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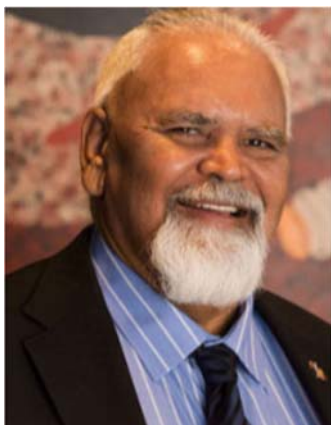
# Newsletter



**Aboriginal  
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## Tauto Sansbury

Chairperson of the ASG Board of  
Directors.

He will always be remembered.

Aboriginal advocate and indigenous life time achievement winner Tauto Sansbury has died. The Narungga elder, who was born on Point Pearce Mission on the Yorke Peninsula of Narungga heritage, died on Monday 23rd September. Family and friends have remembered Mr Sansbury as a “courageous leader”.

“He was a recognised leader and Elder, he spoke truth to power at times when others felt they were unable to. Tauto was a true voice for the voiceless,” a statement said. In his final social media post last month, the father-of-six, and stepfather of two, said he had fought for Aboriginal people all his life.

“While I have been fighting a big personal battle against blood cancer this past 12 months I have had more time than I would have liked to reflect on the current situation for Aboriginal people in Australia,” he said.

“We need to move forward — and when I say “we”, I mean not only Aboriginal Australia, but the marginalised, the excluded, the voiceless, the powerless, the poor and the downtrodden right across the country, the “ordinary” Australian.

“This may not be in my lifetime, but there is a wealth of talented and committed people who can make this vision a reality. If we don’t, then the future for all our children and our children’s children is pretty bleak. So let’s start talking.”

A champion for Australia’s First Peoples, Mr Sansbury was deeply involved in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, attending to the deaths and autopsies of 18 Aboriginal people, leading both the national and state Aboriginal justice advisory committees for more than a decade.

He also focused on cultural understanding and youth programs. In 2015, he was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National NAIDOC Committee and was honoured with the Dr Yunupingu Award for Human Rights for his social justice work.

(This exert is from The Advertiser, Tuesday 24th September 2019)

# Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's Group

Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's Group in The Riverland came about through discussions with mothers of young Aboriginal children and the need for a culturally safe space to meet, to yarn, to improve their social and emotional wellbeing whilst being able to bring their children and also interact with them through various activities.

Through these yarns a common theme of self-esteem kept coming up. So Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation in conjunction with Riverland Crossfit and Live Better Physiotherapy, a program was developed to both increase physical and mental health well-being for these group of women.



The mother's self and esteem and confidence as parents and as predominantly Aboriginal mothers has increased and this can be seen through attendance at community events. As the group has evolved so has the sense of pride has developed within these women.

Pride in themselves as individuals, as mothers and pride of the success of the group.

For mothers of Aboriginal children to stand in a predominantly non-Aboriginal community and to stand proud as women and mothers has assisted in developing positive social and emotional well-being for this group.

The Moorundie Ruwe Ninkawi's Group have overcome issues of lateral violence and family issues and have put that aside for the sake of the group. There has been nothing but positive outcomes to date and these will continue to grow.

Each week the mothers and children participate in an activity together to build on their relationships with their children. Some activities have been clay, painting canvases & card making.

The group have extended offers of inclusion to other mothers that they see struggling within the Riverland Community. They share language and teach the children language too. They actively teach their children cultural protocol and traditions.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-09-22/mums-group-weights.jpg-1/11535792>





## Collaboration between ASG & Aboriginal Liaison Officers

It was a pleasure to meet with Deborah Dunn and Letitia Fortune who are ALO's at Adelaide Women's Prison this month.

Robert Merritt and Amy Wight from OARS also attended and shared some great information about current issues within the community.

ASG's Substance Misuse Team and Homelessness Program were involved along with Christine Sparre from our Journey2Home program.

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## Breaking the Cycle at Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide

A newly developed Aboriginal Community Court Adelaide (ACCA) had their first sitting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at the Adelaide Magistrate Court with Magistrate Dixon. Also in attendance was Matt Clarke, Case Manager for the Intervention Courts, Marissa Fouyaxis, AJO, Alison Lam, Case Manager and Aunt Pat Warrior-Read.



Elders Aunty Alison Fielding and Uncle Boe Rankine are also involved in the ACCA and will be sitting on the bench with Magistrate Dixon. This court was developed to link participants into appropriate supports throughout their court proceedings in a culturally appropriate way with the hope that they can "Break the Cycle"



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**“GO THE SAINTS”**



Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) worker and Past “AFL Legend” from the St Kilda Football Club Robbie “Mad Dog” Muir was the special guest at the pre-game function held at Adelaide oval before the St Kilda versus Adelaide Crows game recently.

“Mad Dogs” partner, Donna Pickett, is the aunty of AFL legend and hard hitter Byron “Choppy” Pickett.

The St Kilda Mascot and future St Kilda star “IJ” really enjoyed the experience and it was a great night for the family.

We would like to say a big thank you to Robbie and Donna for organising the St Kilda Mascot along with Melissa and John from the St Kilda Football Club.

Robbie is an inspiration to everyone at ASG and to everyone that knows him.



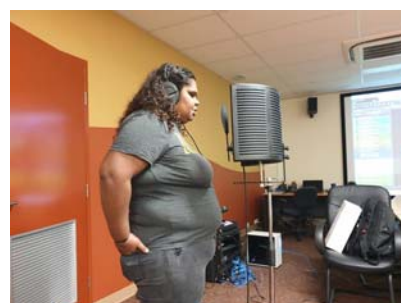
# Digital Music and Song Writing Program in The Riverland

Click on the link below to see the ABC story

<http://asg.org.au/riverland-music-program/>



**“Music Is Life”**



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Western Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service invited clients to attend a Pamper Day in September. The women had an awesome day getting their nails painted and also a foot massage which was much deserved. After this the ladies received a relaxing massage. It was a lovely day and we received fantastic feedback from the ladies. Giving the ladies this day out was after all they have achieved through their case management with successful housing outcomes.







At Western Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service (WAASHS) the men at Cyril Lindsay House (CLH) attended a day out at the golf course! The men were eager to attend the course to show their skills which proved they can hit a hole in one!

Here at WAASHS we encourage the clients to go out into the community and spend time building relationships and empowering them to become as independent as possible. It is also giving the clients a fun day out after intense case management giving the clients some time to reflect back on all the hard work they have done during the week.

## Healing Day at Cyril Lindsay House (CLH) with Ngangkari 27/09/19

We had a great day with all participants receiving 'Healing our spirit and body'.

We had a resident and staff gathering and enjoyed a lunch together and a yarning session regarding the unique healing ways from the Traditional Aboriginal People.





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