

#### FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE

# Submission to Senate Inquiry: Commonwealth Funding of Indigenous Tasmanians

#### November 2016

The current Senate Inquiry is considering 'Commonwealth funding of Indigenous Tasmanians, with particular reference to whether hundreds of millions of dollars in Commonwealth funds over the last decade were unfairly, unjustly, or illegally allocated to, and spent on, only 6,000 Indigenous Tasmanians, rather than almost 26,000'.

#### Commonwealth criteria for identification as Indigenous

The Commonwealth Government typically applies a three-part definition to determine whether a person meets the criteria for identification as an Indigenous Australian and is eligible for certain programmes and benefits. A person is considered Indigenous if he/she:

- is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander; and
- is accepted as such by the Indigenous community in which he/she resides or has resided.

The definition must not be applied rigidly and requires neither archival nor historical records. The test can be described as 'self-identification'. People who self-identify are, and have historically been, able to access Indigenous-specific Commonwealth programmes<sup>1</sup>, such as:

- specific Medicare entitlements or aged care entitlements;
- primary health care and broader health services;
- ABSTUDY;
- access to Aboriginal hostels; and
- business and housing finance services through Indigenous Business Australia.

The Commonwealth welcomes the Tasmanian Government's recent changes to its approach for determining eligibility for its Indigenous programmes and services and acknowledges the new approach is more consistent with the Australian Government's approach.

#### Direct Commonwealth Indigenous Expenditure in Tasmania

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Tasmania receive the benefit of Commonwealth funding on the same basis as in other Australian jurisdictions. Where total or Indigenous population is relevant to Commonwealth funding – for example, allocation of GST revenues – the Commonwealth accepts ABS population estimates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Eligibility for some programmes requires documentary evidence. A statutory declaration is an alternative to confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage from an Indigenous organisation.

In June 2011, there were 24,165 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians resident in Tasmania<sup>2</sup>, comprising approximately 3.6 per cent of the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian population, and 4.7 per cent of the total Tasmanian population.

The Productivity Commission's 2014 Indigenous Expenditure Report (IER) shows in 2012-13, direct Commonwealth Indigenous expenditure in Tasmania was estimated at \$499m³. On a per capita basis, direct Commonwealth Government Indigenous expenditure in Tasmania was estimated at \$19,744 in 2012-13, comparable to the national figure of \$20,241. Most Commonwealth spending (89%) on Indigenous Australians in Tasmania was through programmes and services available to all Australians, not programmes specifically targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.<sup>4</sup> This expenditure is similar to the 2008-09 reference period (81%), which is the earliest available IER data.

It is important to note that the IER calculates Australian and state/territory expenditure per capita for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians on the basis of ABS estimated resident population – not from figures derived from other assessments such as confirmations of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage from Indigenous organisations.

A breakdown of IER expenditure (see <u>Attachment A</u>) by funding area shows that health and social security are the largest areas of mainstream and overall expenditures.

Reflecting the expenditure undertaken in other portfolios, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is advised that a number of individual Commonwealth agencies will make submissions to the current Inquiry regarding funding and use of portfolio-specific services and programmes by Tasmanian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

#### Indigenous Advancement Strategy

Since July 2014, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has directly delivered a subset of Commonwealth Indigenous-specific expenditure in Tasmania through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS – see <a href="http://www.indigenous.gov.au/indigenous-advancement-strategy">http://www.indigenous.gov.au/indigenous-advancement-strategy</a>).

A key focus of the IAS has been to improve the Government's engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and service providers at a local level, promoting tailored local solutions through engagement and collaboration:

- From time to time, the Department will invite applications for proposals that address specific
  outcomes on a national, regional or local basis. This will often occur through an open or
  targeted grant funding round.
- The IAS also includes a new Community Led grants process that enables Aboriginal and Torres
   Strait Islander people, communities and service providers to seek grant funding to address
   emerging needs and/or opportunities that they have identified as priorities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ABS, *Estimates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, June 2011*. There has been population growth since this figure was recorded. Projected population for June 2016 was 27,052 (ABS, *Estimates and Projections, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, 2001 to 2026*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 2014 Indigenous Expenditure Report web database (table P.1). All figures are in 2012-13 dollars.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2014 *Indigenous Expenditure Report* web database (table P.2). The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander share of expenditure on mainstream services is estimated using the best available proxies for the impact of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians on expenditure on those services, depending on the nature of a particular service. Where individuals have a direct impact on expenditure, an individual service use measure is used, but where individuals have little direct impact on expenditure (e.g. Defence), a population-based service use measure is used.

 Additionally, the Department may directly approach an organisation to negotiate delivery of an activity or service to address a specific unmet need. Existing grant recipients may be approached to expand their current service delivery or new providers may be approached by the Department.

From July 2014 to November 2016, in total the IAS has invested \$33m into grants and services in Tasmania. Fifty-four IAS activities, with a total value of \$29 million are currently being delivered by 27 organisations, of which 10 are Indigenous.<sup>5</sup>

In Tasmania, IAS activities fall into four programme areas. A full list of current IAS activities in Tasmania can be found at Attachment B.

#### Jobs, Land and Economy

Through the Jobs, Land and Economy Programme the Department works to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into work, support Indigenous business, and assist Indigenous people to effectively manage their land. In Tasmania since July 2014 \$17 million has been invested through the Jobs, Land and Economy Programme.

Employment is a particular focus of the IAS in Tasmania. The IAS has supported 220 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in Tasmania to enter into employment with 91 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians staying in employment for 26 weeks or longer.

#### Children and Schooling

The Department works to get children to school, improve education outcomes and support families to give children a good start in life.

This programme supports activities that nurture and educate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youth and adults to improve pathways to prosperity and wellbeing. This includes improving family and parenting support; child care and early learning; school education; youth engagement and transition; and higher education. The programme has a critical focus on increased school attendance and improved educational outcomes that lead to employment.

The Children and Schooling Programme complements a range of state, territory and Commonwealth Government programmes, which aim to improve the education outcomes and positive development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It provided opportunities to fill gaps between existing services, enables innovation and leverages further grant funding. In Tasmania since July 2014, \$4.3 million of funding has been provided through the Children and Schooling Programme.

#### Safety and wellbeing

The objective of this programme is to ensure that the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities and ensure Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing as those of other Australians.

Through this programme we support activities that will achieve outcomes such as, but not limited to, the following:

• a reduction in harm from drug, alcohol and substance misuse;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has engaged Supply Nation to assist with the issue of identity and the certification of businesses' Indigeneity. Supply Nation recognises two distinct categories of Indigenous Businesses: Certified Suppliers, which are 51% Indigenous owned, managed and controlled; and Registered Suppliers, which are 50% Indigenous owned.

- a reduction of offending, violence and victimisation in communities; and
- improved health, social and emotional wellbeing.

The Commonwealth Government works together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people so individuals and communities can build their future in their own way. Having a safe community to live in is critical to closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage. It makes other important things possible, like getting children to school, helping them achieve good results, and getting adults into jobs. In Tasmania since July 2014, \$11.2 million of funding has been provided through the Safety and Wellbeing programme.

#### Culture and capability

The objective of this programme is to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to maintain their culture and participate equally in the economic and social life of the nation and to ensure Indigenous organisations are capable of delivering quality services to their clients.

This programme supports acknowledgement of the unique place Indigenous peoples have in Australian society and gives them a strong and representative voice. Grant funding provides for strategies known to positively impact Indigenous participation and acceptance, such as positive and respectful forms of engagement, supporting Indigenous capacity at the individual, family, community and organisational levels, and enhancing governance and leadership skills to maximise the chances of achieving real and sustainable change for the better. In Tasmania since July 2014, around \$460,000 in funding has been provided through the Culture and Capability programme.

Table 1. Summary of current IAS activities in Tasmania

IAS Programme	Number of activities	Total Funding (GST Exclusive)
Jobs, Land and Economy	16	\$14,454,426.37
Children and Schooling	13	\$4,098,796.18
Safety and Wellbeing	12	\$10,638,065.17
Culture and Capability	13	\$409,674.00
Total	54	\$29,600,961.72

Note: Data is current as at 3 November 2016. Data only includes current activities and does not include activities that have ceased.

#### Conclusion

The large majority of Commonwealth programmes and services delivered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tasmanians are mainstream services available to all Tasmanians. The IER shows Commonwealth Indigenous expenditure per capita in Tasmania is close to the national expenditure per capita.

For funding targeted specifically to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tasmanians, Commonwealth funding is allocated either on the basis of ABS population estimates, or to address a specifically identified need.

For Indigenous-specific programmes, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Regional Network works closely with service providers to ensure these services are benefiting Indigenous Australians.

Attachment A: Direct Commonwealth Indigenous expenditure in Tasmania by funding area

		\$ per person			\$'000	
	Indigenous			Indigenous		
	specific	Mainstream	Total	specific	Mainstream	Total
E. Early child development, and Education and training	589	554	1 144	14 886	14 011	28 897
E.1 Early child development	30	252	282	765	6 367	7 131
E.2 School education	413	75	488	10 435	1 899	12 334
E.3 Tertiary education	146	227	373	3 687	5 745	9 432
F. Healthy lives	761	5 371	6 132	19 225	135 722	154 947
F.1 Hospital services (including mental health institutions)	_	67	67	_	1 683	1 683
F.2 Public and community health services (excluding subsidies)	715	9	724	18 056	236	18 292
F.3 Health care subsidies and support services	46	5 295	5 341	1 169	133 804	134 973
G. Economic participation	278	5 651	5 929	7 024	142 797	149 821
G.1 Labour and employment services	278	456	734	7 024	11 525	18 549
G.2 Social security support	_	5 195	5 195	_	131 272	131 272
H. Home environment	73	669	742	1 844	16 901	18 744
H.1 Housing	10	201	212	262	5 088	5 350
H.2 Community and environment services	63	409	471	1 582	10 327	11 909
H.3 Transport and communications	_	59	59	_	1 486	1 486
I. Safe and supportive communities	428	2 242	2 670	10 803	56 664	67 466
I.1 Public order and safety	105	148	253	2 654	3 744	6 397
I.2 Community support and welfare	262	1 944	2 206	6 618	49 113	55 731
I.3 Recreation and culture	61	151	211	1 531	3 807	5 338
J. Other government services	6	3 122	3 128	143	78 899	79 041
J.1 General government services and defence	4	2 904	2 908	105	73 386	73 492
J.2 Support to industry	1	218	220	37	5 512	5 549
T. Total all areas	2 134	17 610	19 744	53 924	444 993	498 917

Source: Productivity Commission, 2014 *Indigenous Expenditure Report*. All figures are in 2012-13 dollars.

### Attachment B: IAS activities being funded in Tasmania (current as of 3 November 2016)

Programme	Activity Title	Activity Description	Total Funding (GST Exclusive)
Jobs, Land and Economy	Vocational Training and Education Centre (VTEC) - AFL SportsReady Vic/Tas	AFL SportsReady has been granted funding under JLEP to provide a VTEC to support job seekers in Victorian & Tasmanian locations and employers who have pledged jobs under GenOne.	\$1,824,000.00
Jobs, Land and Economy	Employment Parity Initiative - Compass Group	Compass Group has committed to recruit 1,050 Indigenous job seekers over a three year period with outcomes payable upon the retention of 26 weeks of employment.	\$10,132,500.00
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement 2011	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$31,818.18
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement 2011	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$25,454.55
Jobs, Land and Economy	Cape Barren Island Cultural and Natural Resource Management	Aboriginal Land Council Tasmania (The Provider) will conduct an Aboriginal Cultural and Natural Resource Management Activity (The Activity) on Cape Barren Island (CBI), Tasmania until 30 June 2018.	\$1,324,744.55
Jobs, Land and Economy	GR15 STEPS Indigenous Employment Programme	To support Indigenous jobseekers into twenty employment places.	\$204,545.45
Jobs, Land and Economy	STEPS Group Australia JLEP DD 201512	To place thirty Indigenous jobseekers into employment places with Brock Distributors, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Banjo's Bakery and others.	\$272,727.27
Jobs, Land and Economy	Latrobe City Council JLEP DD 201511	Latrobe City Council will provide pre-employment preparation and training, along with employment opportunities for 25 Indigenous jobseekers in the Gippsland region.	\$206,818.18

Programme	Activity Title	Activity Description	Total Funding (GST Exclusive)
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$19,090.91
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$25,454.55
Jobs, Land and Economy	Whitelion Inc JLEP DD 201512 (WISPE)	To place thirty Aboriginal young people aged 15 – 24 years identified as at risk that require training, support and employment. State—wide Tasmanian areas of Hobart and Devonport	\$272,727.27
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$31,818.18
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$12,727.27
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$38,181.82
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$12,727.27
Jobs, Land and Economy	ATO Enterprise Agreement	Indigenous employment programme - cadetship	\$19,090.91
Children and Schooling	Early Education and Support for Children and Families	The Tasmanian Aboriginal Child Care Centre will contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Getting children into school.  • Improving education outcomes including Year 12 attainment.	\$814,680.91
Children and Schooling	Schooling Projects	The Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation will contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Getting children into school.  • Improving education outcomes including Year 12 attainment.	\$814,680.91

Programme	Activity Title	Activity Description	Total Funding (GST Exclusive)
Children and Schooling	Youth Engagement Project	Programme Objectives - Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc. will contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Getting children into school.  • Improving education outcomes including Year 12 attainment.	\$45,000.00
Children and Schooling	Truancy Officer and Family Liaison Worker	The objectives of the Children and Schooling Programme are to:  • Support families to give children good start in life through improved early childhood development, care, education and school readiness;  • To get children to school and to improve literacy and numeracy	\$231,157.27
Children and Schooling	Karadi Aboriginal Corporation - support at risk students to achieve Cert 1 in Horticulture	The objectives of the Children and Schooling Programme are to:  • Support families to give children good start in life through improved early childhood development, care, education and school readiness;  • To get children to school and to improve literacy and numeracy	\$232,300.00
Children and Schooling	Educational support services	The objectives of the Children and Schooling Programme are to:  • Support families to give children good start in life through improved early childhood development, care, education and school readiness;  • To get children to school and to improve literacy and numeracy	\$193,059.82
Children and Schooling	New era Opportunities (NeO)	This funding is provided for Work and Training Limited to assist Aboriginal students and Aboriginal community members to develop language and literacy skills.	\$332,777.45
Children and Schooling	Aboriginal Health Service - Empowering Palawa Parents	The objectives of the Children and Schooling Programme are to:  • Support families to give children good start in life through improved early childhood development, care, education and school readiness;  • To get children to school and to improve literacy and numeracy	\$500,000.00

Programme	Activity Title	Activity Description	Total Funding (GST Exclusive)
Children and Schooling	The Early Years Indigenous Family Outreach Programme	Project Description - The provider must deliver a Family support programme to engage Indigenous families with children to increase participation in existing early childhood programmes throughout Tasmania.	\$480,000.00
Children and Schooling	Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Traineeships - Schools	IAS funding is provided to Work and Training Limited to support the ongoing trainees to complete their current course of study, who had not completed by 30 June 2015. The project will support trainees to transition to employment through a traineeship.	\$17,222.55
Children and Schooling	Early Years Education and Parental Support	The objectives of the Children and Schooling Programme are to:  • Support families to give children good start in life through improved early childhood development, care, education and school readiness;  • To get children to school and to improve literacy and numeracy	\$110,417.27
Children and Schooling	Kani rrala Programme	Kani rrala is Tasmanian Aboriginal language for 'talking strong'. The kani rrala Programme aims is to deliver Indigenous Tutorial Assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to improve the retention and completion rates	\$290,000.00
Children and Schooling	Aboriginal Engagement and Transitional Strategy	The objectives of the Children and Schooling Programme are to:  • Support families to give children good start in life through improved early childhood development, care, education and school readiness;  • To get children to school and to improve literacy and numeracy	\$37,500.00
Safety and Wellbeing	Aboriginal Community Links	Programme Objectives The objectives of the Safety and Wellbeing Programme are to: • Ensure the ordinary rule of law applies in Indigenous communities; and to • Ensure Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing to those enjoyed by the broader Australian community.	\$406,067.72
Safety and Wellbeing	Central Access Services for Young Aboriginal People in Northern Tasmania	Programme Objectives - Cornerstone Youth Services Inc must contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities.	\$954,438.00

Programme	Activity Title	Activity Description	Total Funding (GST Exclusive)
Safety and Wellbeing	Health Wellbeing and Resilience Project	Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc will contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities.	\$10,000.00
Safety and Wellbeing	Cultural Connection Activity	The Provider will deliver the Project that will primarily focus on strengthening the physical, emotional and social wellbeing of members of the Aboriginal community in Tasmania.	\$450,624.00
Safety and Wellbeing	Crime Prevention Projects	The Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation must contribute to, or achieve, the following programme outcomes:  • Ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities.	\$1,131,561.04
Safety and Wellbeing	Reduced Substance Misuse and Harm Projects	The Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (The Provider) must contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities	\$281,684.41
Safety and Wellbeing	Health Wellbeing and Resilience Projects	The Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (The Provider) must contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities.	\$100,000.00
Safety and Wellbeing	Social and Emotional Wellbeing	The objectives of the Safety and Wellbeing Programme are to:  • Ensure the ordinary rule of law applies in Indigenous communities; and to  • Ensure Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing to those enjoyed by the broader Australian community.	\$1,950,090.00
Safety and Wellbeing	Substance Abuse	The objectives of the Safety and Wellbeing Programme are to:  • Ensure the ordinary rule of law applies in Indigenous communities; and to  • Ensure Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing to those enjoyed by the broader Australian community.	\$5,173,600.00
Safety and Wellbeing	Takamuna Palawa	The objective of the project is to provide Indigenous people with opportunities to enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing experienced by other Australians and to create a sense of community by fostering the engagement of Indigenous people.	\$85,000.00

Programme	Activity Title	Activity Description	Total Funding (GST Exclusive)
Safety and Wellbeing	Health Wellbeing and Resilience Project	Strategic activities that are about ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities, and that Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing enjoyed by other Australians.	\$10,000.00
Safety and Wellbeing	Takamuna Palawa	Strategic activities that are about ensuring the ordinary law of the land applies in Indigenous communities, and that Indigenous people enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing enjoyed by other Australians.	\$85,000.00
Culture and Capability	Rocherlea Football Club - Indigenous Round	The Rocherlea Football Club must undertake the Indigenous Round Activity on an annual basis for the duration of three years commencing 1 July 2015 until 30 June 2018.	\$48,000.00
Culture and Capability	Activity 1 TAS Indigenous Communities Strategy	Programme Objectives - Big hART Incorporated will contribute to or achieve the following programme outcomes:  • Support Indigenous Australians to maintain their culture, participate equally in the economic and social life of the nation.	\$61,400.00
Culture and Capability	Karadi Aboriginal Corporation - delivery of leadership programmes to men and women	This Project is funded under the Culture and Capability Programme, the objectives of which are to support Indigenous Australians to maintain their culture and participate equally in the economic and social life of the Nation	\$105,000.00
Culture and Capability	Community Capacity Building Project	Programme Objectives: The Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation must contribute to, or achieve, the following programme outcomes: • Support Indigenous Australians to maintain their culture, participate equally in the economic and social life	\$168,000.00
Culture and Capability	NAIDOC Week 2016 Songlines The living narrative of our nation	Aboriginal Training Programmes will coordinate the 2016 NAIDOC Week celebrations at TasTAFE, these will take place on 4 of the major campuses around the state, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie.	\$1,000.00

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Culture and Capability	NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS - Flag Raising and Cultural lunch	To provide cultural activities around Tasmania to celebrate NAIDOC Week which supports the theme of 'Songlines' The living Narrative of our Nation.	\$3,000.00
Culture and Capability	On Country Tours, Camp Firest, Singalong and Songwriting Workshops	An opportunity for the Aboriginal community and non-Indigenous community to visit and have a lived experience of their natural culture and heritage in areas that are not often visited. A focus will be on country, on sacred ground to learn, respect and celebrate our world heritage areas. It will offer an opportunity to visit sites rich in culture and heritage within an untouched landscape, that will enhance the cultural understanding of the Aboriginal community and in turn, enhance the broader communities understanding of such sacred placed and the need to protect them.	\$4,000.00
Culture and Capability	Aboriginal Elders Community NAIDOC Celebrations.	Launch of the Cultural quilt, focusing on the early stories of cultural connections to Cape Barren Island by three of our Elder Aboriginal women. This will be a day that is open to all so that the Elders have an opportunity to share their knowledge, culture and stories.	\$4,000.00
Culture and Capability	NAIDOC on truwana	The truwana community will celebrate the theme of NAIDOC by relating it to our island and the stories that have come from our Aboriginal elders and those today. We will encompass healing, stolen generation, land return, cultural practices and family.	\$2,974.00
Culture and Capability	Katie's Corner	NAIDOC Week community luncheon provided by Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation.	\$500.00
Culture and Capability	NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony & Community Celebration	Welcome to Country, guest speakers on the meaning of Today's and Yesterday's Song Lines and the importance of the continuation these stories, serving of food and drinks.	\$1,600.00

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Culture and Capability	NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS - NAIDOC BALL	The celebration of the NAIDOC Ball provides an opportunity for community members to come together in a formal attire to share the achievements of individuals and groups for outstanding dedication and achievements for the past year. The presentation of NAIDOC awards at a local level whilst sharing in dance and Aboriginal music provides for a celebration of the community and their family and the wider community.	\$5,700.00
Culture and Capability	Indigenous Films and Song by the Camp Fire	CHAC propose an Indigenous film and song night around the camp-fire at Trawmanna (land divested to CHAC by the ILC).	\$4,500.00