



Djinders

Vision Statement & Scoping Paper

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Vision Statement

The Djinders seek partnerships with corporations, government and community groups to support the hidden victims of domestic violence and seek a safe and prosperous future for our women and children

Aim:

- To bring Aboriginal women together to form a group that will address local issues of Domestic and Family Violence and Child Safety.
- To challenge ourselves, and our community as a whole to seek local solutions to local problems and sustainably implement solutions.
- To create an Aboriginal Representative Body that achieves success in partnership with local and statewide stakeholders.
- To encourage local women and community members to engage in social and private enterprise to secure sustainable prosperous futures for our families and children.

Goal:

To empower Aboriginal women and children through whole of community, stakeholder and partnership collective impact support to achieve self-determined, empowered and safe futures by implementing local solutions to local community identified issues.



Djinders History

The Djinders formed as a result of a group of Aboriginal Women from the Clarence Valley attending the NSW Aboriginal Women's Summit - Women Against Violence - Healing on Country.

The Summit was organised in response to an ABC 7.30 Report story aired on the 12th August 2015. Aboriginal women across NSW responded strongly to the story of Toni an Aboriginal woman suffering from Acquired Brain Injury from a savage domestic violence incident. The NSW women demanded their voices be heard on the hidden issue of Aboriginal community domestic violence.

Aboriginal women from across NSW attended the Summit to meet and discuss amongst themselves and with government representatives the multiple social impacts of domestic violence incidents against Aboriginal women and across Aboriginal communities in NSW.

The Summit was designed by Aboriginal women to provide a platform for our women to stand up and have a voice on a topic that has not had Aboriginal women's voices heard.

We have continued our campaign to address domestic violence and the impact on women, children and families. Our goal is to fulfill our communities potential and to break the cycle.

We formed the Djinders Aboriginal Women's Group in collaboration with Grafton Ngerrie Aboriginal Lands Council, Mirring Aboriginal Corporation, Yula Punaal Education and Healing Centre and our stakeholder numbers are growing.

Stakeholder collaboration is growing a strong Aboriginal corporation and community alliance across the NSW SE regions with a vision of providing safe places for Aboriginal women to find safe haven from traumatic and dangerous incidents.

We are passionate Aboriginal women with deep experience across issues that affect our community and other Aboriginal communities across NSW. The Djinders members are Aboriginal women from the Clarence Coast. We are a support group for women and children in our community experiencing all forms of Violence. Our aim is to support, advocate, empower and Educate Aboriginal women, children and families.

We want to strengthen our Mob to fulfill our communities potential to break the Cycle.

We seek partnerships with corporations, government and community groups to achieve our goals to support the hidden victims of domestic violence and seek a



safe future for our women and children through providing immediate support and to build a safe place for women and children. We are dedicated to holistic action, developing our self-determined long-term sustainability through Djinders social enterprise projects, strong partnerships and in turn creating local jobs.

Collective Impact

Linked Communities Collective Impact – Stakeholders:

Djinders,

Yula Punaal Aboriginal Education & Healing Centre,

Grafton Ngerrie Aboriginal Lands Council,

Mirring Aboriginal Corporation,

Community Change Consultancy,

Gladstone Studio Women’s Education & Wellbeing Project (Wealth through Health Social/Private Enterprise development)

Gongan Consultancy

Brain Injury Australia

The above stakeholders have come together under a collective impact Aboriginal community development model to bring together Aboriginal ILC properties, organisations, corporations and private enterprise to empower a new community driven initiative to create a Linked Communities Network to work together to provide safe places for women and children as well as work together to advocate for Aboriginal women, children and families affected by DV and FV. Each Stakeholder brings unique skills and facilities that can be accessed up and down the NSW Coastal Regions. Aboriginal women and children can access assistance through the Linked Communities Network such as a safe place short - term accommodation, referral services, cultural practice based healing programs, vocational education, social and private enterprise mentorship and training.

What motivates us:

MANDALONG STATEMENT 2015

Aboriginal women resident across NSW call on Federal and State Government – Service Providers and the greater community to listen to their VOICES with regard to the care, safety and futures of Aboriginal women and children suffering as victims of domestic and family violence and related issues. We call for your support for change and acknowledgement of the dire statistical over representation of our women and children across all social indicators. Ultimately we wish to be HEARD as First Nation women of Australia who hold knowledge and solutions for our communities and ourselves. We want our recommendations valued, implemented and reflected within policy development and effective, culturally competent service provision to improve our quality of life, as is our right as Australian citizens.



The Djinders are a part of a growing self-determined network of Aboriginal women and children's assistance services. The Mandalong Statement was created by input from all participants at the Summit and it is these sentiments and actions that the Djinders are committed to.

Our Key Target Areas are:

- Support Services Hub for DV & FV, Protection of Women and Children, Prevention and Education.
- Healing on Country; Connecting to Country Women's Camps, Food and Nutrition/Health Ed, Traditional Methodology
- Child and Youth Wellbeing, Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Education and Employment for the Youth, Meaningful engaging and culturally purposeful Leadership.

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