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Aboriginal Women's Association (AC)

and the

Kapululangu Women's Law and Culture Centre

Annual Report

1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

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ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (AC)



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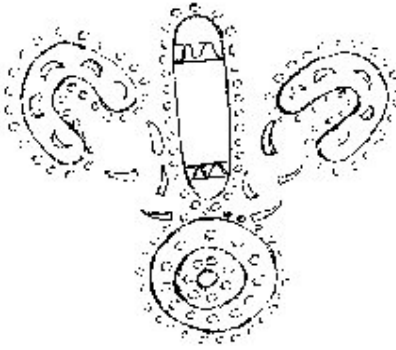
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The following organisations provided funding to Kapululangu over this period:

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Indigenous Women's Program (2007-08)

Coordinator / Research Fellow (2005-2007)
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Women's Law Camp, Cultural Camps, Culture Classes, *Tjarrtjurra* Healing:
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Kapululangu Summary 2007 to 2008

Summary of Events and Client Use Incidences for Year 2007-08.

Kapululangu has successfully engaged with all four of its Circles of Cultural Learning: cultural education, cultural healing, cultural safety, cultural community development. Throughout the year 2007-08, Kapululangu provided 577 events involving 2406 client user incidences across the broad spectrum of activities and events ranging from major events to daily support provision. This is a remarkably high level of activity in a population of circa 400 Aboriginal residents and approximately 200 females.

Cultural Education:

1. Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (24-27 August) for 100 Kutjungka women and girls
2. Young Women's Culture Camp (15-17 April) for 22 Balgo young women. 7 elders & 15 Tilitja/Culture workers (middle-aged), with assistance from Garnduwa, Kimberley TAFE HCK, and attended by Warlayirti Art and Culture Centre.
3. Women's Law House (Tjilimi) – women elders resumed living on the Women's Law Ground.

Cultural Healing:

1. Tjarrtjurra Women's Healing (regularly often weekly) – for women, men, children and babies at the Kapululangu Women's Culture Shed on Balgo Women's Law Ground
2. Support for KAWA Chair Margaret Anjule re amputation (incl Nov-Jan & May-June in Perth).
3. Trips to Country and Hunting Trips
4. Working with the Male Elders = Women's Law Camp Men's Ceremony
5. Series of Celebrations re the Rudd Government's Apology to the Stolen Generation (13 Feb) including Healing Session the night before with Kutjungka Parish and organising the Viewing of the Apology to the Stolen Generation for local people (with other agencies invited).

Cultural Safety:

1. Safe House – provision of safe refuge for women and children in need (some) – total of 17 occasions for 26 women and 5 children user incidences.
2. Daily support for 6 Elders living at Women's Law House (started May 2008).

Cultural Community Development (aka Governance/Leadership/Representation):

1. Hosting a Joint Agency Women's Meeting in lead-up to Young Women's Culture Camp (April) – Collaboration with Garnduwa, PMHC and Kimberley TAFE HCK
2. Leadership = Elders and Young Women called and organised their own events
3. Governance Training = Participation in Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation Community Advisory Committee leading to appointment of Board of Directors and ending of WAC Administration under ORIC. KAWA consistently provided ¼ of WAC CAC participants.
4. Case study in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner's *Social Justice Report 2007*

ACTIVITY AND CLIENT SUMMARY for 2007/08

Total Activities = 577
Total Client Incidences = 2406

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>1 July – 30 Sept</u>		<u>1 Jan – 31 Mar</u>		<u>1 Apr – 30 June</u>	
	Event	Clients	Events	Clients	Events	Clients
<u>Cultural Activities</u>						
Cultural Education	5	225	0	0	0	0
Women's Healing Ceremonies (<i>Tjarrtjurra</i>)	9	71	5	45	9	70
Hunting & Trips to Country	6	54	10	76	1	37
Culture Camps – Young Women's					5	15
Total Cultural Activities	20	350	15	121	15	122
<u>Safety</u>						
Domestic Violence Support	3	26	9	10	5	5
Women Elders at Women's House					49	294
Total Safety	3	26	9	10	54	299
<u>Governance/Leadership/Representation</u>						
Members at Meetings	21	92	21	92	23	119
Member facilitated events	15	120	15	120	15	35
Total Governance/Leadership/Representation	36	212	36	212	38	154
<u>Wellbeing Services</u>						
Transport, Shopping & Clinic	52	156	52	156	29	116
Lunches for Elders (Meals on Wheels)	35	121	43	43	27	27
Religious Services – assistance to attend	15	22	35	121	29	116
Total Wellbeing Services	102	299	11	22	0	0
			141	342	85	259
TOTAL EVENTS AND CLIENT INCIDENCES	204	598	201	685	170	834
TOTAL 2007/08 ACTIVITIES						577
TOTAL 2007/08 CLIENT INCIDENCES						2406



Highlights and Achievements

1 July to 30 September 2007

- Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (Tanami Track), 24-27 August.
- Tjarrtjurra Women's Healing Day, 21 July
- Ceremonial Training Day at the Balgo Women's Law Ground, Balgo, 21 August.
- Tjarrtjurra women's healing ceremonies (on-request)
- Women's Meetings were held to discuss KAWA's future cultural program
- women's ceremonies at the Women's Law Ground in Balgo.
- Trips to country for hunting and food gathering purposes.
- provision of safe refuge to women and children
- Sleep-over at the Women's House for women and girls following the Women's Law Camp.

1 January 2008 to 31 March 2008

- Inclusion of the Balgo Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (August 2007) as a Case Study in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner's *Social Justice Report 2007* (Tom Calma – ATSI Human Rights Commissioner)
- Supporting Kapululangu's founding elder to live in her community with a recent leg amputation
- Kapululangu AGM (2006-07) (held 25 February)
- Organisation of a Young Women's Culture Camp (was held April 15-17).
- Celebrations re the Rudd Government's Apology to the Stolen Generations (13 February)

1 April to 30 June 2008

- Young Women's Culture Camp at Blue Hill Women's Law Campsite 15 to 17 April. 28 young women attended, lead by 6 elders, assisted by 3 middle-generation members and 4 Kartiya (including KAWA's coordinator) as tilitja (culture workers)
- 9 Tjarrtjurra Women's Healing Ceremonies for women, men, children involving 70 participants
- Local Women Elders living at the Women's House on the Kapululangu Women's Law Ground in Balgo (up to 6 on regular basis)
- Support of local women, particularly women elders, to participate in the Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation Community Advisory Committee leading towards the re-establishing of the local council. KAWA consistently provided 1/4 of all WAC CAC participants. KAWA members hold 3 of 14 WAC Directors staff, including Vice-Chair.
- Coordinator supported KAWA Chairwoman as a recent amputee to attend Shenton Park Rehabilitation Centre (Perth) to learn how to walk on a prosthetic leg. Has successfully arranged for her to be supplied with a personal disability scooter.

Kapululangu Quarterly Report: #1

1 July 2007 to 30 September 2007

Activities and Participants

ACTIVITY	# Activities	# Client Incidences
<u>Cultural Activities</u>		
Cultural Education	5	225
Women's Healing Ceremonies (<i>Tjarrtjurra</i>)	9	71
Hunting & Trips to Country	6	54
Total Cultural Activities	20	350
<u>Safety</u>		
Domestic Violence Support	3	26
Total Safety	3	26
<u>Governance/Leadership/Representation</u>		
Administrative Training: Members at Meetings	21	92
Administrative Training: Member facilitated events	15	120
Total Governance/Leadership/Representation	36	212
<u>Wellbeing Services</u>		
Transport, Shopping & Clinic	52	156
Lunches for Elders (Meals on Wheels)	35	121
Religious Services – assistance to attend	15	22
Total Wellbeing Services	102	299
TOTAL EVENTS AND CLIENT INCIDENCES	204	598

Highlights and Achievements of the 1st Quarter

In the period 1 July to 30 September 2007 Kapululangu organised and hosted 25 events. This consisted of:

- 1 Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (Tanami Track), 24-27 August.
- 1 *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing Day, 21 July
- 1 Ceremonial Training Day at the Balgo Women's Law Ground, Balgo, 21 August.
- 8 *Tjarrtjurra* women's healing ceremonies (on-request)
- 2 Women's Meetings were held to discuss KAWA's future cultural program
- 2 women's ceremonies at the Women's Law Ground in Balgo.
- 6 trips to country for hunting and food gathering purposes.
- 3 occasions for provision of safe refuge to women and children
- 1 sleep-over at the Women's House for women and girls following the Women's Law Camp.

Number of people attending Events

There was 623 user incidences over this period, involving women, girls/children, men and 24 non-Aboriginal women.

- 100 women and girls attended the Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (24-27 August)

24 women and girls attended the *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing Day (21 July)
13 women and girls attended the Ceremonial Training Day (12 August)
31 women and young women attended the 8 *Tjarrtjurra* ceremonies, providing service to women and men.
14 women and men received *tjarrtjurra* healing service at the Women's Law Ground.
12 women elders attended the women's ceremonies on the Women's Law Ground.
54 women (36) and children (18) attended trips to country for hunting and food gathering
26 women (11) and children (5) used the safe refuge provided by the Women's House (*Tjilim*)
96 (16, 80) women attended the two major planning meetings for the KAWA Cultural Program
15 women and girls slept at the Women's House (*Tjilim*) following the Women's Law Camp.
15 Non-Aboriginal women from Balgo, Mulan and Billiluna attend the Women's Law Camp.
6 Non-Aboriginal women attended the *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing Day.
11 men – Aboriginal (8) and Non-Aboriginal (3) actively supported the Women's Law Camp.
200 + Aboriginal men and women participated in Women's Law Camp Closing Ceremony on Balgo Oval
In addition
6 local agencies actively supported the Women's Law Camp

Reports and publications produced.

One report was produced and distributed through the internet: Titled: "Aboriginal Women Have Answers Themselves" – Report of the Balgo Women's Law Camp 2007.

Some Major Points Over the First Quarter:

High Level of Cultural Events for Balgo and Neighbouring Community Residents.

During the 1 July to 30 September period Kapululangu women organised and provided 25 events (and services) to the Balgo and neighbouring (Mulan and Billiluna) residents, both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal. Overall there was a total use incidence of 623 women, girls/children and men in the events. This included 24 Non-Aboriginal residential staff, mainly women.

Kapululangu women were the instigators of their organisation's activities and events.

- The Kapululangu elders instigated the Balgo Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill in August, the *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing Day and the on-need *tjarrtjurra* healing ceremonies, the women's ceremonies, and the trips to country for hunting and food gathering.
- The local residents (women and men) self-identified as being at need of the *Tjarrtjurra* service.
- A group of young women instigated the Ceremonial training on the Women's Law Ground in preparation for the Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (although on the day not as many young women attended as first expected).
- The women and girls who stayed at the Women's House following the Women's Law Camp did so at their own organisation – providing completely for themselves.

- Similarly, the women and children needing safe refuge at the Women's House sought that service on their own. The only support requested was transport to carry mattresses and bedding.

Both elders and younger generation women instigated and organised the events.

For example, in preparation for the Women's Law Camp:

- One middle-generation and one young woman assisted in the Camp's pre-organisation – in planning the Camp; phoning and emailing to invite regional women's organisations; designing leaflets and publicizing the event; shopping for food for the camp. It would have been good to have more young women involved in the preparation but as it had been six years since Balgo had hosted a Women's Law Camp there was limited understanding of what was required. It is anticipated that more women will be involved in organising the next camp.
- a group of four to six women elders regularly visited the women's ceremonial ground at Blue Hill in advance of the Law Camp while local men, assisted by the men's health workers at Palyalatju Maparnpa, worked to build the required infrastructure. The elders' purpose was to protect the men from women's Law and, from the local perspective, this was a very important and highly skilled task.
- the day to day organisation of the Camp, particularly the ceremonial program, was run by the women elders, with the assistance of middle-generation women and some younger women.

Positive contribution of the activities on Indigenous women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing and economic status.

Kapululangu's cultural program for the period 1 July to 30 September 2007 had a remarkable impact on the local community. Many women and children were involved in the organisation's regular activities, including many who had not been previously involved.

The highlight of the program over this period was the Balgo Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (Tanami Track) from 24 to 27 August. Balgo last hosted a women's Law camp in 2001. The Camp consisted of four days of women's ceremonies and a meeting which identified social problems of concern and potential strategies for dealing with those problems. Organisation for the Law Camp, and the day-to-day management of its activities involved women from all age groups. It also provided an avenue for men to actively support the women – as is their obligation according to Aboriginal Law.

Kapululangu's *tjarrtjurra* program took greater prominence during this period, although demand for the women healers' services has been consistent over the past years more local residents are self-identifying need or being referred by family members. A highlight was the *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing Day to which Non-Indigenous female staff were also invited – thereby contributing to the improvement of intercultural communication.

Leadership:

Local women (of all ages) were more involved in the leadership and administrative aspects of the organisation of each activity. While it is important to note that Kapululangu's activities have always been instigated by local women, as was/is the organisation itself, during this period the younger women who want to learn cultural

knowledge from their elders were more involved in instigating and organising activities and events. Women attending the Kapululangu meetings have been involved in events facilitation, program planning, decision-making, and coordinating logistical support. Two younger women (one aged in her 40s and the other in her early 20s) were involved in the facilitation of activities, particularly *tjarrtjurra* ceremonies, trips to country (hunting etc) and ceremonies. These same two women were also involved in organising the Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill – both before and during the event. To this extent they took leadership and their contribution was recognised by all participants.

Representation:

All of Kapululangu's activities were locally initiated, particularly by the elders. Regular meetings were held, some of them adhoc, but two major meetings involving 96 women were held to discuss plans for Kapululangu's future cultural program. Local women's voice was increased by the pride which followed the Women's Law Camp, and local men took note of and respected the women for their Law knowledge. Some young women were more actively involved with the older women, urging them to share their cultural knowledge with them and this resulted in the Ceremonial Training Day at the Balgo Women's Law Ground. In September, Kapululangu women hosted a meeting with Senator Rachael Siewert (WA) on the Balgo Women's Law Ground; presented a report on the Women's Law Camp at the COAG Meeting; and on discussing the Balgo Justice Plan and finding that Kapululangu had not been represented and thus their perspectives, needs and contributions had not been included, directed their coordinator to write a letter to the Plan's originators with suggestions for amendments.

Safety:

Over the period, the Women's House (Tjilimi) was used three times to provide safe refuge to a total of 11 women and 5 children in need. Kapululangu notes that domestic and family violence incidences continue to occur in Balgo at a rate of about three per week (sometimes more) and that the majority of these go unreported. The Women's House would probably be used more regularly by women seeking refuge if there were other women living at the House on a consistent basis. This only occurs when the coordinator is in Balgo as, for safety reasons, there is a necessary reliance on a vehicle and telephone. Consistent provision of this service to women and children in need will remain irregular as long as Kapululangu remains without a paid full-time residential position. Kapululangu urges concerned stakeholders to provide the necessary funding in the first instance, and to work towards developing a designated safe house for women and children in need (to be build near the police station).

Well-being:

Kapululangu women have a long-term commitment to providing a *tjarrtjurra* healing service to women, men and children in need. *Tjarrtjurra* is used for healing physical, emotional, and spiritual problems. The *tjarrtjurra* process is women's traditional healing, and parallels the work provided by male elders (maparn) – which is more highly recognised by other agencies but in the perspective of both male and female elders is "level" – different but complementary. Over this period, Kapululangu held a *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing Day (attended by 18 Aboriginal and 6 Non-Aboriginal female staff) and provided 8 ceremonies to self-identifying residents on request. In total 31 *tjarrtjurra* provided a service to 14 Aboriginal women and men. Three of these ceremonies involved multiple clients. The contribution of the women elders as *tjarrtjurra* to improving

local wellbeing and health is not yet recognised by non-Aboriginal staff in Balgo and *tjarrtjurra* are yet to be included on a formal basis within the clinic environment.

Economic Status:

Kapululangu has a commitment to remunerating the cultural knowledge custodians for their contributions to its activities. Working with the coordinator, two younger local women have gained experience in events facilitation and resource management through involvement in organising and facilitating the cultural activities achieved in this period. Ultimately, Kapululangu seeks to provide employment (full and casual) to local women. However, this is clearly not possible through a \$20,000 grant.

Summary:

A high level of Kapululangu's cultural activities during the 1 July to 30 September 2007 period were instigated by its members and involved a broad spectrum of the community (both sexes, all age groups, and cross-cultural). Many of its activities included participants from Balgo's neighbouring communities of Mulan and Billiluna. Through this program, Kapululangu has made a positive contribution to women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing/health and, to a lesser extent, economic status in Balgo and regionally.

Kapululangu Quarterly Report #2 1 October 2007 to 31 December 2007

There were no Kapululangu activities on which to report for the second quarter. This was a result of the following factors:

1. Kapululangu did not have a paid coordinator due to limited funding;
2. Kapululangu's current coordinator was employed by a Brisbane-based institution and was required to be at this institution during the October through November period – noting here that the current coordinator has committed to spending two unpaid three month periods in Balgo each year for the past three years;
3. On 25 November 2007, just as the current coordinator was returning to Balgo to continue Kapululangu's work as previously planned, Kapululangu's Chairwoman was hospitalised for two months (ending 25 January 2008) with septicaemia resulting in multiple organ failure and a double amputation to the right leg which required the current coordinator to relocate to Perth in a carer's role.
4. The current coordinator returned to Balgo on 26 January, with the Chairwoman.

Kapululangu Quarterly Report #3

1 January 2008 to 31 March 2008

Activities and Participants

ACTIVITY	# Activities	# Client Incidences
<u>Cultural Activities</u>		
Cultural Education	-	-
Women's Healing Ceremonies (<i>Tjarrtjurra</i>)	5	45
Hunting & Trips to Country	10	76
Total Cultural Activities	15	121
<u>Safety</u>		
Domestic Violence Support	9	10
Total Safety	9	10
<u>Governance/Leadership/Representation</u>		
Administrative Training: Members at Meetings	21	92
Administrative Training: Member facilitated events	15	120
Total Governance/Leadership/Representation	36	212
<u>Wellbeing Services</u>		
Transport, Shopping & Clinic	52	156
Personal Care: Physiotherapy Sessions (with amputee)	43	43
Lunches for Elders (Meals on Wheels)	35	121
Religious Services – assistance to attend	11	22
Total Wellbeing Services	141	342
TOTAL EVENTS AND CLIENT INCIDENCES	201	685

Services provided:

Administration & Advocacy

- Administration & Financial Management (ongoing)
- Support and assistance to Board Members attending meetings
- Administrative on-the-job training in project management and events facilitation
- Networking and Collaborating – local agencies, government departments
- Coordinator Attendance at Meetings

Law and Culture Support

- Cultural Education: Ceremonies, Hunting, Trips to Country
- Cultural Healing: *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing
- Cultural Safety: Domestic Violence Support
- Cultural Community Development: Assisting Elders and Board Members at Meetings

Personal Care and Assistance:

- Transport for elders – shopping, clinic, art centre, etc
- Physiotherapy Sessions for Amputee
- Lunches (Meals on Wheels) for elders
- Religious Services: assistance to attend as requested

Intergenerational Reconciliation:

- Assisting Elders to provide Cultural Education to young women and children.

Highlights and Achievements of the 3rd Quarter

- Provision of 201 activities, events or services for 564 client incidences (women and children).
- Inclusion of the Balgo Women's Law Camp at Blue Hill (August 2007) as a Case Study in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner's *Social Justice Report 2007*
- Supporting Kapululangu's founding elder to live in her community with a recent leg amputation
- Kapululangu AGM (2006-07) (held 25 February)
- Hosting a Joint Agency Women's Meeting: including collaboration with Garnduwa Sport and Recreation (a local agency) and Kimberley TAFE – Halls Creek (a regional agency)
- Preliminary organisation of a Young Women's Culture Camp (was held April 15-17).
- Rendering assistance to local women, particularly women elders, to participate in the Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation Community Advisory Committee leading to local council (KAWA consistently provided 1/4 of WAC CAC participants).
- Networking with Aboriginal women's organisations in Kimberley and NT.
- Engaging community in a series of celebrations re the Rudd Government's Apology to the Stolen Generations (13 February)
- Successfully encouraged Department of Child Protection to consult with Balgo residents about the employment of a future Child Protection Worker.
- Assisting a male elder to deposit a found stone-axe in local museum

Positive Contribution to Women and Community

Through this program, Kapululangu has made a positive contribution to women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing/health and, to a lesser extent, economic status.

Leadership:

Local women (of all ages) were more involved in the leadership and administrative aspects of the organisation of each activity. All of KAWA's activities and events were instigated by the Kapululangu membership, particularly by the elders. This pertains particularly to the *Tjarrtjorra* (Healing), Cultural Education, Hunting, and Trips to Country aspects. Three of KAWA's middle-generation members have been responsible for facilitation of events, and for assisting in organising the events. Women attending the Kapululangu meetings have been involved in events facilitation, program planning, decision-making, and coordinating logistical support. The KAWA Board members, particularly the elders, oversee the coordinator, providing direction, guidance and support.

Representation:

KAWA held three monthly meetings for its Board, including the KAWA AGM for 2006-2007. KAWA provided assistance for its members to attend 21 meetings, with 92 client incidences. KAWA Board members participated in the Wirrimanu Aboriginal

Corporation's Community Advisory Committee fortnightly meetings, facilitated by WAC's Community Capacity Builder Maggie Kavanagh. Also the local weekly Interagency Meetings: a forum for "heads-of-agencies" to keep each other informed of their organisation's activities and issues.

Safety:

KAWA provided Domestic Violence Support to 10 women on 9 occasions: in the residence of the coordinator ("Kapululangu House"). This is not a true reflection of the need in Balgo. Provision would have been higher if KAWA had a salaried coordinator as this would enable the reopening of the *Tjilimi* (Women's House) to fulltime residents, thereby providing an interim place for women and children to seek refuge. At the current time, there is no provision of a safe refuge for women and children in Balgo, the Kutjungka Parish is providing some accommodation to women seeking assistance. KAWA has been lobbying for a Safe House for Balgo since 1999. This Safe House should be built near the Police Station. KAWA has been involved in the process of securing a suitable Child Protection Worker for Balgo. KAWA works closely with the WA Police Force based in Balgo.

Well-Being:

KAWA members led by the elders provided *tjarrtjurra* (traditional women's healing) in 5 ceremonies involving women, children and men (totalling 44 client incidences). Healing is provided to self-identifying clients on self-referred basis. All of these events involved multiple clients. Three of KAWA's members are apprenticing to the elders. On two occasions young women and girls also attended and participated in the ceremonies. One Kartiya teacher attends on a regular basis. Two locally-based nurses attended one ceremony. KAWA has repeatedly endeavoured to engage the locally-based nurses and doctors in these ceremonies, but as yet the contribution of the women elders as *tjarrtjurra* to improving local wellbeing and health is not yet recognised by non-Aboriginal staff in Balgo and the *tjarrtjurra* are yet to be included on a formal basis within the clinic environment.

Economic Status:

KAWA has a policy of remunerating the KAWA elders and members for their services: particularly the elders for *Tjarrtjurra* healing and for Cultural Education (intergenerational cultural knowledge transmission). The *tjarrtjurra* apprentices and *tilitja* (workers) also receive recognition through a small stipend. KAWA has attempted to secure up to six CDEP-employed positions for local middle-generation women to engage in project management and events facilitation but this has stalled at the government level (no response since 4 February). Ultimately, KAWA aspires to provide employment (full and casual) to local women for services to their organisation.



Kapululangu Quarterly Report #4

1 April 2008 to 30 June 2008

Activities and Participants

ACTIVITY	# Activities	Client Incidences
<u>Cultural Activities</u>		
Cultural Education	0	0
Women's Healing Ceremonies (<i>Tjarrtjurra</i>)	9	70
Young Women's Culture Camp	1	37
Hunting & Trips to Country	5	15
Total Cultural Activities	15	122
<u>Safety</u>		
Domestic Violence Support	5	5
Women Elders Resident on the Women's Law Ground	49	294
Total Safety	54	299
<u>Governance/Leadership/Representation</u>		
Administrative Training: Members attending Meetings	23	119
Administrative Training: Member facilitated events	15	35
Total Governance/Leadership/Representation	38	154
<u>Wellbeing Services</u>		
Transport, Shopping & Clinic	29	116
Personal Care: Physiotherapy Sessions (with amputee)	27	27
Lunches for Elders (Meals on Wheels)	29	116
Religious Services – assistance to attend	0	0
Total Wellbeing Services	85	259
TOTAL EVENTS AND CLIENT INCIDENCES	170	834

Services Provided:

Administration & Advocacy

- Administrative on-the-job training in project management and events facilitation
 - 7 women elders and 15 young women participated in 3 meetings leading to the Young Women's Culture Camp and in 4 pre-Camp organisational activities.
 - 22 young women attended the Young Women's Culture Camp
 - 6 women elders led the Young Women's Culture Camp, including ceremonies
 - 3 middle-generation women were involved in the camp as Tilitja (Culture Workers)
- Support and assistance to Board Members attending meetings
 - With other agencies and visiting bureaucrats
- Networking and Collaborating – local agencies, government departments
- Coordinator and Secretary Attendance at Interagency Meetings

Law and Culture Support

- Cultural Education: Ceremonies, Hunting, Young Women's Culture Camp
- Cultural Healing: *Tjarrtjurra* Women's Healing
- Cultural Safety: Domestic Violence Support
- Cultural Community Development: Assisting Elders and Board Members at Meetings

Personal Care and Assistance:

- Provided safe refuge on 5 incidences to 5 women in need (DV) (not a resourced role)
- Transport for elders – shopping, clinic, art centre, etc - daily
- Physiotherapy Sessions for Amputee (ongoing) including in Perth.
- Lunches (Meals (without) Wheels) for elders - daily.
- Religious Services: assistance to attend as requested

Highlights and Achievements of the 4th Quarter

- Young Women's Culture Camp at Blue Hill Women's Law Campsite 15 to 17 April. 28 young women attended, lead by 6 elders, assisted by 3 middle-generation members and 4 Kartiya (including KAWA's coordinator) as tilitja (culture workers)
- 7 elders and 15 Young women participation in designing, preparing and/or leading the Young Women's Culture Camp
- Hosting a Joint Agency Women's Meeting: including collaboration with Garnduwa Sport and Recreation (a local agency) and Kimberley TAFE – Halls Creek (a regional agency)
- 9 Tjarrtjurra Women's Healing Ceremonies for women, men, children involving 70 participants
- Participation of local agencies staff in the Tjarrtjurra Ceremonies – leading to increased awareness and understanding of the local Aboriginal culture among Kartiya staff
- Local Women Elders living at the Women's House on the Kapululangu Women's Law Ground in Balgo (up to 6 on regular basis)
- Support of local women, particularly women elders, to participate in the Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation Community Advisory Committee leading towards the re-establishing of the local council. KAWA consistently provided 1/4 of all WAC CAC participants. KAWA members hold 3 of 14 WAC Directors staff, including Vice-Chair.
- Networking with Aboriginal women's organisations in Kimberley and NT, and globally.
- Coordinator supported KAWA Chairwoman as a recent amputee to attend Shenton Park Rehabilitation Centre (Perth) to learn how to walk on a prosthetic leg. Has successfully arranged for her to be supplied with a personal disability scooter.

Positive Contribution to Women and Community

Through this program, Kapululangu has made a positive contribution to women's leadership, representation, safety, wellbeing/health and, to a lesser extent, economic status.

Leadership:

- 7 women elders participated in 3 meetings leading to the Young Women's Culture Camp (held on 15-17 April) and in 4 pre-Camp organisational activities.
- 15 young women helped to organise the Young Women's Camp, participating in a series of 3 organisational meetings and 4 logistical preparation activities
- 3 middle-generation women were involved in the camp as Tilitja (Culture Workers)
- 5 Kapululangu elders and 2 of Kapululangu's middle-generation members attended 12 Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation Community Advisory Committee meetings leading to the appointment of the Board of Directors.
- 2 Kapululangu members instigated and facilitated 5 *Tjarrtjurra* Healing Ceremonies while coordinator was in Perth supporting KAWA's Chairwoman in learning to walk on a prosthetic leg.

- 6 women elders took up residence at the Kapululangu Women's House while coordinator and Chairwoman were in Perth.
- 2 Kapululangu members supported the elders living at Kapululangu's Women's House while the coordinator and chairwoman were in Perth.
- 1 member ran the organisation, representing Kapululangu at 8 meetings
- 2 members shared the responsibility of caretaking the Kapululangu House (coordinator's office and residence).
- The KAWA Board members, particularly the elders, oversee the coordinator, providing direction, guidance and support, and cultural mentoring.

Representation:

- KAWA held 2 monthly meetings for its Board.
- 1 member (Secretary) represented Kapululangu at 8 meetings with bureaucrats while coordinator was in Perth.
- 7 KAWA Board members participated in 12 Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation's Community Advisory Committee fortnightly meetings, facilitated by WAC's Community Capacity Builder Maggie Kavanagh.

Safety:

- KAWA provided Domestic Violence Support to 5 women on 5 occasions.

Well-Being:

- KAWA provided 9 *Tjarrtjorra* Women's Healing Ceremonies involving 70 Healers (elders and middle generation apprentices) and providing healing to 29 clients.
- On 3 occasions a total of 11 young women participated in the Healing Ceremonies.

Economic Status:

- KAWA has a policy of remunerating the KAWA elders and members for their services: particularly the elders for *Tjarrtjorra* healing and for Cultural Education (intergenerational cultural knowledge transmission). The local Aboriginal *tjarrtjorra* apprentices and *tilitja* (workers) also receive recognition through a small stipend.

