generation survivors.

Over the past year the Board of Directors have committed themselves to participating in workshops, seminars and training in Governance, liaising with ORIC, PMC and other Indigenous organisations in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs regions and else-where.

I am pleased to announce that we have officially employed a Territory Redress officer at the NTSGAC office. She has been working tirelessly with our members in completing and lodging applications to Canberra. Please join me in welcoming Priscilla.

We have been able to gain another win through Shine Lawyers, Class action for the deceased. The win by Shine Lawyers means Stolen Generation members who were taken away before 1978 can now apply for a share in more than \$50 million in compensation. That includes families and relatives of those who've passed away.

Unfortunately, our Case Worker Evelyn Perkins retired after over 12 years of dedicated service to family link up and funeral support. We thank you Evelyn for all you have done and wish you all best in your retirement. We also have employed Jessica Parnell as the new Project Officer, it is a pleasure to have her here as her skills will be of benefit to the Corporation. She has been working well with producing a Newsletter, Elders programs in conjunction with SEWB Support Officer and providing administration support to the Board.

I would like to thank all the members who have been supportive to the organisation and to my fellow Board Directors for the time and effort given to the good governance of the organisation.

I would also like to give a big thank you to the CEO Maisie Austin all Staff members, consultants for the time and dedication given throughout the year to clients, members and Directors.

Eileen

Eileen Cummings - NTSGAC Chairperson



TOP END LINK-UP SERVICE CASE TEAM



RAELENE ROSAS
TEAM LEADER



JODIE VIBE
LINK-UP CASEWORKER



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING SUPPORT OFFICER
HENRIETTA HUNTER



INDIA VIBE
TRAINEE CASEWORKER/
ADMINISTRATION



Link-Up Report

The NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation - Top End Link Up service has been super busy since the announcement of the Territories Redress Scheme in August last year. We have seen a large influx of clients and a change in the type of work that we predominantly undertake. Link Up is a client driven service, while we continue to support Stolen Generations people to engage in family tracing and reunions, we are also supporting people to obtain their records. The feedback we receive is that it has been helpful for clients to understand a timeline of events, piecing together their personal story and linking in with our Social and Emotional Wellbeing service. We hope to support a healing journey for all our Link Up clients.

With this in mind, our Link Up staff continue to expand their knowledge through training in trauma-informed practices and carry this into our best practices and service delivery. Staff have participated in Trauma-Informed Care and Practice and Managing Vicarious Trauma, Cultural Responsive Trauma Informed Care which has assisted our Case Team to work more effectively with our clients. We are a small team and work together to ensure that our clients receive wrap-around support. Our Caseworker and SEWB Support Officer work closely to make this happen. We are taking feedback from our clients to make sure that we are adapting to meet current needs. We have been undertaking Outreach where we can around Covid-19 and the Top End wet and dry seasons.

This Outreach work gives us an opportunity to share our service with remote communities and build strong relationships with Health and Social Emotional Wellbeing support services. This ensures our remote clients are not on their journey alone and are well supported.

We have listened to community feedback and our SEWB Support Officer Henrietta Hunter is developing more opportunities for people to engage with NTSGAC. She is working on some healing activities and workshops that will bring Stolen Generations people together to socialise, be creative and have fun.

We have attended National workshops, meetings and have gone to communities to promote our service. We also meet every six months with the Aboriginal Advisory Group of the NT Archives Service and the National Australian Archives.

The Link Up Case Team has new staff, a new Trainee Caseworkers India Vibe and Social Emotional Wellbeing Support Officer Henrietta Hunter who has worked in Link Up in Queensland. Welcome. The Case Team are also streamlining client contacts, outreach contacts and how we deliver our service to our catchment area. We are excited that we have a new team and we are working toward best practice in delivery of our service.

Raelene Rosas
Team Leader



NAIDOC 2022

Seniors Lunch



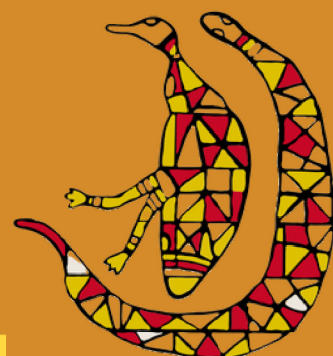
OUT & ABOUT

This years NAIDOC Week celebration was held at the St Marys Sports & Social Club on Wednesday 6th July. The Seniors Lunch was dedicated to our very special Auntie Patsy Raymond, in recognition of her endless hard work & dedication to Top End NAIDOC and NT Stolen Generations over the many years. A big thank you to all our sponsors, caterers, supporters and especially our senior members, who were in attendance and made this very special day a success for all to enjoy. Also a special shout-out to Michael Rotumah, our Deputy Chair, who surprised us all with a not-so-little celebration cake, Auntie Lizzie Corrie for the music, and last but definitely not least Auntie Bernie from St Mary's for her wonderful hospitality as always! We all must continue to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! Now is our time. We cannot afford to lose momentum for change...



Barunga Festival

BY JESSICA PARNELL



Usually held on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June, this year Barunga Festival took place from Friday 12 August to Sunday 14 August. NTSGAC Staff & Board Director, Uncle Hal, held a market stall promoting our Link-Up services and Family Case-History Books. The three-day-event was jam-packed featuring storytelling circles, art and bush medicine workshops, and some of Australia's best First Nations musicians. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn, support and connect with the vibrant Barunga community. Thank you for having us on your beautiful country we hope to see you again next year!

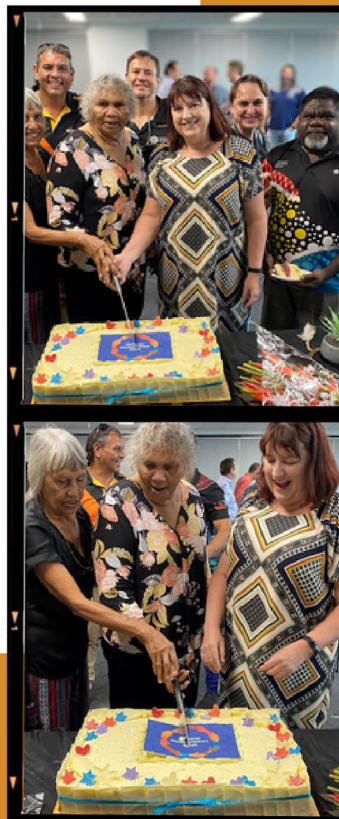
"THANK YOU BAGALA TRADITIONAL OWNERS, BARUNGA COMMUNITY MEMBERS, ROPER GULF REGIONAL SHIRE & SKINNYFISH MUSIC FOR ORGANISING THIS AMAZING EVENT"

RECONCILIATION WEEK *morning tea* WITH OAA

BE BRAVE MAKE THE CHANGE

The Office of Aboriginal Affairs hosted a morning tea for CM&C staff to pay respect and honour National Sorry Day, Mabo Day (30 years) and National Reconciliation Week on Friday 3 June, 2012. We were fortunate to be joined by Eileen Cummings (Chairperson) and Bernie Shields (Director) from the Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, who shared their stories of removal, reconciliation and their fight for compensation. It was a well-attended event, which OAA has received great feedback and we look forward to arranging more events in the coming months including NAIDOC Week 3-10 July 2022.

CM&C Connect Newsletter – June 2022
Department of Chief Minister & Cabinet



SHINE LAWYERS *Class Action Win!* FOR THE DECEASED

A small but humble gathering took place at the NTSGAC office in Malak on Tuesday 30th August to mark a momentous court victory! The win by Shine Lawyers means Stolen Generation members who were taken away before 1978 can now apply for a share in more than \$50 million in compensation. That includes families and relatives of those who've passed away. Our Chairperson Eileen was joined by descendants and families to be interviewed by the ABC and NITV announcing the news, to share their stories of what this win means to them and their mothers and fathers who are no longer with us.

Any NTSGAC members eligible to claim this compensation, the relevant forms and Shine Lawyers contact details can be collected from reception at our Malak Office.



**"THERE'S NO FIGURE OR
MONEY THAT CAN ERASE
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO
THEM, BUT BEING
ACKNOWLEDGED, AS
SOMETHING WRONG THAT
WAS DONE TO THEM,
HAVING THEIR JUSTICE IS
WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT"**

(Rosie Baird
re: Class Action Win for the Deceased)





Meet our new staff members



Henrietta Hunter SEWB Support Officer

Hello. My name is Henrietta Hunter aka Netta. I commenced work with NTSGAC May 2022. I was born in Darwin & have lived here most of my life. My parents Henry and Maureen Hunter had 12 children and I am the 6th child. My people and connection are Tiwi, Iwaidja and Kaytetye. I am a very proud mother of three lovely children and have two gorgeous grandchildren, I adore and love my family. I have worked with our Stolen Generations peoples in Queensland (Link-Up QLD) and now I am back in my home town working for my people. I have had the opportunity to work in Darwin, Tiwi Islands, Tennant Creek, Charters Towers (QLD), and Brisbane (QLD). I am looking forward to working with our Stolen Generations peoples (Aunties and Uncles) and working towards having workshops and activities.

Veronica Fejo Receptionist & Administration Officer

Hello. My name is Veronica Fejo and I am a strong Larrakia woman, born in Darwin. I started working at NTSGAC in May 2022 as the Receptionist and have loved being the first point of contact in welcoming our Elders, members and visitors to the Malak Office. It is such important work that the ladies do here and I feel privileged to be part of this organisation and support where I can. In my spare time I enjoy being adventurous or getting together with family - whether it be out camping, fishing, performing Welcome to Country dancing or just sitting around the camp fire telling stories to my younger grandchildren, nieces and nephews. I love to play my sports too - especially my softball - definitely keeps me out of trouble and on my toes! To the next generation, emerging and future leaders: "Be strong within yourself"

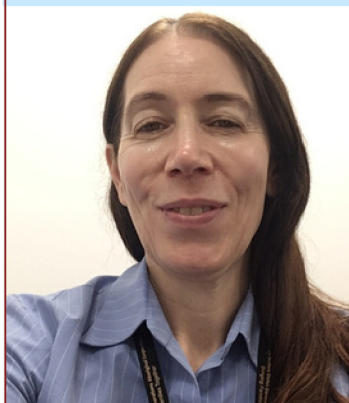


Jessica Parnell Project Officer

I am a happy-go-lucky local girl, 29 years young-born & bred here in Darwin. My grandmother, Marita Parnell (nee Semkin) was stolen and grew up on the Croker Island Mission. I have previously been employed by NTSGAC and its awesome to be back! I look forward to reconnecting with everyone again and if you have any ideas for future activities, please get in touch with me. I will be working closely with Netta Hunter to develop and provide ongoing support to Social & Emotional Wellbeing activities and workshops for our Stolen Generations Elders, as well as our Link-Up services and Board of Directors. With major events that will arise in 2023, I would like to get more input from members & look to forming working groups. I'm always up for a good yarn if you see me out and about!

India Vibe Trainee Caseworker & Administration

I am 24 years old, not a local, however lived in Darwin for part of my childhood and returned 2 years ago because we love it up here. My understanding of Stolen Generations come through my Aboriginal sister's family and from going to work with my mother in remote QLD and the NT. My role is providing administrative support to the Link Up team and also undertaking training in casework. I am about to enrol in a Bachelor of Archaeology/Heritage Studies/Information Management as I am interested in managing records and archival work. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work for NTSGAC and Stolen Generations people.



Priscilla Lavery Territory Redress Officer

Born in Sydney, Gadigal Country, my Father's country is New Zealand. I have a legal background working as a Solicitor for over twenty years. I most recently worked for nine years at Darwin Community Legal Service as a Community Solicitor serving the homeless and other disadvantaged groups in Darwin and across the Northern Territory. I hold a Masters of Law Degree (Human Rights) from the Queens University, Belfast and have a strong interest in human rights law, including the rights of children. I have long admired the dedication and work of the NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation and feel privileged to serve as the Territories Redress Officer at such an outstanding and professional corporation lead by Stolen Generations People. It is an honour to be the Territory Redress Officer, a Redress scheme that seeks to recognise the harm and trauma experienced by Stolen Generations survivors. Please feel free to reach out to me.

2022 AGM

Save the date.

WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER

ST MARY'S CLUB

(110 Abala Rd, Marrara NT 0812)

5:00pm to 6:30pm

Election for Directors

This years AGM calls for nominations to see four vacant Director positions filled for the next two years.

- Nominations for Directors must be lodged 14 days before the AGM.
- *if the number of directors standing for positions is greater than the number of positions to be filled, an election must take place.**

Quorum

A quorum for an AGM is the minimum number of members required to start a meeting. The quorum must be present at all times during the meeting. As per the rule book for NTSGAC the quorum is as follows:

30 or less members	= 2 members
21 to 50 members	= 5 members
31 to 95 members	= 5 members
95 members or more	= 10 members

Proxies are counted in a quorum, but if a member has appointed multiple proxy holders only one of them should be counted (see Proxies). If a member is attending both as a member and as a proxy they should only be counted once.

If there are not enough people present to reach a quorum within one hour of the time stipulated in the notice, the meeting is adjourned to the same place, day and time in the next week.*

Eligibility for Directors

A director must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- be members of the corporation
- be able to obtain a satisfactory police check & ochre card
- not be an employee of the corporation
- reside in Australia
- fully vaccinated
- have no history of Domestic Violence



Appointing a proxy

Corporation members who are entitled to attend and vote may be able to give others the power to vote or attend meetings on their behalf. Proxies must be in writing and be signed by the member giving the proxy.

Return the completed proxy form to NTSGAC 48 hours before the AGM takes place. A person can be a proxy for a maximum of three members.



**any AGM
enquiries please
contact:**

Project Officer
08 8947 9171

jessica.parnell@ntsgac.org

Keeping you safe

In the past, our organisation has hired security services to assist at our annual meetings. We will be utilising this service once again, please do not be alarmed or offended in any way. We care about your safety and want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to protect the wellbeing of all our Members, Staff and Directors.

Notes on

COMPENSATION SCHEMES

1. Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme

The one-off payment of \$75,000 in recognition of the harm caused by forced removal. Plus a one-off healing assistance payment of \$7,000 to facilitate healing. Applications will commence on 1st March 2022 and be administered by NIAA. Information and applications can be obtained at NTSGAC. If a person has passed away since the announcement 5 August 2021, the family may apply on their behalf.

- Free call: 1800 566 111
- Application assistance provided at NTSGAC by booking with the Territories Redress Officer (08) 8947 9171

2. The National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. The National Redress Scheme provides support to people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. The Scheme started on 1 July 2018, and will run for 10 years. If you are interested in applying for the Scheme more information is available on the National Redress Scheme website.

- Free call: 1800 737 377

3. Shine Lawyers Class action for compensation/recognition for deceased & Stolen Wages

Shine Lawyers are continuing with a class action for compensation for deceased Stolen Generations peoples and for Stolen Wages. There is an Expression of Interest form at NTSGAC which can be completed by descendants of a member of the Stolen Generation who has passed away. For more information:

- Free call: 1800 751 969 | Local: (08) 7924 7300
- Tenancy: 4/40 Cavanagh street, Darwin City
- Opening Hours: Mon – Fri | 8 am – 5 pm

4. Garden Point Compensation

People will need to contact Slater & Gordon direct as this was not done through our organization.

- Free Call: 1800 444 141

Territory Redress

APPLICATION ASSISTANCE
AT NTSGAC



CALL US: (08) 8947 9171
TO BOOK A TIME WITH ONE OF
OUR TERRITORY REDRESS
OFFICERS

ASK FOR
PRISCILLA OR KATHY

*Private + Confidential
Comfortable + safe space
Reliable + professional*



NTSGAC Membership

To become a member of the NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, a Membership Application form, supported by two NTSGAC Directors must be submitted to the Board for approval.

Memberships of other Stolen Generations groups, for example, Garden Point, Croker Island etc. were not automatically transferred to NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, although many have become NTSGAC members.

Membership benefits include subscription to our bi-monthly newsletter and invitations to our member-only events.

Non membership does not exclude NT Stolen Generations peoples from being included in NTSGAC's pursuit of compensation.

Confirmation of Aboriginality

The Board of Directors will process the COA at a Board meeting and will only approve confirmation of Aboriginality for applicants who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, either born in the Northern Territory or, or descendants or related to Northern Territory and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The applicant must:

- Fully complete Confirmation of Aboriginality application in block print
- Provide all required documentation
- Provide a colour photo ID
- Pay the required fee:

Individual \$10.00
Child aged 1-17 \$5.00
Family \$20.00
Re-issue \$5.00

Payment may be made over the counter or deposited into NTSGAC's bank account.



Core Business

TOP END LINK-UP & REUNION CASEWORK SERVICES

Our Link Up Caseworkers give priority to 1st Stolen Generations clients, especially the elderly and those requiring urgent assistance due to health concerns.

Our Link Up Counsellor provides counselling and support within our SEWB programme to those who are tracing and/or locating their families and at reunions. This includes counselling for intergenerational grief, trauma and family relationships. Please inform our Link-Up team if you have changed your address or contact details.

Link-Up Counsellor

Link-Up counsellor provides counselling and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are tracing and/or locating their families and/or planning a reunion. We offer counselling which includes trans-generational grief, trauma and family relationship counselling.

We also provide referrals to other relevant health professionals and work closely with the Link-Up Service.

What we do

- Family tracing
- Family reunion management
- Research and access to records
- Guidance and support to clients
- Referrals to other support services

What we don't do

- Genealogies
- Family History
- Locate Missing Persons
- Child Protection Cases
- Family Law Courts
- Native Title
- Funeral expenses, monuments, gravestones
- Relocation
- Financial assistance outside our core business
- More than one reunion

Confidentiality

All staff are obliged to:

- Adhere to NTSGAC confidentiality agreements.
- To ensure that client rights are protected.
- To provide a professional level of service.
- Agree to maintain confidentiality and to respect the views of clients and their families.

Eligibility Criteria

- Affected by the past government policies of removal.
- Must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Must undertake an initial assessment for registration.

Cultural Protocols

Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation is committed to providing a culturally sensitive service to all clients and their families.

Contact us

Shop 1, Malak Shopping Centre
16 Malak Crescent, Malak, NT 0812

Phone: 08 8947 9171
Fax: 08 8947 9173

Monday to Friday
8:00am - 4:30pm

PO Box 43372
CASUARINA NT 0811

<http://www.ntsgac.org.au/>

*The office is closed between the hours of 1:00pm - 4:30pm on the first Friday of every month to support administration requirements and staff development.

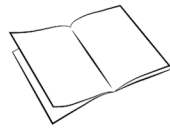
Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at our last event? Check out the photos below to see if you were snapped!



Other business

Funeral Booklets



Upon request, and dependent on operational priorities, support may be provided to print funeral booklets for members and their family.

Are your details up to date?

Have you moved house? Got a new carer? or changed mobile numbers? ... We need to know about it! Members are encouraged to keep their details up to date with us. We don't want you to miss out on receiving any special notifications, invitations or care packages.

We value your feedback

You can email your feedback through to our Project Officer:
jessica.parnell@ntsgac.org.

Or lodge via our website and online form:
<http://ntsgac.org/contact-us/>

NTSGAC is committed to providing high quality care & services in meeting your needs.

Why not go green?



Want to receive your newsletter by email? Sign up to our electronic mailing list today. It's easy, just contact our office and ask to speak with the Project Officer.

Sponsors & supporters

We extend our appreciation and thanks to all our sponsors and supporters for 2022



NTSGAC acknowledges all traditional owners of Country throughout Australia, and their rights to continuing connection to land, sea and community. We also pay respects to them, and their cultures, and to our Elders past, present and future.