



# ANINDILYAKWA HEALING CENTRE ALAWUDAWARRA ENIKADUWA

## PROGRAM UPDATE



It's been an exciting and productive month at AHC as we officially launched our residential program. We currently have two full-time residents, with several assessments scheduled for new participants in the coming weeks. Both residents are settling in well and have expressed their appreciation for the supportive environment at AHC.

We are incredibly proud of our dedicated staff, whose commitment and hard work have played a vital role in the success and growth of the program. Their efforts truly make a difference. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to our funding bodies and supporting partners. Your continued support is instrumental to the ongoing development of the Anindilyakwa Healing Centre.

We look forward to strengthening these partnerships in the months ahead.

## Men's Behaviour Change: Supporting Stronger Futures for Anindilyakwa Men

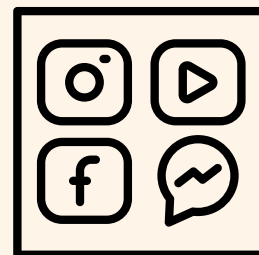
Men's behaviour change continues to be the cornerstone of the programs delivered at the Anindilyakwa Healing Centre. Our team is constantly evolving and adapting our approach to ensure it meets the unique needs of Anindilyakwa men.

Through culturally informed sessions on healthy relationships, managing stress, impulse control, and understanding the difference between a strong mind and a cloudy mind, we aim to shift the narrative and support lasting, positive change within our communities.

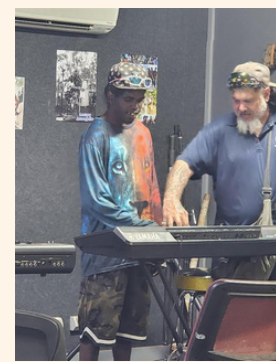
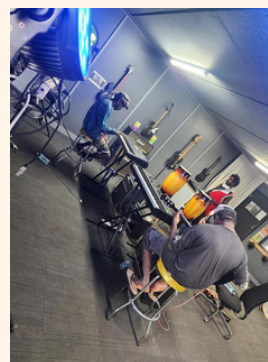
Equally important is establishing a consistent daily routine for participants—one that includes On Country learning, physical activity, life skills, and shared responsibility for maintaining the Healing Centre. These elements work together to build confidence, responsibility, and a strong foundation for healing and growth.

## REMINDERS

- We still are hiring support staff so if you are interested or know someone who maybe interested, please contact our service manager Sailosi on [sailosi.tupou@dasa.org.au](mailto:sailosi.tupou@dasa.org.au)
- For referrals, please speak with a staff member in person or you can contact us on [grooteintake@dasa.org.au](mailto:grooteintake@dasa.org.au)
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This month, AHC residents began attending sessions at the ALC music studio, where they've started learning to play a variety of musical instruments. Engaging in music not only enhances cognitive abilities such as memory, coordination, and problem-solving, but also nurtures creativity, self-expression, and emotional well-being. We're excited to continue developing these valuable skills and hope to bring even more instruments into AHC to keep the music going.





## Gan'na Healing Programs

### Coming Together for Healing and Understanding Trauma

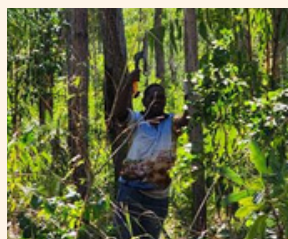
Earlier this month, the Anindilyakwa Healing Centre partnered with WHSAC, Bush Fit, CJG, and the Gan'na Healing Programs for a powerful and transformative workshop focused on understanding trauma and breaking cycles of harm. Lukas summed it up perfectly: Together, we explored the hidden impact of trauma—how it can quietly shape our behaviours and decisions—and began the important work of interrupting that cycle through truth-telling and cultural connection.

We held space for conversations around intergenerational pain, giving it a name and starting the journey of facing it with courage and community. The session concluded with grounding practices—movement, breathwork, and stillness—that helped release the weight of old stories and return them to the earth, transforming pain into strength.

A heartfelt thank you to Atnas and Lukas for walking alongside us in this work. We look forward to welcoming Lukas back in August for the next stage of this healing journey.



## Photos from Programs at AHC



### New Staff - Clinton



#### Meet Clinton!

Originally from Ghana, Clinton grew up in Melbourne, Australia, and brings a strong background in community services to our team. He holds a Diploma of Community Services and has spent the past 5–6 years working in residential youth care, including valuable experience in the youth justice sector. Clinton is deeply passionate about helping others and is committed to making a positive impact in the lives of all people he meets. When he's not supporting the community, Clinton has some pretty impressive achievements under his belt—he once represented the Melbourne Victory youth soccer team and, at just 16, could run the 100m sprint in a lightning-fast 11 seconds!



### Resident Spotlight: Rayvon

This month, we're celebrating Rayvon, who has reached one month of sobriety from Amada since joining AHC. Rayvon has shown incredible commitment to his recovery—actively participating in all programs and taking great care of AHC. His positive attitude and dedication are truly inspiring, and we're proud to have him as part of the AHC community. Keep up the amazing work, Rayvon!



The Healing Centre extends heartfelt thanks to Thread Together for their generous donation of clothing, which will greatly uplift our participants.

This thoughtful contribution provides our Anindilyakwa men with essential items that foster dignity and confidence, supporting their journey of healing and personal growth. By ensuring our participants are well-equipped for daily activities, cultural engagements, and work readiness programs, Thread Together's support strengthens our community's mission to empower the men and Honor their cultural pride. We are deeply grateful for this impactful partnership.

Thread Together collects brand new unsold clothing from all around the country, saving it from landfill. They partner with charities and social service agencies to distribute it to people doing it tough.



### Reintegration Puzzle Conference 2025

Our Case Manager, Will Kavata, recently attended the 18th Reintegration Puzzle Conference in Mparntwe/Alice Springs—an inspiring event focused on supporting people impacted by incarceration as they transition back into the community. The conference brought together a diverse range of voices, including First Nations leaders, justice advocates, and practitioners from across the country. Will gained valuable insights into best practices for reintegration, culturally responsive support, and community-driven solutions to reduce reoffending.

He's excited to bring these learnings back to Groote Eylandt and apply them in his work with the Anindilyakwa Healing Centre, helping strengthen our support for individuals on their healing and reintegration journeys.





# Anindilyakwa Healing Centre



The ATC program on Groote Eylandt is in development and will become a 32-bed facility that offers a tailored residential program of 6 months for Aboriginal men who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing interactions with the justice system.

Therapeutic programs will target risk factors that contribute to interactions with the justice system. This program will be developed and led with a cultural lens, in partnership with the Anindilyakwa Land Council & the Aboriginal Justice Unit (Northern Territory Government). The project will provide access to employment and training opportunities as well as tailored rehabilitation services, to ensure men do not have any further negative contact with the criminal justice system.



## Eligibility Criteria

Aboriginal or TSI  
Male

18 years or older

Must be a resident of the Northern Territory

Must have cultural connection to Groote Eylandt, as confirmed by representatives of the Community Justice Group.

Involvement or risk of involvement with the Justice system



You can also send through referrals to our website: [www.dasa.org.au](http://www.dasa.org.au)

## The Team



Acting Service  
Manager  
Sailosi "Losi"  
Tupou



Support Worker  
Ian Harris



Support Worker  
Lusinit Tanevesi



Case Manager  
William Kavata



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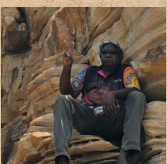
Support Worker  
Clinton Garley



Case Manager  
Darren O'Keefe



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Paula Maidment



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Neil Mamarika



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