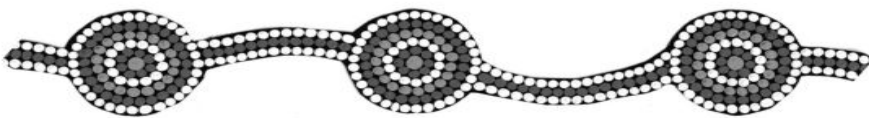
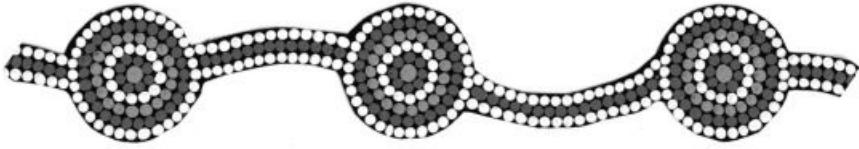


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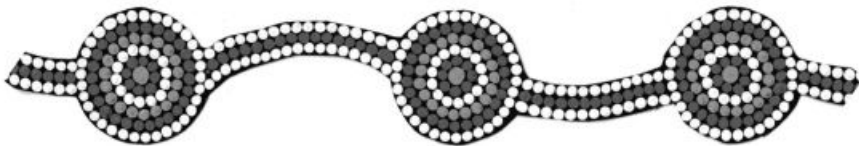
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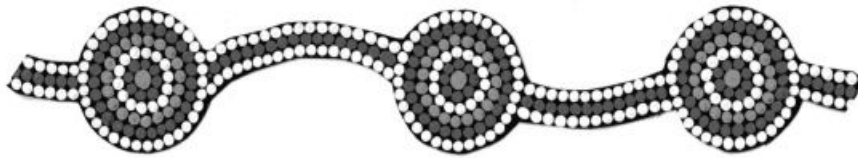
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I would also like to acknowledge Chris Edwards who has provided us with the art work displayed throughout the directory, which symbolises "running water" connecting the groups together across NSW.

The directory was put together toenhance networking between groups and communities in hope to other communities who are thinking about developing a group but are in the process of

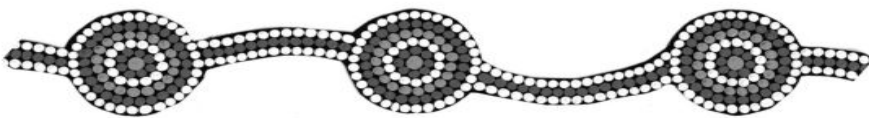
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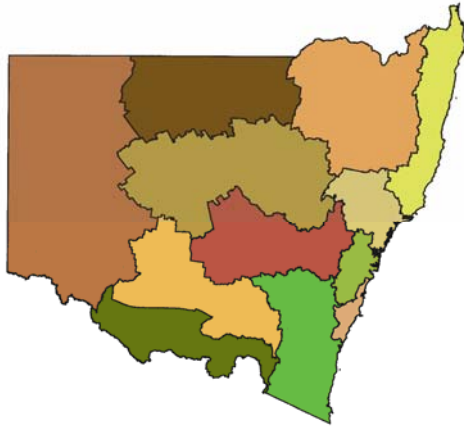
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Explanation of how to use the Directory

This directory identifies the diverse range of Aboriginal Men and Boys groups located throughout New South Wales. Each group is identified under their respective Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) of NSW regional boundaries. The pages contain a brief overview of the groups and a watermark map signifying the AH&MRC Boundary in which they are located.

The groups are self driven by Aboriginal males who meet on a regular basis in a safe environment to discuss, identify and work together to overcome and improve issues that may affect not only themselves, but their families and their communities.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Rekindling the Spirit (Lismore)

Contact: Greg Telford

Address: P.O. Box 535
Lismore NSW 2480

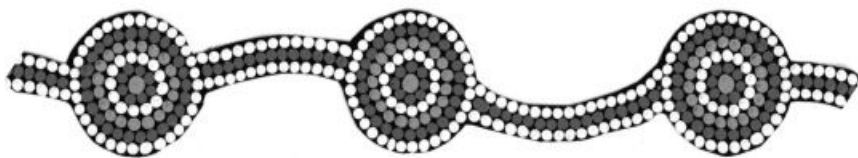
Phone: (02) 6622 5534

Fax: (02) 6622 5530

Email: gtelford@nrg.com.au

Description: The group focuses on taking responsibility without blaming and meets weekly at the Lismore address.

Other: The group also focuses on Parenting Programs and reconnecting families



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Koori Fathering Program

Contact: Anthony Franks

Address: P.O. Box 498
Lismore NSW 2480

Phone: (02) 6620 7511/ (02) 6620 7510

Fax: (02) 6622 2151

Email: anthonyf@nrahs.nsw.gov.au

Description: The Koori Fathering Program is a one day per week for 15 weeks for Koori men. Understanding and accept the responsibility of fatherhood and the importance of showing affection & positive discipline strategies.

Other: Developing a more positive relationships with their child/ren and partner. The group is open to all Aboriginal fathers



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Clarence Valley Men's Group

Contact: David Ferguson/Carl Daley

Address: P.O. Box 1256
Grafton NSW 2460

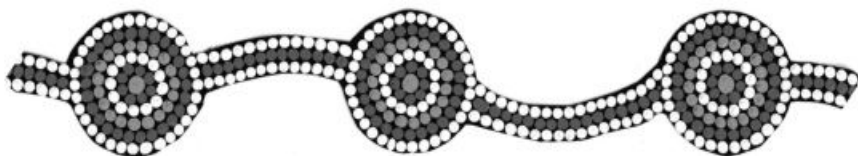
Phone: (02) 6643 2199

Fax: (02) 6643 2202

Email: davefergo@bigpond.com

Description: The Aboriginal men's group meets once a month and is open to Aboriginal males of all ages. Also works parallel with women's groups to maintain family values.

Other: The group targets programs such as promoting positive lifestyle through family days camps and participation at locally gatherings for men and sporting events.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Junangmum Mens Group

Contact: Anthony Hinkling

Address: 43 Johnston Street
P.O. Box 14
Casino NSW 2470

Phone: (02) 6662 3514

Fax: (02) 6662 4849

Email: hankh@casinoams.com

Description: The group has been functioning since 2002. The aim of the group is to encourage Men to look at the role and responsibility within their home and community.

Other: To be a role model to their son and children within a positive manner and approach. The group meets once every week and is open to Aboriginal males all ages.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Men's Group

Contact: Jim Hurley

Address: Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Men's Group
P.O. Box 1431
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

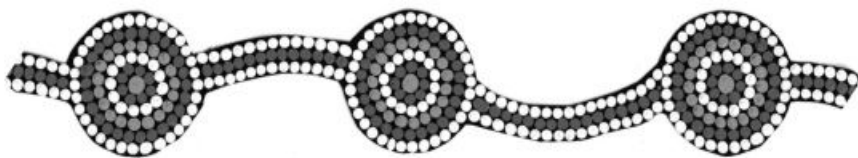
Phone: (02) 6652 0800

Fax: (02) 6652 2563

Email: jhurley@galambila.org.au

Description: The Mens group meets monthly. The age groups is aimed at Aboriginal Males from 16 yrs and over. The programs are developed by the group based on the need in the community.

Other: Involves an Aboriginal Health Worker and Male General Practitioner.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Bellbrooke Mens Group

Contact: David Bobongie

Address: Bellbrooke Mens Group
C/O Bellbrooke Post Office
Via Kempsey NSW 2440

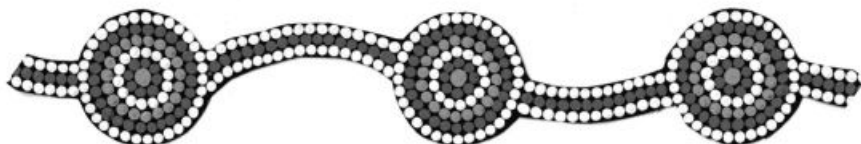
Phone: (02) 65672006

Fax: (02) 65672006

Email:

Description: The Aboriginal Men's Group meets on a fortnightly basis and focuses on smoking cessation, depression and suicide awareness amongst Aboriginal males with the local area.

Other: The Group involves a general practitioner and is open to all Aboriginal Men and Boys.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Mid North Coast Aboriginal Regional Men's

Contact: Elliott Stewart

Address: P.O. Box 488
Forster NSW 2428

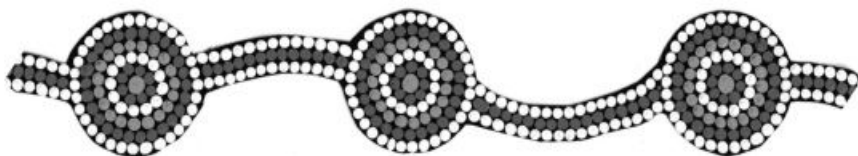
Phone: (02)6555 6822

Fax: (02)6554 8874

Email: estewart@huhealth.nsw.gov.au

Description: The group meets once a month with involvement from Aboriginal Liaison Officers, Youth Workers and representatives from the NSW Government Departments

Other: The group is open to Aboriginal males of all ages



CENTRAL COAST REGION

Name: Brothers Inside Program - Cessnock Gaol

Contact: Craig Hammond

Address:

Phone: (02)4921 6821

Fax: (02)4921 8686

Email: craig.hammond@newcastle.edu.au

Description: The program is working with Aboriginal inmates at Cessnock Correctional Centre, looking at how they see their role as a father from inside the gaol.

Other: The program aims at look communication, domestic violence, keeping kids safe and health



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Marrin Weejali Men's Group

Contact: Tony Hunter

Address: Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Corporation
P.O. Box 147
Emerton NSW 2770

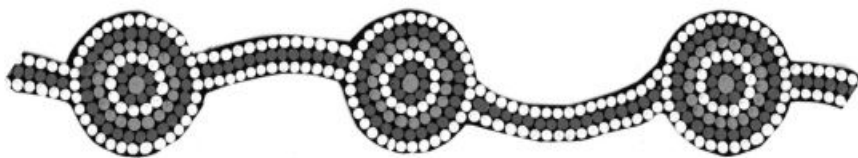
Phone: (02) 9628 3031

Fax: (02) 9628 8858

Email: marrinweejali@bigpond.com

Description: The groups main aim is to meet and discuss all issues such as health, family, kinship & other social & family issues within our community. The group meets on a weekly basis at 3 Hindemith Ave

Other: The group is aimed at males 16yrs and over and targets programs such as Cultural & Spiritual Therapy Social & Economic issues and Cultural Identity and Health



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: The Shed
Contact: Ted Hart
Address: Corner of Emert Parade & Weber Crescent
Emerton NSW 2770

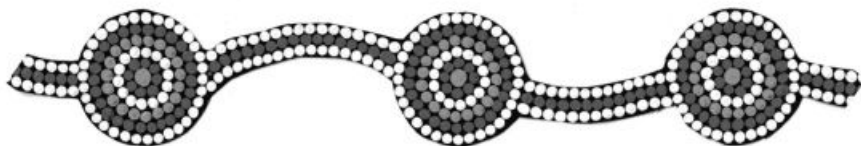
Phone: (02) 9628 6317

Fax: (02) 9628 6139

Email: s.oo@uws.edu.au

Description: Provides an opportunity for men to express and discuss their concerns and together look at different options and strategies. It also offers social & cultural activities & a referral service. Open 9-5, Mon-Fri

Other: The shed is aimed at males of all ages and is a place to share and connect with other men; Our view is non-judgmental and supportive. We listen and take your concerns seriously.



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Aboriginal Men's Program (Walking Together)

Contact: Albert Torrens

Address: 93-99 Kings Street
Newtown NSW 2042

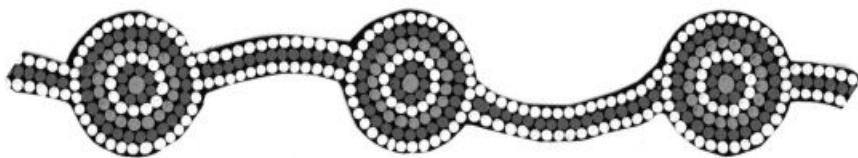
Phone: (02) 9550 4056

Fax: (02) 9550 4068

Email: albert.torrens@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Description: Walking together program looks at diverting Adult Aboriginal offenders away from the criminal justice system. The program is based on the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Other: The group meets every Tuesday from 9.30-2pm at the Settlement, 17 Edward Street Chippendale & looks at Aboriginal Culture as the key component of changing the lives of Aboriginal Offenders, and targets 18 yrs and



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Muru Nanga Mai Men's Group

Contact: Leslie Fuller/Tom Smith

Address: Liverpool Community Health Centre
Corner Campbell and Goulburn Street
Liverpool NSW 2170

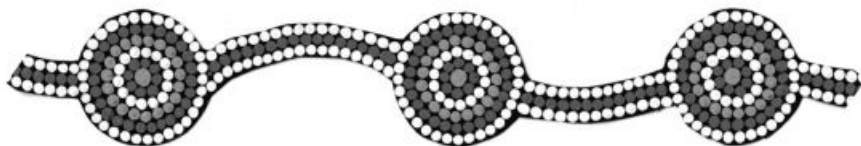
Phone: (02) 9828 4844/46284837

Fax: (02) 9828 4800

Email: leslie.fuller@swsahs.nsw.gov.au

Description: The group targets programs such as alcohol and other drugs, family violence, sexual health and arts and cultural issues. The Men's group also involves participation from Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol workers, Mental Health Worker and a Sexual health Worker

Other: The group currently meets every Friday from 10am-3pm at Minto Bush Camp, Lot 6 Howard Road, Minto Heights. Aimed at Aboriginal Males all ages & Males 14yrs & under must be accompanied by a carer.



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Men's Business Indigenous Hey Dads

Contact: Ian Nicholas

Address: (Centre Care) Hope Street
91 Forbes Street
Woolloomooloo

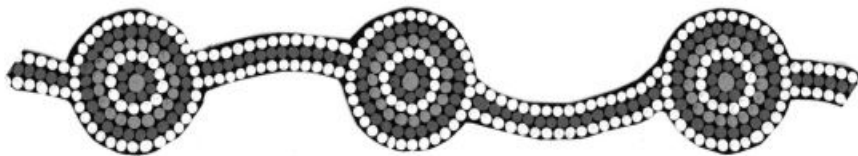
Phone: 0415557807

Fax: (02) 9358 4128

Email: indigenous@hopestreet.org.au

Description: The group is aimed at raising awareness for Aboriginal fathers whilst separated from their children. The group meets for 10 weeks for 2 hours sessions and is facilitated by an Accredited Facilitator.

Other: The group is aimed at Aboriginal males 15 yrs and over and is run through Hope Street, Urban Compassion in partnership with Centa Care



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: ACON A&TSI Social Support Group

Contact: Shane Burgess

Address: P.O. Box 350
Darlinghurst NSW 1300

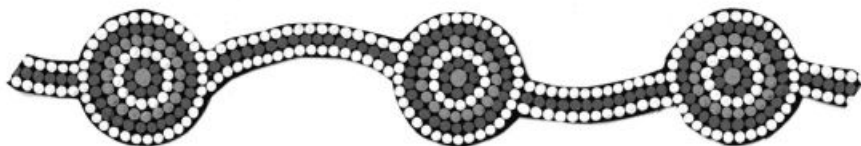
Phone: (02) 9206 2042

Fax: (02) 9206 2069

Email: sburgess@acon.org.au

Description: The Social Support Group meets once a month and offers a safe and culturally appropriate environment for A&TSI Gay men to meet. The group is aimed at A&TSI males 17yrs and over.

Other:



ILLAWARRA REGION

Name: Illawarra Koori Men's Support Group

Contact: Shane Ford/Troy Pender

Address: 2 Wilgla Place
Albion Park NSW 2527

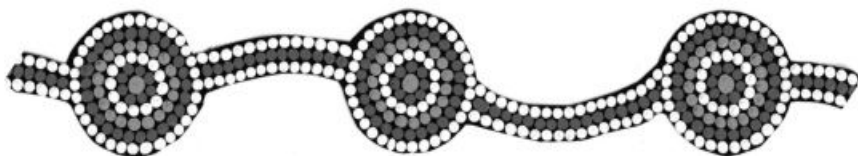
Phone: SF-0415 803 659, TP-0408 605 867

Fax:

Email: koorimensgroup@hotmail.com

Description: The group has been set up to give Indigenous males of the Illawarra a safe place to go and speak about the issues that affect their lives. The group also involves participation from an Aboriginal Health Worker, General Practitioner, Drug and Alcohol worker and a Sexual health worker .

Other: The Aboriginal Men's group meets weekly on Fridays between 10am-2pm and is aimed at Aboriginal males of all ages.



FAR SOUTH COAST REGION

Name: Ancestral Trek

Contact: Troy Stever

Address: 2/58 Cresswick Parade
Dalmeny NSW 2546

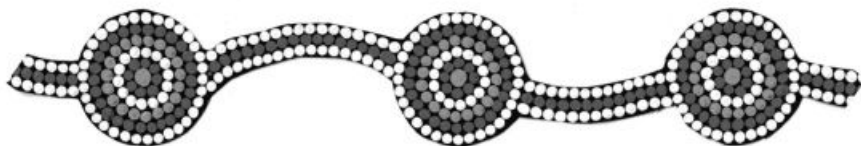
Phone: (02) 44767005

Fax:

Email: ancestraltrek@bigpond.com

Description: The Ancestral Trek attempts to acknowledge the place of Aboriginal men in today's society, to allow them to recognise their past, their position in it and forge a clearer perception for themselves

Other: The men attending the program are either self-referred, health referred, community identified and referred or completing probation and parole orders. The group is intended for males 17yrs and over.



NORTH WEST REGION Billa Miudji

Name: Goolbri Men's Group (GMG)

Contact: Guy Gibbs

Address: PO Box 610
Bourke NSW 2840

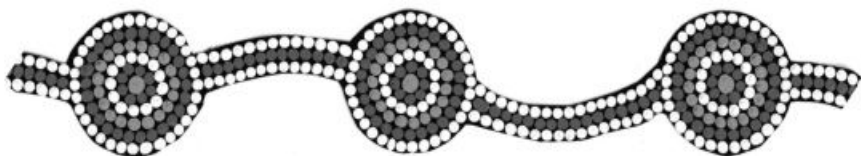
Phone: (02) 6872 1551

Fax: (02) 6872 1545

Email: ggibbs@centacarewf.org.au

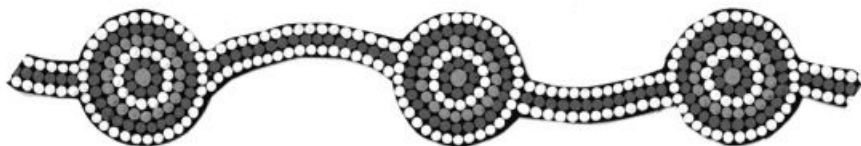
Description: The group meets weekly and may include an overnight camp to talk about issues affecting the local area and cultural issues. It also involves the participation of a General Practitioner

Other: The group is targeting programs raising awareness about Domestic Violence and diabetes. The GMG is aimed at Aboriginal Males of all ages.



NORTH WEST REGION Billa Miudji

- Name:** Walgett Aboriginal Mens Group
- Contact:** Richard Simpson, Charlie Kennedy, Mark Trehwella,
- Address:** Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service
PO Box 396
Walgett NSW 2832
- Phone:** (02) 6828 1611 - (02)6828 1798
- Fax:** (02) 6828 1201
- Email:** walgettams@bigpond.com
- Description:** The men's group meets on weekly basis at Euragoi Goondi and involves participants from voluntary participants, probation and parole, Aboriginal Health workers, Nurses and General Practitioners.
- Other:** The group is targeting all programs relating to Aboriginal Men's Health and is aimed at Aboriginal Males of all ages.



CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Yambagully
Contact: William Stanley
Address: 68 Maughan Street
Wellington NSW 2820

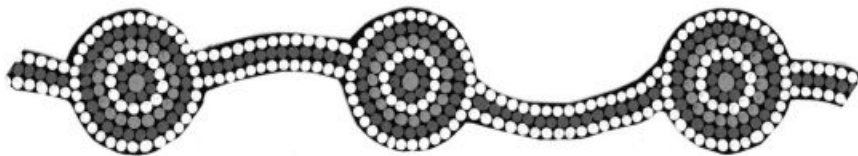
Phone: (02) 68 453545

Fax: (02) 68452656

Email: billys@wachs.net.au

Description: Yambagully focuses on a holistic health approach targeting programs around youth, health, education, employment and culture. Targets Aboriginal Males 18yrs and over.

Other: The group also has involvement from Aboriginal Health Workers, General Practitioners, Sexual Health Worker and a Stolen Generation Health Worker



LOWER CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Aboriginal Men Leading the Way

Contact: Jeff Brown/ Damien Kennedy

Address: Yoorana Gunya Family Violence Healing Centre
P.O. Box 802
Forbes NSW 2871

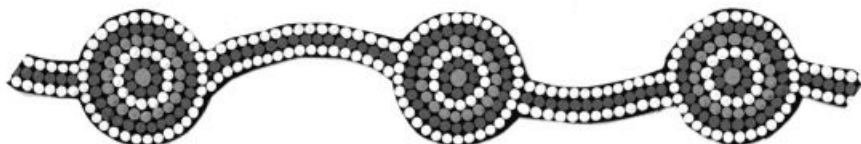
Phone: (02) 68515111

Fax: (02) 6851 6860

Email: ygunya@bigpond.net.au

Description: The group currently meets once a month and targets Aboriginal males all ages. It also involves participation from representatives from Government sectors and a local Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation

Other: The group targets programs involving mentoring, D&A, Aboriginal Elders and promoting healthy lifestyles through activities such as fishing, cooking and camping.



LOWER CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Aboriginal Men's Walking Group

Contact: Colin Locke

Address: 15-17 Hassan Street
Lithgow NSW 2790

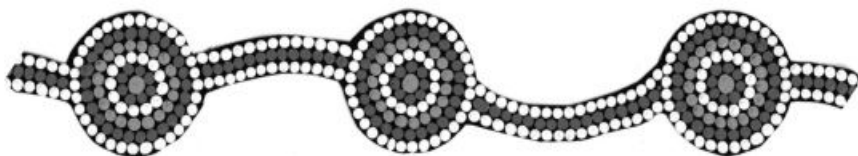
Phone: (02) 6351 4922

Fax: (02) 6351 3516

Email:

Description: The group currently meets once every 2 weeks with a focus on mental health care needs and targeting programs about raising awareness and education about mental health.

Other: The group targets Aboriginal males 18yrs and over and involves Aboriginal health and Mental health workers



LOWER CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Koori Link Men's Group

Contact: Neil Orcher

Address: Mission Australia Orange
P.O. Box 420
Orange NSW 2800

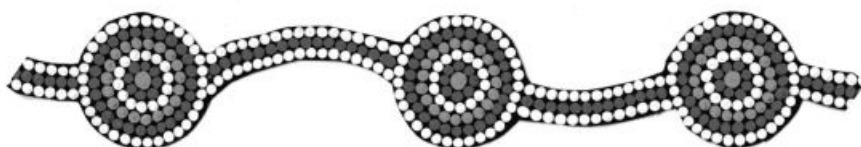
Phone: (02) 6360 4018

Fax: (02) 6361 7106

Email: orchern@missionaustralia.com.au

Description: The group meets monthly and open to all ages. The aim of the groups is to assist Aboriginal Men achieve their personal goals and promoting positive lifestyles

Other: Koori Link Men's Group works with various Government bodies. The group has targeted Domestic Violence Orders Cases, anger management, and self-esteem as areas of raising awareness and educational programs.



LOWER CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Aboriginal Mental Health Men's Walking Group

Contact: Robert Peckham

Address: 125 William Street
Bathurst NSW 2795

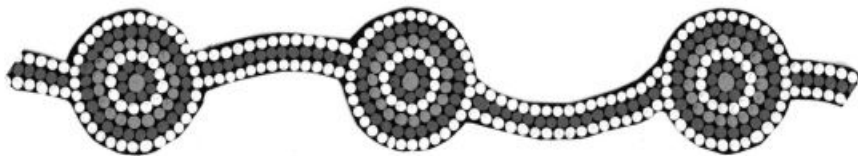
Phone: (02) 6332 6822

Fax: (02) 6332 5780

Email: robert.peckham@gwahs.nsw.gov.au

Description: The Aboriginal Mens group meets fortnightly and offers a culturally appropriate environment where men can meet with other koori men in similar situation and share stories. The group targets males 18 yrs old and over.

Other: The group also offers support in areas of dealing with depression, grief, loss and raising awareness about self-harm, suicide and the affects of Drug and Alcohol misuse.



RIVERINA REGION

Name: The Black Sun Inc.
Contact: Luke Penrith
Address: CO/19 Trail Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Phone: 0407 221 314
Fax: (02) 6921 9340
Email: theblacksuns@gmail.com

Description: The Black Suns Inc. (TBSI) is a Youth Development Organisation set up by ten young indigenous men. The youth project meets on a weekly basis and is open to all Aboriginal males of all ages.

Other: The objective of TBSI is to organise and facilitate a variety of youth projects and activities which will assist young people to achieve success and promote positive lifestyles in the Wagga Wagga Area.



FAR WEST REGION

Name: Two Rivers Men's Group

Contact: Paul Sloane

Address: P.O. Box 256
Dareton NSW 2717

Phone: (03) 5027 4824

Fax: (03) 5027 4429

Email:

Description: Consist of a group of local men who gather and talk about health issues, employment, education, environmental health, culture and land. The group meets once a month at various venues.

Other: The group also involves a General Practitioner and or nurses to conduct health related sessions. The group has targeted domestic violence and sport and recreation as areas for educational programs

