



**Co-Convenors' Report to  
Annual General Meeting  
12 November 2015**

# 2015 in Review

2015 continues the transition of the Bringing Them Home Committee from an organisation which focusses on advocacy and education to one which is actively developing options for Healing.

## Key highlights:

- Sorry Day 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015
- Dockers Indigenous Round Game
- Collard Family legal case
- Healing Centre development
- Carrolup Art on Tour
- Reconciliation WA support



# Sorry Day 2015





# 2015 Sorry Day Planning Committee:

- Catholic Ed – Christine Pitman
- Caritas – Janeen Murphy
- Follow the Dream – Libby Elphick
- AIME – Reece Harley and MC's Thierra Clanton and Rhys Paddick
- ICEA – Tom Joyner and Ashton Kealy
- Dept of Education – Lesley Radloff and Christine
- AISWA/Future Footprints – Roni Forrest

# 2015 Sorry Day Sponsors:

- Lotterywest
- City of Perth
- Anglicare WA
- Caritas Australia
- Uniting Care West
- St John of God
- St Vincent De Paul Society
- Uniting Church WA
- Mercycare
- Red Cross
- Bankwest

# Sorry Day 2015

- Strong support from Reconciliation WA, Catholic Education Office, CARITAS, WACOSS, ICEA, Follow the Dream and AIME
- 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 along with many others from the Aboriginal community and the reconciliation community
- Video highlights!



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[Sorry Day video](#)





# 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 and continued to wear the Indigenous Round Jumper with the native hibiscus in 2015

# WA Stolen Generations Alliance

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# Key Actions

- **A Draft Constitution has been prepared for the WA Stolen Generations Alliance and now requires final sign-off before we proceed to Incorporate**
- **We continue to collaborate with Roelands and Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation in particular on Stolen Generations issues**
- **Meetings are planned for early 2016 to finalise the Incorporation of the new organisation**

## Collard Family Legal Case

“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.” (Bringing Them Home Committee Media Release December 2013 after legal case rejected.

We have continued to support the family and the development of a documentary about this landmark legal case and it will be premiered tonight





- **As we reported last year, BTHWA was instrumental in the establishment of RWA and in obtaining funding for Secretariat**
- **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 2015 and with other BTH issues**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation**

# **Healing Centres Design and Development Funding**

**Funding Guide  
July 2013**



**HealingFoundation**

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# Healing Foundation Grants

We were successful in obtaining 2 grants from the Healing Foundation:

The first grant relates to the development of a healing centre Concept and business model for Western Australia

The second grant provides support for Healing centre Camps for Stolen Generations people and their families

Both grants will be acquitted late this year and early in 2016

# Other Issues

- **Support to other organisations in building Stolen Recognitions support into Reconciliation Action Plans**
- **BTHCWA Justice Reinvestment advocacy includes emphasis on Stolen Generations**
- **Ongoing support for the Maali Colts Football Club**