

SMART JUSTICE IN THE HEART OF THE KIMBERLEY

Our Programs. Our Stories.

2021



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the land of Australia and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We particularly acknowledge the Kija and Jaru people, the traditional owners of the Country which the Shire of Halls Creek is located on.

2021

SNAPSHOT



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT NIGHT OFFICERS

YENOs move around Halls Creek centre at night, engaging with young people, encouraging positive behaviour.



FAMILY SUPPORT

Family Support Officers provide intensive case management to young people identified as at-risk.



MEN'S TRIBAL CENTRE

a culturally safe space for men to build better futures established in Halls Creek by local Elders.



COMMUNITY JUSTICE

a redesign of Halls Creek's justice system has commenced, in partnership with UWA.



KUTJUNGKA

pilot project was launched in Mindibungu (Billiluna), Kundat Djaru (Ringer Soak), Mulan, and Wirrimanu (Balgo).



MIBALA

was created as an alternative education pathway for at-risk young people disengaged with school.



PHOTO: An aerial view of the town of Halls Creek, WA



YENOs

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT NIGHT OFFICERS

The YENOs Program is Olabud Doogethu's flagship program. Respected local members of the community walk through the streets of Halls Creek 7 nights a week, between 8pm and 4am. Their aim is to engage with young people who are out at night, to encourage positive behaviours, reaffirm the importance of school attendance and ensure their safety.

PHOTO: Kevin Hunter, a proud Jaru and Gooniyandi man, and the YENOs team lead.



Key Focus

To identify young people who are out at night, ensure their safety, build rapport, and encourage them to go home.

Our Partners

The Youth Engagement Night Officer program is in partnership with Lotterywest, Department of Justice and Shire of Halls Creek.

Funding

The program is currently funded for \$430,000 in 2022/23 budget.

Program Overview

The Youth Engagement Night Officers (YENOs) are respected members of the local community. They have lived experience in the unique challenges and opportunities in the Shire and are passionate about positive change.

The YENO team work from 8pm to 4am and walk the main business district of Halls Creek. They engage with young people who may be on the streets during these hours.

The YENOs direct young people home, while having conversations with them for the reasons behind their street presence, and to encourage positive behaviors and the importance of attending school.

Through identifying the young people out at night, YENOs communicate their interactions to the Family Support team, who then follow up with families and other service providers where appropriate.



News Coverage



Indigenous program gets children wandering the streets back in classrooms - ABC News



Justice reinvestment program reduces youth offence rates in Halls Creek Shire - National Indigenous Times

Kevin Hunter (pictured on previous page) is a father of four, and the team lead of the Youth Engagement Night Officers program. For Kevin, long-term solutions to the trouble at night needs to start at home.

"The kids are crying for help, so they do these little bad things, these bad habits, to get attention that they might not receive at home from their own parents."

PHOTO: James Tremlett, an 18 year old Jaru and Yindjibarndi man, born and raised in Halls Creek. James hopes the work he does as a YENO will contribute to breaking the cycle of anti-social behaviour so young people and children can have a brighter future ahead.



Read James' full story online:
"Breaking The Cycle: Kids Deserve The Best Future"
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PHOTO: Lorenzo Gordon, a proud Jaru man, has called Halls Creek home since 2012. For him, he believes parents and families can do little things with their children to make a big difference in their lives.



Read Lorenzo's full story online:

"It's the Little Things: Stories, Yarns, and tea"

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FAMILY SUPPORT

Olabud Doogethu's intensive case management program focuses on engaging and supporting young people who are at-risk and vulnerable in the local community.

PHOTO: Jacob Bradshaw, a Family Support Officer, responsible for supporting the strategic direction of the Family Support team.



Halls Creek, WA

Key Focus

To engage and support young people who are at-risk and vulnerable in the local community.

Our Partners

Olabud Doogethu's Family Support program partners with Department of Communities and National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Funding

The program is funded for \$346,000 in the 2022/23 budget.

Program Overview

Olabud Doogethu's Family Support team provide intensive case management, and engage and support young people who are at-risk and vulnerable in the local community.

Young people who are referred to Olabud Doogethu are supported to address complex needs, such as educational support, mental health concerns, employment and training pathways.

The Family Support team also works alongside the Youth Engagement Night Officers to provide follow-up support of young people who were identified on the streets at night.



Learn more



Jessica Bradshaw: A Mother, A Leader - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories



Jesse Bradshaw: Family Support - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories

Jessica Bradshaw is a proud Ngardi and Walpiri woman who leads Olabud Doogethu's Family Support work with vulnerable and at-risk young girls.

"It's tough for me because I don't want to see any of the kids in Halls Creek get left behind... so being a mother, when I take care of clients, I can understand the kids."

olabuddoogethu.org.au/a-mother-a-leader-jessica-bradshaw

A close-up portrait of a man with dark, curly hair, a light beard, and a grey baseball cap worn backwards. He is wearing a black jacket with a yellow and white patterned collar. The background is a bright, out-of-focus outdoor setting with green foliage. The text 'MIBALA' is written in large, bold, orange letters across the middle of the image, and 'LEARNING ON COUNTRY' is written in smaller, bold, orange letters below it.

MIBALA

LEARNING ON COUNTRY

Designed and taught by local Aboriginal Elders and leaders, Mibala ('us together' in Kimberley Kriol) is the first nationally-accredited course that seeks to guide and support disengaged children back into mainstream education.

PHOTO: Jesse Bradshaw is a Bardi and Jaru man and helps lead the Mibala Learning on Country program, in partnership with the North-West Regional TAFE.



Key Focus

To support young people to find their sense of identity through rekindling a connection to Aboriginal culture and Country.

Our Partners

Mibala Learning on Country is in partnership with North-West Regional TAFE, based in Kununurra, WA.

Funding

The Mibala (pilot) program is funded for \$81,000 over 1.5 years (2021-22).

Program Overview

In Halls Creek one of the biggest challenges is getting children engaged in school. All children deserve the right to good quality education and Mibala ('us together' in Kimberley Kriol) is an opportunity to guide and support disengaged children back into mainstream education.

Through rekindling a connection to culture and Country, Mibala seeks to instil a sense of identity and pride within the young people of Halls Creek. It is designed and led by local Aboriginal Elders and community leaders and is the first nationally accredited course in Australia that can be scaled and adapted to any language and Country within Australia.

Mibala is currently in the pilot stage. It began in August 2021 and currently has 12 young people enrolled and actively participating in the program.



News Coverage



Indigenous program gets children wandering Halls Creek's streets back in classrooms - ABC News



Alternative education plan hopes to build on success targeting youth crime in Halls Creek - ABC News

Arthur (15 years old) is a young Kija man that is part of the Mibala Learning on Country program and enjoys the opportunity to reconnect to his Aboriginal culture, heritage and identity.

"I like going out bush, swimming, making a boomerang and spear and just being a role model for the younger kids."

A portrait of an elderly Aboriginal man, Keith Jugarie, with long dark hair and a grey beard. He is wearing a dark leather cap and a bright yellow jacket with a patterned collar. He is sitting outdoors, with a large tree trunk visible in the background. The text 'MEN'S TRIBAL CENTRE' is overlaid in large white letters.

MEN'S TRIBAL CENTRE

Developed in partnership with leading Aboriginal Elders from Halls Creek, the Men's Tribal Centre is a culturally safe space for men from all tribes to come together, yarn, and reconnect young people with their rich Aboriginal culture, history and identities.

PHOTO: Keith Jugarie, a leading Kija and Jaru Elder from Halls Creek who has played a key role in working together with Olabud Doogethu to establish the Men's Tribal Centre.



Key Focus

To establish a culturally safe space for men to learn from Elders and young people to reconnect to Aboriginal culture.

Our Partners

The Men's Tribal Centre is in partnership with the Shire of Halls Creek, and developed in partnership with local Elders.

Funding

This program is currently seeking long-term funding.

Program Overview

The Men's Tribal Centre is a culturally safe space for local Aboriginal Elders, men, and young people to come together and build better futures together.

The Men's Tribal Centre is developed in partnership with leading Aboriginal Elders from Halls Creek on traditional ceremonial grounds.

Through reconnecting to Aboriginal culture, history, and identity, the Men's Tribal Centre hopes to bring the community together to collectively work together on local issues.

The Men's Tribal Centre will be open to the public in early to mid 2022.



From The Elders



Stewart Morton: Passing on Aboriginal Culture - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories



George Demi: Strength Through Lore and Culture - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories



Keith Jugarie: Coming Together With Good Ideas - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories

Stewart Morton is the leading Jaru Elder in Halls Creek. For him, the Men's Tribal Centre is about passing on his knowledge to the future generation.

"It's time coming. I'm getting a bit too old. I want to pass my knowledge on to the young people and I hope the young people can take it along."



PHOTO: Larry Smith, a Kija and Jaru Elder, and leader of the Men's Tribal Centre initiative. Most importantly, Larry works with key Aboriginal Elders in Halls Creek from different tribes to ensure the establishment of the Men's Tribal Centre is developed in a culturally safe and appropriate way.



PHOTO: Donald Butcher, a Kija and Jaru Elder who has lived in Halls Creek for most of his life. Don hopes the Men's Tribal Centre will help fathers and sons connect to their Aboriginal culture, identity, and history through the guidance of local Aboriginal Elders from Halls Creek.



Read Don's full story online:
"Towards A Better Future For Men"
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COMMUNITY JUSTICE

Olabud Doogethu has embarked on a journey in partnership with the University of Western Australia to recreate the local justice system in Halls Creek to ensure it is culturally-safe and culturally appropriate.

PHOTO: Dennis Chungulla, a Kija and Walmajarri Elder, is the Human Rights Team Coordinator.



Key Focus

Recreate Halls Creek's justice system to ensure community and Aboriginal culture is at the forefront of solving local justice issues.

Our Partners

The Community Justice program is in partnership with The University of Western Australia.

Funding

This program is currently seeking long-term funding.

Program Overview

In Halls Creek, Olabud Doogethu has embarked on a journey to redesign the justice system based on the concepts of community justice (also known as 'restorative justice'). This allows communities to 'own' their own problems and play a key role in resolving them without using the courts and criminal justice system.

In partnership with world-leading expert Dr Harry Blagg from The University of Western Australia, Olabud Doogethu seeks to recreate the local justice system in a way that is based on local Aboriginal law and culture, community-led solutions and strategies, and while also prioritise the creation of culturally-appropriate pathways for prevention, rehabilitation, and support.



Larry Smith, a local Kija and Jaru Elder, is part of Olabud Doogethu's Human Rights team.

"We live and breathe on Aboriginal land, so our systems should also reflect this. There is no Aboriginal ownership or involvement in how justice is done... we can work in a more culturally-appropriate way."

Learn more



Redesigning Justice in Halls Creek - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories



Professor Harry Blagg: Community Justice - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories



Wirrimanu (Balgo), WA



KUTJUNGKA

COMMUNITY NAVIGATORS

The Kutjungka ('as one' in Kukutja) project is an Aboriginal-led initiative to improve the livelihoods of remote desert communities, fix local issues and keep the government and service delivery providers involved and accountable.

PHOTO: Wirrimanu (Balgo), WA: Entrance to Wirrimanu (Balgo). (Aarti Saiganesh).



Mindibungu (Billiluna); Wirrimanu (Balgo); Kundat Djaru (Ringer Soak); and Mulan.

Key Focus

To empower and support remote Aboriginal communities to improve access to services.

Our Partners

This program is in partnership with the Shire of Halls Creek and the National Indigenous Australian Agency.

Funding

This program is currently funded for \$430,000 in the 2021/2022 budget.

Program Overview

The Kutjungka project will connect services and community people together to ensure everyone knows who is coming, what they are going to do, and how they are going to do it.

Each local Community Navigator will work in their own respective local community to identify local priorities and ideas, and will make sure:

- Local Aboriginal people decide who, when and how services are delivered in their community.
- Community gets what they want and need.
- Government listens to what each community wants before doing anything.
- Government works in a culturally safe and culturally appropriate way.



Learn more



Kutjungka 2021 Prospectus - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Programs



Kutjungka: Launch of Prospectus - Olabud Doogethu website, Our Stories

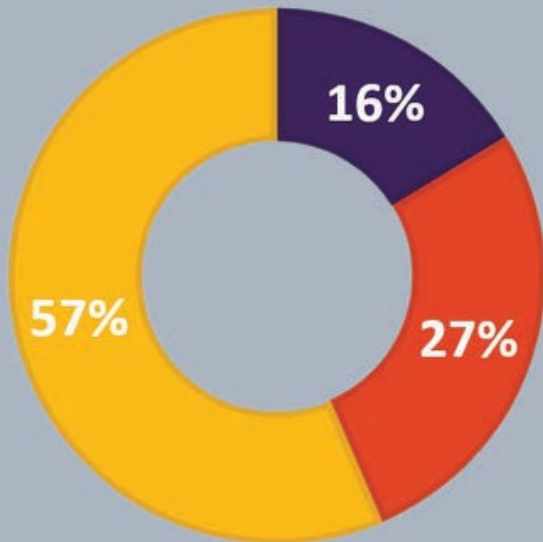
Bonnie James, a Martu Elder in Balgo, believes that the Kutjungka project will help bring remote communities together and ensure local people are heard by government.

"For our community, 'Kutjungka' means that we are one, together."

FINANCIALS

2021/2022 Financial Year

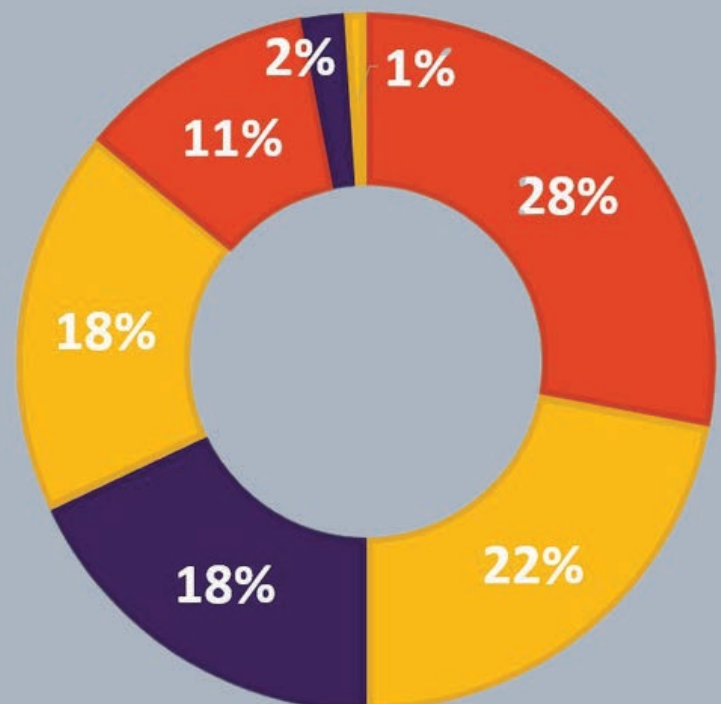
Government funding



	Local Gov.	\$283,000.00
	State Gov.	\$474,523.00
	Federal Gov.	\$981,000.00

Funding distribution by Program

	28%	Remote Youth Development
	22%	Youth Engagement Night Officers
	18%	Mibala Learning on Country
	18%	Kutjungka Program pilot
	11%	Family Support; Halls Creek
	2%	Community Justice
	1%	Men's Tribal Centre





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