
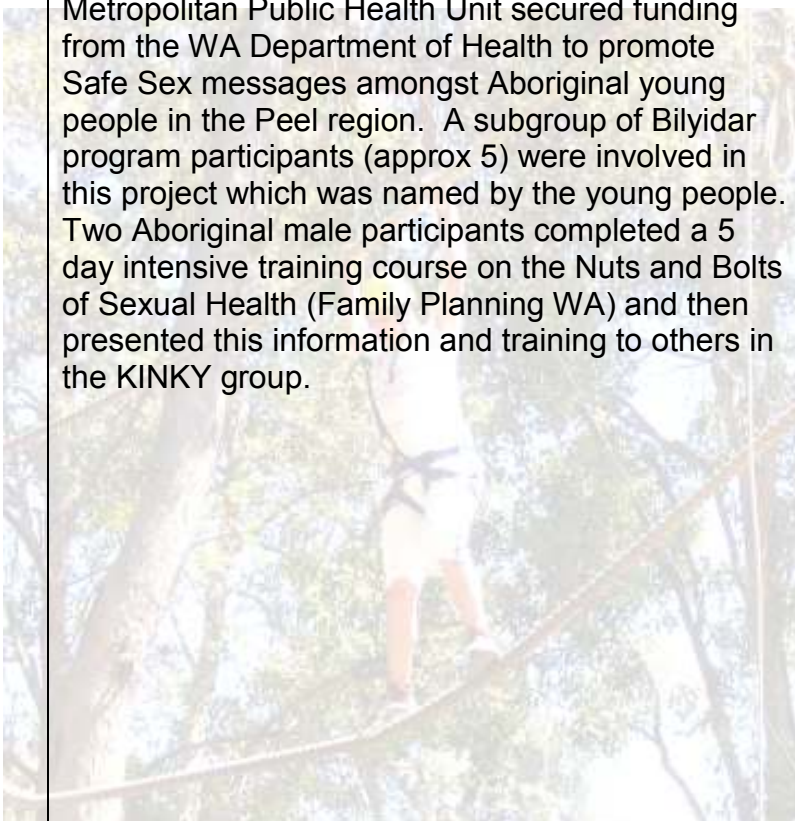


Key Achievements Bilyidar Program 2004 & 2005

Area	2004	2005
Retention rate of participants in the program	18 of the 21 participants remained engaged (69% retention rate) for the duration of the program	11 of the 17 participants remained engaged (65% retention rate) for the duration of the program
Number of applications received	65 applications were received for the 31 positions offered	36 applications were received for the 25 positions offered
Composition of participants	<p>8 Aboriginal males 5 Non Aboriginal males 4 Aboriginal females 8 Non Aboriginal females.</p> <p>Note: There were 31 positions offered to participants with only 25 young people actually making it to the departure destination on the morning the 2004 trip commenced.</p>	<p>2 Aboriginal males 4 Non Aboriginal males 8 Aboriginal females 5 Non Aboriginal females.</p> <p>Note: There were 25 positions offered to participants with only 17 young people actually making it to the departure destination on the morning the 2005 trip commenced.</p> <p>Two of the program participants were disabled and experienced full participation in program activities.</p>
Employment and training outcomes	<p>Prior to the commencement of Bilyidar 2004 program 11 of the participants were disengaged from the community, especially in relation to employment and training. By the conclusion of the program 81% (9) of these young people were engaged in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x training and employment 2 x employment 3 x employment programs 1x TAFE 1x employment & TAFE 1 x training and TAFE 	<p>A three week job search training course was offered to participants in November 2005, through Community First Inc. It was designed to give the young people from the Bilyidar program an opportunity to look at the specific skills required to obtain employment and how to achieve these skills. Six 2005 Bilyidar participants and one leader attended the course.</p>

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Feedback	<p>Positive feedback from parents/families of program participants after the trip was completed include;</p> <p><i>“Thankyou for giving my son the opportunity to find his true self as he is a great person and is starting to like himself and see a positive future.”</i></p> <p><i>“The trip has made him more tolerant and he communicates better.”</i></p> <p><i>“She feels better about herself and starting to speak more and not so scared.”</i></p> 	<p>Written responses from some of the young people to the question, “What you have learnt or what has changed for you being involved in Bilyidar”, include:</p> <p><i>“Being more comfortable and confident talking in front of people”</i> (responses from 3 young people)</p> <p><i>“More understanding about culture”</i></p> <p><i>“Be patient and tolerant of others”</i> (responses from 3 young people)</p> <p><i>“Need to be more positive and look on the brighter side of life”</i></p> <p><i>“It was a wonderful experience, I would never have seen the land or the people”</i></p> <p><i>“I can get along with people I don’t know anything about”</i></p> <p><i>“I can step outside my comfort zone and overcome challenges”</i></p> <p><i>“I learnt a lot about my culture and it made me happy because I can now tell so many stories.”</i> (responses from 3 young people)</p>
More outcomes	<p>KINKY – Keeping Indigenous Needs Kool for Youth project.</p> <p>Community First Inc., in partnership with the South Metropolitan Public Health Unit secured funding from the WA Department of Health to promote Safe Sex messages amongst Aboriginal young people in the Peel region. A subgroup of Bilyidar program participants (approx 5) were involved in this project which was named by the young people. Two Aboriginal male participants completed a 5 day intensive training course on the Nuts and Bolts of Sexual Health (Family Planning WA) and then presented this information and training to others in the KINKY group.</p> 	<p>A strong partnership was developed with the Koolungka group in Busselton. During the first gathering of participants at Margaret River (prior to going on the camp), the Bilyidar group met and spent time with the Koolungka group. The Koolungka group continued to have contact with Bilyidar and attended the community festival in Jan 2006. Bilyidar staff, participants and training team members will be supporting the Busselton group to develop and fund and similar program to Bilyidar in their community.</p> <p>Presentation on the Bilyidar program was given at the 2005 National Health Promotion Conference in Canberra.</p>

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Community Festival	<p data-bbox="277 91 885 159">Bilyidar Community Cultural Festival Friday 12th Nov 2004</p> <ul data-bbox="277 165 885 1346" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="277 165 885 309">• Twelve Bilyidar program participants were heavily involved in this project from writing funding submissions, through to coordinating the event. <li data-bbox="277 315 885 495">• The Festival was attended by 200 young people, families and community members. Many people who had been hesitant at the commencement of the program, attended the Festival. <li data-bbox="277 501 885 757">• 100 guests attended the formal opening of the Festival. This included representatives from local organisation, state and government politicians, members from Mt Pierre Station, elders and people of respect from the Peel region. <li data-bbox="277 763 885 1077">• Wardong Dance Group gave two amazing performances during the night, Aboriginal Art workshops were offered, and an Aboriginal band – ‘The Yowarliny Singers’ a five piece female Aboriginal band, presented two sets including some of their original tracks. The number of people dancing was an indication of their popularity. <li data-bbox="277 1084 885 1263">• Thirty framed poster size prints of the photos participants had taken on the trip were set up around the Festival. 2 Hip-Hop dance workshops were offered. <li data-bbox="277 1270 885 1346">• Traditional Aboriginal foods were available to sample for free. 	<p data-bbox="904 91 1528 125">We R 1 Community Festival 17th Jan 2006.</p> <ul data-bbox="904 132 1528 757" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="904 132 1528 237">• 11 program participants and leaders were involved in planning and implementing this event. <li data-bbox="904 244 1528 309">• Festival attended by 174 people, mostly teenagers with some families. <li data-bbox="904 315 1528 495">• 119 attended the formal part of the festival. Most of the people were family and friends of those involved in the Bilyidar program as well as invited local agencies. <li data-bbox="904 501 1528 757">• There were two Hip hop workshops, two belly dance workshops, bubblemania, a treasure hunt, 2 performances of traditional Aboriginal dancing, cultural foods to sample, face painting, young people DJ ‘ing and bouncy castle and surfboard riding.
Other outcomes	<p data-bbox="277 1391 885 1899">Promotional DVD/Video put together from the 2004 program. Eleven participants volunteered to visit the Media Department of Murdoch University – South St Campus to learn how to create their own video for the program. They continued to work on this for the remainder of the year. The young people completing this DVD/Video did an excellent job (despite having a small amount of footage to work with) and their end product will be used at all program promotions and when recruiting participants for subsequent programs.</p>	<p data-bbox="904 1391 1528 1675">The program managed to secure people from the local Aboriginal Community who could teach Noongar language, traditional dancing and Aboriginal art to participants and leaders during the 2005 program. These activities were enjoyed by all and gave the 2005 program improved local cultural focus, post camp.</p> <p data-bbox="904 1720 1528 1966">Two program participants and 1 training team member prepared and presented a youth focused speech at the Peel 2020 visioning workshop in Feb 2006. They were linked to this initiative while involved in Bilyidar, and continued after Bilyidar program had ended.</p>