



NORTHERN TERRITORY STOLEN GENERATIONS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Bringing Families Together

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members newsletter

Providers of
TOP END LINK-UP SERVICE



Disclaimer: Whilst every effort has been made to respect cultural traditions, Indigenous readers and members are advised that this publication may contain images of people who are deceased, and may cause distress.

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.





Acting CEO report + Link-up update

My name is Raelene Rosas and I have been appointed by the NTSGAC Board of Directors as the Interim Acting CEO as our CEO Maisie Austin is on extended leave.

I would like to pay my condolences to families of the Stolen Generations that have lost a family member/s and hope that you all have been taking care of one another. God Bless.

My role is to keep the NTSGAC and services that are provided operating. The Top End Link Up Service provides family tracing, reunion management and counselling to our Stolen Generations.

We have found since the announcement on the 5th August 2021 of the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme we have been inundated with people wishing to become Clients of our service to gain their records to assist with their applications.

This has also allowed the clients to gain an insight into what happened to them and a timeline of when they were removed and where they were placed. Overall we still have a high number of Clients that we are awaiting records and more clients are still signing up for our service. Our Caseworkers and Trainee Caseworker have been tirelessly following up on records for our clients with some great outcomes for clients. We have a new Caseworker – Patrick Ahkit who is gaining training through the Certificate IV in Stolen Generations Family History and Case Management that was created by Link Up Services Nationally. This certificate is managed by AIATSIS and Nunku Warrin Yunti are the training provider as the Registered Training Organisation. Welcome Patrick and we hope you that working with NTSGAC Link Up is satisfying. Jodie our Caseworker is very thorough in her case management of clients. I commend her for her work and dedication to our Stolen Generations. Well Done Jodie.

India is our Trainee Caseworker and is learning all skills to be a competent Caseworker. Well Done India. Our Social Emotion Wellbeing Support Officer – Henrietta Hunter (Netta) has been busy with organising meet and greet sessions to engage our members with NTSGAC.

Netta has been running Arts and Crafts for our members and it is a great way for our members to spend time together. Netta will be contacting members about the next lot of activities. Well Done Netta.

The Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme will be open until 2026.

Our two Redress Caseworkers Priscilla Lavery and Kathy Paterson have been working with our Stolen Generations clients to do applications and have done outreach throughout the NT. They have also been working with other Stakeholders to assist applicants as well as with the NIAA Engagement Team. Their work has been well received by our Stolen Generations people. If you have any queries about the Territories Redress Scheme please feel free to contact Priscilla or Kathy at our NTSGAC office. Well Done Priscilla and Kathy.

We also deliver the Aboriginal Carer Service that is under review at the moment and it is to assist to find Kinship Carers for children in Care. Our Manager of this program is Georgina Adams and Sonja Thomas is the Case Support Officer. Georgina and Sonja have been working in with Territory Families and have done outreach throughout the NT. The Kinship Care Team has been working in with other services to keep children that are in care with their families. There have been numerous wins for the children and that is really great. Well done Gina and Sonja.

Our organisation has the National Redress Scheme funding and are in the process of employing a Redress Officer to work with our Stolen Generations and assist with their application.

Our staff have been very busy navigating our way through COVID, community closure, staff turnover, re-engaging our members and community. We are a very dedicated to our Stolen Generations and are always here to assist when needed. Please feel welcome to come in and have a yarn, a cuppa or just call in.

Congratulations to all that have worked tirelessly for the organisation and to the new people that are going to be leading us into the next phase. We are hoping that our members get involved with the organisation and let our staff know how they see the organisation moving forward.

Yours sincerely,
Raelene Rosas
Interim-Acting CEO

TOP END LINK-UP SERVICE CASE TEAM



RAELENE ROSAS
TEAM LEADER /
INTERIM CEO



JODIE VIBE
CASEWORKER



HENRIETTA HUNTER
SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL
WELLBEING SUPPORT OFFICER



PATIRCK AHKIT
CASEWORKER



INDIA VIBE
TRAINEE CASEWORKER
/ ADMIN SUPPORT

Introducing our new staff & board of directors...

Patrick Ahkit Caseworker

Hello. My name is Patrick Ahkit. I commenced employment at the NTSGAC in late February 2023. I am employed as a Link - up Case Worker. I was born in Darwin.

I lived with my Parents Mother Stella Tennant/Weetra/ Ahkit and Father Jack Ahkit. I grew up in a large family, 6 brothers and six sisters. I have worked in the Health Sector as an Aboriginal Health Worker/Practitioner for over 42 years. I have experience working with specific Stolen Generation Groups who were stolen from their families in the Tennant Creek region while employed by Anyinginyi Aboriginal Health Corporation. I have returned to Darwin about 4 years ago, after 35 years living away from Darwin. I am looking forward to engaging/supporting SG clients and families, though a range of client/family focused activities.

Kathy Paterson Territories Stolen Generations Redress Officer

I was born in Darwin and is a local. My mother/grandmother side is Ngalakana/Mara from Roper River and my grandfather side is Mudburra/Djingili side, Murrarji. I come from a big family and as well having seven children of my own. I am working with the NTSGAC as the Territories SG Redress Scheme and looking forward to helping our Stolen Generations families.

Sonja Thomas Aboriginal Kinship Care Case Support Officer

I was born in Alice Springs (NT) Mother Betty Sporty Pearce (Arrente) Woman. Father Harold Thomas (SNR) (Wombi / Warramunga) man. I am part of the Stolen Generation and was removed in the 60s. I have 12-13 siblings. Myself I have three daughters and thirteen grandchildren. I now work with Stolen Generation in the Aboriginal Kinship Care Program as a Case Support Worker which I am thoroughly enjoying. I feel that with this role that I have done the full circle of children that are being removed and cared for. I hope that I can be of some great empathy and care for connecting Families.

Georgina Adams Aboriginal Kinship Care Program Manager

My name is Georgina Adams, also known as Gina. I was born and raised in Darwin within a large family structure. I was raised to be a strong and independent woman to make my own decisions in life. Darwin is always home to me. I started my working career in Darwin at the age of 17, I moved around the country to work, learn more, to experience different cultures and lifestyles. I lived out of a suitcase for numerous years working and travelling mainly across the Northern Territory and Queensland in regional towns, remote communities and suburban locations. I have been privileged and humbled to meet and sit with children of the Stolen Generations to hear their stories, feel their pain, acknowledged their trauma and value their wisdom. My whole being shifted because of these learnings. Hence why I work within child protection related sectors at this time. I started working with NTSGAC in January 2020 and enjoy the work that I do. I have three amazing children and two grandchildren who I love spending time with. I am a writer and apart from working in child protection, my forte is training, assessment and professional development.

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ABORIGINAL KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM



The NTSGAC Aboriginal Kinship Care Program initially commenced in 2019. The goal, purpose and vision of the program is to connect our children who currently live away from their home (under the guardianship of the Department of Territory Families) to their families, culture, identity, language, communities more. Our priority is to consult with Aboriginal primary caregivers and extended families to do family mapping, genograms and to explore family (kinship) carers for long term care, respite care, emergency care and holiday care for our children and young people. We have achieved this through kinship meetings, community consultations, cultural protocols and partnerships plus family visits. In addition to this, we participate at relevant forums and conferences relating to children and young people. Our team is unique in that we cover and trek the whole of the Northern Territory. However we have established meaningful relationships with our colleagues in the Aboriginal Kinship Care sector across the geographical regions of the Northern Territory. This is very important because they inform us of family connections and whereabouts when required. Our team also has access to other services with NTSGAC which include the Link-Up program, NT Redress Scheme, Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA) and the members of the Stolen Generation children. We support significant cultural and healing events to predominantly support the Stolen Generations children and their families. The Kinship team recognises and acknowledges the historical and present trauma of child removals and we work tirelessly towards family reunification, family contact and visits for our children and young people living away from home (out-of-home-care). Since the program started there has been some great achievements with positive and effective outcomes.

Our team has managed over 100 kinship referrals generated through the Department of Territory Families, self-referrals, walk-in enquiries and other Aboriginal kinship providers. We have built and maintained professional and cultural partnerships across the Northern Territory and interstate. Our team consults with over 100 family and kinship networks to connect over 100 children and young people to their families across the NT and interstate. We have formed a healthy and meaningful relationship with the Department of Territory Families' Aboriginal Community Workers and Aboriginal Remote Teams across the Northern Territory and beyond. We all share a common goal which is to reunify and connect Aboriginal children and young people to their families and vice versa - this is our priority.

The Aboriginal Kinship Team has been welcomed to presenting across State and National forums, conferences and workshops to address Aboriginal kinship care and to present session topics relating to this. Our team is pleased and proud to be included in decision-making processes relating to our children and their families and we continue to be strong in this with the support of our co-workers and Board of Directors at NTSGAC. If you are (or know of anyone) interested in becoming a Carer, please contact the team at NTSGAC on 8947 9171. We are here to assist.

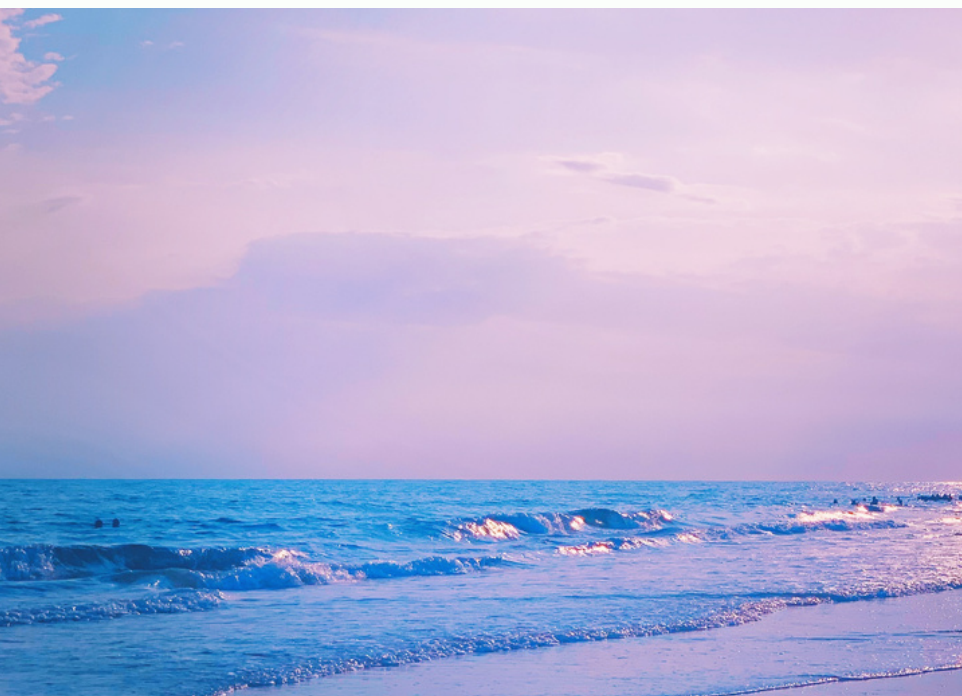
Report by:
Georgina Adams
Program Manager

DID YOU KNOW?

Since the program
commenced over 100+
family groups have been
identified



Social & Emotional Wellbeing Program



ART & CRAFT SUPPLIES WANTED

Call out for donations of unwanted and pre-loved arts and craft supplies in decent condition for our fortnightly Elders Craft Group. Please drop off to reception at the malak office or let us know where to pick up from!



SEWB ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS



The Link Up program activity will provide support, guidance and assistance with dealing with stresses of life and a place to engage with others and the community. *Come along, meet up and spend time with other friends, keep active, replace and enjoy hobbies and socialise.*

Please contact me on what activities you are interested in and would like us to deliver. A suggestion form can be lodged online, in person or over the phone. Our group is growing bigger every fortnight, join us now!

NTSGAC SEWB Support Officer
(08) 8947 9171

NTSGAC has a Social Emotional and Wellbeing program, that will be running activities and events alongside the Project Officer to re-engage our Stolen Generations People.

The purpose of the program is to assist our survivors and members in strengthening cultural connectedness and improving the social and emotional wellbeing of our elders through healing activities, connection to community, staying active and meeting spiritual needs.



As the SEWB Support Worker I am looking forward to working with our Stolen Generations peoples (Aunties and Uncles) to having workshops, healing camps and activities.

Netta Hunter
SEWB Support Officer



"Healing may not be so much about getting better, as about letting go of everything that isn't you - all of the expectations, all of the beliefs - and becoming who you are."

-Rachel Naomi Remen

15th Anniversary of The Apology

MAKE HEALING HAPPEN



It's hard to believe that it has been 15 years since the Honourable Dr. Kevin Rudd AC, 26th Prime Minister, delivered the National Apology to the Stolen Generations. It was a significant milestone for healing for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, but while the anniversary of the National Apology is a milestone that all Australians can be proud of, many Stolen Generations survivors, their families and communities are still feeling the hurt, pain and loss. We are a nation, made up of many nations, in need of healing.

**WE MUST MAKE HEALING HAPPEN - URGENTLY.
ITS TIME TO ACT.**

Thank you to the The Healing Foundation for inviting a delegation of eight Board Members, Staff and Members/Survivors from the NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation to participate and travel down to Canberra. We heard from key speakers and change makers at the National Healing Gathering, and gathered to reflect on the journey of healing 15 years on at the Message Stick Breakfast, held at Parliament House. Two of our survivors also had the opportunity to take their place in the Viewing Gallery for the Tabling of the Closing the Gap Implementation Plans, which saw the Australian Government invest \$424 million in additional funding to Closing the Gap!

Each year we acknowledge this special occasion by hosting an apology event, and NTSGAC will be hosting a post-date morning tea screening event once the livestream becomes available in the coming weeks.



Upcoming EVENTS & ANNIVERSARIES

SAVE THE DATE

Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival
12 - 14 May

Garmalang Festival
24 - 28 May

National Sorry Day
26 May

110th year Anniversary of
Kahlin Compound 26 May

1967 Referendum
27 May

Mabo Day
3 June

2022 AGM A SUCCESS!

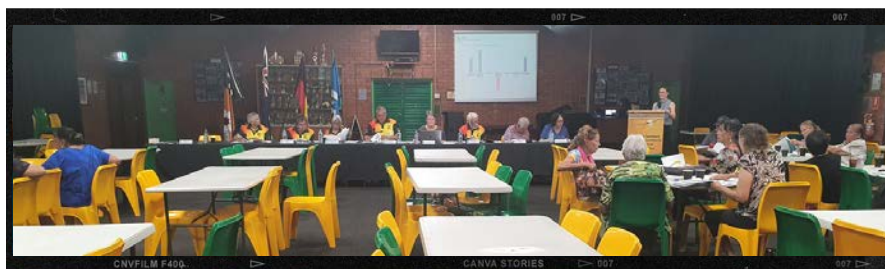
Thank you members....



BOARD BUSINESS

The NTSGAC conducted another successful AGM in November 2022 at the St Mary's Club Darwin. The Board of Directors prides itself on meeting their community obligations and achieving these outcomes wouldn't be possible without the participation and dedication from you, our dear members. A big thank you to all members that did make the effort in attending the meeting and being part of the important decision making for 2023. Sincerest apologies to those living remote who did not receive their paperwork and voting forms in time, we are making changes to our admin procedures in managing this to ensure delivery is on time and accurate in future. Shoutout to the staff at St Mary's Club as well for their wonderful hospitality as always. NTSGAC would also like to acknowledge and thank the previous Board Members for all their hard work, advocacy and commitment to the cause of the Stolen Generations over the years.

Your hard copy of the NTSGAC 2022 Annual Report can be collected from reception at our Malak Office...



Seeking Participants - NT Stolen Generations Panel Talk

National Sorry Day 26 May 2023

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) in partnership with NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation invite survivors and descendants to participate in a panel talk discussion as part of a special event for National Sorry Day - 26 May

If you are open to and comfortable enough to share your story and knowledge of our history, there will be an opportunity for open discussions and moderated questions with a live audience - facilitated by a skilled panel moderator.

If you wish to attend or get involved please register now, we have 5-8 places available on the panel. any assistance or transport needed will be provided.

To register for a seat on the panel or find out more please contact:

Jessica Parnell NTSGAC Project Officer

0408 772 180 / (08) 8947 9171

jessica.parnell@ntsgac.org



2022 Members Christmas Gathering & Luncheon

OUT & ABOUT



THE 2022 MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A HUGE HIT! - MASSIVE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED. THE TURN OUT WAS GREAT WITH 80+ MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.



HELD AT THE MERCURE AIRPORT RESORT - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY INCLUDED A THEMED BUFFET, HEARTFELT WELCOME TO COUNTRY BY DR. RICHIE FEJO, CUSTOM GIFT PACKS FROM ABORIGINAL BUSH TRADERS, UNCLE SANTAS GROTTTO AND EILEENS FAREWELL!



2022 Members Christmas Gathering & Luncheon

BY JESS PARNELL



SHOUTOUT TO THE LOVELY MS TANYAH NASIR WHO WAS OUR MC FOR THE DAY AND DJ LES HUDDLESTON WHO GAVE US ALL GOOSEBUMPS WITH THAT DIDJ PLAYING! LEGENDS



CONGRATS TO OUR LUCKY SEAT HAMPER WINNERS - ANNE EVANS, MUKI MUIR AND VERONICA KOWCUN + BEST DRESSED: MARJORIE WINPHIL AND BEST DANCER: BARBARA NASIR WHO NEARLY BURNT A HOLE IN THE DANCE FLOOR... BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME FELLAS !!



Notes about 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 Stolen Wages

Shine Lawyers are continuing with a class action for recognition/compensation for Stolen Wages, if you or your family worked in the NT before 1972. There is an Expression of Interest form available at NTSGAC. 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**

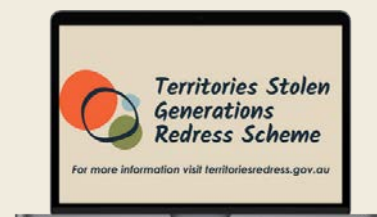
4. Garden Point Compensation

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
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SHINE LAWYERS

1800 870 342

STOLEN GENERATIONS
CLASS ACTION FOR THE DECEASED

REGISTRATION CLOSED

CONTACT LAWYERS DIRECTLY
WITH ANY ENQUIRIES

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 S.E.W.B Support Officer

Link-Up Social and Emotional Wellbeing Support Officer provides SEWB support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are tracing and/or locating their families and/or planning a reunion. We offer SEWB activities and events which includes trans-generational grief, trauma and family relationship healing programs. 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:

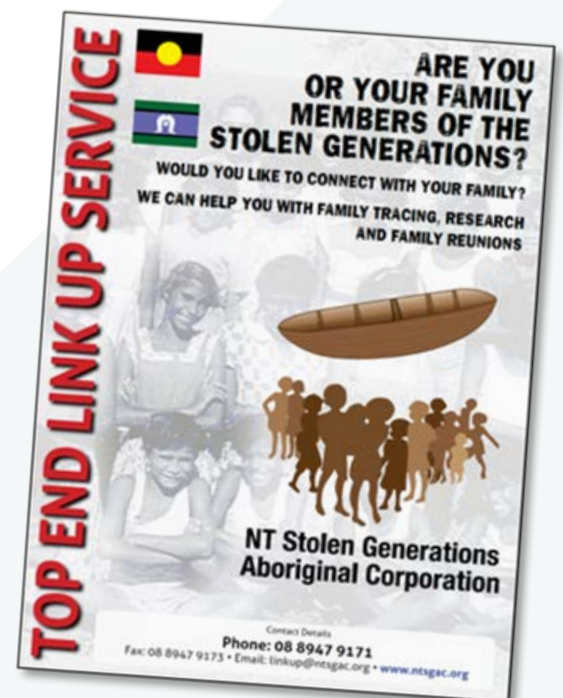
- Adhere to NTSGAC confidentiality agreements.
- To ensure that client rights are protected.
- To provide a professional level of service.
- Agree to maintain confidentiality and to respect the views of clients and their families.

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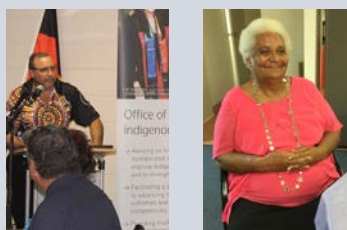
<http://www.ntsgac.org.au/>

***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.**



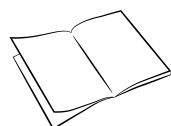
Past Event Photos

Did you get snapped at one of our past events? 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 NTSGAC 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 NTSGAC 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.

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NTSGAC TOTE BAGS
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\$20 EACH

GET YOURS TODAY!

NT Stolen Generations
Aboriginal Corporation



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.