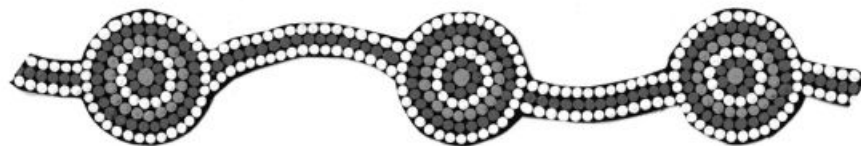


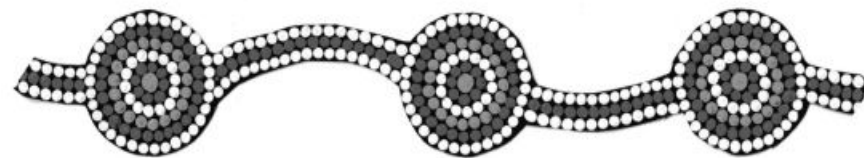
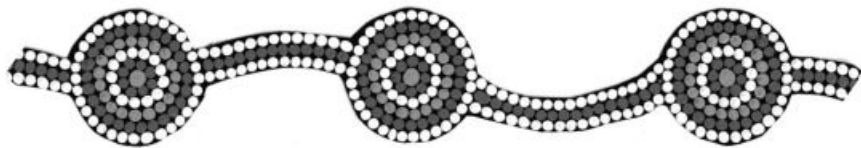
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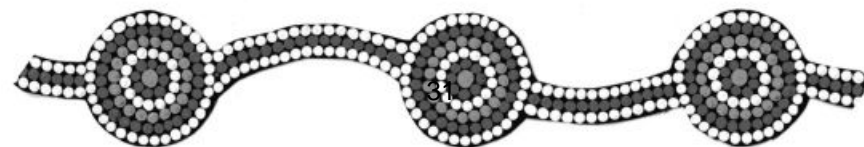
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This directory is accurate as of May 2006.

If users of listed groups or organisations listed in this directory are aware of any changes to details, please notify the AH&MRC Aboriginal Men's Health Project Officer (see below) to ensure corrections are made.

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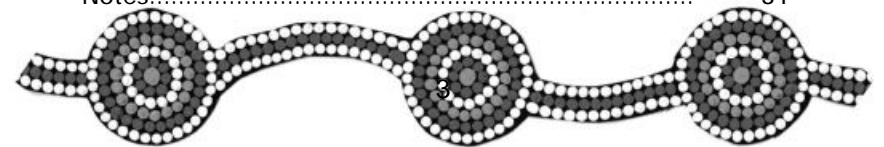
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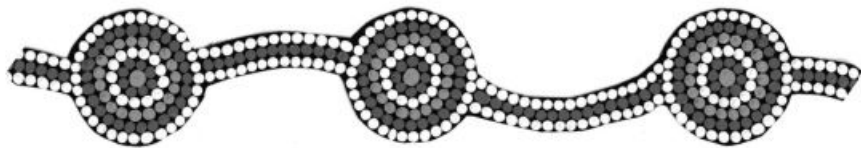
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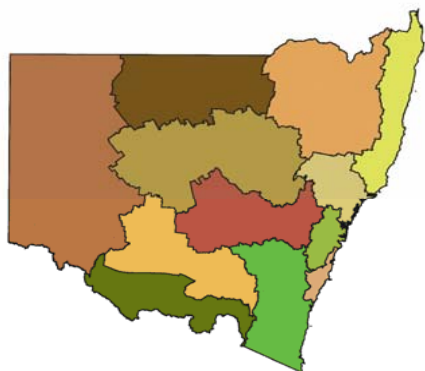




Explanation of how to use the Directory

The directory identifies the diverse range of Aboriginal Men’s groups located throughout New South Wales. Each group is identified under their respective Aboriginal Health & Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) regional boundary and are independent and autonomous bodies. The pages contain a brief overview of the groups and a watermark map signifying the AH&MRC Boundary in which they are located.

The groups are self driven by Aboriginal males who meet on a regular basis in a safe environment to discuss, identify and work together to overcome and improve issues that may affect not only themselves, but their families and their communities.



FAR WEST REGION

Name: Two Rivers Men’s Group

Contact: Paul Sloane

Address: P.O. Box 256
Dareton NSW 2717

Phone: (03) 5022 1852/ (03) 5023 0893

Fax: (03) 5023 7852

Email: reception@macmildura.org

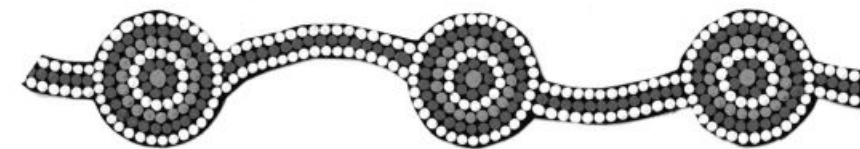
Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a month

Venue: Various venues

Program Description:

Consists of a group of local men who gather and talk about health issues, employment, education, environmental health, culture and land. The group also involves a General Practitioner and/or nurses to conduct health related sessions. The group has targeted domestic violence and sport and recreation as areas for educational programs.



RIVERINA REGION

Name: The Black Sun Inc. (TBSI)

Contact: Luke Penrith

Address: CO/19 Trail Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Phone: 0407 221 314

Fax: (02) 6921 9340

Email: theblacksuns@gmail.com

Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week

Venue: The Black Suns Inc. Youth Centre

Program Description:

The objective of TBSI is to organise and facilitate a variety of youth projects and activities which will assist young people to achieve success and promote positive lifestyles in the Wagga Wagga area.

NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Rekindling the Spirit (Lismore)

Contact: Greg Telford

Address: P.O. Box 535
Lismore NSW 2480

Phone: (02) 6622 5534

Fax: (02) 6622 5530

Email: gtelford@nrg.com.au

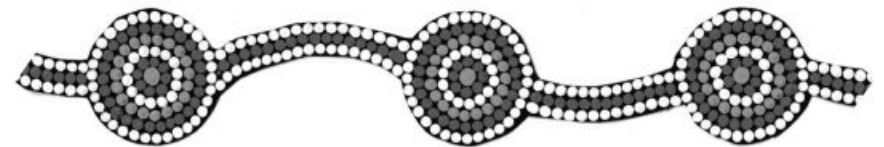
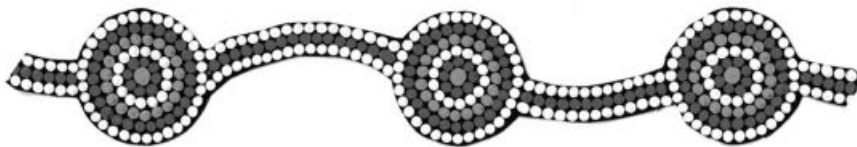
Target Group: Aboriginal males 16yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week on Monday 2-4.30pm

Venue: 17a King St Lismore, Men's Resource Centre

Program Description:

Focuses on life issues and anger management.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Koori Fathering Program

Contact: Anthony Franks

Address: P.O. Box 498
Lismore NSW 2480

Phone: 0411 828 999

Fax: 6620 2134

Email: anthonyf@nrahs.nsw.gov.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males 16yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week over a 15 week period

Venue: Varies with each community

Program Description:

Understanding and accepting the responsibility of fatherhood and the importance of showing affection and positive discipline strategies.

CENTRAL TABLELANDS REGION

Name: Yaamanhaa Aboriginal Men's Group

Contact: Robert Barker-Salt

Address: Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service
PO Box 253
Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone: (02) 6766 5211

Fax: (02) 6766 5711

Email: coordinator@tams.org.au

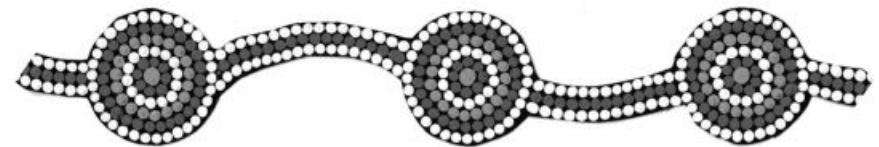
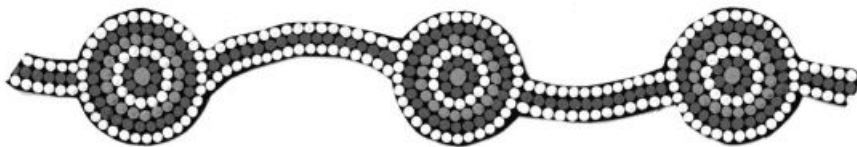
Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a fortnight

Venue: Varies pending on the group

Program Description:

The group aims to develop and promote positive community involvement. Promote activities aimed at improving quality of health education and well-being of Aboriginal men and youth. Promote develop and foster community involvement aimed at improving educational social an emotional lives of Aboriginal people in our community.



LOWER CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Aboriginal Men's (Mental Health Walking Group)

Contact: Robert Peckham

Address: 125 William Street
Bathurst NSW 2795

Phone: (02) 6332 6822

Fax: (02) 6332 5780

Email: robert.peckham@gwahs.nsw.gov.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males 18yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a fortnight

Venue: Varies pending on the group

Program Description:

The group meets at a culturally appropriate environment where Koori men can meet with other koori men in similar situation and share stories. The group also offers support in areas of dealing with depression, grief, loss and raising awareness about self-harm, suicide and the affects of drug and alcohol misuse. The aim of this program is to enhance the family dynamics and lifestyle of Aboriginal men.

NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Junangmum Men's Group

Contact: Anthony (Hank) Hickling

Address: 43 Johnston Street
P.O. Box 14
Casino NSW 2470

Phone: (02) 6662 3514

Fax: (02) 6662 4849

Email: hankh@casinoams.com

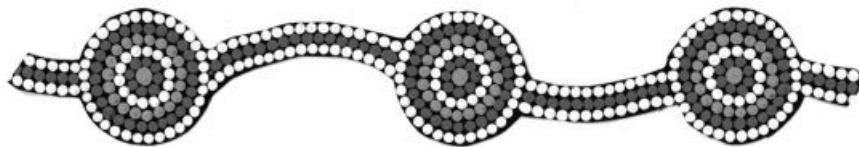
Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week

Venue: Casino Oakes Centre

Program Description:

The aim of the group is to support one another and encourage men to look at their role and responsibility within their home and community.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Men's Group

Contact: Jim Hurley

Address: Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Men's Group
P.O. Box 1431
Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Phone: (02) 6652 0800

Fax: (02) 6652 2563

Email: jhurley@galambila.org.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males 16yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a month

Venue: Galambila Aboriginal Medical Service

Program Description:

The programs are developed by the group based on the need in the community such as specific father's and son's camps and Aboriginal men's health camps.

LOWER CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Aboriginal Men's Walking Group

Contact: Colin Locke

Address: 15-17 Hassan Street
Lithgow NSW 2790

Phone: (02) 6351 4922

Fax: (02) 6351 3516

Email: Colin.Locke@swahs.health.nsw.gov.au

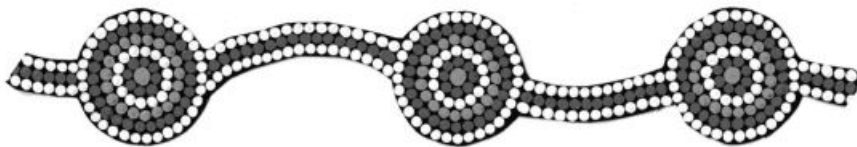
Target Group: Aboriginal males 18yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a fortnight

Venue: Varies pending on the group

Program Description:

Focuses on mental health care needs and targeting programs about raising awareness and education about mental health.



LOWER CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Kalarie Men's Group
Contact: Jeff Brown or Damien Kennedy
Address: Yoorana Gunya Family Violence Healing Centre
P.O. Box 802
Forbes NSW 2871

Phone: (02) 6851 5111

Fax: (02) 6851 6860

Email: Yg_staff@bigpond.net.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a month

Venue: Varies pending on the group

Program Description:

The group targets programs involving mentoring, Drug and Alcohol, Domestic Violence, Aboriginal elders and promoting healthy lifestyles through activities such as fishing, cooking and camping.

NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Mid Nth Coast Aboriginal Men's Group

Contact: Elliott (Ness) Stewart

Address: P.O. Box 488
Forster NSW 2428

Phone: (02) 6555 1820

Fax: (02) 6554 8874

Email: Elliott.Stewart@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

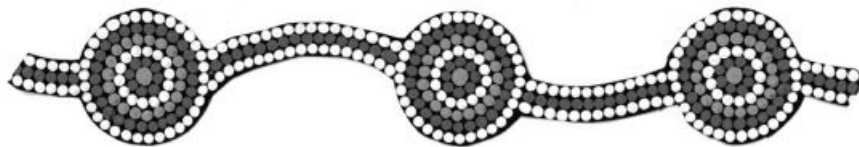
Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a month

Venue: Port Macquarie City Bowling Club

Program Description:

Information sessions from local Aboriginal men and boys about the different services available for them. Guest speakers from Government and non-Government services come to meet with the group.



NORTH COAST REGION

Name: Bellbrook Aboriginal Men's Group

Contact: David Bobongie

Address: Bellbrook Men's Group
C/O Bellbrooke Post Office
Via Kempsey NSW 2440

Phone: (02) 65672006

Fax: (02) 65672006

Email: dbobongie@mncas.health.nsw.gov.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a fortnight

Venue: Bellbrook Health Outpost

Program Description:

The group focuses on various programs such as smoking cessation depression and suicide awareness amongst Aboriginal males. The group also provides a 6 day live-in program conducted by Misty Mountain Wilderness health retreat.

CENTRAL WEST REGION

Name: Yambagully

Contact: William Stanley

Address: 68 Maughan Street
Wellington NSW 2820

Phone: (02) 6845 3545

Fax: (02) 6845 2656

Email: billys@wachs.net.au

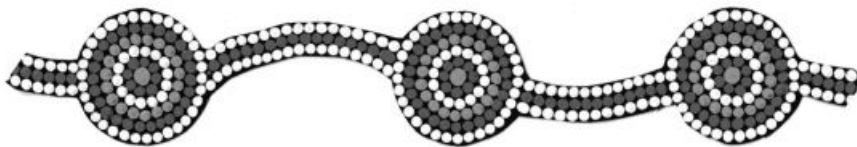
Target Group: Aboriginal males 18yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week

Venue: AMS Youth Service

Program Description:

Yambagully focuses on a holistic health approach targeting programs around youth, health, education, employment and culture.



NORTH WEST REGION

Name: Walgett Aboriginal Men's Group
Contact: Richard Simpson or Trevor Simpson
Address: Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service
PO Box 396, Walgett
Walgett NSW 2832
Phone: (02) 6828 1611 - (02) 6828 1798
Fax: (02) 6828 1201
Email: walgettams@bigpond.com

Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week

Venue: Euragai Goondi

Program Description:

Involves voluntary participants, probation and parole, Aboriginal Health workers, Nurses, Mental Health Workers from Lightning Ridge and General Practitioners. The group targets all programs relating to Aboriginal Men's Health.

CENTRAL COAST REGION

Name: Brothers Inside Program
Contact: Craig Hammond
Address: The Family Action Centre
University of Newcastle
Callaghan NSW 2308
Phone: (02) 4921 6821
Fax: (02) 4921 8686
Email: craig.hammond@newcastle.edu.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males 18yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week

Venue: Cessnock Correctional Centre

Program Description:

The program is working with Aboriginal inmates at Cessnock Correctional Centre, helping them to maintain their role as a father from inside the gaol.



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Marrin Weejali Men's Group
Contact: Tony Hunter
Address: Marrin Weejali Aboriginal Corporation
P.O. Box 147
Emerton NSW 2770

Phone: (02) 9628 3031

Fax: (02) 9628 8858

Email: marrinweejali@bigpond.com

Target Group: Aboriginal males 16yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week

Venue: 3 Hindemith Ave, Emerton

Program Description:

The groups main aim is to meet and discuss all issues such as health, family, kinship & other social & family issues within the community. The group targets programs such as Cultural & Spiritual Therapy, Social & Economic issues and Cultural Identity and Health.

NORTH WEST REGION

Name: Goolbri Men's Group (GMG)

Contact: Guy Gibbs, Chairperson

Address: PO Box 610
Bourke NSW 2840

Phone: (02) 6872 1551

Fax: (02) 6872 1545

Email: ggibbs@centacarewf.org.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Once a week

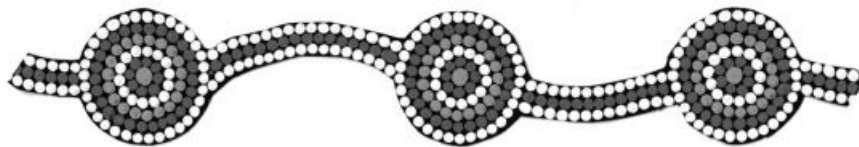
Venue: Varies pending on the group

Program Description:

The group acts as an advocacy service activities may include:

- Hunting/cooking bush tucker
- Fishing and
- Camping

The weekly meetings do not have a preceding agenda, therefore the program is community driven.



FAR SOUTH COAST REGION

Name: Ancestral Trek
Contact: Troy Stever
Address: 2/58 Cresswick Parade
Dalmeny NSW 2546

Phone: (02) 4476 7005
Fax:
Email: ancestraltrek@bigpond.com

Target Group: Intended for Aboriginal males 17yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once every 2 months for 2-3 days

Venue: Tin Pott (Training and meeting venue)

Program Description:

The Ancestral Trek attempts to acknowledge the place of Aboriginal men in today's society, to allow them to recognise their past, their position in it and forge a clearer perception for themselves of their future.

METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: The Shed
Contact: Ted Hart
Address: Corner of Emert Parade & Weber Crescent
Emerton NSW 2770

Phone: (02) 9628 6317
Fax: (02) 9628 6139
Email: s.oo@uws.edu.au

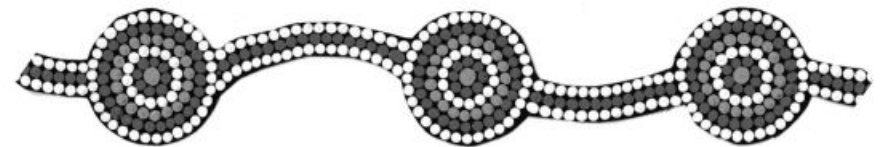
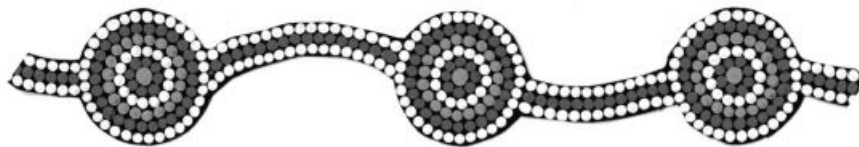
Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Mon-Fri 9am - 4.30pm

Venue: Cnr of Emert Parade & Weber Cres, Emerton

Program Description:

Provides an opportunity for men to express and discuss their concerns and together look at different options and strategies for managing any part of life. It also offers social & cultural activities and a referral service.



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: (Walking Together) Aboriginal Men's Program

Contact: Albert Torrens or Mark Carroll

Address: 93-99 Kings Street
Newtown NSW 2042

Phone: (02) 9550 4056

Fax: (02) 9550 4068

Email: albert.torrens@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Target Group: Clients of Newtown and City Probation and Parole

Regularity of Meetings: Every Tuesday from 9.30-2pm

Venue: The Settlement, 17 Edward Street Chippendale

Program Description:

Walking together program looks at diverting Adult Aboriginal offenders away from the criminal justice system. The program is based on the recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

ILLAWARRA REGION

Name: Illawarra Koori Men's Support Group

Contact: Shane Ford (SF) or Troy Pender (TP)

Address: 2 Wilga Place
Albion Park NSW 2527

Phone: SF-0415 803 659, TP-0408 605 867

Fax: (02) 4226 3566

Email: koorimensgroup@hotmail.com

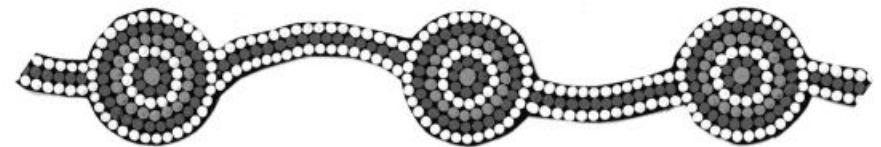
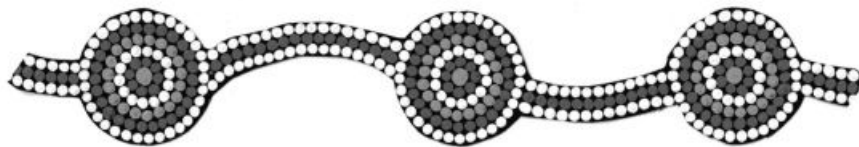
Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages

Regularity of Meetings: Every Friday between 10am-2pm

Venue: 2 Wilga Place, Albion Park

Program Description:

The group has been set up to give Aboriginal males of the Illawarra a safe place to go and speak about the issues that affect their lives. The group also involves participation from an Aboriginal Health Worker, General Practitioner, Drug and Alcohol Worker, Parole and Probation Liaison Officer, Police Liaison Officer, a representative from the Attorney Generals Department and a Sexual Health Worker.



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Connection for Men
Contact: Ken, Gary or Neville
Address: Aboriginal Medical Service Cooperative Limited
36a Turner Street
Redfern NSW 2016

Phone: (02) 9319 5823
Fax: (02) 9319 3345
Email: amsredfern@amsredfern.org.au

Target Group: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander males
15yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Every Friday between 10.30am-2pm

Venue: Aboriginal Medical Service, Redfern

Program Description:

To provide a safe and confidential space for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to express themselves in a positive and supportive environment, free from discrimination, bias and judgement. To empower and unify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men. To encourage our men to uphold the traditions of our culture. To support success and to work through problems collectively.

METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Muru Nanga Mai Men's Group
Contact: Leslie Fuller or Tom Smith
Address: Liverpool Community Health Centre
Corner Campbell and Goulburn Street
Liverpool NSW 2170

Phone: LF: 0419 169 913/TS: (02) 4628 4837
Fax: (02) 9828 4800
Email: leslie.fuller@swsahs.nsw.gov.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males of all ages, males 14yrs and under must be accompanied by a carer

Regularity of Meetings: Meets every Friday from 10am-3pm

Venue: Minto Bush Camp, Lot 6 Howard Road, Minto

Program Description:

The group targets programs such as alcohol and other drugs, family violence, sexual health and arts and cultural issues.



METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: Indigenous Hey Dads Men's Business

Contact: Ian Nicholas

Address: (Centre Care) Hope Street
91 Forbes Street
Woolloomooloo

Phone: 0415557807

Fax: (02) 9358 4128

Email: indigenous@hopestreet.org.au

Target Group: Aboriginal males 15yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Runs over 10 weeks for 2 hour sessions

Venue: Varies pending on the group

Program Description:

The group is aimed at raising awareness for Aboriginal fathers either still living with their children or separated from their children. The group facilitated by an Accredited Facilitator.

METROPOLITAN REGION

Name: ACON Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Men's Social Support Group

Contact: Shane Burgess

Address: P.O. Box 350
Darlinghurst NSW 1300

Phone: (02) 9206 2042

Fax: (02) 9206 2069

Email: sburgess@acon.org.au

Target Group: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander males 17yrs and over

Regularity of Meetings: Once every 3 months

Venue: Varies pending on the group

Program Description:

The Social Support Group offers a safe and culturally appropriate environment for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Gay and Bi-sexual men to meet.

