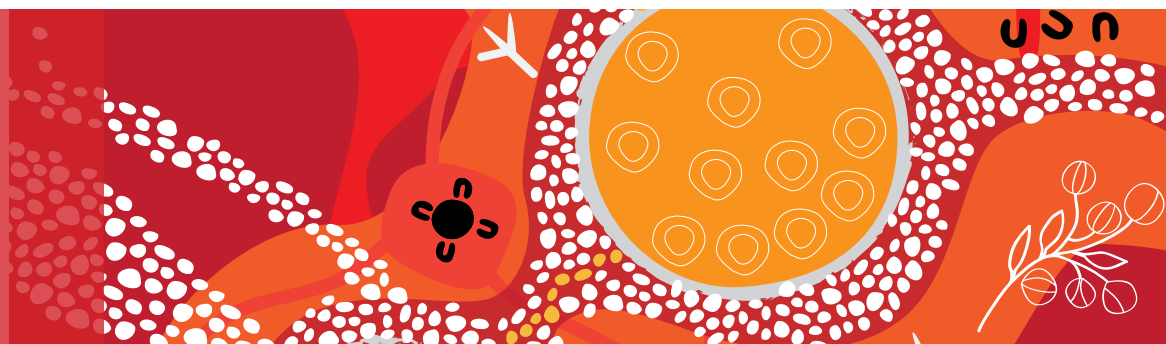




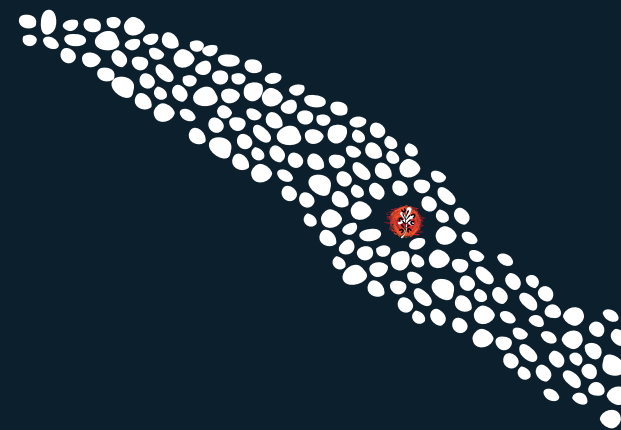
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CAGES Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and respects Elders past, present, and future. They hold the stories, the knowledge, the traditions, the culture, and the hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

This Annual Review may contain images of people who have passed away.





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Paul Salteri, Founder

I am pleased to share CAGES Foundation's 2023 Annual Review with you. We continue to learn from community, that opportunities will present when you centre First Nations voices in decision-making and service delivery.

Speaking on behalf of the board, I can't imagine the great distress the Voice referendum process and result caused in First Nations communities. We are committed to walking with our partners and listening deeply. We are privileged to support the self-determination of our partners who constantly drive responses and outcomes for families and children in community centred around culture.

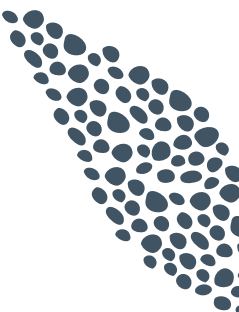
We are excited to be working with Kowa Collaboration to further evidence the power of funding self-determined community-led work. Kowa Collaboration, have been working with the CAGES Foundation team to develop an Understanding, Measurement, Evaluation, and Learning Framework. This framework will focus on celebrating the success of our partners as

defined by the communities they work in. It will also allow CAGES Foundation to better quantify our role as a trust-based philanthropic partner committed to listening, understanding, and learning.

I want to thank the CAGES Foundation team and board for their dedication to our work. I also want to congratulate Rachel Kerry, who, after many years with CAGES Foundation as our executive officer, has taken the CEO role. In this role, Rachel will continue to work closely with the board to develop and implement CAGES' strategic objectives as we look to share the knowledge gained from working with First Nations people and organisations with the broader philanthropic sector. She looks forward to working more with the Kowa Collaboration team and

our communications consultant, Kerry Klimm, a Koko Lamalama and Gugu Yelanji woman of Far North Queensland, on this journey. I also welcome a new member of the team, Sime Knezevic, who has joined us as Grants Manager.

Paul Salteri AO
Chair



MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Image courtesy of CAGES Foundation

CAGES Foundation 2023 Annual Review tells the stories of the organisations we have supported.

In turn these organisations demonstrate that with the right investment they flourish in community, providing services and strategies which keep families and children strong in culture and First Nations' businesses and enterprises growing.

In September 2023, Gemma Salteri, Executive Director, and I had the pleasure of hosting representatives from eight of the organisations and communities CAGES Foundation partners with for dinner at the SNAICC conference on Larrakia

country. We had the privilege of hearing from experts in the early years, and most importantly, experts in their communities. What we heard from these experts was a commitment to respond to their communities' opportunities and needs in the most appropriate and sophisticated way. We were lucky to deepen our knowledge on how each of our partners are able to overcome the challenges of workforce shortages, systemic failure and under-resourcing to provide best practice early years services centred in culture. We are inspired to further advocate for these community-led responses to lead systems change.

Finally, I acknowledge it is difficult to present our 2023 Annual Review without referencing the deep pain the Voice referendum caused First

Nations communities across this nation. Not only was the result devastating but the lead up to the referendum was also harrowing. CAGES Foundation has always centred First Nations voices in our work and we will continue to do so. We acknowledge that saying we centre First Nations voices is not enough. We must also listen to these voices – deeply – then learn and act in response. Our commitment to funding Aboriginal community controlled and led services remains: all funding is given with autonomy and we must be accountable to our partners in all that we say and do.

In the year ahead the board and team at CAGES Foundation looks forward to supporting our partners to continue building robust and sustainable systems and services

within their communities. We thank them for their generosity in sharing with us and others their insights and practice which draw on over 60,000 years of knowledge.



Rachel Kerry CEO

OUR PURPOSE

CAGES Foundation **supports** initiatives in the early years and economic inclusion which are designed, led and controlled by First Nations' peoples.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

CAGES Foundation is a values driven organisation and our values underpin how we work. CAGES Foundation is committed to funding long-term, community-led solutions that build on the assets of culture, country and kin and are rooted in self determination

OUR VALUES

CAGES Foundation is a values driven organisation and our values underpin how we work



LISTEN AND LEARN

We take time to get to know the communities we fund in, to understand their objectives, and are guided by what they need.



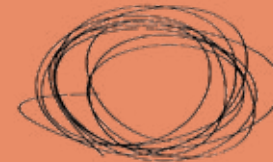
HUMILITY

We recognise that we do not have the answers or hold the knowledge. We will be guided by First Nations people.



HONESTY

We strive to be open and honest in our two-way communication to build trusting, respectful and successful relationships. We will acknowledge our limitations.



TRANSPARENCY

We are transparent and share our learnings, our failures, and our successes.



ACCOUNTABILITY

We are accountable and committed to good governance in the administration and management of our foundation and our funding decisions and advocacy. We are accountable to the communities we fund.

Indigenous Data governance and sovereignty

CAGES Foundation is committed to ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of being, knowing and doing guide every touchpoint of our work. In the 2021 Cox Inall Ridgeway (CIR) report, community controlled organisations we walk alongside gave us feedback on our relationship, systems and the philanthropic sector.

CAGES is building on this report in partnership with Kowa Collaboration, who are breaking down western methodologies which are rigid, linear and disempower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

Kowa's lens for Understanding, Measuring, Evaluation and Learning (UMEL) approach empowers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the knowledge holders and experts whose voices CAGES listens to, is guided by, and amplifies through our spheres of influence.

Kowa is working respectfully and slowly, particularly post Voice referendum, with a number of community organisations to explore their relationship with CAGES, define priorities and change systems, to ensure their growth for future generations.



CAGES listens deeply to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partners who determine the rules of engagement, and they respond in ways that are meaningful and relevant to each organisation and community. CAGES understand their privileged position in philanthropy, and ability to influence and accelerate opportunities as determined by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Skye Trudgett CEO Kowa Collaboration





CAGES Foundation has learnt that the most effective investment is one into the assets of culture, leadership and connection through Aboriginal controlled or led organisations and community-led initiatives.

Through this investment First Nations people's expertise will ensure communities flourish and thrive.

We provide flexible funding to community-led solutions through our strategic partnerships and community grants in two focus areas; early years and economic inclusion. We also provide funding, at times, for initiatives outside these areas which will support community led systems change within the philanthropic, government or not-for-profit sector.

Image courtesy of Mudyala Aboriginal Country



CAGES Foundation
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in 2023

**84% of Early Years and
Economic Inclusion
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In 2023, we distributed a total of **\$2,905,223**.

Our priority funding area remains the Early Years where we gifted **\$2,043,723** in long-term strategic grants and one-off community grants to organisations working with families and children in the first five years of their life.

Our additional priority funding area is Economic Inclusion where we gifted **\$455,000** to organisations creating and/or furthering wealth creation, enterprise opportunities and employment.

In these priority areas **84%** of donations went to Aboriginal controlled or led organisations with remaining funding supporting community-led initiatives with non-Aboriginal organisations.

Sector development gifts totalled **\$308,500** for organisations furthering opportunities in community-led systems change and First Nations philanthropy and government partnerships.

Finally, **\$98,000** was distributed across 12 organisations nominated by family members and employees as part of our program to encourage intergenerational philanthropy and employee engagement.



Image courtesy of Miyay Birray Youth Service

Community-led Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the knowledge, skills, and ways to best respond to their community's needs and create lasting change.

Flexible Organisations succeed when they have the flexibility and autonomy to implement tailored, holistic, and creative solutions that increase community involvement.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have the right to grow up healthy, happy and safe, strong in culture and identity.

Our Early Years funding supports Aboriginal controlled organisations and community-led initiatives who have the skills, knowledge and experience to create nurturing spaces for children, their families and communities.

THE EARLY YEARS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS provide long-term funding to organisations working on community-driven early childhood initiatives.

AWABAKAL PRESCHOOL (NSW)

FY23 \$100,000

Total funding: \$260,000 over 3 years

Awabakal Preschool has been providing a culturally appropriate and supportive learning environment for children in the community for over 35 years. CAGES Foundation is providing some support towards Awabakal Preschool to continue the development of an interdisciplinary, sustainable and holistic strategy for families and children in their community. Alongside this strategy the Awabakal team are building an outcomes framework to evaluate this work and demonstrate the power of community led and owned initiatives.

CONTACT INC (NSW)

FY23 \$75,000

Total funding: \$525,275 over 7 years

Gainmara Birrilee Preschool in Brewarrina has developed a partnership with Contact Inc called Murra in Murra (Hand in Hand). Contact Inc takes a whole of community approach to define and develop responsive early years services and together with Gainmara Birrilee Preschool will design solutions to support children, families, and community in Brewarrina. CAGES Foundation is supporting this partnership so that Gainmara Birrilee Preschool can build sustainable place-based, locally led early years learning solutions based in culture that enhance children's outcomes in the first five years of their lives and ensure their families have access to wrap around support that best meet their needs.

CULLUNGHUTTI ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE (NSW)

FY23 \$150,000

Total funding: \$446,000 over 4 years

Cullunghutti Aboriginal Child and Family Centre provides early childhood, health, and family services supporting the improvement of education, health, wellbeing for children and families in Nowra. CAGES Foundation has been providing general operational funding for strategy development, increase service capability, workforce training and professional development. These initiatives support Cullunghutti's involvement in a new partnership with SNAICC, Parkville Institute, and Social Ventures Australia where they have launched the Boori Milumba program which has the objective of improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's developmental and learning outcomes.

DALAIGUR PRESCHOOL (NSW)

FY23 \$50,000

Total funding: \$469,075 over 13 years

Dalaigur Preschool and Children's Services has been servicing the Dunghutti community in the Macleay Valley for nearly 60 years. CAGES Foundation has provided long-term support for their supported playgroup and outreach service and more recently have provided funding for them to develop an autonomous and sustainable strategy integrating allied health and family support services into the preschool.

THE EARLY YEARS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

DEADLY CONNECTIONS (NSW)

FY23 \$170,000

Total funding: \$541,000 over 4 years

Deadly Connections Community and Justice Services aims to positively disrupt cycles of systemic racism, disadvantage and systems involvement. CAGES foundation supports the Deadly Families Project providing early intervention to improve the social and emotional well-being of Aboriginal parents with children 0-5. The Deadly Families Project well-being facilitators work alongside community to provide intensive, culturally safe and responsive holistic support.

JARJUM CENTRE (NSW)

FY23 \$60,000

Total funding: \$327,929 over 4 years

Jarjum Centre, based on Widjabul country, has an integrated transformative approach to Early Childhood Education which is based in culture and connection to community. CAGES Foundation has funded Jarjum Centre to support the development of a playgroup, being led by local, trusted community members, in the Aboriginal community at Box Ridge for children 0-5 years of age.

MAARI MA HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (NSW)

FY23 \$110,000

Total funding: \$1,263,875 over 12 years

Maari Ma is an Aboriginal community controlled health organisation supporting individuals and families across Wilyakali and Barkindji country (far west region of New South Wales). CAGES Foundation has been supporting Maari Ma's comprehensive and holistic Early Years Strategy for many years. Continued funding is being provided so that they can continue expanding this program, which demonstrates improved wellbeing outcomes for children and families, across more communities in far west NSW including Wilcannia, Menindee, Ivanhoe and Balranald.

MUDGIN-GAL (NSW)

FY23 \$50,000

Total funding: \$175,000 over 4 years

Mudgin-Gal, based on Gadigal country (Redfern), is a leader in Domestic and Family Violence Prevention, focusing on supporting families through early intervention and providing vital services for vulnerable women in the Sydney community. CAGES Foundation provided funding towards its playgroup leveraging off the government funded first 1000 days program.

MUDYALA ABORIGINAL COUNTRY (NSW)

FY23 \$100,000

Total funding: \$226,105 over 4 years

Mudyala supports young people and their families on Yaegl country (in the Clarence Valley), to connect and engage with education in a comfortable and culturally appropriate manner. CAGES Foundation funding is helping to support the training of local Aboriginal workforce in early childhood care. These trainees will become the to become cultural leaders for the future generations. Also with CAGES Foundation support Mudyala will support local Aboriginal Preschools and explore the potential for an Aboriginal Community Preschool.

OUTBACK DIVISION (NSW)

FY23 \$120,000

Total funding: \$585,000 over 5 years

CAGES Foundation has provided a donation to NSW Outback Division to support the training of an Early Intervention Support worker who will work within Bourke early childhood and education settings. The focus of this role is to provide early intervention functions such as screening, therapy, classroom support, partnership and relationship development with families and

community as well as providing a support and navigation role for clients, families and carers.

ROYAL FAR WEST (NSW)

FY23 \$130,00

Total funding: \$914,400 over 7 years

Royal Far West supports rural and remote children aged up to age 12 with multidisciplinary health, education and disability services. CAGES Foundation has been supporting Royal Far West to partner with Connected Beginnings in a place based collective impact piece with Bourke District Children's Service, local schools and Maranguka community hub to reduce childhood developmental vulnerability in Bourke through allied health screening and flexible clinical services.

SNAICC (NATIONAL)

FY23 \$170,000

Total funding: \$1,157,000 over 10 years

SNAICC is the national voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. CAGES Foundation supports the leadership development and communications capacity and strengthened strategic engagement and advocacy so that SNAICC can continue to deliver outcomes that see Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children thriving, connected to culture and community.

Grounded in culture and guided by Elders

Marking over a million hours of learning and playtime, Mudyala Aboriginal Corporation is building future leaders, raising school attendance and strengthening culture and connections.

Yaegl woman Aneika Kapeen is Mudyala CEO and Community Engagement Worker.

"We realised that there was nothing for mob in the Clarence Valley region. We wanted an organisation with a core purpose of the wellbeing of our community. Not specialising in housing, legal and health."

Starting in 2019, Mudyala runs activities to engage at-risk and vulnerable children and youth, focusing on families who are struggling financially or socially so they can better support their children's needs.

Grounded in culture and guided by Elders, Mudyala programs build pride in, and uplift children and young people aged between 0 to 25.

"Mudyala staff are strong in the community, that's critical. They learn and enhance skills along the way. We supported the Yaegl Elders group to get back together, and run everything through them. They go and tell their grannies and by the time you are putting the application in everyone knows. So they are all waiting for it. If we don't get it, they say well try this funding. Everyone contributes."

Aneika's never give up approach means Mudyala makes it happen with limited resources.

"One of our contracts was to support 60 kids, and we supported over 300 kids. Funders asked 'How did you do that?' I replied, working with mob. It's not about what you know, it's who you know. You involve people you know will come. You must be connected with community."

Aneika recognised that CAGES Foundation valued Mudyala's way of working.



Image courtesy of Mudyala

"CAGES is flexible to community needs, they have the passion and drive to ensure that money is spent for the benefit of community. We work with people who really listen to us and understand what we need. This is for community, we are connected with community, we know our community, and run everything through the Elders, who are our cultural advisors."

Aneika Kapeen is Mudyala CEO and Community Engagement Worker



THE EARLY YEARS COMMUNITY GRANTS

COMMUNITY GRANTS provides one-off grants to Aboriginal controlled or led organisations providing early years services.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY HOUSING LIMITED (NSW)

\$25,000

Aboriginal Community Housing Limited (ACHL) is part of a growing independent national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community housing organisation. CAGES Foundation supported ACHL to build an Aboriginal Housing Strategy on Dunghutti country.

ABSEC (NSW)

\$10,000

AbSec is the peak organisation in NSW, empowering Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities impacted by the child protection system. CAGES Foundation funding facilitated yarning circles to develop an Aboriginal model of Attachment Theory.

ABSEC – NSW CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PEAK (NSW)

\$25,000

CAGES Foundation supported its annual conference that brings together a diverse range of stakeholders committed to the care and protection of Aboriginal children. CAGES funding helped ensure its accessibility, effectiveness and impact.

BUNJUM ABORIGINAL CORP (NSW)

\$40,000.00

Bunjum Aboriginal Corporation provides various support services to Goori People on Bundjalung Country. CAGES Foundation funded a storage container for the valuable resources of the Playgroup Cubby.

CASSE AUSTRALIA (NT)

\$25,000

CASSE Australia works in the Northern Territory with Aboriginal people and children at risk, to build positive futures. CAGES Foundation provided funding to capture feedback from the community to create educational resources about Cultural Healing Camps.

COOLAMON COMMUNITY INCORPORATED (NSW)

\$50,000

Coolamon Community assists Aboriginal Health Services and communities to provide ongoing support to families, to help give Aboriginal mums and babies the best start in life. CAGES Foundation funded 200 Coolamon Cribs and their contents.

GUREHLGAM CORP LTD (NSW)

\$49,953

Gurehlgam Corporation is a not-for-profit organisation supporting Aboriginal people and families in Northern NSW by enhancing their social and emotional wellbeing. CAGES Foundation provided funding for an Aboriginal educator to teach language and culture in the preschool.

THE EARLY YEARS COMMUNITY GRANTS

GUYAHYN ABORIGINAL LEARNING PROGRAM (AUSPICE MUWILLUMBAH COMMUNITY CENTRE) (NSW)

\$39,270

Guyahyn Aboriginal Learning Program supports Indigenous children aged 0 - 5 years, their parents, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles. CAGES Foundation supported the development of on Country Aboriginal early childhood cultural learning space.

KANYIRNINPA JUKURRPA (WA)

\$50,000

Kanyirninpa Jukurrpa (KJ) provide a wide range of initiatives that preserve Martu's rich cultural identity and supports significant conservation projects. CAGES Foundation supported Kanyirninpa Wangka Nantirra, including early learning bilingual and bicultural teaching activities and resources.

KWY ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (SA)

\$45,000

KWY Aboriginal Corporation supports Aboriginal people, families, and community. CAGES Foundation funded the Little Steps Program, supporting mothers who may have or are experiencing, family and domestic violence and/or child protection concerns.

MARNIN BOWA DUMBARA ABORIGINAL CORP (WA)

\$30,000

Marnin Bowa Dumbara Aboriginal Corporation supports women to be safe and improve their health and wellbeing. CAGES Foundation provided funding for an early learning childhood educator at its Shelter which is accessed by women escaping family domestic violence.

MIWATJ HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (NT)

\$50,000

Miwatj Health Aboriginal Corporation supports First Nations peoples across East Arnhem Land through clinical services, acute care and longer-term preventive care. CAGES Foundation funding aimed to improve nutrition outcomes for children 0-5yrs through education and activities.

NAMATJIRA HAVEN LTD (NSW)

\$30,000

Namatjira Haven supports Aboriginal men dealing with substance misuse, abuse and domestic violence issues, including a 14 bed centre supporting men on NSW North Coast. CAGES Foundation supported an Aboriginal Women's Circle to advise on the design of a safe space for women and children.

NGARAMURA INDIGENOUS CORPORATION (NSW)

\$46,000

Ngaramura Indigenous Corporation builds on the strength of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Māori and Pacifica communities. CAGES Foundation supported the development of the 'Stay home Safe' Program supporting children and young people to be at home and safe with their family.

REDFERN YOUTH CONNECT (AUSTRALIA) LTD (NSW)

\$30,000

Redfern Youth Connect provides youth with resources to become successful leaders in their home communities and leaders of tomorrow. CAGES Foundation funding supported the summer school holiday activities.

SAWCAN (AUSPICE NUNYARA ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE INC) (SA)

\$15,000

Nunyarra Aboriginal Health Service partners with other agencies to promote health and wellbeing with culturally appropriate primary health care for the Wyalla Aboriginal community. CAGES Foundation funded a strategic planning facilitator.



Community led and designed work creates its own synergy and gives greater return for value than projects that do not consider or have community ownership.

Maurita Cavanough, Director Jarjum Centre



THE EARLY YEARS COMMUNITY GRANTS

TOWRI ABORIGINAL CORP (NSW)

\$40,000

Towri Aboriginal Corporation has been supporting the Bathurst community for 30 years with culturally rich and safe learning for Aboriginal children. CAGES Foundation supported Towri with professional development, transport and food service.

WE AL-LI (NSW)

\$48,500

We Al-li provides a Culturally Informed Trauma Integrated Healing Approach (CITIHA) to training for individuals, families, communities and organisations. CAGES Foundation funded a mobile family outreach service to the Northern Rivers Community Healing Hub.

YALBILLINGA BOORI DAY CARE CENTRE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (NSW)

\$40,000

Yalbillinga Boori Day Care Centre has been supporting Aboriginal children in Cowra for over 35 years. CAGES Foundation supported the purchase of equipment and resources for more children to access culturally safe early childhood education and care.

YALU ABORIGINAL CORPORATION (NT)

\$50,000

Yalu Aboriginal Corporation supports the health and well-being of all Yolnu in Galiwin'ku with programs for youth, families and elders. CAGES Foundation supported a range of programs for children and young parents.

YENU ALLOWAH ABORIGINAL CHILD & FAMILY CENTRE (NSW)

\$30,000

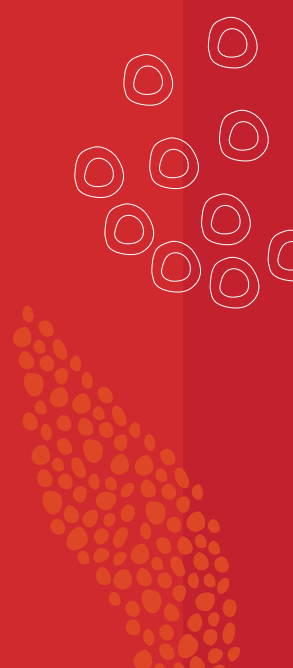
Yenu Allowah is an Early Learning Centre supporting families and children from birth to five years of age, including a preschool program. CAGES Foundation funding enabled all children to access speech and occupational therapy, cultural awareness and community.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are powerful story tellers, it is how our cultures have survived and thrived through colonisation and its ongoing impact. CAGES Foundation centre and amplify the voices of First Nations peoples in places we have long been silenced.

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Kerry Klimm CEO, flashblak



ECONOMIC INCLUSION

First Nation people are the first entrepreneurs and business people in Australia. Colonisation created structures that continue to prevent and exclude Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from wealth creation.

Our Economic Inclusion grants are designed to support the development of Indigenous-led solutions that encourage First Nations wealth creation.

The organisations we fund are working on a range of innovative economic solutions that celebrate First Nation thinking.

In FY23, we distributed \$455,000 in our Economic Inclusion grants scheme. Just over 98% of funds were distributed to Aboriginal controlled or led organisations.



Photo Courtesy of Indigigrow

ECONOMIC INCLUSION

FIRST AUSTRALIANS CAPITAL *National*

FY23 \$140,000

Total funding: \$745,000 over 7 years

First Australians Capital provides a range of resources to Indigenous businesses, including professional business support, networking and access to financial capital. CAGES Foundation has supported First Australians Capital operational expenses with a focus to market Australia's first Indigenous led impact investment fund.

CAGES Foundation is now playing the additional role with First Australians Capital of investor having invested \$2million from its corpus into the Indigenous led investment fund managed by First Australians Capital

FIRST HAND SOLUTIONS *NSW*

FY23 \$50,000

Total funding: \$220,000 over 5 years

First Hand Solutions aims to build resilient and strong Aboriginal people, communities and business through Culture, Employment and Economic Development. CAGES Foundation provided core funding for strategic work to develop a centralised place for First Nations businesses to congregate, mobilise and grow.

FIRST NATIONS FUTURES FUND *National*

FY23 \$50,000

Total funding: \$100,000 over 2 years

First Nations Futures provides a new funding platform that drives economic justice for First Nations communities. CAGES Foundation provided operational funding to support a governance gathering and narrative change campaigns.



Photo Courtesy of Indigigrow

ECONOMIC INCLUSION

MIYAY BIRRAY YOUTH SERVICE INC

NSW

FY23 \$40,000

First year funded

Miyay Birray supports Aboriginal and non-Indigenous young people, aged 12 to 18 in Moree by building partnerships with community, young people, business, organisations, government and educational institutions. CAGES Foundation supported start up costs for a social enterprise which will undertake construction work in the community providing employment and business opportunities for young people.

NGARRIMILI LTD

VIC

FY23 \$50,000

Total funding: \$60,000 over 2 years

Ngarrimili nurture Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business and entrepreneurship opportunities, through tailored, culturally informed support. CAGES Foundation supported First Nations Employment pathways within the First Nations Business, Retail & Arts Hub (Murrumbidgee).

ORIGINAL POWER

National

FY23 \$75,000

Total funding: \$345,000 over 5 years

Original Power builds the skills, capacity and collective capability of First Nations peoples to determine what happens in their communities and on their country. CAGES Foundation provided core funding to put First Nations voices at the front of the new energy conversation.

SEVGEN INDIGENOUS CORPORATION

QLD

FY23 \$60,000

Total funding: \$442,500 over 8 years

SevGen, an Indigenous-led social enterprise creates wellness through connections and relationships. CAGES Foundation provided core operational funding to allow SevGen to continue developing their social enterprises and developing their property, Galeru.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WORLD FORUM (AUSPICE WHITE BOX ENTERPRISES)

National

FY23 \$10,000

Total funding: \$30,000 over 2 years

White Box Enterprises works with social enterprises, government, investors and philanthropists to build, support and advocate for jobs-focused social enterprises. White Box co-hosted the Social Enterprise World Forum in Meeanjin (Brisbane) in September 2022. CAGES Foundation supported approximately 40 First Nations Entrepreneurs to attend the forum.

YILIYAPINYA

QLD

FY23 \$20,000

First year funded

Yiliyapinya supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to improve their memory, attention, brain speed and social skills through culturally enriched healing and education programs underpinned by the latest in neuroscience. This in turn will improve their ability to sustain employment and achieve in education. CAGES Foundation provided funding for a business development manager.

Our audited financial statements are available upon request or on our ACNC page.

SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (ARACY)

National

FY23 \$2,500

Total funding: \$5,000 over 2 years

ARACY brings people and knowledge together to grow capability across the sector, influencing decision making to help children thrive. CAGES Foundation supported its second instalment for facilitation of the Early Childhood Impact Alliance.

AUSTRALIAN PROGRESS (AUSPICE DHADJAWA FOUNDATION)

National

FY23 \$25,000

Total funding: \$125,000 over 3 years

Australian Progress plays a unique role in civil society, building the capacity of social change

organisations and movements to advocate and win. CAGES Foundation supported Passing the Message Stick, a groundbreaking multi-year project led by Dr Jackie Huggins, Larissa Baldwin-Roberts and Amelia Telford, with backbone support from Australian Progress and GetUp, to shift public narrative in support of First Nations justice and self-determination.

COLLABORATION FOR IMPACT (AUSPICE FOUNDATION FOR RURAL & REGIONAL RENEWAL)

National

FY23 \$21,000

Collaboration for Impact is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision for an equitable and inclusive society, building an influential movement. CAGES Foundation supported its Philanthropy Leadership for Systems Change course.

UNITY OF FIRST PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA

National

FY23 \$20,000

First year funded

Support for the investigation of more First Nations community led philanthropy.

MANIFERRA

National

FY23 \$100,000

Total funding \$260,000 over 3 years

CAGES Foundation participates as a member of Mannifera, a collective of Australian funders supporting civil society organisations pushing to strengthen our democracy and build a more inclusive economy. The collective is also committed to respectfully funding in the First Nations space through its First Nations-led grantmaking practice.

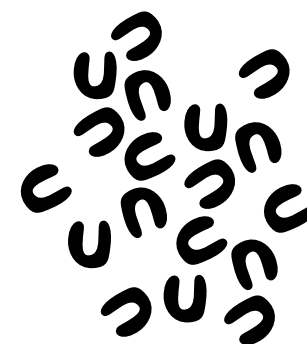
UNSW INDIGENOUS LAW CENTRE - ULURU DIALOGUES

National

FY23 \$100,000

Total funding \$300,000 over 5 years

The Uluru Dialogue pursued its mandate for a Constitutional Voice, visiting regional and remote communities for strategy work, advertising and community education. CAGES Foundation support was part of the Philanthropy Pledge and target of \$20M to support the "Yes" vote.







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