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We cannot run the services we do without your contribution to help build a community where everyone can belong and thrive.

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Thank you for your invaluable support.



## RAPPING into 2019

### Reconciliation Action Plans are a powerful tool for social change.

Our Cultural Architect, Djidi Djidi (Josey Hansen), has just returned from a trip to Melbourne where she yarned with Australia's leading academics, practitioners, businesses and community members at the National Reconciliation Action Plan Conference for 2018. The conference attendees explored the RAP program, shared examples of best practice and participated in an open conversation about progressing reconciliation.

More than 1.5 million people in

Australia study or work in an organisation with a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Two of the main questions at the conference were:

#### How is your RAP working?

#### How does your RAP create impact for your organisation and the community?

Djidi Djidi has come back with glowing reviews of the conference, believing it to be an inspiring experience. "I'm extremely proud of UnitingCare West and our community. We have made amazing progress in our RAP," she



said.

It was the first National RAP conference, and speakers included Dr Jackie Huggins, Stan Grant and Prof Tom Calma.

"The speakers were all absolutely brilliant," Djidi Djidi said. "You could feel the respect they had for each other and everyone at the conference."

Here at UnitingCare West, we're excited to be heading into the next phase of our RAP; we have some skin in the game and we know what we're doing. We will continue to listen deeply (*dadirri*) to the community that surrounds us.



Thank you for all your support this year, helping us to connect people to community and sharing a sense of belonging, hope and purpose. UnitingCare West wishes you joy and peace for the festive season.



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# News



## Share a sense of hope and belonging this Christmas

**For the three million Australians living in poverty, Christmas is often a time of heightened stress, exacerbating the sense of financial and social isolation they already experience on a daily basis.**

By supporting the Target UnitingCare Christmas Appeal, or making an online donation via the UnitingCare West website, West Australians can all play a part in connecting people to their communities at Christmas time and beyond.

**A sense of belonging is one of the greatest gifts we can give people and families caught in the cycle of entrenched poverty; to enable them to make a difference in their own lives and be a part of a caring community.**

Last year we distributed more than 1,300 gift packs and 1,400 food hampers to families and individuals across Perth. This year, we've had people contacting us as early as June asking to be put on the list so

their children won't miss-out on experiencing a happy Christmas.

### How can you help?

#### Target UnitingCare Christmas Appeal:

Visit your nearest Target store and purchase \$2 gift tag 'baubles', or \$3 gift boxes, with proceeds used to provide emergency relief for individuals and families in crisis. You can also purchase an unwrapped gift to leave under the tree in your Target store.

#### Financial donations:

Please visit [unitingcarewest.org.au](http://unitingcarewest.org.au) to donate or phone 1300 663 298.

#### Material assistance:

Donations of Christmas food, socks, underwear, jeans, tracksuit pants, thongs and unwrapped gifts for people of all ages can be dropped-off at any one of our Connection Hubs:

- Inner City: Unit 10/5 Aberdeen St, Perth
- South West Metro: 10-12 Market Street, Fremantle
- Outer North: 56 Baltimore Parade, Merriwa



The photos on this page were taken at our Family Foundations Service Fifth Birthday Party- see more on our Facebook Page



## They did it My Way...

**The My Way initiative is part of our 'Transform Tranby' project to provide a pathway for people experiencing homelessness towards a place to call home.**

My Way involves 10-12 Tranby participants for up to three afternoons per week who take a co-design approach with our staff to decide on training courses, based around their specific needs and

interests. Previous courses have included cooking and jewellery making.

The groups provide an opportunity for participants to develop relationships, have frank conversations and learn new skills as they take the next steps towards transitioning from homelessness.

Future courses might include art, health and hygiene, computer skills, job readiness and more.

**We are currently looking for corporate partners to play an active role in co-designing some of these opportunities, to bring their team's skill-sets, passions and creativity to the fore. We want this support to say something to the world about their business, values and culture, not simply tick a box.**

If you're keen to find out more, email us at [comms@unitingcarewest.org.au](mailto:comms@unitingcarewest.org.au)



## Welcome Hannah McGlade

**We are absolutely delighted to introduce you to Dr Hannah McGlade, who joined the UCW Board in November.**

Hannah is an experienced legal academic and practitioner with special interest in Indigenous human rights. She is passionate about justice for Aboriginal people, race discrimination law and practice, Aboriginal women

and children, family violence and sexual assault.

Over a stellar career, Hannah has held a range of professional positions where her legal training and specific expertise in Aboriginal women and children's issues were pivotal. Her Ph.D thesis received the Stanner Award for Excellence in Aboriginal research and was published by Aboriginal Studies Press in 2012: 'Our Greatest Challenge, Aboriginal Children and Human Rights'.

In 2016, Hannah was appointed the Senior Indigenous Fellow at the Office of the High Commission on Human Rights in Geneva and

as Senior Indigenous Research Fellow at Curtin University.

We look forward to drawing on her skills, knowledge and passions as we move into the New Year.



## We're on the move!

By the time you receive this newsletter, Stage 1 of our head office relocation from Victoria Park to our new home at the Inner City office will be complete, with Stage 2 set to take place in February 2019.

**Our Inner City Hub is a purpose-built, welcoming space where our people can belong and thrive.**

The process of moving from our former home in Victoria Park was more than just finding a new office space, it was all about exploring and developing new ways of working together. It was also an opportunity to co-locate with our Tranby Centre, to be present in the lives of those most vulnerable in our community, the people we exist to serve.

We talk a lot about helping people connect to community so that everyone can enjoy a life of belonging, hope and purpose.

Our new office is designed to help deliver on that

statement, providing a space where people can do their very best work, bounce off each other for ideas, feel like they belong and – most importantly – enjoy a sense of real purpose in their workplace.

**We look forward to welcoming you in our new home in the city.**

UnitingCare West Inner City, 10/5 Aberdeen Street, Perth



*The renovations to our building on Aberdeen street as at 11 December 2018, and our Architect's design for the final look.*



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