



2021-22

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Garnduwa acknowledges the traditional owners across the  
Kimberley.

We come from the River, the Desert, the Seaside.

We acknowledge Elders, past, present and future.

We acknowledge the ongoing contribution our people make  
to better enrich our lives.

Through our communities we grow strong.

Through Leadership we pave the way.

Through culture our songs last forever.

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## Chair Person's Report

For Garnduwa, this year marks a significant milestone for the Organisation. 30 years of delivering sport and recreation programs and activities across the Kimberley Region.

I am proud to have seen Garnduwa ride the waves of both success and challenge over the years as their passion for Aboriginal people and Kimberley communities has and continues to, drive their success across the region.

Despite the challenges that COVID-19 has brought, particularly across remote Aboriginal communities, strong leadership from our CEO and solid relationships between Garnduwa staff and community leaders has remained. Program delivery has returned to most communities this year, providing an essential service to our most vulnerable populations.

Our Garnduwa team continues to grow and work extremely hard to bring quality to our programs, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their dedication, effort and passion for Kimberley Aboriginal people and communities.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge our funders, sponsors and partners who are continuing with us into the new year. Thank you for giving Garnduwa the opportunity to do the good work that they do across Kimberley communities.

I look forward to further celebrating Garnduwa's good news and successes over the next year and beyond.

*Marnimee Hand*



## CEO's Report

I am pleased to present the Garnduwa Amboorny Wirnan Aboriginal Corporation Annual Report for 2021-22 financial year. This year marks 30 years of Garnduwa delivering sport and recreation programs throughout the Kimberley Region. It is an incredible achievement for an Aboriginal-led, locally driven Organisation to have had such a positive impact on the lives of Aboriginal people across our Kimberley communities and I am very proud to have been part of the Garnduwa story.

This year has been one of rebuilding our presence in remote communities as the Western Australia Government began to ease COVID-19 restrictions. Garnduwa worked together with remote Aboriginal Community leaders to develop COVID safe programs for our vulnerable populations and ensure that we could continue making a positive impact through delivering sport and recreation programs to children in Kimberley communities. This collaboration resulted in the opportunity to reconnect and enable our extensive delivery across the Kimberley Region.

We are excited to continue the delivery of our Kimberley Active Communities and Kimberley Sport Art and Culture projects through an extension of our funding with the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

Garnduwa also continues to celebrate its partnership with Healthway, who recently made the move from the Smarter Than Smoking message to Think Mental Health. Our staff will continue to provide safe and secure environments for our communities at events and activities with the aim of supporting connection with others and fostering strong social and emotional well-being.

Despite COVID-19 impacting our program delivery, it's exciting that we can still celebrate some great successes across the region. Fitzroy Valley Youth Hub facilitated a hugely successful Family Fright Night for Halloween that looked to involve children and families. Halls Creek saw big success in organising a curtain raiser game to show off our Auskick kids' football skills before a senior EKFL football game. Our Community Recreation Officer, Trichelle successfully coordinated an internal community basketball competition in Noonkanbah, collaborating with Kulkarriya school to develop a 'No School, No Play" policy to encourage school attendance in the community. Garnduwa held the inaugural 3 on 3 Basketball NAIDOC Corporate Cup, which connected local services and organisations in Broome for a sports-based networking event which was a huge success. We held an Auskick carnival for youth in the Tjurabalan region at Luurnpa Catholic School and as always, the Kimberley Colts Championships and Kimberley Spirit Hubs have been popular across the Kimberley.

With an incredible team at present, I am looking forward to further celebrating Garnduwa's growth and successes as we continue with our commitment to improving healthy lifestyles and choices of Aboriginal people through community education and sport and recreation across the region.

*Mick Albert*

## Our Mission

Through the power of sports and recreation and our values of community, culture and leadership, Garnduwa empowers Kimberley communities to live active and healthy lives.

## Our Vision

For 30 years, Garnduwa has been working with communities across the Kimberley to build capacity and promote self sustainable sport and recreation.

## Our Core Objectives

Increasing the number of Aboriginal people participating in physical activities and leading healthy lifestyles.

Building the capacity of Kimberley communities to implement and deliver sustainable and self-sufficient sport and recreation programs.

Assisting communities to identify resources and engage other partners to support them in the development of their activities.

## Our Values



**COMMUNITY**



**CULTURE**



**LEADERSHIP**

# OUR REACH



## 5 Regional Offices

- Broome
- Derby
- Fitzroy Crossing
- Halls Creek
- Kununurra



# WEST KIMBERLEY REGION

Where COVID-19 restrictions permitted, Garnduwa ran a variety of activities for youth in the Kimberley during the school holidays to increase physical activity and foster greater engagement with youth, families and communities.

Our school holiday program targets the whole community, and looks to collaborate with local services to ensure the program is structured, exciting and engaging. Our team facilitates sport and recreation activities for youth including Auskick, netball, soccer, basketball and pool and water sports. In Broome during the Christmas period, Garnduwa supported the PCYC Outreach Program during the school holidays which included a BMX Day, the School Holiday Breakfast Club and the Back to School community event. We also continued to provide support to Hope Community Services and the Bail House.

West Kimberley Area Manager Shannon Lockyer said he was pleased with his team, who helped with as many events and activities as possible throughout the school holidays. "The West Kimberley team has been in a transitional phase securing staff across the region however it hasn't hindered our outreach. My team has done an excellent job organising and supporting events and maintaining relationships with the community."

The team also celebrated getting back out to Looma Community after COVID-19 restrictions began to lift. We delivered weekly sport and recreation to Djarindjin and Beagle Bay, with day trips to Bidyadanga to run Auskick and support their youth-based basketball. Our Community Recreation Officer team hosted afterschool activities in One Arm Point on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and supported community to run cultural activities.



Auskick in Bidyadanga



All smiles in Looma Community

Across the year, our West Kimberley team continued to work with West Kimberley schools in community. Our staff assisted during their swimming carnivals, helped with activities at the Looma Youth Centre, including hosting BBQs for kids and community members.

Our team also continues to provide plenty of fruit and water to the kids to keep their energy levels up and educate kids about healthy eating, teaching them that certain food and drinks not only provide fuel for activity, but also nutrients for strong bodies.

The Kullarri team was also involved in the coordination of the West Kimberley Primary School Basketball Competition in April. Liz from Basketball WA (Kimberley) joined us for a talent ID in the scout for youth with good technique who can be mentored to further their skills in basketball.



Auskick in Bidyadanga



Auskick in Beagle Bay



Orange smiles in Djarindjin

# CENTRAL KIMBERLEY REGION

In Fitzroy Crossing, we delivered a range of youth orientated programs, events and activities through its Kimberley Active Communities and Fitzroy Valley Youth Hub programs.

Fitzroy Valley Youth Hub, in collaboration with Royal Lifesaving WA pool manager offered activities during the wet season at the Fitzroy Crossing Swimming Pool.

In collaboration with Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services and Gurami Yani U Mens Shed, we engaged kids in an afterschool healthy cooking activity, running Taco Tuesdays and healthy pizza nights, combined with Auskick sessions, pool activities including water polo and water-basketball at the recreation centre.

A huge hit this year was Garnduwa's Family Fright Night - an initiative that was designed to involve the whole family unit, and provide opportunity to engage parents and guardians at the Fitzroy Valley Youth Hub. The costumes that made an appearance were awesome, with over 100 children attending to enjoy the games, dinner and treats! This was a collaborative event with Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services, Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and Royal Life Saving Society WA.



**Fright Night in Fitzroy**



**Pool Activities with  
Royal Lifesaving WA**

Our Noonkanbah CRO Trichelle Laurel successfully coordinated a 10 week basketball program in Semester 1 of 2022, that worked together with the local school to develop a "no school, no play" rule to encourage school attendance. This program saw one particular student return to school after being absent for a prolonged period of time. This program was well received by community, with family and community spectators increasing week by week to watch the kids in action!

Garnduwa's new Active Communities Coordinator in the Fitzroy Valley region, Rachel Southam has hit the ground running. Rachel coming on board has meant Auskick programs returned to Noonkanbah, Yakanarra, Djugerari, Yiyili, Ngalapita, Muludja, Bayulu and Fitzroy Crossing.

A significant effort from Rachel to service this many communities has also resulted in the employment of nine Community Recreation Officers in the Fitzroy Valley region. Garnduwa prides itself on engaging local people with employment opportunities within their own communities.



**Auskick skills in  
Noonkanbah**



**Auskick CKFL Curtain  
Raiser in Fitzroy Crossing**

# EAST KIMBERLEY REGION

Our East Kimberley crew have continued to build an awesome team over the year, allowing travel throughout Kununurra, Halls Creek, the Tjurabalan and surrounding communities.

Garnduwa's East Kimberley Area Manager Riley says he's noticed increasing enthusiasm from people and communities across his region, and it's a testament to the quality service our team is delivering across the East Kimberley and Central Desert regions.

**“There's a different vibe around town, kids are treating each other well, and it feels like things are continuously on the way up.”**

In collaboration with Basketball WA Kimberley Region, we met weekly over Term 1 2022, to review delivery and discuss the upcoming week's programming, which included watching videos of drills, discussing teaching points and key concepts that we're trying to bring into play!

In Halls Creek, we facilitated mixed netball weekly, Aussie Hoops and 3on3 Streetball two days a week over both terms, and Auskick once a week.



**Auskick in Kununurra**



**Aussie Hoops in Halls Creek**

In Halls Creek, Jayde our Senior development Officer, has been running successful sporting activities three nights a week, during school terms. Activities include netball, basketball and football. We've had good participation across each of the activities and we're pleased with how the programs are progressing.

Another East Kimberley highlight was the awesome curtain raiser games that were played by our Auskickers in Halls Creek! Two teams were made to play off against each other before a senior game between Halls Creek Hawks vs Yiyili Powers. The community was really excited to see the kids show off their skills for everyone!

Halls Creek programming also saw lots of kids turning up to our 3on3 Streetball Programs over the year. Playing streetball allows our kids to develop their creativity! Although the team aspect of basketball is different in streetball, there's an edge to be gained from mixing the two forms of the game - and our kids are loving it.



**Orange Smiles in Kununurra**



**Skills in Halls Creek**

# KIMBERLEY SPIRIT

The Kimberley Spirit Program is the recognised Football Talent pathway for young aspiring footballers from the Kimberley Region, and feeds into the WAFC Talent & Development Programs.

The Kimberley Spirit Program identifies talented players from across the Kimberley and assists to develop them as footballers and people. Our goal with the program is to provide as many talented footballers as possible from across the Kimberley with the opportunity to reach their potential through football, mentoring, camps, carnivals and life skills development.

Players are identified through Kimberley Spirit Training Hubs, Local Football Leagues, School & Community Competitions. Players are supported through their football development - on-field and off-field, to provide them the best opportunity to reach their goals. Through WAFL and AFL regional alignments and zoning, Garnduwa's Kimberley Spirit Program works in close partnership with Claremont Football Club and Fremantle Dockers Next Generation Academy (NGA). Claremont Football Club and Fremantle NGA support the program with resources to align training programs, on the ground development opportunities for players and coaches whilst visiting the region, talent identification, providing opportunities for identified players to attend WAFL affiliated development carnivals in Perth and support the transition of players from the Kimberley to join the Claremont Colts program.

In line with Garnduwa's values of Community, Culture and Leadership, the Kimberley Spirit Program is embedded with health promotion, life skill development and capacity building education. The program is designed this way so that football is being used as a vehicle to support young men and women in the Kimberley to become engaged, independent and capable young people who can contribute to the football field and beyond.



# THE PATHWAYS

15s

REGIONAL HUB/S (13-16YRS)

INTER HUB GAME/S

TRAINING/LEADERSHIP CAMP

KIMBERLEY SPIRIT 15S TEAM  
WAFL REGIONAL CARNIVAL

16s

REGIONAL HUB/S (13-16YRS)

INTER-HUB GAME/S

TRAINING/LEADERSHIP CAMP

WAFL FUTURES-3-4 TOP-END TALENT

5X OVER-AGERS IN 15S KS TEAM

TOP-END TALENT IN KS COLTS

REGIONAL HUB/S

(16YRS + PRE CHAMPS LEAGUE TO RUN)

KIMBERLEY COLTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

KIMBERLEY SPIRIT COLTS TEAM COUNTRY

CHAMPIONSHIPS

COLTS PRE SEASON PROGRAM LOCALLY

SUPPORTING TRANSITION OF PLAYERS TO CFC

KIMBERLEY SPIRIT FUTURE PATHWAYS

19s



# KIMBERLEY COLTS CHAMPS

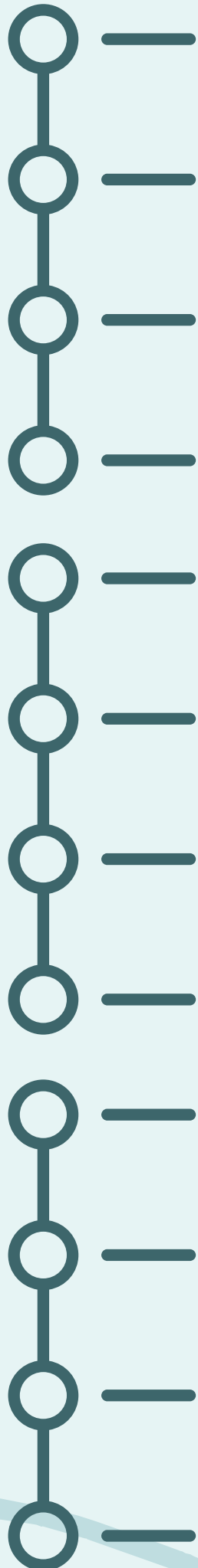
The Kimberley Colts Championships was a huge success in early 2022. As our major regional event, the Colts Champs brought in over 100 people to Broome for the football carnival. Teams involved represented over 15 remote communities from across the Kimberley. It was fantastic to see young men from Balgo, Beagle Bay, Bidadanga, Billiluna, Djugerari, Looma, Mulan, Muludja, Noonkanbah, One Arm Point, Wangkatjungka and Yakanarra as well as our regional towns Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Kununurra.

The Colts Champs were about more than just playing football this year. Players from all teams participated in healthy lifestyles workshops, delivered by Boab Health Services, ALIVE & Kicking Goals, Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service and Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services and covered topics such as Social Emotional Well-Being, Nutrition, Smoking & Sexual Health. Claremont Football Club Talent Manager Jordan Smith, delivered a presentation around WAFL Pathways and expectations of players to pursue their football at the next level. Jordan and Colts Coach Ash Clancy also spent time with the local coaches who were in attendance.

Aunty Di Appleby addressed all teams in attendance by delivering a powerful Welcome to Yawuru Country and smoking ceremony. All teams were catered for with healthy & nutritious meals throughout the event, to keep them fuelled to perform.



Garnduwa would like to acknowledge the coaches, Craig Dempsey, Rene Dingo & Trevor Menmuir, their support crew, Edmond Cox, Darren Hobbs, Lee Williams & Darryl Ralph, and respective leagues East Kimberley Football League, Central Kimberley Football League, West Kimberley Junior Football and West Kimberley Football League - WKFL. Thank you to Aaron Bell and the West Kimberley Junior Football League for their support and work at the event on the day, volunteer sports trainers Kath Thompson & Carly Hill, Yiramalay/Wesley Studio School students, Eamon Rice and Jordan King from WA Football Commission, Jordan Smith and Ash Clancy from Claremont Football Club.



## OVER 250 PLAYERS

Participated in Kimberley Spirit Programs this year.

## U16 BROOME TRAINING HUB

Was established with volunteer coaches.

## 4 U16s PLAYED FOR CLAREMONT

In WAFL Futures vs West Perth game.

## KIMBERLEY COLTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

90 players from East, Central & West Kimberley involved.

## TARGETED HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Delivered at Kimberley Colts Championships.

## 4 PLAYERS REPRESENTED GREAT SOUTHERN STORM

In Nutrien Ag Country Colts Championships in Perth.

## 5 PLAYERS REPRESENTED CLAREMONT

At the WAFL U15s Carnival in Perth.

## KUNUNURRA TRAINING HUB

Commenced.

## KIMBERLEY SPIRIT PLAYERS VOLUNTEERED

At local Auskick and Holiday clinics.

## SUPPORTED WKJFL YOUTH GIRLS

Program and Deadly Sista Girlz football carnival.

## CLAREMONT AND FREQ

Supported hub training and colts championships.

## 11 PLAYERS INVITED

To Claremont Colts Pre-Season



# DEADLY DIVA DAYS

Garnduwa ran their very successful Deadly Diva Days across the Kimberley again this year. Deadly Diva Days are focused on providing a safe space for young girls in the region to gather and spend a day connecting with local organisations, gaining better understanding and education around Social and Emotional Wellbeing, developing their leadership and inter-personal skills and making valuable connections with each other.

Our Deadly Diva Days this year were held in Broome, Derby, Looma, Fitzroy Crossing, Kununurra and Port Hedland. Our continued partnership with Jean Hailes For Women's Health and relationships among local stakeholders across the Kimberley means that we can facilitate a forum for agencies and organisations to provide health and wellbeing information, fun activities, capacity building workshops and all sorts of amazing opportunities for our young women in the Kimberley to access.



Drumming



Derby Girls



Broome DDD

Garnduwa's Deadly Diva Days offer a unique opportunity for girls and young women to link to important services and connect with community, in a culturally safe environment. The initiative has proven itself very successful in engaging and strengthening the capacity of young women and continues to gain a vast amount of support from schools, local agencies, and service providers across the Kimberley.

Sessions across the region included team-building activities, football skills and drills, promoting social and emotional well-being, group drumming, girls' digital safety and how to stay safe online, smoking, tobacco and the health consequences, health and nutrition, information on sugar intake, and creating breakfasts using ingredients from the pantry.

We also saw fitness activities, a pamper session, information around healthy relationships, and even an epic hip-hop dance class!

All of our young women involved over the sessions had a fantastic time. Our Garnduwa team observed the girls showing increased confidence and boosted self-esteem. Participants left with huge smiles, new friends, and increased awareness about the support services available to them!



**Kununurra DDD**



**Looma DDD**



**Fitzroy DDD**

# WOMEN IN SPORT

The Making Her Mark Program allows Kimberley women to participate in valuable female-led gatherings and conversations, build leadership skills and capacity, develop football skills through activities and games, and access our talent pathway program.



Our Making Her Mark Program has continued with amazing momentum this year.

Garnduwa visited Noonkanbah, Yiyili, and Fitzroy Crossing for our annual roadshow, and set new records for participation, proving that our program continues to gain strength in the Central Kimberley in its third year. We had special guests - Jodi and Caitlin from Claremont Football Club who joined us for the week and enjoyed the opportunity to connect with communities, women, and girls.

One of the benefits of the program is that women get the opportunity to take part in health promotion education sessions and access other valuable information through the involvement of and collaboration with local and visiting services. Nindilingarri Cultural Health Services supported us by delivering health and nutrition sessions and self-confidence workshops, knowledge sharing, and tips and advice for confidence building.

Our Women In Sport Coordinator Kath Dann said it was an amazing week in Central Kimberley, and a great way to wrap up the year.

The main focus of Making her Mark this coming year will be two trips to Balgo in the second half of 2022. The Balgo trips will further foster the involvement of Balgo women in sport, promote women's leadership and connect women with female mentors, role models and leadership support continuing on from the success of our Making her Mark program last year.

# THE TEAM



## GARNDUWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



*Marnie Hand*



*Trish McKay*



*Darren Mitchelson*



*Sonny Ozies*

Garnduwa's passion for engaging Aboriginal people across Kimberley communities in sport and recreation to live healthy lifestyles is made possible by our funding bodies and strong partnerships with like-minded associations and organisations.



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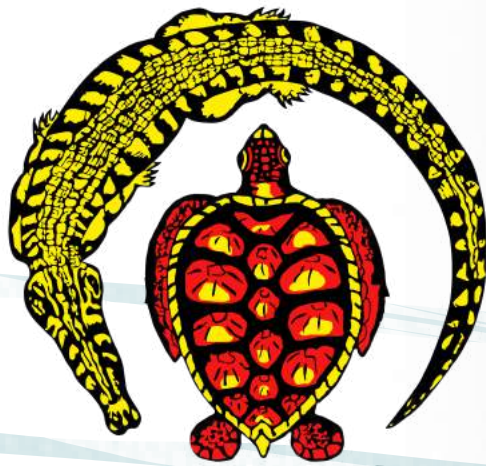


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