



KIMBERLEY JUVENILE JUSTICE STRATEGY

Welcome to 2025! We hope you had a restful and safe holiday season. As we embark on a new year, we're excited to share that KJJS has an ambitious agenda lined up, with funding secured through to June 2026 and several new projects in the pipeline. Reflecting on our journey since our first newsletter in March 2024, we've had the privilege of highlighting numerous positive stories from within our communities, and we look forward to sharing more in the coming year. Last year, we welcomed Kalinda MacQuarrie to the team, and she has already made a wonderful impact. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Sophia Hunter, who joined us in 2023. Here's to a successful and inspiring 2025!

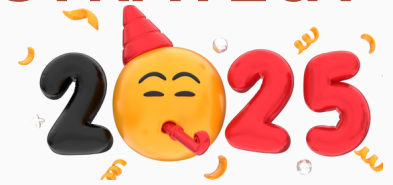


Marra Worra Worra

It has been six months since Marra Worra Worra's (MWW) Youth Connexion Night Place opened on 2 September 2024 and in that time the program has received:

- Three National Indigenous Times (NIT) articles and a GWN news story.
- A discussion in State Parliament on 23rd October 2024, by the former Attorney General of WA, the Hon. John Quigley, regarding the early success of the program.
- Visits from Rick Curtis, Deputy Commissioner for Young People (Corrective Services), and Jody Broun, CEO of National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA).
- An opportunity to present to Youth Workers WA in November 2024, by the MWW crew.

Congratulations to MWW for the amazing work you are doing for young people in Fitzroy Crossing and looking forward to what the next six months has in store.



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What lies ahead for 2025..

It has been a great start to the new year, with funding for our current KJJS service providers now extended, the stakeholder meetings are back in full swing, the team have re-commenced travel and a new grant round for the East Kimberley has now been released (see KJJS webpage for further info).

With the state election now out of the way, this means more good news for the Kimberley region, with WA Government committing \$5.9 million for the co-design of a safe night space for young people in Kununurra. We will continue to provide updates on this project, with lessons also taken from Ngurra Buru and MWW's Night Place.

Introducing Kalinda MacQuarrie

I am a Koori woman from the Central Coast of NSW, my mobs are Yuin on my mother's side and Wiradjuri on my father's side. I moved to WA 18 months ago with my little family unit. Prior to the Department of Justice, I worked in an ACCO for 16 years that delivered wrap-around support's to our community, which afforded me both operational and policy experience in the areas of Aged Care, Disability, Housing, Homelessness, Family Preservation, Transport and Youth. During that time I gained my Bachelor of Arts where I majored in both Psychology and Policy & Politics. I have an Advanced Diploma in Management, and I am in the last stages of my Law Degree. With that knowledge, I am really looking forward to assisting KJJS-funded providers in any way I can and to support their programs.



KJJS Travel

EAST KIMBERLEY
17 - 21 MARCH

WEST KIMBERLEY
31 MARCH - 4 APRIL



Smartygrants

The KJJS has been using the SmartyGrants platform for over one year now and this transition has gone well. The KJJS team are always working to provide an easy platform to provide key outcomes, so if you have any feedback or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of the team members. The KJJS team are committed to supporting you and ensuring you have the resources you need to succeed.

For further information about the KJJS or to be featured in the next newsletter contact KJJS@justice.wa.gov.au.