

Australia's campaign to
stop violence against women

White Ribbon



WHITE RIBBON ACCREDITATION



Left—right: Maari Ma's Jamie Billing and Peter Crossing are White Ribbon Ambassadors.

Maari Ma has been successful in becoming a “White Ribbon Accredited Workplace” and is one of only 14 organisations across Australia’s public and private sectors to obtain the title. The organisation was among the first group of Australian workplaces, outside of the pilot program, to be officially recognised as taking active steps to prevent and respond to men’s violence against women. Maari Ma’s White Ribbon Committee showed dedication and commitment to supply and document evidence against White Ribbon Australia’s Workplace Accreditation Framework. Resources were reviewed and human resource policies and procedures were enhanced along with staff communication, and staff training was conducted on what it means to work in a safe and respectful workplace. As an organisation Maari Ma recognises that ending men’s violence against women is both a workplace and a community issue.

STATE RECOGNITION FOR WINGS

The Gloria King Memorial Youth Wings Drop In Centre at Wilcannia has been recognised for the work it does with young people. Staff received a highly commended award in the category Outstanding Project or Service Working with Aboriginal Young People at the NSW Youth Work Awards 2015. The Awards are an annual celebration of the exceptional work of youth services and youth workers across the state. They recognise those who provide an outstanding contribution to the health, safety and wellbeing of young people in NSW, and help create a society where all young people can feel supported, valued and engaged. Congratulations Wings!



The after school and holiday program encourages kids to get active by holding regular sports days as staying active means keeping fit and can help to avoid lifestyle related health issues.

HIPPY GRADUATION



The first group from the Broken Hill Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters - HIPPY - has completed the program. A special dinner was held to celebrate the graduation of 19 children and their families. Maari Ma Board Chair, Maureen O'Donnell, presented certificates and gifts to the children who were dressed in graduation gowns and hats. Maari Ma was successful in 2014 in tendering for HIPPY and has been successful in obtaining a new contract for another two cohorts of four and five year olds. HIPPY is a two-year home-based parenting and early childhood program that helps parents and carers to be their child's first teacher and helps prepare their child for school.

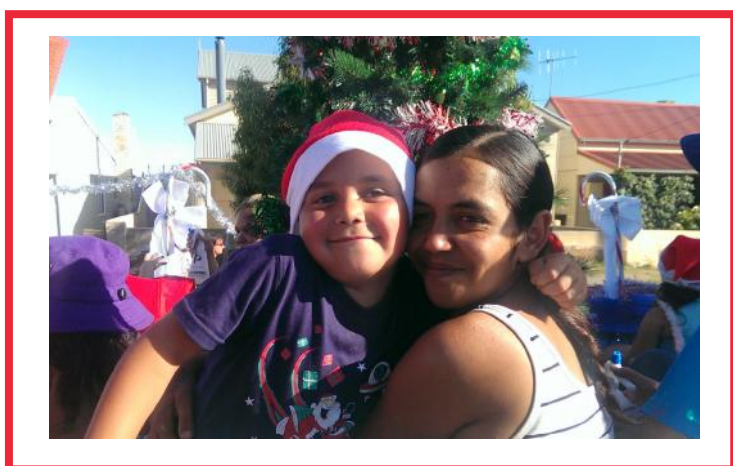
YOUTH HEALTH

The new Youth Health program is underway with a primary health nurse and primary health worker engaging with Aboriginal children and young people aged nine to 18 years. Youth clinics are held for one full day each week and one hour in the afternoon where young people can have a health check, get a missed vaccination or talk about any issues they may be having. Maari Ma introduced the program after identifying a service gap for this age group.

Pictured left to right: Registered Nurse, Regan Chesterfield and Primary Health Worker, Tarrisa Staker were raising awareness of HIV and AIDS amongst the community's young people during World Aids Day activities.



GETTING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



The Broken Hill Xmas pageant was well attended this year and included a Maari Ma float. Staff and families either sat on the decorated truck or walked alongside giving out toothbrushes, tooth paste and water. Despite the heat, everyone had a great time laughing, spraying each other to keep cool and waving to the large crowd of community members who had come out to see all the floats. A few staff are keen to be involved next year and have already started planning float possibilities.

A Merry Christmas from all staff at Maari Ma and a healthy and happy New Year



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