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GUREHLGAM CORP LTD

Gurehlgam is a not-for-profit organisation run by and serving the Aboriginal communities of New South Wales and the Mid-North Coast in Australia. It aims to promote and encourage Aboriginal community development and empowerment.



The Clarence Valley, home to 3,265 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, has seen recent rises in youth suicides and domestic violence, and the Aboriginal community is subject to high levels of racism. In response to this, Gurehlgam is now operating the Clarence Valley Aboriginal Healing Centre, tackling the sources of social and health problems prevalent amongst the local community.

WHAT WE DID

The Foundation made a grant to help Gurehlgam employ an Aboriginal person as Program Officer, managing existing and proposed initiatives at the Clarence Valley Aboriginal Healing Centre.

IMPACT

70% of Stolen Generation members who have participated in healing projects report an improved ability to care for their grief. Men's healing programmes have resulted in a 50% reduction in contact with Corrective Services, and a drop in family violence.

SPOTLIGHT

The Aboriginal Program Officer, recruited thanks to the help of the Serco Foundation grant, will manage existing and proposed programs of the Healing Centre, which aim to:

1. Facilitate healing from grief, loss and trauma faced by Aboriginal communities and individuals
 2. Promote to service providers the concept of healing within service provision
 3. Promote pride in the practice of Aboriginal culture in Aboriginal communities
 4. Promote unity in the Aboriginal community and between Aboriginal and wider communities
 5. Provide opportunities for Aboriginal communities to develop evidence-based community healing services in a cultural framework, integrating with other well-being work.
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