Making the Invisible Visible

Highlighting Aboriginal Ways of Working in the Ngalla Wirrin Wungening Alcohol and other Drug program evaluation

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Acknowledgement of Country





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Our programs and services

As a wraparound service provider, our 7 key support areas focus on helping our community to heal their koonger, kaadaniny and wirrin (body, mind and spirit).

As an ACCO, we practice Aboriginal ways of knowing, being and doing.

Scan the QR Code to our website to find out more about our programs and services.

Alcohol & Drug Support (AoD)

Ranging from one-on-one counselling to group programs, our AOD services are grounded in flexibility, authentic connections and Aboriginal ways of healing for those in our community who face these alcohol and drug challenges or are affected by them.

Foster Care Services

There are so many Koolangka who need a safe, stable and culturally appropriate home. Wungening has a range of care available, from group homes to individualised foster carers - all of which work towards the best interests of the Koolangka.

Justice Services

Our mob are sorely over-represented in WA's prisons and youth detention. It's why ReSet and other programs were developed: to support those in prison, so when they leave, they have a solid shot at breaking the offending-to-prison cycle.

Family & Domestic Violence Support

Wungening is home to Wooree Miya, a 24/7 short term crisis refuge for yorgas and koolangka seeking safety. Our staff in all our FDV programs work to honour safe, trusting relationships to restore dignity and focus on a positive path forward.

Family Support Services

The next generation should always feel safe, while being connected to culture, land and community. Caring for Koolangka can be hard, so we're here to help keep children safe at home with their community through access to all of our services for their moort.

Housing & Homelessness Services

Wungening is home to Boorloo Bidee Mia, a culturally safe, low barrier short to medium term accommodation for rough sleepers. Our team at BBM are committed to building a sense of welling, creating a home and opening pathways to permanent housing.

Business Services

Our business services encompass all our administration, finance, marketing, quality and Research team. As a leading ACCO in Boorloo, we are consistently trying to ensure our business services support, grow and manage the work we do for our community.

AOD PROGRAM

Ngalla Wirrin Wungening
Our Spirit Healing



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ABORIGINAL WAYS | FLEXIBLE SERVICES | AUTHENTIC CONNECTIONS



“Being a Healing Worker means a lot to me." - Stan

Aboriginal Healing Workers

the first point of contact for people accessing Ngalla Wirrin Wungening









An Aboriginal-led Evaluation



The Co-Research Group:

Collaboration and power-sharing

- Held cultural and relational leadership
- Brought lived experience and program knowledge
- Ensured accountability to community
- An integral part of the evaluation team

Choice

Letting people tell their story on their terms



Impact Yarns

- Amplifying participant voices and stories.
- A focus on meaningful, strengths-based feedback.
- Using culturally safe and inclusive methods for data collection.

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Kowa

What really matters?

Safety

Empowerment

Healing

Relationships

Connection

Growth



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Learning our way through Evaluation

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Choice

People have a say in what matters

Power-sharing

Evaluation should be done with people, not to people

Aboriginal Ways

The way we work matters



Beyond the evaluation

How are we strengthening the model?

- Implementing aftercare
- Intake and outreach updates
- Strengthening the Healing Worker role
- Expanding family and community involvement
- Strengthening partnerships
- Embedding ongoing evaluation and continuous improvement processes



Thank you!

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