



**Co-Convenors' Report to
Annual General Meeting
28 October 2014**

2014 in Review

It's been an amazing year for BTHWA with more change and opportunity on the horizon!

- ❁ Sorry Day 26th May 2014**
- ❁ Dockers Indigenous Round Game**
- ❁ Collard Family legal case**
- ❁ Healing Centre proposal and grant update**
- ❁ Reconciliation WA support**
- ❁ NSGA**
- ❁ Perth Writers Festival – collaboration with Anna Haebich**
- ❁ Philanthropic interests**

Sorry Day 2014

- ❁ Strong support from Reconciliation WA, WACOSS, ICEA, Follow the Dream and AIME in Stolen Generations issues
- ❁ Many young people helping out with planning and on the day
- ❁ Well over 1500 school children attended and were involved in a large range of activities
- ❁ many others from the Aboriginal community and the reconciliation community participating
- ❁ Re-planting of Native Hibiscus

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Dockers Indigenous Round

- ✿ In collaboration with Reconciliation WA, the Bringing Them Home Committee WA formed a partnership with the Fremantle Football Club in relation to their Indigenous Round Game in Melbourne in early June 2014
- ✿ The Dockers strongly supported our suggestion to incorporate the Native Hibiscus, the symbol of the Stolen Generations on their Indigenous Round Guernsey

Dockers Indigenous Round (cont'd)

- ✿ Dockers did a substantial amount of media work in the lead up to the game, they produced a special banner for the game to Honour the Stolen Generations and they allowed us to have an Honour Guard of Stolen Generations Elders on the ground at Etihad Stadium as the players ran onto the ground
- ✿ Dockers produced a short documentary about the significance of the Stolen Generations and this was shown at half time on national TV

Honouring the Stolen Generations



Indigenous Round



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WA Stolen Generations Alliance



Key Actions

- ❁ BTHWA coordinated phone link-ups between Stolen Generations representatives from across the State with the generous support of Yorgum and Senator Rachel Siewert, successfully moving WASGA forward from a concept to a working entity
- ❁ A Draft WA Stolen Generations Alliance constitution has now gone through three iterations and is ready to present to the Dept of Commerce.
- ❁ We continue to collaborate with Roelands and Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation and others on Stolen Generations issues
- ❁ Meeting conducted in Albany in late October to discuss proposals in relation to joined-up healing strategies

Collard Family Legal Case



Collard Family Legal Case

Media Release issued on 20th December 2013 after decision by Justice Janine Pritchard not to support the Collard Family's legal case against the State Government:

BRINGING THEM HOME COMMITTEE FRUSTRATED AND ANGRY AT LEGAL SYSTEM'S INABILITY TO PROVIDE JUSTICE FOR STOLEN GENERATIONS

"Ultimately, this decision is not about justice, it is about the legal technicalities and niceties of a European imposed legal system that that has failed the First Peoples of this continent since the invasion began over two hundred years ago."



- As we reported last year, BTHWA was instrumental in the establishment of RWA and in obtaining funding for its operations. As such we have a state Reconciliation Council building support for Stolen generations into RAPs.
- There continues to be strong Board commitment to Stolen Generations issues
- RWA Executive Officer and Project Officer have provided strong support for organisation of Sorry Day in 2014 and with other BTH issues eg on YOKAI!

RAP's and Yokai!



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation

Healing Centres Design and Development Funding

**Funding Guide
July 2013**



HealingFoundation

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Boomerang House Update



Neville House Update



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CONSERVATION & ADAPTIVE RE-USE WORKS Public Health & Medical Department Offices (former) 57 Murray Street

The Public Health & Medical Department Offices (former) at 57 Murray Street will be conserved and interpreted to enable a sustainable use into the future.

This building housed numerous state government departments from its opening in 1912 through to the 1990s, most notably the Colonial Secretary's Office, Public Health & Medical Department and Department of Aborigines & Fisheries. It contained the offices of AO Neville Chief Protector of Aborigines during his administration between 1922 and 1945, as well as other historically prominent public figures.

The building is a good example of the work of Chief Public Works Department Architect Hillson Beasley and builder SB Alexander; its fine architectural detailing and Donnybrook stonework are prominent components of the Murray Street precinct.

The place is representative of the workings of government, the policies and policy makers that shaped the development of the state and influenced the nation's history.



Derbarl Yerrigan Health Campus Aboriginal Network

- **A proposal to establish and co-locate Derbarl Yerrigan Health Services - with partner Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Reconciliation Bodies – to develop a Collaborative Community Development ‘healing’ project.**
- **Collaboration with Aged Care Providers – Hall and Prior and BaptistCare**

The Network



Cullacabardee Update



Perth Writers Festival



Perth Writers Festival

- ✿ Jim Morrison joined a Panel Discussion at the Perth Writers Festival with Anna Haebich in relation to her new book: “A Boy’s Short Life” about the tragic life and death of Louis Johnston
- ✿ Large crowd in attendance with a lot of interest created in Stolen Generations issues as well as the book, written at teenager level, being used as a text in schools
- ✿ Jim subsequently addressing teacher and student cohorts

NSGA

✿ Jim Morrison's roles

- ✿ Executive Committee
- ✿ National engagement management

✿ Delegate's roles since last NSGA AGM

- ✿ Constitutional change SGM
- ✿ Short-term strategic planning
- ✿ Writing funding submissions
- ✿ Overflow secretarial roles

Other works in progress

- ✿ Support to other organisations in building Stolen generations Recognitions support into Reconciliation Action Plans
- ✿ Aged care for Stolen Generations
- ✿ Sexual and other abuse of Aboriginal children in institutions – support for those approaching the Royal Commission
- ✿ Aboriginal Deaths in Custody – Stolen Generations over represented in justice system and prisons
- ✿ BTHCWA Justice Reinvestment advocacy includes emphasis on Stolen Generations
- ✿ Jim Morrison was a Finalist for the Indigenous Leadership Category of the WA Citizen of the Year Awards