

CENTACARE - NUNGA TOUCH CARNIVAL



"COMMUNITY SUPPORTING COMMUNITY"



PROGRAM

Centacare's Schools Assertive Outreach Service Program (SAO), falls within the national homelessness strategy 'Turning off the Tap' and will support young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to maintain their connection with education. Supporting young people to establish and maintain connections with education is considered crucial to minimising the impact of homelessness both in the short and long term. The Schools Assertive Outreach Service recognises that housing instability, transience and homelessness each impact heavily upon a young person's educational opportunities and future success.

The overall aim of the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) Specialist Homelessness Services is to provide related support services to help young people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness achieve the maximum possible degree of self-reliance and independence, implementing the NAHA Case Management model. Ensuring to assist access and support pathways to further education, training and employment opportunities so they can reach their full potential.

NUNGA GROUP WORK COMPONENT

Through the School Assertive Outreach Program, a specific tailored program was introduced by Mr Tuifa'asisina (Tui) Leleisiuao to work with Indigenous youth, their families and community with a holistic approach. The basis of this model is recognised and practised in New Zealand as an appropriate cultural engagement program to better address issues with youth at risk. Our specific brief is to work with Aboriginal youth and their families. A Holistic and appropriate service delivery for our Aboriginal clientele has been best supported by group work and group participation including various activities and sporting ventures into local communities.

COMMUNITY COMPONENT

Nunga Group work facilitators Tui Leleisiuao and Ross Tanimu have over the past four years successfully liaised and brokered with the wider community, business, institutions and clubs to enhance opportunities for Indigenous students and those who are at risk towards education, career and sporting pathways. Success of what has been achieved with Nunga Group work has allowed Tui and Ross to present the Nunga Group program and outcomes at the Australian Institute of Criminology, Newcastle University at the Family First wellbeing conference, as well as Flinders University for legal study classes and honours students.

CO-ORDINATION AND FACILITATOR FOR NUNGA TOUCH 2011/12

Ross Tanimu is engaged full time and long term in working with indigenous engagement opportunities. Ross' ongoing long term experience and educational achievements provide a solid background when working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and youth. Summarised biographies and recent recognition awards are attached (Attachment 1). The Nunga touch carnival represents a small but high profile part of his ongoing work.

MAJOR EVENT

Centacare Family Services have been successful in hosting an Indigenous touch football carnival for the past 4 years (Nunga Touch Carnival). In 2008, 90 students from 7 High Schools participated; this was covered on Channel 7's 'Today Tonight' program as a positive story for Indigenous youth engagement in sports. In 2009, the Nunga Touch Carnival had 12 high schools involved with 180 predominantly indigenous youth participating in a round robin sports carnival. There were fifteen community and business stakeholders who contributed with small financial donations and human resources to make this carnival a success. The 2009 Nunga touch carnival was recognised with the Charles Sturt Council 'Event of the Year'. Due to the success of this program, the 2010 Nunga Touch carnival hosted 15 high schools and in 2011, the numbers had increased to 18 high schools with 300 students participating.

AIM:

- To facilitate an interactive social Nunga Touch Carnival between high schools.
- To highlight the significance of community involvement (businesses and intuitions) enhancing inclusiveness, 'building the bigger picture'
- To expand upon the success of previous Nunga touch tournaments, with the objective of incorporating more community institutions and businesses to support and empower Indigenous youth and their community.
- To empower Indigenous youth to make positive and constructive decisions for change through the use of sports participation in the community.
- To enhance Inclusiveness.
- To enhance wellbeing through cultural unity

The 2012 Nunga touch carnival looks to expand from its inception in 2008. There has been interest generated and promises of support from various community businesses and institutions from the 2011 Nunga Touch Carnival. The primary theme for all Nunga Touch carnivals is to promote the notion of 'Community Supporting Community'

- The Touch Carnival is a high profile event. It has previously received television coverage on channel 7's "Today Tonight". The 2011 Nunga Touch Carnival DVD has been developed to convey positive representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, emphasising the social and cultural wellbeing experienced when Community is Supporting Community. The 2011 Nunga Touch Carnival has been broadcasted by the Rural Health Education Foundation to remote localities in WA and NT, to high light as positive community event for Aboriginal youth development.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gl2zx6pdFml>
- To add a high profile image for Nunga Touch events, the 2009 carnival was supported by the RAAF with a helicopter attending from Edinburgh Air Force Base - ADF report webpage <http://www.defence.gov.au/media/download/2010/nov/2010112b/index.htm>

SUMMARY

The Nunga Touch Rugby Carnival:

- Is an annual event;
- Targets high school aged indigenous youth;
- Creates positive engagement of indigenous youth;
- It is led by a quality, qualified management team who work full time with indigenous youth;
- Seeks to develop a holistic approach for community participation
- Build cultural unity and awareness
- Enhances social, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.
- Empowers youth
- Enhances Inclusiveness

The primary objective for this proposal is to seek financial support for this cultural event. The associated benefits for the State Government as a major shareholder would be demonstrated by Government support towards building inclusiveness and enhancing cultural wellbeing for youth through community partnerships. Government involvement in supporting a positive program for Aboriginal youth development enables positive outcomes through physical activity that:

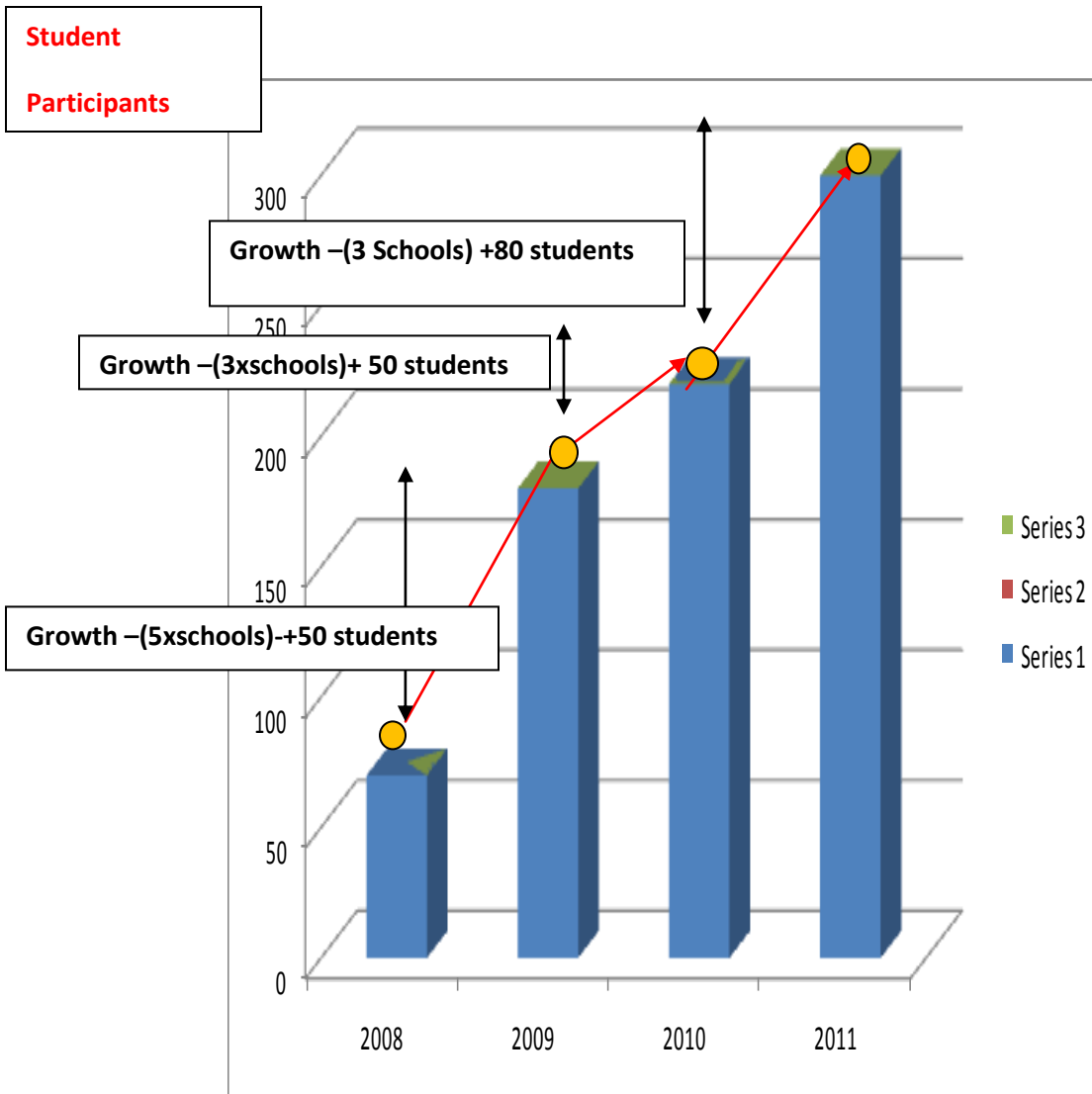
- Promotes early intervention
- Creates Inclusiveness
- Supports cultural unity
- Enhances Wellbeing
- Develops self discipline principles
- Develops leadership and teamwork philosophy
- Enhances ownership and self determination for culture and identity

Ross Tanimu
Centacare – School Assertive Outreach
Case manager

28 February 2012

Nunga Touch Carnival

Fast Facts & Growth Indicators



2008 – 7 High Schools **70 student participants**

2009 – 12 High Schools **180 student participants**

2010 – 15 High Schools **220 student participants**

2011 – 18 High Schools **300 student participants**

Average growth of 3 schools per year and average growth of 57 student participants per year

ATTACHMENT 1

NUNGA TOUCH FACILITATOR'S SUMMARISED BIOGRAPHIES

Ross Tanimu – Case Manager – School Assertive Outreach Program – Centacare
Bachelor of Arts – Major Criminal Justice and Sociology, Minor Legal Studies
Bachelor of Arts- Honours in Legal Studies Honours Thesis *'Does The Promotion Of Sports Help Reduce Offending Behaviour By Indigenous Youth'*. This was referenced by the House of Representatives *Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Affairs –'Doing Time- Time For Doing – Indigenous Youth in the Criminal Justice System.*

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia/sentencing/report/chapter3.pdf>

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia/sentencing/report/fullreport.pdf>

Ross Tanimu has been a case manager for Centacare for a period of 5 years. Ross is heavily involved with youth in local community sports club and holds level 1 rugby coach credentials. With Centacare Ross predominantly works with at-risk Indigenous Students at high schools as well as the Nunga community in Adelaide. Ross Tanimu has been a Junior and Senior coach at the Onkaparinga Rugby Union Club for a period of 10 years and presently coaches the Womens Rugby Team with a strong Indigenous women's presence. Ross has also been a Junior State coach and has been involved with the Lloyd McDermott National U16 Indigenous Rugby Development event for the last 4 years

http://www.trinity.sa.edu.au/documents/Senior_LloydMcDermottRugby.pdf

Ross continues to work closely with the Nunga community in Adelaide and has been able to build rapport and understanding of Indigenous issues. Ross has just completed his BA with an Honours degree in Legal studies and his research topic for his Thesis was seen to portray the positive application of sports for Indigenous youth as an early intervention approach.

NUNGA GROUP WORK AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Recognition of the achievements of this management team have come from a number of institutions. Formal recognition includes the following:

- 2007** **Port Adelaide Enfield Council**
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Award – ‘Non –Aboriginal Group or Organisation for their contribution to the community’
- 2008** **Nunga Touch Carnival – ‘We’ve Got The Magic Touch’**
DVD - ‘Today Tonight’ – Positive story for Nunga Youth Engagement
- 2009** **Presenters of Nunga Group Work at the Australian Institute of Criminology in Concurrent Session - Melbourne**
- 2009** **Nunga Touch Carnival – ‘We’ve Got the Magic Touch’**
Received the City of Charles Sturt Council Community Event of the Year Award
- 2009** **Presenters of Nunga Group Work at the Family First Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Family Conference – Newcastle University**
- 2011** **Finalist in the upcoming 3rd Annual Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards 2012.** – *Environmental Health Initiative Category (Nunga Touch) - 28th March 2012*

COMMUNITY WORK

2008 – 2009 Nunga Group Work played three Rugby League games against Rugby League and Rugby Union community sports clubs

2008-2011 Combined State manager – Santos - Lloyd McDermott National Indigenous U16 Rugby Development event-

Women’s Rugby Team 2010- 2012

2010 Recognised and awarded the Judges Commendation at the ‘Be Active – Recreation and Sports Industry Award for Women’s Rugby team in 2010. This highlighted Multicultural women’s participation and having strong Indigenous women participation.

Received an Award – Inclusion Initiative Award
Received an Award - Building Communities Award

2010 - Asked to coach the Onkaparinga women’s rugby team, their first integration into the SA women’s rugby competition after a 10 year absent due to lack of women players. 10 Aboriginal women playing their first game of rugby – came last won only 1 game

Submission 001 - Attachment C

2011 – (12) Aboriginal women players coming out to play, made it to the Grand Final (180 degree turn around) , only to be beaten by a dominate and strong women’s rugby team who has won 10 premierships and been around for 15 years.

2012 – (12) Aboriginal women players – Onkaparinga Women’s rugby team Win’s the 2012 grand final against last year’s premiers 22 points to 19 points – The Onkaparinga women’s team scored 4 try’s and out of those, 3 were scores by our young (16-17 year old Aboriginal girls – first time players in 2012)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xXEfsgVu5w>