



CARER CONNECT

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**Be happy with what you have,
Be excited about what you want.**

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CEO UPDATE

Hi all,

I hope everyone is well. With the crazy start to the year, I hope everyone is starting to feel some normality resume into your lives. I want to thank you all for the tremendous efforts you have provided during the COVID-19 health crisis; from the additional pressures in general and of course with schooling from home at the beginning of second term, I appreciate how tough things were for many. It was wonderful hearing from the team about how everyone adjusted and adapted, and to hear how resilient the children are, as they made big efforts to the changes.

Our services have resumed almost back to normal. I think the precautions around extra hygiene and social distancing is with us for longer, but this is all second nature to everyone now. The team did a sterling job seamlessly moving in to working from home, and then back to the office, you would think we did this all the time. I know it was stressful and challenging, but they managed like the true professionals they are.

As a team, we have been reflecting and exploring ways to enhance our service capacity to be able to provide innovative ways to deliver additional support and assist Foster and Kinship carers when they need this,

E.g. new carers of those with children who may have complex needs.

We have recently assessed that we are in a position to trail two new positions. The Intensive Family Support Worker role will work closely with carers to provide intensive in-home support to assist with the challenges impacting on the stability of a placement and the new Kinship Family Case Worker role, which will work closely with Child Safety, our Cultural Advisor and other agencies to identify Kin for children and/or young people living in a non-family based care arrangement to a family based kinship arrangement. We are excited to be able to include these roles into our service suite, with our goal to support foster and kinship carers so children and young people have the best possible experience they can, when they cannot live with their biological families.

Looking forward, we expect everything to progress like any other year. We will keep everyone updated as usual as further changes are rolled out; However, we expect that it will be business as usual from here on out.

All the very best.

Paula La Rosa, Althea Projects Incorporated CEO

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MEET THE TEAM

STAFF PROFILE

Hi, my name is Janine McFarlane, and I commenced at Shared Family Care in April 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions my first day/weeks were working from home. I feel very blessed to be here in this role and to have fulltime employment particularly under the current circumstances.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AT SHARED FAMILY CARE?

My role at Shared Family Care is Family Case Worker. I will be supporting Foster Carers in the Charters Towers and Townsville. I am looking forward to meeting everyone.

WHY DO YOU WORK IN THE SECTOR?

Since I was young girl I have had a passion for helping people particularly people who are unable to advocate for themselves. I wish we lived in a perfect world and our sector was not required but whilst it is I hope to play a part in giving a child a second chance in life to help them feel safe, secure, to reach their full potential, achieve their goals and live their best life.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF THE JOB?

There are so many positives in this position, meeting like-minded people, learning different cultures and family traditions, witnessing children meet and exceed their milestone... so many!! The most rewarding thing would be having the potential to change someone's life for the better.

IF NOT THIS ONE, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU LOVE TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW?

This is such a positive change for me so whilst I can't imagine being in a different job if I had to choose another I would be working with children as a Guidance Counsellor or in a position working with animals.

STAFF PROFILE

Hi, my name is Yana Bull, and I commenced at Shared Family Care on the 14th April 2020.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AT SHARED FAMILY CARE?

My role at Shared Family Care is Recruitment and Assessment Officer.

WHY DO YOU WORK IN THE SECTOR?

I am a social worker and passionate about supporting vulnerable families in our community. The world is a better place when we look after each other. Most importantly, my career focuses on supporting children and young people, to become the best that they can be, no matter how small of a change we may make – our children are the ones who will lead us into the next generation, create history and evolve our society.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF THE JOB?

My current role now supports and assesses the people who will care and support these children through their life. Children need positive and healthy role models to flourish, as well as the support to get back onto a healthy developmental level and heal trauma. As a part of social work, there is so many different layers and we work from a wholistic approach. Recruiting, training and assessing foster carers is just one of the layers in supporting vulnerable children. A child's environment is so very important in helping them grow and strive.

IF NOT THIS ONE, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU LOVE TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW?

I am happy doing this job!

STAFF PROFILE

Hi, my name is Joshua Burke, and I started with Shared Family Care at the beginning of May.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AT SHARED FAMILY CARE?

My role at Shared Family Care is a Family Support Worker.

WHY DO YOU WORK IN THE SECTOR?

I work in this sector to advocate for carers as many are undervalued. Foster carers are incredibly important to our community, opening their lives and homes to children in need.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF THE JOB?

The best part about this job is seeing carers take in children as their own and going above and beyond to enrich the lives of children in care.

IF NOT THIS ONE, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU LOVE TO BE DOING RIGHT NOW?

This is the industry I have always wanted to be part of, I see myself working with Shared Family Care for many years to come.

**PLEASE WELCOME
JANINE, YANA AND JOSH
TO THE SHARED FAMILY CARE
TEAM**

DONATIONS

CHILDREN CLOTHING, BABY ITEMS AND TOYS

Dear Carer's,

Shared Family Care have received a large amount of donations from people in the community.

The following have been donated, plus more;

- Clothes, size 00000 up to 5 and some size 8's up to 10's for boys and girls.
- Nappies, including cloth nappies.
- Soft plush toys, baby/toddler toys etc
- Baby bouncer
- Portable change table
- Shoes, various different sizes
- Aitkenvale School shirts, size 10, 8 & 6

Please call 4779 3332 and ask to speak with Admin or let your Case Worker know if you are interested in collecting any items for the children in your care.

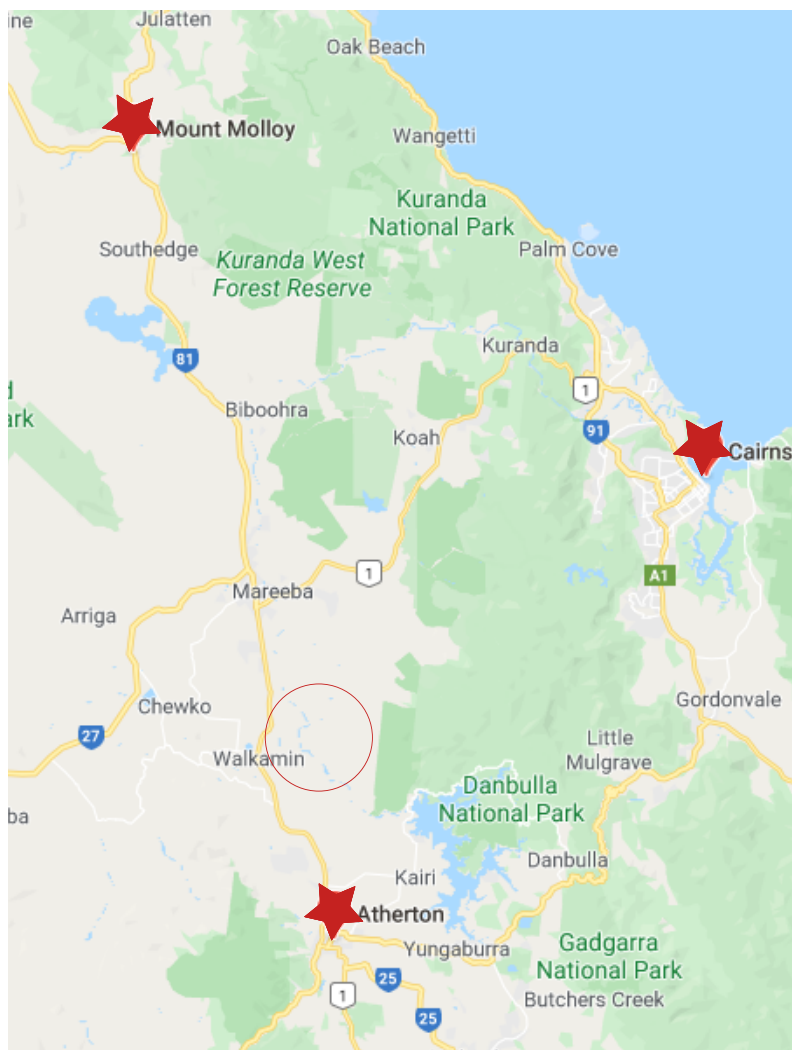


Please note:

These are all a generous donation, items will need to be washed or wiped over before used. Everything is in good condition, so if you're interested please come and collect, otherwise these will be donated to Lifeline Australia or St Vincent de Paul.

LEARNING LANGUAGE

Shared Family Care is going to make it a standing page in the Carer Connect Newsletter to have an indigenous Australian word and/or words and definition, as well as which tribe it originates from.



BIRI

means **FIRE** in the Djabugay language.

Pronounced 'Beer-ee'

The **Djabugay** language is spoken in the Cairns region extending along the hinterland and ranges from Mt Molloy towards Atherton and along the Upper Barron River.

RECONCILIATION AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27TH MAY - 3RD JUNE

The start of Reconciliation week was Wednesday 27 May and Reconciliation Australia requested that all peoples acknowledge the Traditional Owners.

Acknowledgement;

In keeping with the spirit of Reconciliation, on behalf of Shared Family Care, we acknowledge and pay our respects to the Bindal and Wulgurukaba peoples whose land we walk, work and live. We would also like to pay respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



NAIDOC SHIRTS 2020

ORDERING NAIDOC SHIRTS 2020 - THEME "ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE".

**The NAIDOC 2020 theme - Always Was, Always Will Be.
Recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this
continent for over 65,000 years.**

Always Was, Always Will Be, acknowledges this nation's story began at the dawn of time and didn't begin with documented European contact.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace and acknowledge the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples and we have maintained ongoing spiritual and cultural connections to the land and sea.

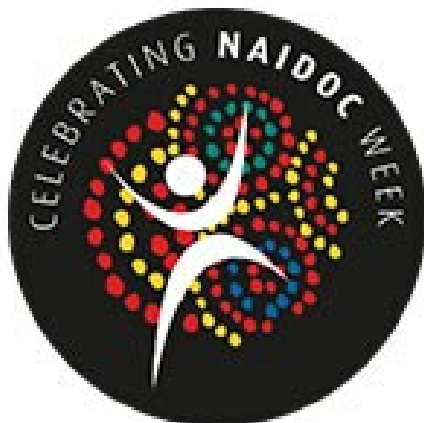
Due to COVID 19 we are unsure as to when we will be able to celebrate NAIDOC this year however, we would like to encourage each carer to think about purchasing a NAIDOC shirt for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in your care.

Please see the following webpages for deadly NAIDOC shirts;

BW Tribal: <https://bwtribal.com/collections/naidoc-2020>

Bundarra: <https://www.bundarra.org/pages/naidoc-2020>

Please contact Lena Watego at Shared Family Care.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
5-12 JULY 2020

BILLABONG SANCTUARY

EXCITING NEWS

BILLABONG SANCTUARY HAS RE-OPENED!

Just a reminder that Shared Family Care have access to Billabong Sanctuary available for Carers, children in care and biological children.

Billabong Sanctuary have a range of activities for a family fun day, with food services available at Blinky Bill's licensed cafe, including hot and cold drinks, freshly made meals and deserts, gluten free options are available too or you are welcome to pack a picnic and use there free gas bbq's on site.

Head over to their website to view opening and closing hours, show times and the facilities available. Please be aware of the COVID-19 restrictions that have been put in place to ensure all guests and staff members are safe, this can also be found on the Billabong Sanctuary website.

Please take note, there is a height requirements for handling Koala's, for the safety of your children and the Koala's.



and plenty more activities, visit the Billabong website www.billabongsanctuary.com.au or give the friendly staff there a call on (07) 4778 8344

LEARNER LICENSE COURSE

Learner License Course

In this course you will learn:

- 🚗 General road rules
- 🚗 Identify road safety issues
- 🚗 Understand road signs and conditions
- 🚗 Receive literacy and numeracy support
- 🚗 Learn in a supportive environment
- 🚗 Prepare for your written road rules test.

We have a 99% success rate!

Next course date:

Course duration: Monday to Wednesday, 8:45am to 3.00pm
Thursday (test) 8:30 to 11:30

Venue: Qld Youth Services, 16 Somers Street, Hyde Park. 4812

Cost: **Course:** \$100

Learners test: \$24.75

Payment for the test needs to be made directly to the Dpt of Transport after completing the course.

License fee: \$171.90

After successful completion of the test you will be eligible to buy your license on the following Monday. If you don't have the money for the license immediately, don't worry, your info will be in their system and you will have up to 5 years to pay. You won't be able to drive until you've paid for your license though.

Bookings are essential and places are limited. Complete and return the attached booking form to driverslicensesnq@gmail.com to reserve your place.



CARER CONNECT APP



Important update to Carer Connect!

In exciting news foster and kinship carers can now take photos of receipts and submit CRC requests for reimbursement directly to your local CSSC through the CarerConnect App.

Carers using the App will have noticed a new 'CRC Reimbursement' tab has been available since February and is there to help you submit CRC applications.

The App is available to all carers. Carers not already using the App can register via <https://carerconnect.communities.qld.gov.au/#/login-or-register>

For carers with frequent CRC, using the App can be a real time saver.

Changes to CRC Delegations!

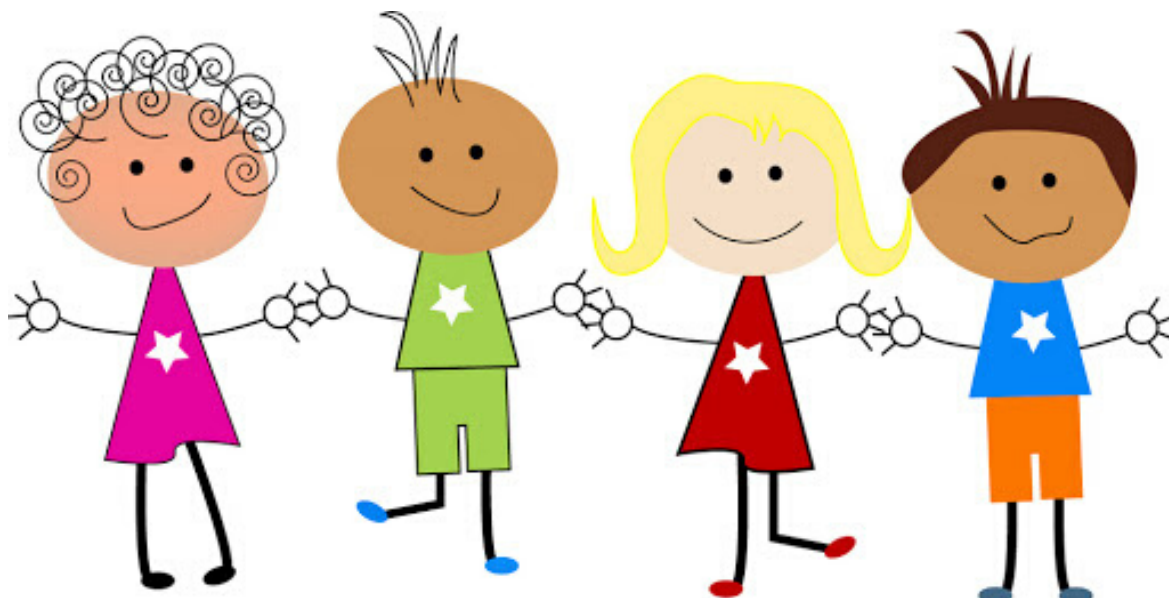
At the same time as improving the App, the Department has also introduced new financial delegations for Business Officers and Senior Business Officers to support quicker processing of CRC reimbursement under \$250.

These changes have been developed as a direct result of carer feedback through Partners in Care forums and should see real time improvements for carer reimbursements.

CAREGIVER TIP #2

Shared Family Care are going to make it a standing page in the Carer Connect Newsletter to have a Caregiver Tip.

1. **Seek support from other Carers. You are not alone!**
2. **Take care of your own physical, mental and spiritual health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved ones.**
3. **Accept offers of help and suggest things people can do to help you.**
4. **Learn how to communicate effectively with health and medical professionals.**
5. **Care giving can be hard work so take respite breaks when needed.**
6. **Be aware of signs of depression, anxiety etc and don't delay seeking professional help when you need it.**
7. **Be open to new ideas, technologies, supports that can help you.**
8. **Organise medical information regularly so it's up to date and easy to find.**
9. **Make sure legal documents are in order and kept in a safe place.**
10. **GIVE YOURSELF CREDIT FOR DOING THE BEST YOU CAN!**



Queensland Foster and Kinship Care

Become a FAST rep

FAST is a team of trained specialist local Foster and Kinship Carers who volunteer to provide advice, support and advocate on behalf of other Foster and Kinship Carers. FAST representatives are attached to one of seven regions across Queensland and have the capacity to provide advice, support and advocate to all carers in their regions. FAST representatives can also provide face to face supports to carer within proximity or tele link into meetings where needed. They provide a local avenue for Foster and Kinship Carers to receive advice, support and/or advocacy on individual matters.

Any carer is able to approach QFKC to become a FAST representative. A carer must fill out an application with a 'selection criteria' and a 'position description'. Once the application is received, QFKC seeks feedback from key stakeholders in the relevant region. An interview panel then takes place with the applicant to explore applicant's views on the role, what they hope to offer and other relevant areas. The applicant is then invited to attend two days of Induction training and then a final recommendation is made considering all of this information to QFKC's Executive Director.

Our Vision - Leave no child in foster care behind.

Our Mission - Represent, Advocate, Inform, Support and Excel.

Our goal - To contribute to the development of an inclusive, responsive and fair foster care system.

To learn more about becoming a FAST representative, carer, events that are happening, news and/or training, **visit www.qfkc.com.au**

To speak to someone over the phone, call **(07) 4779 9513**



Health Assessments

For children in Out-of-Home Care

Attention
carers

Why Health Assessments?

Evidence suggests that children in Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) are more likely to have poorer physical, mental, and developmental health than their peers. Only three per cent of young people in OOHC are reported to be without health problems.

In accordance with elements of the *National Clinical Assessment Framework for Children and Young People in Out-of-Home Care* (OOHC), the Department of Child Safety Youth and Women (DCSYW) funded a state-wide strategy for PHNs to develop a project to improve health outcomes for children in OOHC.

Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN) have engaged with stakeholders throughout Townsville to develop a localised Health Pathway for children in OOHC and are currently trialling children through the pathway.

While the project is still in its infancy stages, DCSYW are identifying children suitable for the trial. Eventually all children coming into care and being placed on orders (and those already in care) will partake in the health screens.

Carer involvement in the project:

- Identify GP/practice of preference or one that is familiar with the process
- schedule an appointment and attend the preliminary assessment with the child, taking authority to care and any other helpful information to the visit
- schedule an appointment and attend the oral health assessment with the child, taking authority to care and any other helpful information to the visit
- schedule an appointment and attend the comprehensive assessment with the child
- schedule an appointment and attend any specialist referrals with the child, taking authority to care and any other helpful information to the visits.

Within 30 days of a child entering care

An appointment is made with GP for preliminary health check and screening.

Within 90 days of a child entering care

The child returns to the GP for a comprehensive health check. A health Management Plan is completed. Referrals are made to specialist services, if required.

Health reports

Child Safety receive all medical information and reports resulting from assessments and screening throughout the process. This information is stored on the child's file for safe keeping and presented to the child on transitioning from care. No identifying information is shared with NQPHN.

Information and reports

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RESOURCES

If any of these interests you, please let your Case Worker know. That way you will have the chance to borrow out these resources.

Title: Brain Development for Babies (DVD)

Authors: Nathan Wallis

Information about the human brain has exploded in the last 20 years - we have learnt more than in the previous 300 years! The bad news is that the advice your well-meaning family gives you is largely unaware of any of this.

In

fact in some cases, the advice they give has now been proven by science to be completely wrong. Nathan Wallis is a New Zealand University Lecturer in Human Development who has built up an international reputation as a lively,

humorous and engaging speaker on brain development. This easy to follow introduction allows the parent to separate the myths from the research and describes in a nutshell the stuff parents really want to know - what they can do to help their baby's brain reach full potential. As well as teaching neuroscience, Nathan is a father, step father and foster parents which gives him the insight to be able to apply this knowledge to everyday life.

Title: The Teenage Brain (DVD)

Author: Nathan Wallis

13-19 years. The teenage years can be some of the most rewarding and memorable times we spend with our children, and also some of the hardest parenting we ever do! Many of us think that today's youth are more self-obsessed, defiant and unmotivated than ever before, but a quick look at history tells us this is not new! Plato wrote in the 1st century b.c that teenagers.....now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in the place of exercise. They are now tyrants.....They contradict their parents and tyrannize their teachers. In fact, these are inscriptions on the pyramids from 6000 years ago that say the same thing! Brain scans have given us insight into why this is and the radical changes the brain goes through in the teenage years. Understanding these changes and how to best work with them can help us to make those years a much more pleasurable experience! Nathan Wallis gives a straight forward and easy to follow explanation of these changes, with practical and grounded advice on how to navigate our way through the often turbulent, teenage years.



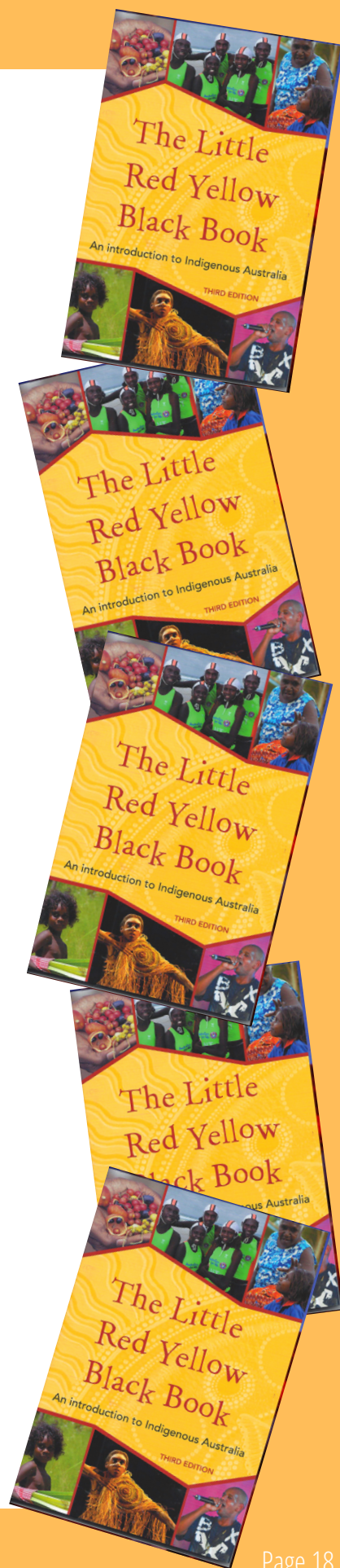
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This updated edition of The Little Red Yellow Black Book is an authoritative introduction to indigenous Australia. Featuring real-life case studies and covering history, culture, arts, sports, languages, population, health, education and the workforce, governance, resistance, and reconciliation. Written in a first-person, Indigenous voice from an Indigenous perspective, the book offers something for everyone: from sport to educations, arts and theatre to governance, history to Indigenous tour operators, native title to health, and much more.



Older and newer editions can be purchased online or your local book store.



RECONCILIATION GRANT

SECOND ROUND - APPLICATIONS OPEN JULY 3RD & CLOSE AUGUST 14TH

Althea Projects welcomes funding applications for those who may be experiencing barriers to their educational advancement or inclusion to participate, due to lack of money. With this grant you can apply for the following; Text books, laptops, uniforms or other equipment for educational purposes, sporting costs, courses or training fees and school activities. Please note that Althea will not accept applications for the following requests; Mobile phones, household items, daily living expenses, food or rental costs.

Eligibility to apply

You are eligible to apply if you meet the following criteria;

- You identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- You are any age
- You live in the Townsville and surrounding areas such as Palm Island, Charters Towers, Hughenden, Ayr, Home Hill and Ingham.
- You are an individual or group.
- Your intended application is based up on a funding request that would assist you/your team towards reaching a goal.

Grant size

Althea Projects allocates \$10,000 per year to grants. Althea Projects aims to provide as many grants as possible per year within this allowance.

Given this, applications of up to \$1500 will be preferred.

If the funding amount you require is larger than this, you can still apply, and Althea Projects may approve the total or may approve a portion of what is being requested in which to provide you with some assistance towards your goals.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

ROUND 3 - OPEN JULY 2020

Great news,

Round 3 of the Fair Play vouchers have now opened. Carers, parents or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for their child, which can be used towards sports and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees. To find out the registered activity providers, terms and conditions and more information go to:

www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funing/fairplay/apply

Before applying you need to check if your child is eligible, you can apply if your child;

- is a Queensland resident, aged from 5 to 17 years (inclusive) at the time of application
- has not received a Fair Play voucher this year
- holds, or whose parent, carer or guardian holds, a valid Department of Human Services Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with the child's name on it.

If your child is eligible, you will need to create a QGrants account to apply and if your application is successful, your voucher will appear and a copy will be send to your email address (Please note: you may need to check your junk mail).

We're a
FairPlay
activity provider



GROWING UP IN QUEENSLAND 2020

MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD!

The growing up in Queensland program is to give young people the opportunity to share their life experiences in Queensland, as the voices of children and young people can often be the least heard.

The program gathers information about what is important to children and young people, what their communities are like and what their hopes and dreams are for the future. Please encourage the children and young people in your care to participate and have their say, also inform your networks about this campaign.

- Youth survey available online for young people aged 13-18 years
- Postcard questions, available online for children and young people aged 8-18 years
- Junior survey, available online for children aged 8-12 years
- Art activity, available online for children aged 4-7 years

To find out more information about *Growing up in Queensland 2020*, or to complete the survey, please visit; **www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/growingup**

Please read message from Cheryl Vardon, Principal Commissioner of the Queensland Family and Child Commission, found on the Growing up in Queensland 2020 website.

Participate in
**GROWING UP IN
QUEENSLAND**
2020



CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

As you may be aware the Federal Government has announced an end to the temporary Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package, introduced on 6 April 2020, to provide parents and carers with free childcare during the COVID-19 pandemic. The end of the relief package comes following the easing of our COVID-19 restrictions and an increase in demand for childcare.

From 13 July 2020, the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) will return, with some new transition measures to support the childcare sector, parents and carers as they move back to the subsidy. It is important to make a claim for, and be eligible for CCS (even if your entitlement amount is zero), to minimise or avoid any out of pocket expenses when the CCS returns on 13 July 2020.

You may also be eligible for the Additional Child Care Subsidy Child Wellbeing (ACCS Child Wellbeing). The ACCS (Child Wellbeing) provides a higher rate of assistance with the cost of childcare. Your childcare provider will need to submit this claim on your behalf.

Further information on how to claim the CCS can be found on the Federal Government's Service Australia website:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-claim>

Please note, Fact sheets for the Evidence Requirements, what is the Child Care Subsidy and Foster Carers and the ACCS have been sent to you through email. If you have not received these please contact Shared Family Care on 4779 3332

CARER AND CHILDREN SURVEY'S

Hi all Carers,

2020 Foster and Kinship Carer Satisfaction Survey's will be coming out soon. You will receive an email from your Case Worker with the link to complete the survey. Note, if you aren't able to find the email please check your spam and/or junk box.

Children surveys will also be coming, these are a paper copy so you will receive it from your Case Worker. Please ensure you get your children to complete these surveys, you're welcome to help. Surveys have been divided into 0-12 years and 13-18 years.

Remember, we are continuously working on improving our service so ask that you respond to the survey questions honestly in order to help us improve where required. Shared Family Care will also ensure that your responses are kept confidential.

HAVE

YOUR

SAY



Yes

No

DATES FOR 2020

Public Holidays

New Year's Day - Wednesday, 1 January
Australia Day - Monday, 27 January
Good Friday - Friday, 10 April
Easter Saturday - Saturday, 11 April
Easter Sunday - Sunday, 12 April
Easter Monday - Monday, 13 April
ANZAC Day - Saturday, 25 April
Labour Day - Monday, 4 May
Queen's Birthday - Monday, 5 October
Christmas Day - Friday, 25 December
Boxing Day - Saturday, 26 December
Boxing Day Holiday - Monday, 28 December

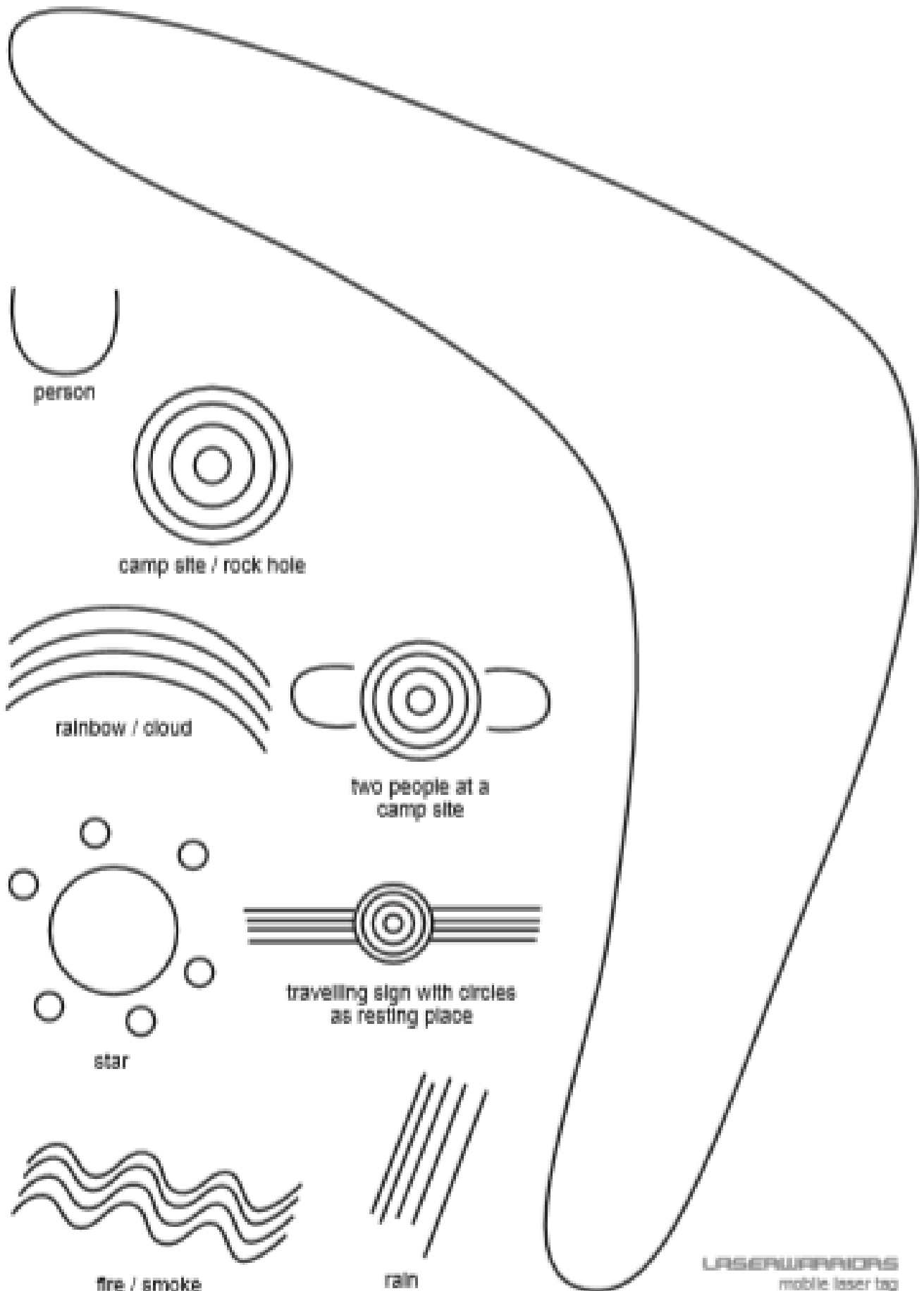
School Holidays

Term 1 Holidays - Saturday, 4 April 2020 to Sunday, 19 April 2020
Term 2 Holidays - Saturday, 27 June 2020 to Sunday, 12 July 2020
Term 3 Holidays - Saturday, 19 September 2020 to Monday, 5 October 2020
Term 4 Holidays - Saturday, 12 December 2020 to Tuesday, 26 January 2021

Significant Dates

National Apology day - Thursday, 13 February
National Close the Gap Day - Tuesday, 17 March
Harmony Day - Saturday, 21 March
Playgroup Week - March
National Pyjama Day - Friday, 17 April
Foster and Kinship Week - April
Mother's Day - Sunday, 10 May
National Families Week - Friday, 15 May to Thursday, 21 May
National Sorry Day - Tuesday, 26 May
National Reconciliation Week - Wednesday, 27 May to Wednesday, 3 June
Torres Strait Islander flag launched, 1992 - Friday, 29 May
MABO Day - Wednesday, 3 June
'The coming of the light' anniversary, 1871 - Wednesday, 1 July
Laura Dance Festival - Friday, 3 July - Sunday, 5 July
NAIDOC Week - Sunday, 5 July
Aboriginal flag first flown, 1971 - Sunday, 12 July
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day - Tuesday, 4 August
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples - Sunday, 9 August
International Youth Day - Wednesday, 12 August
Indigenous Literacy Day - Wednesday, 2 September
Anniversary of the UN Declaration of the rights of Indigenous People 2007 - Sunday, 13 September
Palm Island Spring Festival - Friday, 4 September
Father's Day - Sunday, 6 September
R U OK Day - Thursday, 10 September
National Child Protection Week - Sunday, 6 September to Saturday, 12 September
National Children's Week - Saturday, 24 October to Sunday, 1 November
Uluru is returned to traditional owners, 1985 - Monday, 26 October
Remembrance Day - Wednesday, 11 November
Human Rights Day - Thursday, 10 December

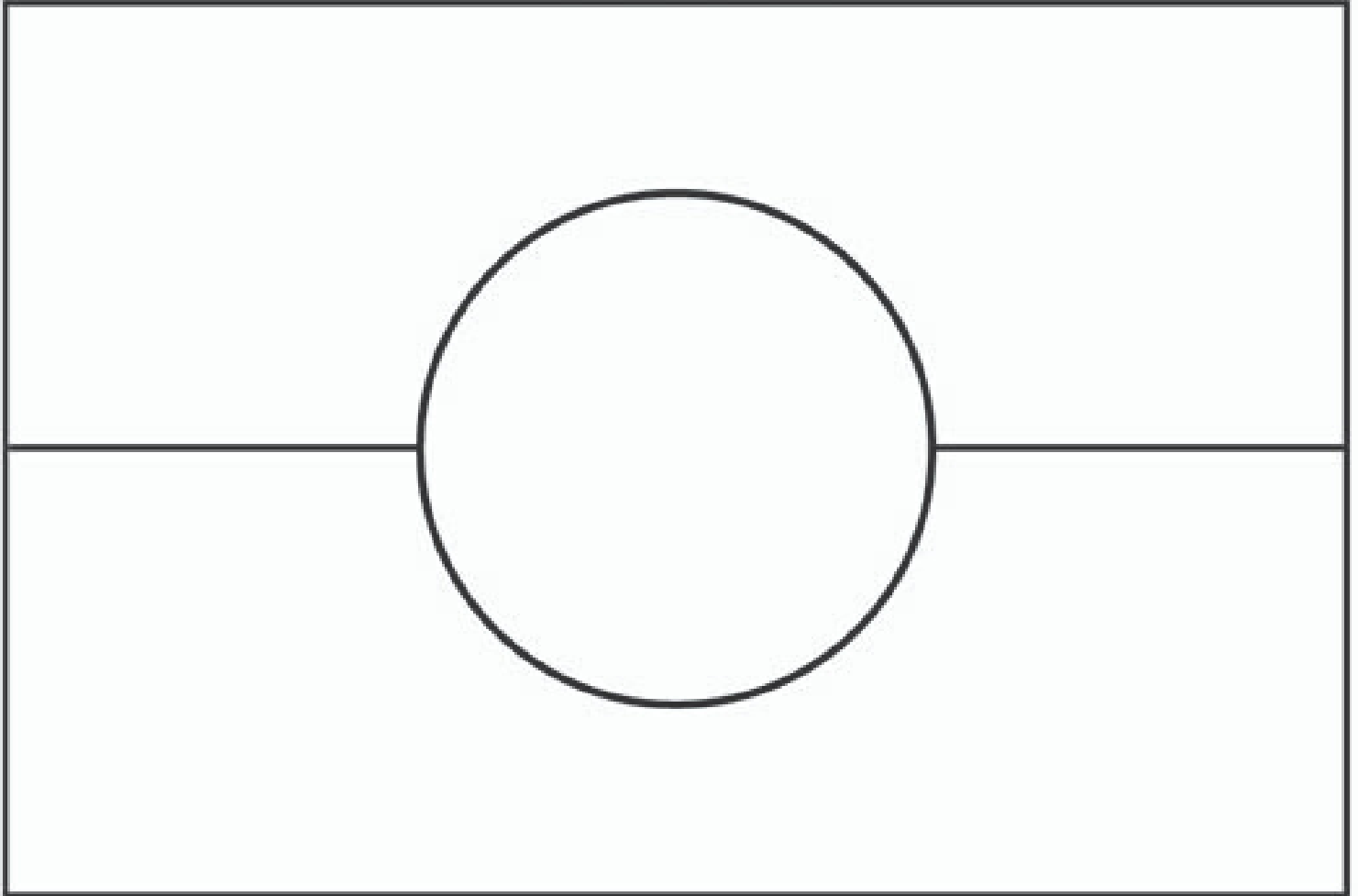
DECORATE THE BOOMERANG



KIDS CORNER

COLOUR AND LEARN - ABORIGINAL FLAG

Aboriginal Flag



The meaning of the Aboriginal flag colours are:

BLACK - represents the Aboriginal people of Australia.

YELLOW - represents the sun, the giver of life and protector.

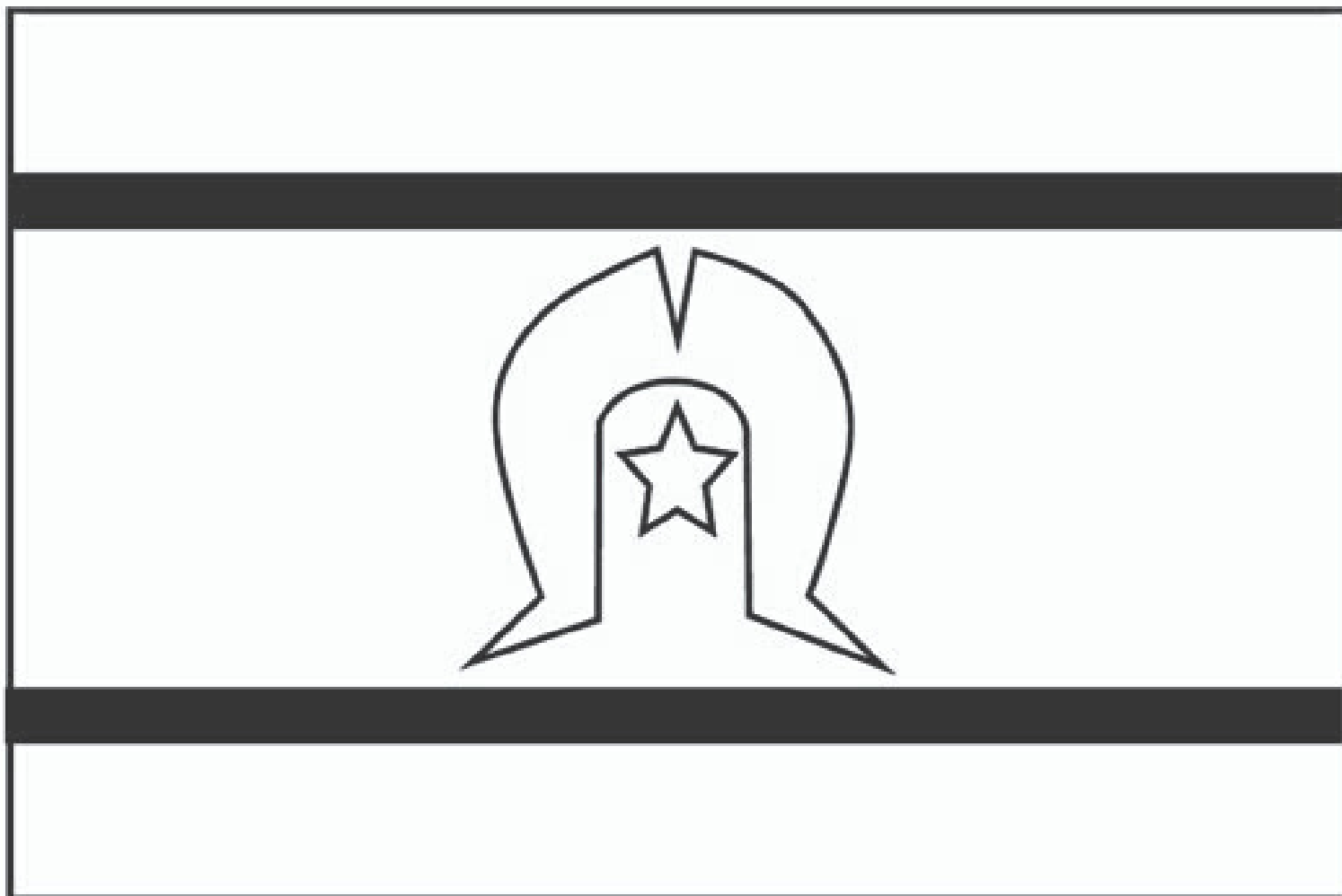
RED - represents the red earth, the red ochre used in ceremonies and Aboriginal people's spiritual relation to the land.



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COLOUR AND LEARN - TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FLAG

Torres Strait Islander Flag



The meaning of the Torres Strait Islander flag colours are:

GREEN - symbolises the land.

BLUE - represents the waters of the Torres Strait.

BLACK - signifies the Torres Strait Islanders themselves.

WHITE - symbolises peace

WHITE STAR - represents the five major island group.

WHITE DHARL - symbolises the Torres Strait Islander People (Dancer's headdress).



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