

TANGENTYERE

WOMEN'S FAMILY SAFETY GROUP

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"Strong Women, Strong Families"



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency...000

Police Assistance
Line...131 444

TANGENTYERE:

Night Patrol...

1800 133 110

Family Violence Pre-
vention Programs...

08 8952 1430

24hr Women's Shel-
ter...

08 8952 6075

Public Housing
Safety Officers...

131 444

24hr Counseling...

1800 737 7328

CATT Team...

1800 682 288

Life Line...131 144

Parents Line...

1300 30 1300

Headspace...

1800 659388

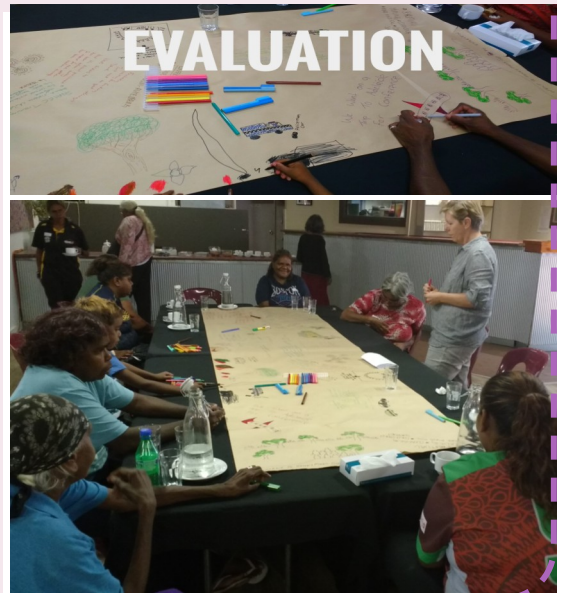
Evaluation of the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group

The Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFG) are in the process of being independently evaluated for the work that has been undertaken over the past 2 years. An independent evaluation allows the TWFG the opportunity to reflect on the work that has been done, where the work is heading and what areas we may be needing to focus on more OR instead of others.

The process of reflecting on the work that has been done over the past 2 years was a very positive experience for the members of the TWFG and staff as seeing all of the amazing work that has been done in such a short amount of time was reinvigorating.

The evaluation is being undertaken by Matrix on Board and is due to be completed in the middle of 2017.

If you have any questions about the work of the TWFG please contact Shirleen Campbell or Carmel Simpson on (08) 8952 1430



Human Rights Ambassadors

At the end of March, the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFG) met with Australian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Gillian Bird; and Australian Ambassador to Denmark, Norway and Iceland, Damien Miller.

The purpose of the Ambassadors visit to Alice Springs was:

- to hear the concerns of the community in relation to human rights issues and Indigenous issues;
- an opportunity for Gillian Bird to talk about her role in promoting Human Rights at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York; and
- For Damien Miller (Ambassador to Denmark, Norway and Iceland) to talk about how he has promoted Indigenous rights in Denmark, Norway and Iceland, including as Australia's first Indigenous Ambassador.

The TWFG members were able to share their concerns, experiences, challenges, achievements and stories of resistance of Aboriginal people in Central Australia, particularly in relation to the work being done by the TWFG in the areas of Family Violence Prevention.

These discussions were to be used to inform a report by the Ambassadors on human rights and Indigenous issues that will be sent to Australia's overseas diplomatic network and will assist inform Australia's position at the next United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York. The TWFG hope to keep in contact with the Ambassadors and be able to pass on information and concerns of Aboriginal people from Central Australia as required. .

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"HERE'S TO STRONG WOMEN.
MAY WE KNOW THEM.
MAY WE BE THEM.
MAY WE RAISE THEM."
—Unknown



International Women's Day (IWD) 2017



(I-R) Doris O'Brien, Maree Corbo, Helen Gillen, Julie Klein, Carlien Cook.

The Central Australian Women's Legal Aid Service (CAWLS) in partnership with the Tangentyere Women's Family Safety Group (TWFSG) were successful in an application for a grant from the Northern Territory Governments Office of Women's Policy which allowed for a free screening movie night at the Alice Springs

Cinema of "Hidden Figures".

The synopsis is: "Three brilliant African-American women at NASA – Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy

Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) – serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit—a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world."

This was a wonderful night were Women and Men were invited to join together and celebrate IWD 2017 #BeBoldForChange.

A very special thank you to Tessa Snowden for all of the amazing organisation and planning of this night— without her work, this night would not have been possible. Our very own Doris O'Brien from the TWFSG won the lucky door prize on the night. A big thank you to all who attended. –Written by Carmel Simpson



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Brian Butler: Talking about Lateral Love.

Upcoming training dates:

Larapinta Town Camp:
15th and 16th May 2017.

St Mary's (Tangentyere
Employment Services)
29th May 2017

More training dates
available in May & June
upon request. Please
contact Carmel Simpson
on 0411955837 or
carmel.simpson@tangentyere.org.au for more
details.

On Friday the 24th March 2017 we had the chance to meet with Brian Butler, the founder of "Lateral Love", William Brian Jungala Butler.

We loved meeting him, to listen to his stories, his family connections and talking about changing lateral violence into lateral love.

Lateral violence is the expression of rage and anger, fear and terror that can only be safely vented upon those closest to us when we are being oppressed. In other words, people who are victims of a situation of dominance turn on each other instead of confronting the system that oppresses them.

Lateral Violence is bringing each other down. Lateral Violence is jealousing each other. Lateral violence is judging each other rather than encouraging each other. Lateral Violence is happening in our community to each other by each other. If we can untie, stand strong together, support each other and bring each other up, we are a much stronger community to stand against racism and oppression.

- Written by Shirleen Campbell

<https://lateralloveaustralia.wordpress.com/>

Back Row (L-R) Marlene Hayes, Carlien Cook, Shirleen Campbell.

Front Row (L-R) Helen Gillen, Brian Butler, Louise Abbott.

