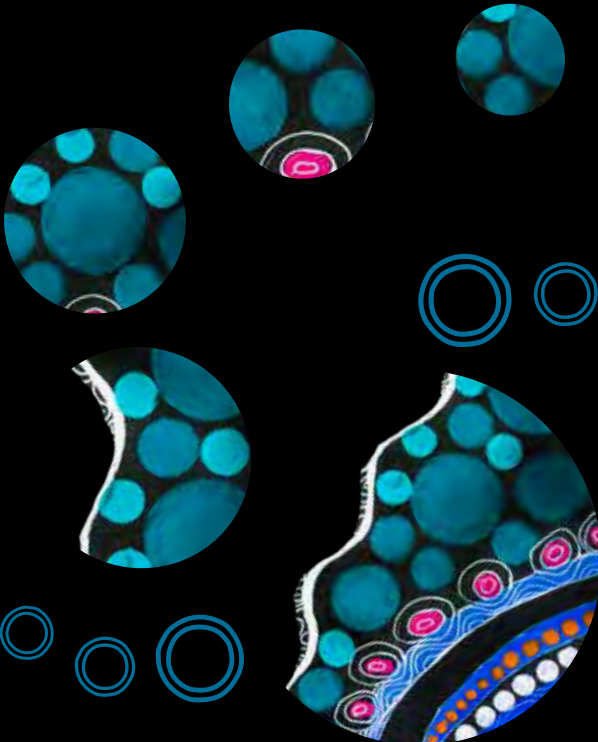




Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

Awards 2021



Wednesday 10 November 2021

Niina Marni

*Marni niina Kurna yarta-ana Pudni
Pukipirra tarrkarri mankutitya`dlu.*

It's good that you came to Kurna land. Learn from the past so that we can grasp the future.

We would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand, the Kurna People of the Adelaide Plains.

It is upon their ancestral lands that the Port Adelaide Enfield Council meets. It is also The Place of the Kardi, the Emu, whose story travels from the coast inland.

We pay respect to Elders past and present. We respect their spiritual beliefs and connections to land which are of continuing importance to the living Kurna people of today.

We further acknowledge the contributions and important role that Aboriginal people continue to play within our shared community.

WARNING: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander viewers are warned that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards publication may contain images of deceased persons.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards are always important and present the opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on the achievements of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are an integral part of the fabric of our community.

The City of PAE and the Aboriginal Advisory Panel are once again, proud presenters of these awards, and the Awards Presentation Night is always a very special evening.

The Aboriginal Advisory Panel and Elected Members recognise the great contribution that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents, visitors, students and workers make to all of our lives every day.

These people are the silent achievers who contribute in a quiet and consistent manner. They are not usually high-profile figures, however the importance and impact that their behaviour has on the lives of individuals and groups within the community cannot be over-emphasised.

As role models they demonstrate a true sense of pride and respect for traditional cultural values and represent strong and positive role models for others. Furthermore, they have a true sense of vision and reconciliation where their pride and respect in culture can be reflected across the whole of community, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal.

I congratulate each and every person and group who have been nominated and thank you for being heroes in our community. I also thank those who have taken the time out to nominate, and those who support those who have been nominated. This includes families, friends, teachers, employers, fellow workers, carers and so many more.

As the Mayor of the City of PAE, I am honoured to acknowledge you all, and thank you for your contribution to the goodwill and recognition that these Awards bring.

I wish you all the very best for the future.

Mayor Claire Boan







Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards Background


In 1998, members of the Aboriginal Advisory Board, the late Aunty Josie Agius, Aunty Pat Waria-Read and Susan Dixon, approached the City of Port Adelaide Enfield to highlight and promote the great contribution and outstanding achievements by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within PAE.

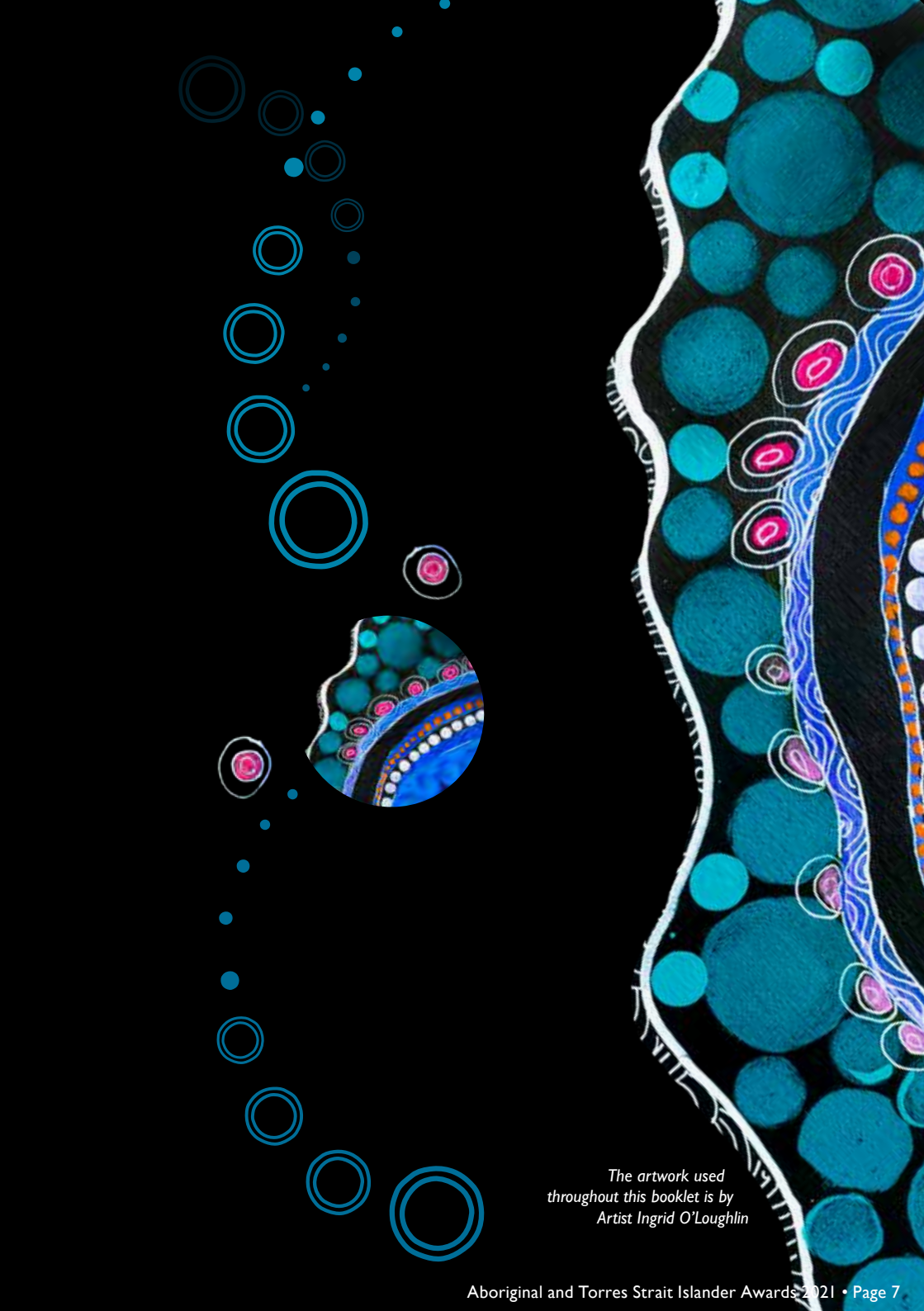
- A sub-committee was formed by Aunty Josie, Aunty Pat and Susan with support of the previous Mayor, Johanna McCluskey, and Cr Carol Martin, in consultation with the Aboriginal Advisory Panel.

A proposal was then put forward for an annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards night, which was endorsed by the City of PAE Elected Members.

In 1999, the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Awards were held at the Parks Community Centre.

This annual awards night is now a highly anticipated event that is celebrated by both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community as we walk together as one, in the spirit of goodwill and reconciliation.





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Program

Performance - Tony Minniecon and
3rd Degree

Awards Opening - MC Joshua Warrior

Welcome to Country - Taylor Power and
Tiyana Power

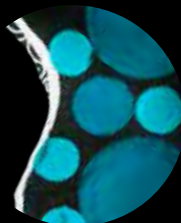
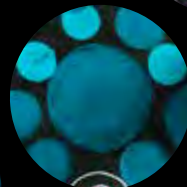
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Opening Speech - City of PAE Mayor
Claire Boan

Award Presentation

- Elder of the Year
- Educational Achievement
- Lifetime Achievement
- Person of the Year

Performance - Tony Minniecon and
3rd Degree





Award Presentation

- Recognition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group or organisation for its contribution to the community
- Recognition of a non-Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, group or organisation for their contribution to the community
- Contribution to the Arts

10 minute break

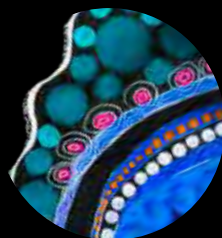
Award Presentation

- Aunty Josie Youth Achievement Award
- Sports Person of the Year
- Recognition of Outstanding Cultural Contribution

Performance - Tony Minniecon and 3rd Degree

Raffle

Close





Elder of the Year

Daisy Wanganeen



Daisy Wanganeen has served on the Junction Community Centre's Committee of Management for three years. She has blossomed, now capably representing the Aboriginal community at the forefront of activities, public speaking at community events, and importantly, directing the Committee about Aboriginal culture and people. Daisy has contributed to the Centre's draft Reconciliation Action Plan, highlighting issues of cultural sensitivity. She is an active promoter of the organisation and its services and advocates for the community members she links to the Centre.

When she learns people have come down from the Lands, she links them to the Centre to help them settle whilst in Adelaide.

Often she has delivered food, clothing, referral cards and information to families who are unable to attend the premises.

Daisy is inspirational because she is tireless, driven by passion and commitment. She has been employed in a range of jobs working for her community and a member of the Grannies Group for a number of years.

Daisy's proudest achievements are the certificates she attained whilst working as an Aboriginal Education Worker at Kalaya Children's Centre, most notably her Teacher's certificate.

Daisy is loved at the Junction Community Centre and is a role model and spokesperson for her community.

Elder of the Year

Rodney O'Brien



Uncle Rodney O'Brien is a quiet achiever who makes a bigger impact on the City of PAE community than people realise. He volunteers on a number of community boards and sporting clubs and always has time for people who need a yarn. He uses his expertise gained from working in government departments, universities and community for the good of his community.

Uncle Rod has assisted with the success of Kura Yerlo and Wirrtu Yarlur for many years, particularly in the past three years when both organisations were undergoing considerable change. He is valued and admired by staff and has shown leadership in times of real hardship.

A member of the Primary Health Network, Uncle Rod contributes to the health outcomes of Aboriginal people. He provides feedback and guidance to mainstream organisations to enable a more appropriate service to our community. He also dedicates time to coaching sport.

Uncle Rod is a fantastic role model, dedicating his time to community and to people who need his guidance. He doesn't seek recognition and is humble in his work as a leader in our community. He is respectful to all, and never expects anything in return.

Educational Achievement

Amy Hughes



Amy Hughes has attained educational excellence her entire life. Her dream job was to be 'everything' and her journey over her short 34 years has covered just as much.

Amy's commitment saw her complete a Science Honours degree, followed by a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in islet transplantation for diabetes, with excellent results.

Following two-years' post-doctoral work with the University of Illinois, she returned home to the City of PAE and seamlessly transferred to the field of cancer immunotherapy clinical trials, having her research published.

In 2018 she commenced a Doctor of Medicine and will graduate as a 'double doctor' at the end of 2021, working as a junior doctor in Adelaide next year.

Amy is a role model to many. She passionately supports and mentors female students in the science and technology fields. Her story is inspiring. Through her promotion of education she motivates those from all walks of life to achieve their dreams.

Amy's journey has had its challenges, but she has never given up. Her story is linked to the City of PAE where she was born, has lived for much of her life and plans to continue to do so.

Cameron Brown



Cameron Brown has consistently demonstrated excellence to overcome the barriers he faces. Each term he leaves his remote community to attend school in Adelaide. Cameron has shown perseverance in a mainstream school and has made his education a priority by travelling such a great distance to access boarding school and mainstream education.

Cameron has faced many challenges in pursuing his education. The remote location of the Community of Kintore, where Cameron and his family live, has meant that he is a long way from his family and community while studying, and communicating with his family while at boarding school is extremely difficult.

Cameron has also joined the Gepps Cross football team under 14s and has attended every training session and game during the season. This is an experience he has never had before which he has embraced wholeheartedly.

His commitment and dedication to his education provides an excellent role model to other young Aboriginal people living in remote communities, showing them that they can succeed and achieve.

Emeliah Boardman



Emeliah Boardman has recently completed her studies in Certificate III Business Administration while working at Tauondi as an Administration Trainee. She has excelled in her studies while learning on the job.

Emeliah has been an exceptional student and role model for her classmates as both a student and employee. She has shown how a career pathway can be achieved through study. Upon completion of the Certificate, Emeliah has already enrolled in further studies and will be developing her skill set further.

Emeliah's achievements in study and work led to her stepping up to lead the organisation of this year's

Taoundi Open Day, a task that allowed her to shine. Taoundi's regular event organiser had left Tauondi and Emeliah took on majority of the organisational tasks.

She demonstrated her passion for the Port area by bringing in new activities for the community and she played a crucial role in creating the biggest Open Day Tauondi has seen in recent years. Her diligence was a major contributor to bringing the community together on that day.

Emeliah has continued her employment with Tauondi in a Program Assistant role and looks forward to working with community in a range of programs.

Terrence Lennon-Wingfield



Terrence Lennon-Wingfield enrolled at Tauondi College in February 2020, in the Foundation Skills course, where he developed his literacy, numeracy and employability skills. He is now undertaking Certificate III in Community Services.

Terrence's college attendance is outstanding. He is an active student, engaging with his peers, trainers and tutors, and volunteering his time to support Tauondi events. He is a wonderful role model for other students.

Terrence has also taken on part-time employment at Ganbarra Facility Services and successfully completed basic infection control training to become a Volunteer COVID-19 Marshall.

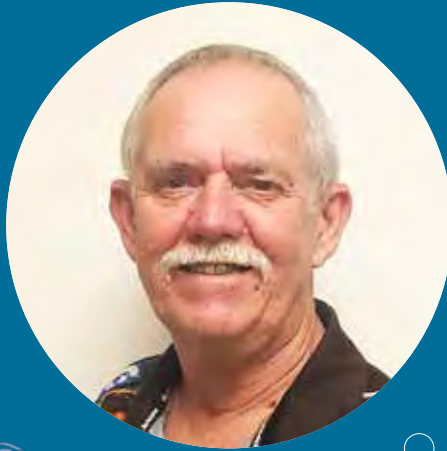
His confidence has shone in the last two years, highlighted at this year's NAIDOC March and Family Day where Terrence attended as a community member, volunteer and as a proud ambassador of Tauondi.

Terrence's leadership qualities, excellent communication and interpersonal skills were also evident at NAIDOC when, with no preparation, he spoke to the media about the benefits Tauondi provides to the Aboriginal community and the importance of funding Aboriginal education.

Terrence's emerging leadership skills and qualities will not only benefit the future of Tauondi, but also his community. His commitment and passion will see him succeed in whatever pathway he chooses.

Lifetime Achievement

Ivan Copley



Uncle Ivan Copley has been a role model to many throughout Adelaide, the hills and the state. He established Turkindi more than 21 years ago, and still runs and grows the organisation for the benefit of the Aboriginal community. He has an amazing knowledge that he readily shares with all, and is known for his gentle manner in sharing with, and educating people.

Uncle Ivan and his camera are well-known in documenting events and providing those photographs and information to the wider community. He works with children, from pre-schoolers to teenagers, right through to the elderly.

Uncle Ivan helps people find employment, supports people in the community to get assistance from relevant agencies and always makes himself available. His knowledge of services is second to none and he ensures that he passes this knowledge on so that people can access the services they need.

He is an inspirational, quiet achiever; often he works in the background for community, and for government at the local, state and federal level.

What he has done for, and given to the community, is widely known. He always thinks of others and deserves recognition for the amazing contribution he has made to his community.

Lifetime Achievement

Fred Agius



Fred Agius is an Elder, friend, and advisor to everyone who crosses his path. He is a loving, accepting and gentle Elder who works tirelessly to share culture and engage non-Aboriginal people in culture in Port Adelaide. His life's work has been to serve his community and people, and he contributes to local Aboriginal organisations to guide their culture/arts programs.

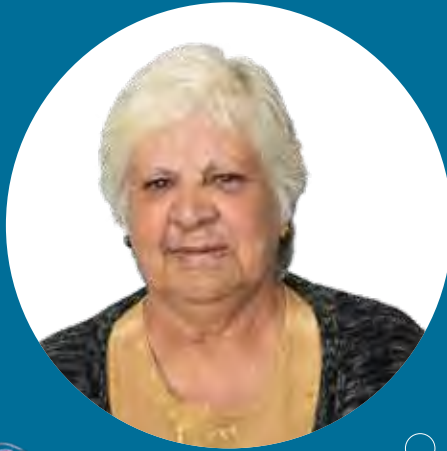
He also sits on boards and reference groups to ensure a cultural lens, and he gives more of himself than he is acknowledged for. Although he has endured much grief and ill health throughout his life he has remained steadfastly a strong, quiet leader.

Fred is an inspirational role model. He takes calls from distressed community members around the clock and never turns anyone away from his home when they are in need. He is a listening ear to Aboriginal youth and teaches children about culture and the importance of keeping culture alive.

He has continued to contribute to a wide range of community programs and performed Welcomes and Smoking Ceremonies even during his ill health and has been mentoring upcoming youth to continue his good work. He is a true quiet achiever who has changed lives for the better.

Lifetime Achievement

Diana Sansbury



Diana Sansbury is an Aboriginal Elder of the broader City of PAE Council area and has lived and worked locally for most of her life.

She is held in high esteem by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people alike, both within the City of PAE and statewide.

She has been very active in the area of law and justice for Aboriginal people, working in the Nunga Court at the Port Adelaide Magistrates Court as a Respected Elder and sat in 9C Conferences within the Correctional system. In these roles she has provided input and an Aboriginal perspective, to help crime prevention and reduce recidivism by Aboriginal people caught up in the criminal justice system.

Diana was also a volunteer for the Visiting Elders Program within the Department of Corrections, supporting and encouraging Aboriginal prisoners to assist their rehabilitation.

She was a founding member of the Grannies Group and has worked for the Salvation Army helping those affected by alcohol. She has worked for Correctional Services as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer and as a member of Nunga Mi-Minar.

Diana has worked her whole life serving Aboriginal people and has done so, not for money or recognition, but to improve the lives of those needing her help.

Person of the Year

Rosney Snell



Rosney Snell is an Aboriginal woman born in Dubbo and raised in South Australia. She is well respected for her energy and commitment to her community. She has a wide range of professional and academic qualifications and is an experienced CEO.

Rosney became Chairperson of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group at the request of Tauto Sansbury upon his retirement from the role. She is also currently chair of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement and was CEO of Nunga Mi Minar from 2004 – 2018.

As ASG Chairperson she has faced many challenges, including providing many supports to those needing assistance following the devastating bushfires.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges to service delivery across all ASG programs. Services were also at risk following the resignations of two CEOs in little over a year. Under Rosney's leadership and guidance ASG maintained essential services throughout these turbulent times.

Rosney has dedicated herself to the needs of Aboriginal communities. She rises to the challenges presented to her and is respectful to all. She ensures that those she comes in contact with in her working environments are able to be heard and up-skilled. She is well respected by her peers, her colleagues and her community.



Person of the Year

Linda Wondunna-Foley



Linda Wondunna-Foley has held many positions working for Aboriginal people, currently employed as CEO of Kura Yerlo. She is totally committed to the development of the organisation and shows enthusiasm, grit and determination in working to help the Aboriginal community of Port Adelaide. She is a great role model for others.

Linda is a passionate individual, willing to help anyone that needs assistance and if she is unable to help herself she will find the right people or organisation.

She has tirelessly taken on the role of CEO at Kura Yerlo, ensuring great services are in place for the Aboriginal community, giving Elders and young people a place to call their own. She's helped establish the Aboriginal Arts Museum, is working on the NDIS needs for those with a disability, and is organising and helping out with the Tucker Truck to deliver food to the Elders.

Linda's hard work and dedication is a significant factor in ensuring that Kura Yerlo will continue to grow and thrive in the coming years.

Person of the Year

Vicki Hartman



Vicki Hartman is a respected Ngarrindjeri woman with connections to Kurna, Boandik, Ngarkat, Wotjabuluk, Tangkengdald and Nauo who has worked primarily in the field of education, for over 30 years. She is a dedicated and enthusiastic professional experienced in providing education and training to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal individuals and groups.

As a Foundation Skills Mentor at Tauondi Aboriginal College, Vicki assessed all enrolling students with their Literacy and Numeracy (L&N) levels against the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). This process assisted in guiding students to their preferred vocational training. Vicki supported all trainers and tutors, ensuring each student had an individual L&N development/learning plan.

Her contribution to Tauondi has assisted supporting Aboriginal students to achieve their educational and career pathways.

Vicki's main focus now is working in the role of Cultural Services Officer at Tauondi. She also facilitates Cultural Respect/Competence training as well as a variety of cultural activities such as teaching Ngarrindjeri weaving, a skill she enjoys sharing.

As Cultural Diversity Officer, Vicki has designed, developed and implemented Aboriginal cultural awareness programs ensuring participants gain an understanding of Aboriginal people.

Vicki is respectful, caring, honest and non-judgmental. She has the natural ability to always see the positive in people and encourages everyone to be their very best.

Recognition of an Aboriginal or
Torres Strait Islander group or
organisation for its contribution to the community

Turkindi Network



The Turkindi Network is an invaluable and trusted organisation that is recognised across Australia for its dissemination of information, events and opportunities to community members.

Under the leadership of Uncle Ivan Copley for the past 21 years, the volunteer Network Board works tirelessly to advocate and bring organisations together in the best interests of the Aboriginal communities in South Australia and beyond.

They continue to contribute to reconciliation outcomes and provide relationship-building and collaborative networking opportunities which bring together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in a safe space.

The Turkindi Network has also led the Anniversary of the Apology events in Veale Gardens and promoted opportunities for organisations to be involved.

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Iwiri



Iwiri is principally known for its choir and arts work and is currently establishing a presence at Taumond College. Iwiri's commitment extends to service excellence in supporting Anangu people staying and living in the City of PAE.

Due to COVID-19, remote area visitors in Port Adelaide could not return home, with more than 50 Anangu camping at Western Region Reserve. In July 2021, with less than 24 hours notice, and an impending COVID-19 lockdown, Iwiri worked with SAPOL, Council and service providers, to relocate the group to the Flour Shed at Harts Mill for the lockdown.

Iwiri's contribution was exceptional. With the limited financial resources and staff of a new organisation, Iwiri was pivotal in contributing to the non-Aboriginal service providers' understanding of Anangu culture and how to provide appropriate cultural support and service response at that time and also into the future.

Iwiri was committed not just to addressing the immediate needs of the Anangu during the lockdown, but worked with service providers to provide a plan to meet individual's specific requirements.

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Kura Yerlo Inc



Kura Yerlo provides service excellence to the City of PAE Aboriginal community. It overcame the challenges of relocation three years ago and successfully rented a number of spaces to continue operating.

Kura Yerlo has maintained services, increased staff numbers and formed positive partnerships with numerous organisations. The successful NDIS audit resulted in expanded NDIS services; the organisation has also achieved ASUS accreditation and attracted over \$1.8M in funding over the past year to meet community needs.

During the COVID-19 lockdowns, staff sourced, packed and delivered food hampers to over 60 Aboriginal local families and also to families in the North and South.

The Aboriginal Men's shed now operates four days a week, funding for a youth development program has been achieved and the Karrarendi Disability Program has expanded from one to two days. A grass-roots art gallery has also been established. Kura Yerlo has shown tremendous strength and resilience during recent, challenging times, motivated by the needs of the community. The dedicated, passionate team is positively impacting City of PAE lives and leading the way in best practice engagement. Kura Yerlo is a key organisation in the West, is humble in its operations, and an inspiration to the community.

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Aboriginal Sobriety Group



Aboriginal Sobriety Group works in partnership with community and provides a successful and comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Program, a Women's Homelessness Program, Substance Misuse Support Program, Riverland Community Drug and Alcohol Misuse Support Programs, the Mobile Assistance Patrol Program, and most recently has partnered with the Department of Correctional Services in a Prisoner Support Program.

ASG has strong partnerships and affiliations with our communities, and close stakeholder relationships with funding bodies and government. The Board recently received a letter from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations highlighting

ASG's excellence in the delivery of governance.

ASG also connects to community through events such as BBQS, community information events and client celebration days. This allows ASG to engage with stakeholders. Staff are encouraged to grow within the organisation through professional training and mentoring with Elders.

ASG has a vision of good practice and a holistic approach for sobriety and quality of life for Aboriginal people. Its mission is to support the journey towards sobriety, culture, health, wellbeing, safety and security for our clients and community.

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WalkAlong Initiative



The WalkAlong Initiative comprises a team of three Aboriginal people who work with Anangu people when they move to Adelaide, primarily in the Port Adelaide/Enfield area. They support Aboriginal families to engage with schooling through advocacy for housing, DV services, health care, employment, supporting extended family members and grandparents caring for grandchildren.

The WalkAlong Initiative works tirelessly for Aboriginal youth and families, sourcing support services and helping Anangu people to settle in the community. The team has delivered training to numerous services and regions working with Anangu people to support culturally responsive service provision.

Michael Turner, Sandra Pumani and Karen Clark from the WalkAlong Initiative have been instrumental in empowering many young Aboriginal people and their families in the City of PAE area to live better lives.

Team members work hard every day to support the Anangu families, to support culturally responsive service provision and to ensure Aboriginal, specifically Anangu voices are heard.

Michael, Sandra and Karen are amazing role models in the community. They are positive, respectful and empowering Aboriginal people who truly inspire those around them.

Recognition of a non-Aboriginal or
Torres Strait Islander person, group or
organisation for its contribution to the community

Mick Melville



Michael Melville aka 'Tucker Truck Mick' is a very caring fella who makes people smile every week when he delivers food. Mick has embraced the Aboriginal community and has become an important part of it. He began volunteering at Kura Yerlo and quickly developed a passion for Aboriginal people. He now works there full time as Project Facilitator at the Men's Shed and Manager of the Tucker Truck program and does a fantastic job. He advocates for NDIS participants who access the Men's Shed, ensuring they have culturally appropriate care when they aren't at the shed. He mentors complex young fellas, linking them with Elders for advice.

He stands up for injustices and advocates for Elders. Mick is described as an amazing non-Aboriginal ally. He is a brilliant role model. Mick expanded the Tucker Truck program and helped increase its funding. He also helped find a new location for the Men's Shed which now operates four days a week. He fills in driving the kindly bus and helped get a new bus for the program. He is committed, reliable, caring and dedicated to our people and community, especially the Elders.

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Reconciliation in the West Committee



Reconciliation in the West is a much-anticipated annual National Reconciliation Week event in Adelaide's Western region. Held annually during National Reconciliation Week at Tauondi College, the event has grown in size and attendance, now hosting in excess of 40 stallholders and around 1,100 attendees. The event presents a diverse range of cultural entertainment and sharings, and interactive stalls for all generations. It aims to contribute to the five dimensions of Reconciliation – Race Relations, Equality and Equity, Institutional Integrity, Historical Acceptance and Unity.

The Reconciliation in the West Organising Committee strives to present a culturally safe event that is appealing to a wide audience and is inclusive for the whole community.

Planning commences at least 10 months prior to the event and members are deeply invested in it, working tirelessly to ensure it is culturally safe and appealing.

The Committee was established in 2012 and draws membership from each partner organisation, – one Aboriginal community controlled organisation and three large not-for-profit community services organisations. The Committee has both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal representatives, including Aboriginal trainees and young people working together to co-design each year's event.

The Committee is an example of genuine partnership between four organisations in the region working for the benefit of the community.

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Tapa Warapulay-ita



In 2019 a partnership was formed between Tauondi Aboriginal College and the Maxima Group, creating Tapa-Warpulay-itya (Tapa), a community-based career and employment-focused program designed to provide sustainable, ongoing employment opportunities for Aboriginal people, particularly in the PAE Council region.

Tapa engages with the Aboriginal community providing initial triage assessment to identify any barriers; an action plan is implemented and holistic support is provided to ensure clients manage their non-vocational barriers. Career mapping and an action plan support the client in reaching their career goals. Once employment is achieved mentor support from Tapa will provide tailored support to the individual.

Referral services to support agencies are provided to assist participants according to their needs, and has resulted in positive outcomes. The Tapa team is available 24 hours a day seven days a week to provide intensive support to clients.

Tapa's team members are passionate about their work and take pride in the delivery of the program. They find their rewards in changing people's lives through supporting them into, and throughout, meaningful and sustainable employment.

Providing an employment outcome for an individual is monumental to their lives. Positive employment outcomes within a community have a flow-on effect that can dramatically change the whole region.

Margaret Brodie



Margaret Brodie is a local Kaurna woman who is a strong advocate for Aboriginal culture. She is a storyteller and a tour guide representing the stories around the Port River and her ancestors.

Margaret has the ability to tell vivid stories that resonate across time, place and people and she keeps the important oral tradition alive to create new stories for new generations.

Over recent years Margaret has maintained her role as a local Port Adelaide cultural guide and has shared her voice and experience, making several significant contributions. She shared her story for the Art of Reconciliation and the Welcome to Country Film as a Kaurna representative, presenter

and advocate for recognition of country. She also shared her stories and Kaurna stories with the Three Fires/Midwinter Neighbourhood Gathering with the local community of Alberton.

She has also been a strong advocate and representative of her family - the Brodie family - and played an important role as a Kaurna woman on the Port Adelaide Aboriginal Cultural Centre Project Custodial group.

Margaret does not seek recognition but is an inspiration and icon, following in her mother's, grandmother's and great-great grandmother's footsteps.

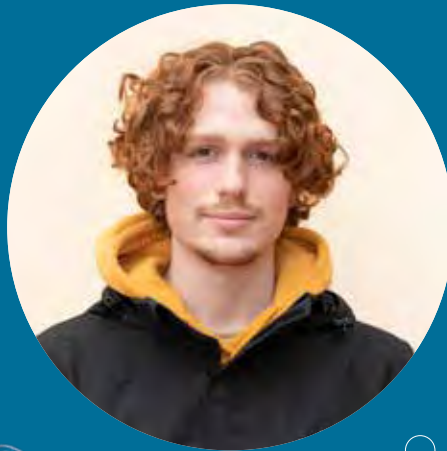
Hannah Brooks



Hannah Brookes is an outstanding young woman who works hard to support her community. Aged just 21, Hanna is in her final year of Criminology at the University of Adelaide; she is also studying Certificate III in Childhood Education and Development and Certificate III in Community Services through Taoundi College. An emerging Aboriginal artist, she volunteers at Kura Yerlo gallery and school holiday program. She also runs the Nunga playgroup and works part-time at the Kura Yerlo kindy. Hannah's academic achievements have motivated many to undertake further study. She is a quiet achiever who finds joy others' success, particularly children and youth.

Hannah is passionate about the success of youth and healing for Aboriginal people and is a mentor to others. She and her partner have already purchased their own home, with a view to becoming carers for Aboriginal children placed through the Department for Child Protection to ensure they receive culturally appropriate, loving care. Hannah is a wonderful role model, particularly for Aboriginal youth, for her dedication to both her education and to her Aboriginal community.

Jeremiah Osborne



Jeremiah Osborne is an inspirational role model for Aboriginal young people. He finished school three years ago and left believing that as he struggled with school his aspiration and passion for film and special effects was just out of reach.

Jeremiah's aunty was aware of his passion and with much encouragement from her he applied and undertook university entrance tests to study in this area. Fast forward and his dream is now becoming a reality.

He was awarded a City of PAE Aboriginal Tertiary Education Scholarship in 2021 and is loving his studies.

Jeremiah is undertaking a film course and aspires to be an industry leader in special effects and video graphics. He wants to give back to the local City of PAE community by passing on his knowledge to the next generation of young people with an interest in the creative arts.

He is a talented artist and designer, and although he struggled with self-doubt he is achieving his dream.

Jeremiah's story is an inspiration to Aboriginal youth who may also be struggling with self-doubt and lack of confidence and shows them that their dreams are not out of reach.

Sports Person of the Year

Joel Hill



Joel Hill has played football at Gaza Sports and Community Club within the City of Port Adelaide Enfield since the age of six.

Although he is playing up two grades this year and is the youngest in his team, he is a leader on and off the field and finished fifth in the overall medal count.

He excels in many different sports and was selected this year to compete in the Indigenous Basketball Australia program. He was selected for the South Australian team and was the only male player to be chosen for the NBA junior academy and represent SA in the national competition in Queensland.

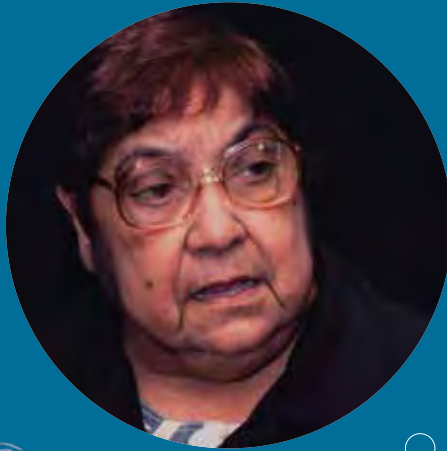
Joel was also selected for the 2021 AFL Boomerangs team, where he will have the opportunity to develop his football skills whilst undertaking a leadership and cultural program.

Another achievement for Joel is his selection for a GO Foundation scholarship (founded by Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin), a program for Aboriginal students to help make their journey through school more rewarding, encouraging them to undertake further education.

Joel has a calm attitude and is polite, respectful, and always plays by the rules. He is an inspirational role model, especially for Aboriginal young people.

Recognition of Outstanding
Cultural Contribution

Veronica Brodie



Veronica Brodie spent many years contributing to the community, providing cultural input to the development of education programs. With her sister, she was part of a women's group that successfully implemented community programs.

In the 70s and 80s this began with the Church in Dale Street, Port Adelaide (Sunday Club), and the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music. The 90s saw her involvement in the Aboriginal Sobriety Group and Aboriginal Soup Kitchen.

Veronica's book, 'My Side of the Bridge', penned in the late 90s, provides insights into her life, cultural beliefs and spiritual connections to her land. At that time she was a strong fighter against the Hindmarsh Island Bridge.

Veronica was a proud, well-respected Elder, who also inspired and educated the wider community. She has left a significant legacy in Port Adelaide through her connection to the 'Lartelare Park', the campsite and story of her Great Grandmother.

Veronica also played a vital role on the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel, sharing her knowledge and stories that are still captured on the PAE website. Her achievements are many, and it is because of her that her family stands tall and proud, carrying on her legacy.



Reconciliation Statement

Niina Marni, Puki Puki tampi`dlu nartangka wapi`dlu marnintyaria tarrkarri tai`dlu. Welcome. Let us recognise the past, act in the present and build a better future.

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield is located on the lands of the Kaurna People.

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield recognises Aboriginal people as the first Australians, with a unique culture and spiritual relationship to the land and sea that they have strived to retain through the period of non-indigenous settlement. Council is strongly committed to work with and support the cultural, spiritual, health, emotional and economic wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people in this region.

In consultation and collaboration with the local Aboriginal community Council will:

- Be a region which exemplifies pride in and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture including language, arts, story telling, song and dance;
- Build on a partnership between the City of Port Adelaide Enfield and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community which is respectful and collaborative;
- Advocate for the allocation of resources and services based on a sound understanding of the demographic profile, the strengths and needs of the Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community;
- Facilitate opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to benefit from economic growth within the region by supporting employment, education and training initiatives;
- Promote a community that is racism free, safe, welcoming and inclusive for all;
- Collaborate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and agencies, and the wider community to implement measures to “Close the Gap” in relation to disadvantage within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.



