



# Curijo Connect

## Issue # 7 – October 2017

### Welcome



#### Message from the Management Team

Welcome again to the Curijo Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about our work and what we have been doing in the past few months.

It has been a busy time for Curijo primarily within our Cultural Services and Audit and Evaluation practices. We are looking forward to expanding our team and also future opportunities.

We are working to build upon our business and this includes our independent work as well as working in partnership and collaboration with other agencies. We believe our two-way learning philosophy is critical in

moving forward in reconciliation. We are in the process of developing our updated strategic plan and working towards the strategic goals whilst maintaining our aim and purpose as an Indigenous business. Please check out what we are up to and hope to work with you in the future.

#### What's happening at Curijo?



#### Marymead Partnership

We are pleased to announce we have a formal partnership with Marymead. We have been providing services to Marymead within the child and family sector for many months so it is great to formalise our working relationship. We value the partnership and work in collaboration by providing culturally safe service delivery for

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous staff, children, young people and families.



#### AMK Law Partnership

We are also pleased to partner with Aboriginal Law Firm, AMK Law. They are located in Melbourne and are a boutique CBD law firm with a strong reputation in litigation, dispute resolution and commercial and property laws. At Curijo, we support Indigenous business and work in partnership through a collaborative approach to provide a mutual benefit to all. Look out for a special feature article by AMK law in this edition of our newsletter. Head to AMK Law's webpage for more information: - [www.amklaw.com.au](http://www.amklaw.com.au)

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### Supply Nation Certification

#### What does this mean?

Supply Nation certification is a form of certification for Aboriginal businesses. Curijo are pleased to be 68% Aboriginal owned and operated after recently having a change in ownership.

What this means for you choosing our services? We continue to be strength based through our two-way learning philosophy and working in reconciliation.



### What we are working on

#### A.C.T. Government Family Group Conference (FGC) Pilot Program

We are working alongside the Community Services Directorate to pilot a program of Family Group Conferencing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and families. We are pleased to be able to provide support with the development of the Model, as well as training and support of the Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander staff to work with families. The FGC process supports children, young people and their families to develop plans for the future where the family are the primary decision makers. We are hoping this makes a difference in the lives of children, young people, families and communities as it is a new way of doing things within the sector.

#### Indigenous Rangers Programme Project

We have been working on this interesting

project for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet over the past few months assessing various aspects of the programme.



#### Whole of Government - Indigenous Apprenticeship Program (IAP) Review

Another project in our Audit and Evaluation service. This project has used several methods of evaluation such as project questionnaires which were circulated to the different stakeholder groups. The questionnaires asked participants to comment on their experience and views when involved with this Pilot Program in 2015. It has been another great project to be involved in.

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### Out and about...

The Curijo team were exhibitors at the Indigenous Business Trade Fair on 21 September. This Trade Fair is sponsored by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Supply Nation and will be part of a series of events held across Australia. It was a great opportunity to showcase over 100 Indigenous business (both professional and support services). It was great to have the opportunity to promote our services to the interested parties.



### Children's Day 2017

It was fantastic to go and spend National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day at Kingsford Smith Koori Preschool. Children's Day is a time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children. We spent the morning reading *My Island Home*, by Neil Murray and then made sea creatures out of craft. Thanks to Michelle Sheville and her team for allowing us to visit. It was great to give back in the form of donating Indigenous books for the children to keep and read. We look forward to making this an annual event.



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### Internal Audit Training at AIATSIS

Darren and Michael attended an internal audit training session conducted by Andrew Cox for staff from the Australian Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). The training was to make staff aware of the role that internal audit plays for any organisation. Curijo will now be preparing a program with AIATSIS management that involves a series of internal audit activities across the Institute during 2017-18. The first of these activities could start as early as November this year.



Artist: Lynne Talbot  
Animal track  
pathways and  
community.

SPECIAL | FEATURE

AMK<sup>LAW</sup>

### Training in the Mandatory Set-Aside of Certain Commonwealth Contracts

The mandatory set-aside applies to some Commonwealth contracts. These do not include:

- contracts that deal with national security, human health or limited tender pursuant to paragraph 2.6 and paragraph 10.3 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPR);
- contracts which are formed due to a mandatory whole of government procurement provision or via a departmental panel arrangement tailored to be an exclusive purchasing arrangement; and
- where the contracts fall under exemptions in Appendix A of the CPR (sans exemption 17).

One of the key procurement opportunities through the IPP is using the mandatory set-aside policy. This policy requires Commonwealth Departments and agencies to procure several contracts (set-aside through a target) from Indigenous business. This mandatory set-aside generally applies to Remote Procurements and contracts with certain values\*. This map can help you identify if the procurement is a Remote Procurement:  
<https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/indigenous-affairs/ripp-map-data>.

This means that if your contract falls into this category, the procuring officer has to attempt to identify an appropriate Indigenous SME to procure the goods/services from. The reason for the mandatory set-aside is to assist meet the general objectives of Government in meeting the Closing the Gap targets.

As a result, the procurement process may be divided into two stages. The first, to identify an appropriate Indigenous SME and assess for value for money. The procurement officer may look at various ways of doing this and may include approaching a number of Indigenous SMEs. This way, the procurement officer is able to assess and compare which Indigenous SME best suits their requirements and assess value for money. The second, if the procurement officer fails to identify an appropriate Indigenous SME from the first stage, the procurement officer may approach the public.

AMK Law can advise on all matters of commercial and property laws. We are proud to be a 100% Aboriginal owned law firm. If you have any queries, you can go ahead now and contact AMK Law directly by telephone on (03) 9098 8630 or by email [admin@amklaw.com.au](mailto:admin@amklaw.com.au)

\*Generally, this applies to contracts valued from \$80,000 to \$200,000. Please note that there are exceptions to this.

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### Certified Practising Accountants (CPA)

Darren was invited by CPA to be one of the guest judges at the school Years 11 and 12 - Plan Your Enterprise competition. It is always great to be involved in events and support upcoming entrepreneurs. Congratulations to Jessica and all the other finalists.



### Upcoming Events

- National Indigenous Football Championships- 3-5 November

### Staff Profile Carol Robertson

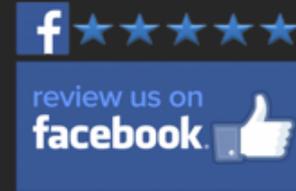


Carol is a proud Darug Sydney and has lived in the Illawarra all her life. She has worked with Aboriginal families, young people and children and represents the Aboriginal community in which she lives. During her career, she has gained extensive experience in working with Domestic Violence, Out of Home Care, Child Protection and Family Support. Carol is an Aboriginal Consultant for Curijo and enjoys her work as a Family Group Facilitator and Assessor.

### Have you used our services?

Have you used any of our professional services? We'd love you to take a minute and rate us on our

Facebook page. We welcome all feedback so we can continue to improve upon the services which we provide.



### FACT OR MYTH

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people receive free education as children and adults.**

There are entrenched beliefs that free benefits are received. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are subject to the same laws and entitlements as other Australians. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are subject to the same educational fees unless they apply for a scholarship or program which many Australians are able to apply for. There does need to be educational programs built upon cultural respect and safety to support all peoples to study where there is no denial and where cultural difference is respected.

