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New Management Committee for 2005

Following the Annual General Meeting held at the end of November 2004, the following people were elected to the Management Committee

Executive Members

CHAIRPERSON:- Allan (Oopy) Campbell

VICE CHAIRPERSON:- Jodie Satour

TREASURER:- Mitch

SECRETARY:- Donna McMasters

PUBLIC OFFICER:- Kenny Windley

Additional Committee Members are:
Liz Moseley; Marita AhChee; Herbie Laughton; William Tilmouth; Harold Nayda; Daniel Forrester; Harold Furber; Muhammad McKee; and Zita Wallace.

The Management Committee meets approximately every 6 weeks to direct and review CASG&FAC Business.

NATIONAL LINK-UP FORUM 2005

We have recently been informed by the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) that the National Link-Up Forum 2005 will be held in Alice Springs from 9 to 12 May. The National Link-Up Forum brings together caseworkers from the Link-Up Services around Australia to talk about what they are doing, and learn from each others' experiences. Around 50 people are expected to come to Alice Springs for the Forum .

OATSIH has asked CASG&FAC to help organise the 2005 Forum. It will be a wonderful opportunity for CASG&FAC to showcase its achievements and demonstrate to the Link-Up funding body (OATSIH) the professionalism of the corporation.

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*CASG&FAC Members at the
AGM in November 2004*

Site Allocated for Stolen Generations Garden in Alice Springs

After a long consultation process to identify possible sites for a Stolen Generations Memorial Garden in Alice Springs, CASG&FAC has accepted an offer for the garden to be developed in Desert Knowledge Precinct. The Desert Knowledge Precinct is being developed opposite Yirara College.

CASG&FAC is waiting to hear back about the exact location of the garden in the Desert Knowledge Precinct from the Landscaping Committee. Once CASG&FAC has the details about the size and location of the space allocated for the Garden, all members will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss options for how the garden will look. We hope that we will be able to hold this meeting sometime in March or April 2005. We will write to all members advising them of the time and date for this meeting as soon as the date has been set.

To promote the Stolen Generations Memorial Garden more widely in the community, we are arranging a 'ground-breaking' ceremony. If it all goes as we hope, it should coincide with National Sorry Day on 26 May 2005.

The Items in the Information Kits sent to schools in Alice Springs

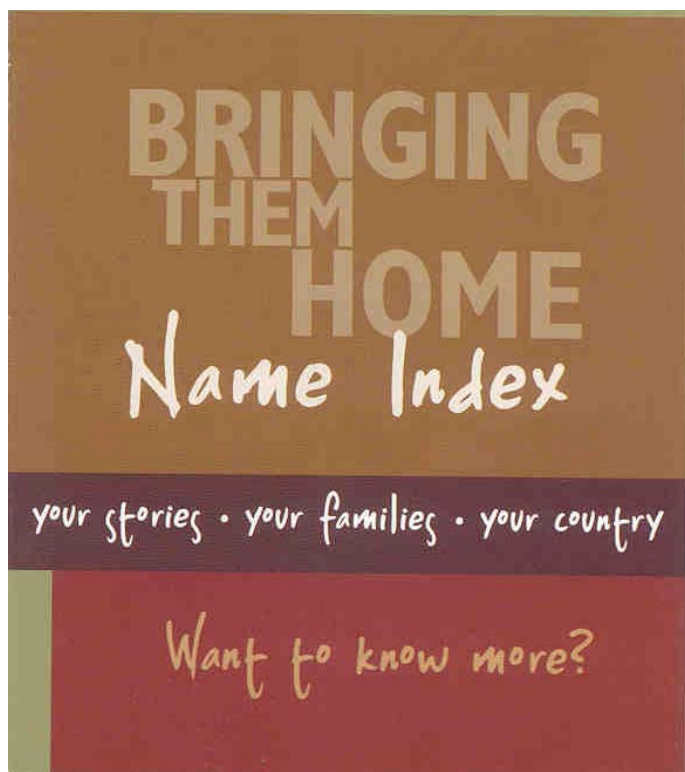
Schools Information Kits sent to all the Schools in Alice Springs

As part of CASG&FAC's Education and Promotion Program, CASG&FAC Members regularly give talks about the Stolen Generations to students at the schools in Alice Springs. Towards the end of 2005, CASG&FAC Members spoke to over 400 students as part of the program of Schools Talks.

To make the talks with school students better for the schools, we have put together a Schools Information Kit. It contains a number of items including, a list of useful publications about the Stolen Generations people, the report from the *Going Home Conference* in 1994, as well as information about the Link-Up Service and National Sorry Day.

The Schools Information Kits were sent to all the schools in the Alice Springs area at the beginning of 2005. Booking for Schools Talks can be arranged by contacting Toni at the CASG&FAC Office on 8953 3899.





The National Archives of Australia has recently completed a major project to index names relating to Aboriginal people that appear in Commonwealth Government Files. The Index has been done to help Aboriginal people find information about themselves, and to find stories about their families or their country. On request, National Archives staff in Darwin will search the Index to see if your family name is mentioned.

It is important to understand that the Index contains:

- Names of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People;
- Names of non-indigenous people related to, or associated with Indigenous people; and
- Names of missions, stations and institutions where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander have lived.

The Index does not contain information about the people named—you would need to request access to the files to read any details about the people.

The Caseworkers at CASG&FAC are able to help CASG&FAC members to request National Archives to search the Index. CASG&FAC is negotiating with National Archives to be able to access the index from a location in Alice Springs instead of sending requests to Darwin.

Departures from the Management Committee

Two of CASG&FAC's Founding Members and members of previous Management Committees, Alec Kruger and Anne Williams, have decided not to continue on the Management Committee in 2004/2005. Both people, through their personal effort, have contributed to making CASG&FAC a strong organisation. Our thanks goes out to both people.

Staff Departure

Sarah Garrett, our Project Officer, has resigned at the end of February 2005. Sarah has won a Scholarship to train to become a qualified Land Valuer. She is sad to be leaving CASG&FAC, but the scholarship opportunity is far too good to turn down. Everyone who has worked with Sarah during her time at CASG&FAC wishes her well for her studies.

Funding for the Link-up Service Beyond 2006

The Commonwealth Government funds the Link-Up Services through the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH). The current funding commitment by the Commonwealth Government is due to end in June 2006.

Members of the CASG&FAC Management Committee will be meeting with senior officials from OATSIH in March 2005 to discuss Link-Up funding beyond 2006. We will report on those discussions in the next newsletter.



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