Out of the box & in country

Tracking stories to collaboratively develop and evaluate an Indigenous-led wellbeing innovation in remote Australia



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- Living & working in northern & central Australia for 20+ years
- Relationships of trust with Indigenous people & organisations
- Early adopter of DE in Australia



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NPY Women's Council covers an area of 350,000 sq km in the tri-state region of NT, SA and WA. This includes 26 remote Aboriginal Communities and smaller homelands.



Uti Kulintjaku Project - NPY Women's Council

Uti Kulintjaku – to listen, think & understand clearly

- Innovative, relationships-based Anangu-led mental health literacy project
- Aims to increase bi-cultural understandings of mental health & wellbeing
- Working at multiple levels
- Interface of different knowledge systems
- Creating a new Anangu-led system within the mental health and wellbeing sector



...making the marks in the sand. I tell [my family] that it's really important for them to take in what I am telling them and learn from it.

I am not just making pictures, I'm telling them important information in the stories that I tell them. It's educating them.

Maringka Burton (2017)





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This evaluation is the record in our language of our thinking that has grown and will keep on growing.

Nyunmiti Burton





Drawing by Margaret Smith

Reach of the Uti Kulintjaku Project





Anangu concepts relating to evaluation

Kuli<u>l</u>katinyi

Thinking, listening, understanding as you go along and over a period of time

Nyakukatinyi

Looking at or for something as you go along and over a period of time

Palya<u>l</u>katinyi

Making/doing something as you go along and keeping doing something over a period of time

Uti Kulintjaku Project









Evaluating the Uti Kulintjaku Project





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