

Keedac 2022 Report



Wheatbelt Aboriginal Corporation





Wandoo Boodja

It is the mission of Keedac to improve the lives of our Aboriginal families in the Wheatbelt, situated between Perth and Kalgoorlie. Keedac is expanding and we aim to provide a holistic, comprehensive service, that lifts people out of poverty, provides mental health support, improves community engagement and teaches work-related skills and qualifications.

When people in WA think of Aboriginal people, they think of the remote deserts of the north-west. It is easy to forget that we have large Indigenous communities here in the Wheatbelt and south of WA. Even though our Wheatbelt people are immediately to the east of the Perth metro area, we share many of the challenges. Half of our land is classed as regional, half as remote, and we care for thousands of our Aboriginal family over nearly 10,000 square kilometres!

We are grateful to the many bodies that support our work and appreciate our own skills and knowledge which we put to good use, and look forward to making a difference, improving the life of the Wheatbelt community.

Leanne Kickett

Leanne Kickett, Chief Executive Officer, Keedac



The Board of Directors 2021/22



We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Wilmun people, the Ballardong Nyoongar people, their ancestors and Elders, and are committed to reconciliation amongst all Australians.

Narrogin members:

Vernon Bolton
Venessa McGuire
Chad Kickett
Francis Bolton

Northam member:

Kathy Davis
(One member retired during the year)

Keedac was set up in 1998 as an Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisation (ACCO) and is now in its 24th year.

Most Board members have been with Keedac since the beginning and, thanks to their guidance, it has grown into one of the most active ACCOs in the Wheatbelt.

2021/22 The Year in Review

WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED IN THE PAST YEAR

- Cared for families who are tenants of public housing to learn to care for their tenancy, through the Thrive program
- WAPHA psychosocial support program provider in Narrogin, caring for the mental health of community members
- Cared for families in Northam partnering with Wanslea, through programs of family care - IFSS FCS
- Narrogin Community Hub building work created a community meeting and support space, opening 2022
- Major building renovation program of our head office
- Board and management training and qualifications from AIM
- Strategic focus on expanding Keedac services in the Wheatbelt



Dept of
Communities

- Thrive housing program
- with Wanslea



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Communities**



WAPHA
(Allied
Health)

- NPSM
- Psychosocial Support



**WA Primary
Health Alliance**
Better health, together

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PERTH NORTH, PERTH SOUTH,
COUNTRY WA
An Australian Government Initiative

Keedac funded programs and services 2021/22

Aboriginal Community Centre Narrogin

Community Hub, a large enclosed multi purpose space:

- Training courses
- Yarning
- Morning teas
- Group meetings
- Client support
- Exercise
- Safe space
- Onscreen programs and video meetings
- Presentations



Best practice service provider



Keedac aims to be a best practice service provider.

It starts with training and qualifications.

In 2021 we were fortunate to receive funding from Lotterywest to fund professional training.

We are receiving this training from the Australian Institute of Management (WA).

The Board and senior management have completed the AIM(WA) Foundations of Governance certificate.

Our CEO, Leanne Kickett, is studying the Cert IV Leadership and Management with AIM(WA).

Given how challenging it is to get such high-level training in the regions, these are helping us develop the skills needed to expand and provide professional level support to our clients.

Shelley Payne MLA (left), WA State Parliament, presenting the Lotterywest grant to Vernon Bolton (Board member) and Leanne Kickett (CEO)

Professional qualifications

Bringing training to Narrogin!

Cert IV Mental Health

Narrogin is a regional town 200 km from Perth and struggles to attract qualified workers...

Qualified staff rarely move from Perth to Narrogin...

People in Narrogin can't afford to spend a year in Perth getting a qualification...

How to fix this? Keedac took the initiative!

With Clontarf College, we facilitated training in Narrogin during 2021.

In December 2021, we were proud to announce 10 students newly qualified with Certificate IV Mental Health!



In 2022/23 we are planning for more training in community services and mental health certificates.

Our goal is for all our staff to have training and an appropriate qualification, where possible.

Kaata-Koorliny Employment & Enterprise Development Aboriginal Corporation, trading as Keedac, is an Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisation (ACCO), a not-for-profit organisation, based in Narrogin, Western Australia, and Northam.

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OUR OBJECTIVES:

- to promote and further economic, employment, social and cultural development
- to support social development, education, enterprise development, job training and employment
- to advance trust and friendship among Australian people so that Aboriginality becomes a mark of respect
- to establish liaison with other Aboriginal Associations for mutual benefit
- to motivate, receive and spend money from the Government or other sources, to optimise benefits can be gained from initiatives
- generate income for the Corporation so that self-funding and self-steering reduces dependency.



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