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Newsletter



**Aboriginal
Sobriety
Group**
INDIGENOUS CORPORATION

Ngangkari Healers in The Riverland

For thousands of years the Ngangkari have nurtured the physical, emotional and social well-being of their people. These traditional healers are esteemed for their unique ability to protect and heal both individuals and communities from harm.

Additionally, the Ngangkari provide advice to Indigenous and non-Indigenous people outside their communities, using their extensive knowledge of culture and family.

In conjunction with Riverland Community & Mental Health, Ngankari's are available at our Riverland site on a monthly basis.



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White Ribbon Accredited Workplace**





Welcome Tessa

Hi my name is Tessa Taylor and I have recently started my position as the caseworker for the western homelessness program I have spent most of my life helping people and supporting to become the most positive person they can be.

I am passionate about supporting the aboriginal community that are in crisis or homeless or in need. I previously worked with the Aboriginal Youth that are experiencing homelessness or in crisis as a Youth Support Worker.

Thank you to you all for giving me the opportunity to work as a case worker here at ASG! I am excited to work with you all in near future!



Welcome Kristian

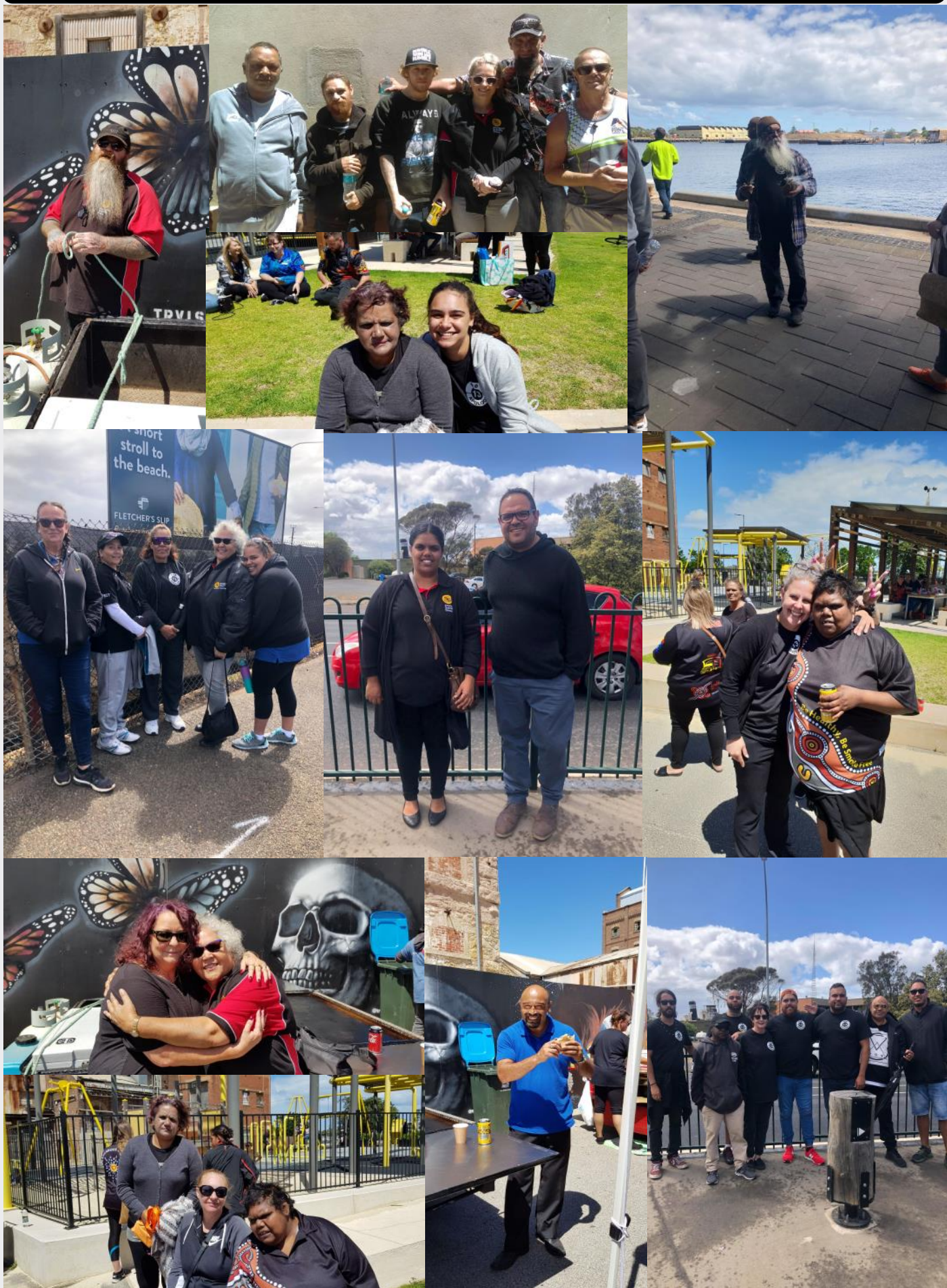
Hi my name is Kris Newchurch. I am a proud Narungga/ Ngarrindjeri man with a wealth of experience in mental health, disability and youth work.

It is such a great honor to work with ASG and to be able to help our people with AOD issues and I hope I can make a difference in this great organisation.

Thank you ASG for giving me this opportunity to show you guys my potential.

Cant wait to meet you all!

A Walk Of Awareness 13.02.19



Good News!



When I took the clients to an AA Meeting in Aldgate on Tuesday night we found this little fellow in a tree in the car park.



Celebrated one of the clients 21st Birthday! from Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal

Leila Rankine—House of Hope Graduation





Inness Graduated from Leila Rankine– House of hope, during her Ceremony she read out this beautiful poem she wrote herself.

Graphic visions of past treasuring aluminates my life.
 Within the here and now past is present.
 Walked along with taunted shadows by side.
 Oddly enough those shadows became a companion.
 Lured enough to walk through the days and nights.
 Couldn't own constructive thoughts too binned by shadows.
 Shadow's customized my lifestyle.
 Every ounce of light diminished to stay hidden.

Shadows portrayed numerous faces.
 Exhibited a trail of wickedness.
 Poised and polished my belief fermented.
 Coincided with thy shadows acquaintances.
 Shadows bought forth falseness of life.

Embarked they shredded my entire existence of being god's child.
 Cascaded me from all morals, values and beliefs.
 Visually tried to pear inside oneself.
 With a numbing jolt to thy mind.
 The body a feverish sensation.

Twas possession thy shadows possessed imperatively.
 Darkness stood firm, no retreat, no surrender.
 Body wakening rapidly from inside to outer.
 Insight familiarity bleaker and bleaker.
 Needing a miracle to overcome status quo.
 Survival tactics withered like autumn leaves.

A window can't see through.
 Walks so high can't reach.
 A door without a key.

Curse exit now.
 Keep dreams alive.
 There is a solution
 This is my life.

- Inness

GRADUATIONS AT LAKALINJERI TUMBETIN WAAL





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