

National Empowerment Project

Promoting Cultural, Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Newsletter, December 2016

Dear NEP Community Consultants, Partner Organisations and National Advisory Committee members. Welcome to our last newsletter for the year. It has been a big year for everyone and we look forward to the coming year. Over the last months we have focussed on the following:

- Fremantle NEP Workshop
- IAS Applications, NEP CSEWB
- NEP Promotion
- Prime Minister visit to UWA
- NEP CSEWB QLD Graduations
- APS Apology
- Video Resources

*Dear NEP Community Consultants, Partner Organisations and
National Advisory Committee members,*

*WE WISH EVERYONE THE MOST
JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND VERY
BEST OF WISHES FOR THE
NEW YEAR*

NEP Workshop/Training Fremantle, December 2016

Thank you to everyone who attended the NEP workshop on the 12th and 13th December. The workshop was very informative with lots of inspiration shared by all.



Workshop Participants: Back row – Glenn Pearson, Angela Sloan, Tjalaminu Mia, Rob McPhee, Frank Campbell, Sheridan Walley, Darlene Thomas, Stephanie Kurray. Second row – Carolyn Mascall, Dezerai Miller, Adele Cox, Vicki McKenna, Alta Winmar, Pat Dudgeon, Raelene Stephens, Danielle Dyall. Front row – Jill Abdullah, Donna Ingram, Uncle Arthur Slater, Aunty Fay Slater, Bronwyn Murray, Charmaine Clarke, Abigail Bray.

The photo is available on the NEP website or contact Carolyn.

NEP IAS Submissions

At this time we have submitted IAS NEP CSEWB program delivery applications on behalf of:

- Perth, Langford Aboriginal Association
- Narrogin, Kaata-Koorliny Enterprise & Employment Development Aboriginal Corporation
- Northam/Toodyay, Sister Kates Home Kids Aboriginal Corporation
- Mildura, Mallee District Aboriginal Services,
- Darwin, Danila Dilba Health Service and the
- UWA submission.

We hope to submit applications for the remaining sites in the new year.

In support of the IAS submission, Adele and other team members have attended a number of advocacy meetings in support of the delivery of the NEP Cultural, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Program. These meetings have been with:

WA Mental Health Commission (State)

WA Labor Senators Sue Lines

WA Labor Senator Patrick Dodson

WA Shadow Minister for Mental Health, Stephen Dawson MLC (State)

NT Minister for Health & Mental Health, Hon. John Elferink (former NT Government)

NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon. Leslie Williams (State)

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion (Federal)

Minister for Health, Hon. Susan Ley (Federal)

SA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Hon Kyam Maher

The meetings have provided opportunities to promote and profile the NEP and our work in communities, whilst also trying to garner support for funding.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Hon. Susan Ley also surprisingly visited UWA on 12th August 2016. An afternoon tea meeting was held at the School of Indigenous Studies. Prime Minister Turnbull and Pat discussed the alarming suicide rates.

Left to right:

UWA School of Indigenous Studies

Professor Robyn Owens,
Professor Darlene Oxenham,
Prime Minister Malcolm
Turnbull, Professor Pat
Dudgeon, Hon. Susan Ley,
12.8.16



KURANDA AND CHERBOURG GRADUATES

Queensland Graduates proudly completed Mental Health Certificate IV Training at Gallang Place.

Cherbourg Graduates – Nigel Williams, Norman Bond, Melinda Blackman, Iris Blow, Bronwyn Murray.

Kuranda Graduates – Denise Tranby, Kathleen Cummins, Sandy Scott.



Queensland Graduates, Certificate II in Indigenous Leadership



The group included NEP graduates –

Denise Tranby, Biri Duffin and Bronwyn Murray

The NEP people may be interested in this land mark event.

Australian Psychological Society apology – September 2016

The Guardian: Psychologists apologise to Indigenous Australians for decades of mistreatment.

<<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2016/sep/15/psychologists-apologise-to-indigenous-australians-for-decades-of-mistreatment>

The Australian Psychological Society has made a formal apology to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for decades of mistreatment through exploitative and disrespectful practices that contributed to the erosion of Indigenous culture. The apology, delivered by director of the society's board, Tim Carey, acknowledged exploitation of Indigenous people by psychological researchers and "inappropriate use of assessment techniques and procedures that have conveyed misleading and inaccurate messages about the abilities and capacities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people".

People might be interested in this beautiful video from the Inaugural National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Conference, Alice Springs, May 2016



Bus of Hope

please go to the following link

<http://www.atsispep.sis.uwa.edu.au/natsispc-2016>

Also on the NEP and ATSI SPEP websites.

Website/s

We encourage you to check out the website for updates and to contribute news. Please let Carolyn know of any news of interest relevant to you and your community that we can post on the website.

There have been quite a number of recent news articles posted on the NEP and ATSI SPEP websites.

<http://www.atsispep.sis.uwa.edu.au/natsispc-2016>

<http://www.nationalempowermentproject.org.au>

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