



# Curijo Connect

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### A Message from the Management Team

So much has been happening over the past eight weeks since our last newsletter. We have had our first birthday and are very proud of achieving this milestone. Our team are thrilled to continue our journey as we are now in a new phase of our business. We will be working with AIATSIS which is a great opportunity as we will be providing Audit and Assurance services. We continue to work on a broad range of projects across all three work domains and are looking forward to increasing our professional development work within Government agencies and also building our own adult education solutions which will be available in the near future. Curijo is also now on Facebook so please like our page to keep updated. The team has been working extremely hard and we will be looking at further recruitment in the next few months which will provide employment opportunities for other Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people

to join our team. We now have a Curijo Careers page on our website where individuals can contact us for information about employment. Hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter and keeping up to date with our exciting journey.

### Who we are working with

AIATSIS – Internal Audit and Assurance



Curijo staff are pleased to connect with AIATSIS

Dept of Finance – Facilitation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff Network, development of Adult Education Solutions, project implementation planning

NHMRC – Advisory Services for Internal Financial Management

Dept of Health – Effectively supporting Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Staff and Mentoring Training  
FACS – Family Group Conferencing & Kinship Care Assessments

CareSouth – Kinship Care Assessments

Uniting – Kinship Care Assessments

Life Without Barriers- Development and Review of Aboriginal Cultural Support Plans

CPA – Adult Education Solutions around organisation budgeting for public sector

### It's our Birthday!



Our team celebrating Curijo's first birthday. What an exciting and rewarding journey it has been.

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### Connect with us

We have been overwhelmed with the amount of positive support and feedback about our new Facebook page. This is a place to connect and stay up to date with what is happening at Curijo. We regularly post links to our webpage and photos of our journey.

We are also on Linked in and invite you to like our page and connect with us.



### Out and About

Last month, we attended Supply Nation's "Meet the Supplier Event." It was great to once again showcase the services that we offer and to meet new contacts. We have made several connections as a result of this event.



### NAIDOC Week Celebrations

All of our team were delighted to attend several NAIDOC events throughout Canberra and Sydney this year. It is always great connecting with community and celebrating the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our staff attended the 2016 ACT NAIDOC Awards Night. On the evening we were proud to see our own, Karen Lyons be presented with Youth of the Year Award. We are extremely proud to have Karen on our team and share in her accomplishments. She is a great asset to our team and role model for the community. Additionally, Curijo was nominated for the Small Business of the Year.



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### Staff Profile – Katherine Cymbalak

We are excited to introduce Katherine Cymbalak who is a valued member of the Curijo team. After graduating from the University of Canberra with a Bachelor of Commerce and an Advertising & Marketing Communications degree, Katherine decided she wanted to help businesses reach their full potential. She was fortunate to find a job as an IT consultant for 2 years before an opportunity to work for Curijo opened up. Her fascination for business started when she was working as a lifeguard where she was provided with the opportunity to undertake a business apprenticeship with the Erindale Education and Recreation Centre.



Katherine believes that working for Curijo has been an incredible experience as she has a passion for learning new things and experiencing cultures. She had found the challenges that we faced as a start-up organisation has improved her professional capability extensively and has been an incredible experience to be a part of. Katherine states “I am happy to be a working part of a significant cultural change and its fantastic journey”.

In her spare time, Katherine is interested in travelling, snowboarding and renovating.

### Cultural Learning Journey Training

Curijo are offering you the opportunity to join us for a professional learning experience to learn about and to increase your awareness of Aboriginal culture and heritage. The Cultural Learning Journey Training addresses the necessity for organisations and individuals to provide more respectful and culturally safe services primarily through knowledge and reflection.

- When:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
**Venue:** Yarramundi Reach Cultural Centre  
245 Lady Denman Dr, Canberra ACT 2611
- Time:** 8:30am registration and coffee  
9am-4:30pm
- Cost:** \$295 (lunch included)

Contact our office on 02 96285 4802 for more information. Spaces are limited so get in quick!

### Upcoming Cultural Dates

**SAVE THE DATE**

4<sup>th</sup> August – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day

9<sup>th</sup> August – International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Indigenous Literacy Day

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