

KGI

NEWS

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2020

DREAMTIME EDITION

The
Korin Gamadji
Institute

"Grow and Emerge"



WELCOME

This is the first edition of **KGI News**.

Inside you will find stories, information and insights into our programs and the people who we work with, and for.

In keeping with our name, we are using this time to '**grow and emerge**'. We are working on exciting new programs as well as continuing our long-standing work with the community.

I would like to introduce the Korin Gamadji Institute team for 2020.

Angela Burt has joined us as **Head of Programs**

Michelle Kerrin has joined us as **REAL Program Lead**

Brady Cooper has taken on the role of **REAL Healthy Program Lead**

Dylan Murphy has taken on the role of **REAL Healthy Program Officer (Mildura)**

Jessica Bennett continues as **Program Coordinator**

Luke Murray continues as **Indigenous Community Engagement Coordinator**

I welcome our young mob to contribute to KGI news.

Share your stories, your art, your opinions and your photos.

Instructions on how to get involved are Included on the next page.

Please enjoy the first edition of **KGI News**.

Aaron Clark

Director, Korin Gamadji Institute



KGI PARTNERS

The success of the Korin Gamadji Institute can be attributed to the strong support of our communities. In challenging times, this support has enabled KGI to continue to grow and emerge.

VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION

One of our longest program sponsors recently extended its support of the REAL programs and the KGI Youth Parliament Team.



A.G. COOMBS

Another long-time supporter of KGI programs generously donated gym towels for our REAL Healthy participant packs.

Victorian Electoral Commission 

KOORIE HERITAGE TRUST

Bernadette and Isabella Atkinson and Rob Hyatt lent their support to the creation of digital content for our online programs.



CLOTHING THE GAP

Virtual run-walk event, RunRona, provided us with the motivation to get moving and stay healthy. Congratulations to the 50-strong KGI team who completed the event.

 A.G.Coombs



DREAMTIME 2020

You have come by the way of the Larrakia Land. You will hear the voice of Larrakia ancestors. When you leave, the Larrakia message will stay with you

The late Reverend Walter Fejo



Dreamtime in Darwin was one of a kind. The community truly showed up, the crowd roaring for both teams as they stepped on to the field, on to Larrakia soil. The Welcome to Country by Uncle Richard Fejo (above) was powerful, acknowledging all mobs across the lands – all the Elders, Aunties, Uncles, young people and everyone who is standing with us. Everyone had goose bumps. Our Ancestors were definitely there with us.

The weather was warm – in complete contrast to some of the previous Dreamtime matches – and we watched with pride. From Rioli to Bolton to Stack and Pickett, all the brother boys did us proud. It was an incredible game with high intensity and a sense of family. We also cheered on Mosquito from the Bombers. He had been through our KGI programs and we were proud to watch him debut, kicking two incredible goals. This is what it's all about.

As a KGI staff member, I was incredibly fortunate to attend the game on my homelands. Mob here in Darwin were so excited to get their chance to watch a Dreamtime game. In person. Everyone would love to see a game like this in Darwin again next year, how cool would that be? Thanks to AFL Northern Territory for making this happen, it was an extraordinary job.



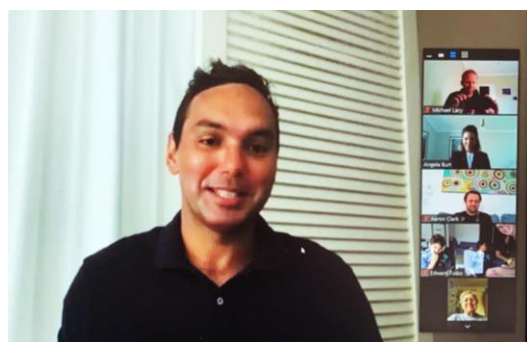
KGI DREAMTIME HIGHLIGHTS



The AFL's Sir Doug Nicholls round and – in particular - the Dreamtime game, is always a highlight of the KGI calendar. Whilst we couldn't attend the game this year, our community gathered virtually to celebrate.

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

We kicked-off Dreamtime week with a virtual morning tea, with more than 100 members of our community tuning in to yarn with Xavier Clarke (pictured) and David Astbury. We were also fortunate to have Auntie Pam Pederson and Auntie Joy Murphy-Wandin join the conversation and remind us of the significance of the round.



MELBOURNE INDIGENOUS TRANSITION SCHOOL (MITS)

We were fortunate the MITS students were currently studying in Darwin at the Michael Long Centre. So, as well as joining our morning tea, they were able to attend the Dreamtime game and support our boys.



STARWIN

Many thanks to the talented female artists at Starwin gallery in Darwin, who provided the gift for this year's pre-match exchange. We chose two items – a handwoven basket and shells from the Tiwi Islands.

PUMA

The 2020 Dreamtime guernsey, designed by Shai Bolton, was superb. We thank Puma for donating proceeds from sales of the guernsey to KGI programs.



ALUMNI PROFILE

DOMINIC

EGGMOLESSE-SMITH

Barkindji

Maraura

Muruwari

Australian South Sea Islander



WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

- Spending time in the home gym
- Studying a diploma in sports development
- Working at Wiimpatja Healing Centre (Warrakoo)
- Playing video games

WHAT ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

- New school hip-hop
- R&B
- Country
- Old school hip-hop: B.I.G, Tupac, Wu-Tang Clan, Ice Cube, Big L, Jay Z

HOW DO YOU CONNECT?

- Visiting family
- Social media (Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram)

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

- Family, friends, and my Sister's daughter; she brings so much light to the world.
- Motivational speeches: Eric Thomas, Inky Johnson, Kobe Bryant

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO?

- Completing my diploma
- Getting more involved in the KGI programs
- Watching my brother play footy
- Setting pathways for the younger generations
- Visiting my family and friends
- Reaching my fitness goals – both short-term and long-term

BEST THING ABOUT THE KGI?

It gives young Aboriginal leaders a voice – they can speak freely and get out of their comfort zone



REAL HEALTHY Update

By Dylan Murphy

HEY MOB!

We hope you and your families are doing well and keeping healthy during these ever-changing times. My name is Dylan Murphy and

I am the project officer for our newest KGI program, REAL Healthy.

I am based in the KGI office in Mildura.

WHAT IS REAL HEALTHY?

REAL Healthy is a 12-week health and wellbeing program for young Indigenous peoples.. Under the guidance of experts, it will equip you with the knowledge, skills and confidence to be a health leader for yourself, and your community.

As well as receiving access to a range of health and wellbeing experts, participants also receive access to their local Aligned Leisure Centre, a health pack, and access to additional learning opportunities.

MILDURA PROGRAM

In the last school holidays, REAL Healthy kicked off in Mildura. It was Deadly to finally meet our first group on Latji Latji and Barkindji Country. Participants spent the day at Waves Mildura, trying some classes and using the gym equipment.

INTERESTED?

If you're interested in learning more about the program, head to our [website](#)



Australian Government



REAL Update

By Jessica Bennett

HEY MOB!

It has been far too long since our last REAL Program, and I am looking forward to when it is safe for you all to come back to KGI.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

During the Melbourne lockdowns, we have been working from home to build our resources and create some online learning opportunities. Over the next few weeks we are hosting our KGI X VEC Program online, which will empower the participants with the skills and confidence to share their voice and build their knowledge around the upcoming local elections.

We have hosted a number of Zoom sessions, including one with proud Kaurana man and Hawthorn Football Club player Chad Wingard.

He spoke to us about resilience and his perspective on the BLM movement.

We also enjoyed hosting a night of Kahoot trivia and a wellbeing yarn with Kesh.

SIX-WEEK CHALLENGE

This week we are lucky to have Anaika Havea, a Deadly KGI alumni and RISL student, hosting the fourth instalment of the KGI six-week challenge.

In our alumni-only Facebook group, a challenge is posted each Sunday and participants have a week to make their submission. It has taken participants out of their comfort zone, provided an opportunity to share what they have been doing in lockdown and to share a secret talent. Each submission has been incredible, reminding our KGI Team of just how Deadly our young people really are!

STAY IN TOUCH

Please join the closed group, 'REAL Program Alumni', on Facebook and follow our social media channels to stay updated. As always, you can also reach out to me for anything – or just for a yarn!

“By sticking together now, we will not only get through this rough period, but we will be able to celebrate all the good things to come in the future.”



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GET INVOLVED

We want KGI News to be a platform for our community to share stories, celebrate success and connect communities.

Here are some ideas to help you out:

PHOTOS

On this page is a photo of beautiful Barkindji Country. Take a photo of your Country, or a special place where you like to spend time.

WORDS

Write down your thoughts or feelings. This could be a few sentences, a creative piece or a poem.

ART

Digital art, photos, sketches, paintings – all are welcome.

BUSINESS

Have a new business and want to share your work? Send us your details.

IDEA NOT COVERED?

No worries. Send us your thoughts and we will make it happen.

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