

Men's healing – a new national focus

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men are coming together in Darwin today to strengthen their role as protectors and nurturers of families and children. The Healing Foundation is bringing men together as part of the Our Men Our Healing project.

The Our Men Our Healing project focuses on the role and development of men in:

- nurturing and growing our children strong and healthy
- maintaining our cultural knowledge and ensuring its survival
- caring for our family and community safety

'Men's healing has lacked a strong focus but we know our men's wellbeing is critical to our children's and families' wellbeing' Healing Foundation Chair Charles Passi said. 'Healing is a journey. By bringing our men together as protectors of our communities we are encouraging healing within families.'

The work being done by this group is guiding the development of Our Men Our Healing project, as well as assisting to build the Healing Foundation's understanding and support of men's healing nationally. This is vital to the wellbeing of our communities.

The Healing Foundation is committed to ensuring that men are represented in all our work and we are calling for expressions of interest for men to be part of our Stolen Generations Reference Group. For more information go to www.healingfoundation.org.au

The Healing Foundation supports culturally strong, locally run Indigenous healing programs around Australia and funds education and research on Indigenous healing. These programs grow our kids strong, support members of the Stolen Generations, assists communities to build cultural strength and skill up workers.

More information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation is available at www.healingfoundation.org.au. You can also find us on facebook at www.facebook.com/healingfoundation and on twitter @HealingOurWay

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