I’m always excited to share community success stories with supporters. We simply couldn’t do our work without you.

Your generosity means Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can use their own strengths and local knowledge to achieve community goals. Our projects are 100% community driven to make sure people keep control of their own development decisions.

We recently sent out a Supporter Survey which you may have filled in (thank you!). We’re delighted to share some of the results with you on page 6.

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Readers should be aware that this newsletter may contain images and names of deceased people.

Honeyants artwork courtesy of Rowena Lynch and Keringke Arts
Cover photo: Banjima dancers from this year’s Karijini Experience where Ngaarda Media provided photography, videography and radio production. Ngaarda Media was a Silver Sponsor of the event.
There’s a great story on page 10 about our growing relationship with a fellow First Nations volunteering organisation in Papua New Guinea.

And then on page 12, you can read about an exciting ‘revamp’ project we’re working on with Ngaarda Media Radio Station in Western Australia.

Thank you again for your kind support to build a brighter future with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Black Coffee in Queensland

In May, our Brisbane team attended Black Coffee in Logan – an event to build and grow Indigenous business by offering professional networking opportunities and connecting business owners to support resources. The event takes place monthly in various locations around Australia. It was particularly significant in May as it coincided with National Reconciliation Week and Queensland Small Business Week. Our Community Development Officers, Gwen and Eddie, met with local small business owners to learn about the support they’re seeking to achieve community outcomes.

You can find and attend a Black Coffee event near you by following Black Coffee – Indigenous Business Network on Facebook.

Creating a strong and healthy community

Nairm Marr Djambana Aboriginal Gathering Place in Frankston, Victoria runs a range of culturally based programs and activities including a children’s playgroup, an Elders group, and a health outreach service. The Gathering Place is an important space for the local community to gather, connect and heal. It’s also a place for the broader community to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal culture. ICV was invited to work with Nairm Marr Djambana on their creative vision to revitalise the Gathering Place’s aging buildings and outdoor spaces to better meet this growing community’s needs. Thank you for helping us send three skilled ICV volunteers to work with them – Steven to help with landscape design, Rogier to work on architectural concept plans, and Allan to provide governance and business plan support.

WOMINJEKA – WELCOME TO NAIRM MARR DJAMBANA

Rogier and Steven on a guided tour of the bushland behind Nairm Marr Djambana, with Jenny from ICV and Deborah and Karan from the Gathering Place.
Brisbane ‘meet and greet’

On Wednesday the 19th of June our Brisbane team hosted a morning tea for local community members, donors and volunteers. The event was a great success and provided a fantastic opportunity for guests to meet our staff, and to share their experiences with other ICV supporters.

Thank you to those who attended the event, with more food than we could eat, and speeches from our wonderful volunteers Ian Straker and Ross Allen, the event inspired wonderful conversation. We would like to extend our gratitude to those who attended the event, we value opportunities like these, where we get to meet and share the work that we do with our supporters.

ICV volunteer, Ian Straker sharing his experiences in community with guests at our Brisbane ‘meet and greet’. Ian has participated in more than 30 projects with ICV.
We’d love to share the insights from our Supporter Survey with you.

Thank you to everyone who kindly responded to our 2019 Supporter Survey! Your feedback is so important to us. It helps us find areas for improvement as we plan for the future – which will make our community projects even more effective.

Learning more about you also means we can make sure we’re speaking to you about the things that are most important to you. After all, we couldn't do any of our work without your generous support. Your dedication supports the resilience and resourcefulness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as we work together to achieve incredible community goals.

We are delighted to share some of the results from the 2019 Supporter Survey with you.

Thank you for the lovely comments you shared with us in your survey responses. We enjoyed reading them and found them very encouraging!

"The best and the biggest reward for me is reading about the benefit of my monthly donation and gift in a newsletter. I myself being a proud Aboriginal am happiest when I see other Indigenous people making a difference in their own communities."
Supporters said their **MOST IMPORTANT REASON FOR GIVING** is because ICV helps communities to help themselves.

- **99% OF SUPPORTERS** believe in the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people having the same health, education, employment and business opportunities as other Australians.

- **92% OF SUPPORTERS** feel their gift will be used where it’s most needed.

- **THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN FOR SUPPORTERS** is ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is preserved.

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"Keep up the amazing work you are doing. I love reading your stories about what you help people and communities to achieve."

"I have supported ICV for a number of years as I believe your organisation understands the needs and community feelings of the Indigenous people of Australia."
A time to recognise the resilience of the Stolen Generations.

The years between 1910 and 1970 are a sad part of Australia’s history. This was a time where government policies had Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children forcibly removed from their families, and placed into institutions, foster homes, or adoption.

The children who were taken from their families are known as the Stolen Generations.

National Sorry Day is held on the 26th of May each year to recognise members of the Stolen Generations. It was on this day in 1997 that a report titled ‘Bringing Them Home’ by the Australian Human Rights Commission was tabled in Parliament to acknowledge that Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the early days of European settlement in Australia.
This day has now become the national day of reflection and commemoration carrying a great significance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities as well as non-Indigenous Australians. It gives members of the Stolen Generations, their families, and the wider Australian community a chance to share their stories of healing and resilience – to encourage and strengthen one another.

ICV together with the Hawkesbury Aboriginal Community held a Sorry Day event in Sydney to celebrate the strength and resilience of the community and to give individuals the opportunity to spend time talking about what the day means to them. We marked the day with an Acknowledgement of Country, smoking ceremony and a memorial tree planting ceremony. Thank you for supporting ICV at significant events like Sorry Day. Together, we will continue to recognise the members of the Stolen Generations as we work towards healing.
Our partnership with Papua New Guinea National Volunteering Service.

When First Nation Peoples come together, it’s a rare chance to share challenges, opportunities, solutions, and more. In March, we were honoured to host representatives from the Papua New Guinea National Volunteering Service (NVS) in Sydney and Canberra. Over two days, we explored how we could further develop and expand our partnership to achieve a greater impact for the communities we are working with.

The meeting began with a beautiful Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony, and a welcome dance for our visitors in Sydney. We took time to explore our cultural similarities by sharing hand weaving techniques, learning traditional dances, and connecting through meaningful and encouraging conversations.
We learned a lot from each other about the programs and resources that have been helpful for both our organisations. It was a great way to brainstorm ideas for developing and promoting our services. Together, we came up with ways to build both the capacity of volunteers, and sustainability for First Nations communities.

Our relationship with NVS began in 2018 when ICV CEO, Stephanie Harvey, was invited by the Australian High Commission to attend NAIDOC Week celebrations in Papua New Guinea. During her trip, Stephanie met members of the NVS and discussed ways that our two organisations could work together to strengthen our culture and communities.

As a growing organisation, we are always looking for learning experiences that will ultimately strengthen the impact of our research and community development work. Thanks to your generous support, we are building important relationships to make our work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities more effective.

We look forward to a culturally rich and fruitful partnership with NVS, and we’ll be sure to keep you updated!

The Smoking Ceremony and Welcome To Country at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra.
Ngaarda Media provided the photography, videography and radio production at the Karijini Experience this year. *Birds of Prey* was one of the many workshops Ngaarda Media captured on camera.

The power of radio storytelling and art to bring communities together.

Ngaarda Media presents Aboriginal culture in a meaningful way to allow people to experience the beauty of culture through radio, photography and videography. It’s a platform for people across the Pilbara to tell their stories and connect with culture. They feature presenters from the local Indigenous community and other nationalities with ages ranging from primary school children to Elders, plus they also host a weekly prison program.
A year ago, Ngaarda Media reached out to ICV to work on a new strategic plan to build the capacity of their radio station in Roebourne, Western Australia. ICV volunteer, Peter, met with Ngaarda Media’s content manager, Tangiora, and the Board to work on the new strategic plan for the organisation. The plan paved the way for Ngaarda Media to train five different Pilbara language groups as representatives in communities across the Pilbara. This takes a huge workload off the small team from travelling long distances to attend events and produce stories.

Finalising the strategic plan also prepared Ngaarda Media to make funding applications to build a new studio. As an integral part of this, ICV Volunteer, Andre, completed the scope of works project for the studio build. A revamped studio will put the station in a better position to train Aboriginal people in media-related roles through hands-on experience with modern equipment.

The ambition is certainly there – Ngaarda Media just needed the support to access resources. That’s why we’re excited to tell you that Ngaarda Media Radio Station has been approved for their funding application with Lotterywest! That means they’ll receive a grant to cover the costs of a complete studio renovation including an electric studio table to allow presenters to stand or sit when producing their programs.

The renovations will kick off in the next few months (with Andre continuing to assist with the building) and we look forward to updating you with the progress! Thank you for generously supporting ICV to make community projects like these possible.

“The strategic plan has been extremely useful keeping us on track and we refer to it constantly at Board meetings.”

– TANGIORA, NGAAARDA MEDIA
CARING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Your Will is an important way to care for your loved ones. It’s also an opportunity to make a significant difference for a cause close to your heart.

A gift in your Will to Indigenous Community Volunteers, no matter what size, will provide life-changing opportunities to future generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

“We chose to support ICV with a gift in our Will because we love the way you work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to support them to achieve their goals. Having a strong multicultural connection, with family and friends from many different countries, we firmly believe that everyone is equal and should be treated the same.”

– ANNA & GIOVANNI (FAR RIGHT, WITH FRIENDS), ICV SUPPORTERS

If you would like to know more about making a gift in your Will to ICV, please contact Alicia Edwards on 1800 639 565, or tick the box on the back-page form and send it back to us and we’ll be in touch.
Meet Roy, one of our skilled volunteers

Which projects have you been involved with? I've just completed my 19th volunteering project which was with Kungkas Can Cook. All my projects have involved assisting community organisations with bookkeeping and accounting matters, business planning, or financial governance.

What has been your most significant learning from volunteering? Gaining an appreciation of some of the difficulties encountered by communities to meet the inevitable bureaucratic regulations imposed by service providers and Government agencies.

Why should people volunteer at ICV? Volunteering is an immensely rewarding experience. ICV offers an opportunity to share experience I have gained over my career. It is also a reciprocal experience to learn new skills and appreciation of the first Australians.

“Being part of this project and working with Roy has helped me to go forward. I can see a pathway now, and it’s built my confidence to take the next steps.”

– RAYLEEN BROWN, OWNER OF KUNGKAS CAN COOK

Kungkas Can Cook owners Rayleen Brown and Cherie Reid developed a great relationship with ICV Volunteer Roy Davenport while working on a financial planning project together in February 2019.

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