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Sandra Creamer

## A Note from Our interim CEO

Welcome to our new Board of Directors. Thank you for your continued support with NATSIWA and we look forward to working on our activity projects in 2018.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

## Our Staff

### Chief Executive Officer (Interim)

Sandra Creamer

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### Project Officer (Interim shared position)

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## Our Board

### Chairperson

Anna  
Strzelecki  
(SA)

### Deputy Chairperson

Christine Barney  
(QLD)

### Treasurer

Ivy Trevallion  
(TSI)

### Board Member

Karin Williams  
(VIC)

### Board Member

Karen Parter  
(ACT)

### Board Member

Rachel Coad  
(TAS)

### Board Member

Christine Ross  
(WA)

### Board Member

Bronwyn Penrith  
(NSW)

### Board Member

Vacant (NT)



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## *A message from the Chair: Anna Strzelecki*

After the elections that were conducted in October, the following Directors were confirmed at the Annual General Meeting held in Brisbane on 24 November:

Ivy Trevallion – Torres Strait Islands, Christine Barney – QLD, Bronwyn Penrith – NSW, Karen Parter – ACT, Karin Williams – ViC, Rachel Coad – TAS, Anna Strzelecki - SA and Christine Ross – WA. When the Board met, I was elected as the Chair, Christine Barney as the Deputy Chair, Karen Parter as Secretary and Ivy Trevallion as Treasurer. I would like to congratulate all Directors on their appointment to the Board, and look forward to continuing the work that NATSIWA has been doing to advance the voices for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

With the additional focus on promoting projects across Australia, we are seeking to partner with organisations where we can further the causes that matter to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Involvement from all members is sought to increase our reach, so any input is welcome and can be directed to your State or Territory representative.

**I wish all members a safe and happy Christmas, and look forward to a successful year in 2018.**

## WHATS NEWS IN AND AROUND THE COUNTRY

From 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 domestic violence orders issues in one state or territory will apply and be enforceable in all states and territories in Australia. Prior to 25 November 2017 DVO's applied only in the state or territory where they were issued.

## The NAIDOC theme for 2018 is “Because of her, we can”

The poster competition is now open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders artist aged 13 years and over. You have a chance of to win the \$10,000 and have your artwork displayed across the nation. Go the to NAIDOC website for further information.



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## National Risk Assessment Principles survey.

**National Risk Assessment Principles survey**  
A call to all workers, researchers and policy-makers in the sector: we are asking for your feedback on the draft National Risk Assessment Principles.

### Background:

The National Risk Assessment Principles aim to provide an overarching national understanding of risk and managing risk in the area of family and domestic violence. The principles do not replace existing state and territory frameworks or tools that are currently being used in practice. Instead, they will provide a guide for jurisdictions in developing, revising or evaluating their risk assessment frameworks, tools and resources.

### The National Risk Assessment Principles project:

The National Risk Assessment Principles (NRAP) project is based on a consultation methodology and comprises: a literature review; policy analysis of existing approaches to risk and safety in responding to family and domestic violence; and a key stakeholder engagement/consultation process.

### Have your say:

This survey forms the second stage of the stakeholder engagement process. A draft of the risk assessment principles has been developed through a systematic and thematic analysis of the current literature and policy frameworks as well as feedback from the project's reference group.

As a practitioner/worker or policy-maker working in the sector, we would greatly value your views on this draft set of principles. We invite you to complete the survey to provide your feedback. We anticipate it will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5TL3SP>

Save  
the  
Date

Our new Director from WA, Christine Ross is one of the key organisers of a National NAIDOC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Womens conference titled "Because of Her, We can" to be held 11-12 July 2018 in Sydney to coincide with the National NAIDOC awards on Friday 13 July 2013. Christine is undertaking this as part of her consultancy and not as the WA Director on NATSIWA.



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## Activity projects

NATSIWA collaborated with the National Women's Coalition to do a workshop.

The workshop was the eLeaders 2017 Inspire Program held in Alice Springs. We had around 15 Aboriginal women who have their own businesses around Central Australia attend the workshop. The workshop was to support the women and guide them in their business, some of the areas were;

- Manage your budget and cashflow
- Your product and service and
- What they need to know about their business plan

The women learnt how to register their business with Tourism NT. Westpac also provided guidance on budgeting. The outcome of the workshop was to promote communication and networks between Aboriginal women in the business sectors. To strengthen local Aboriginal businesses with the hope to increase turnover with the effect of driving employment opportunities for more Aboriginal people. To increase their business confidence and leadership capacity building for on-going learning and development.

Catering for the workshop was done by Aboriginal business owner Rayleen Brown from Kungkas Can Cook.

Picture right is Sandra Creamer (NATSIWA) Margaret Lynch and Pamela Lynch family business owners to Blacktack Homeland who offer cultural experience and a retreat, they offer bush walks and show significant sights to their land, awareness of bush medicine and

remedies. If anyone is interested contact NATSIWA for further information.





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Another lady who attended the workshop was Kathleen Buzzacott business owner of “Yia Nuka Aboriginal Cultural Experience” (picture below) Yia Nuka offer the experience to visit and stay on the Traditional Arrente homeland. If anyone is interested in having the bush experience, contact the Alice Springs Visitors Information Centre.



### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FRAMEWORK PROJECT**

NATSIWA also travelled to the Torres Strait to meet with staff and Board Directors from Mura Kosker Sorority Incorporated to support them in writing their own Domestic Violence Framework for the Torres Strait. Mura Kosker will write the DV Framework in their traditional language, which will represent a traditional and western initiative towards tackling domestic violence in the Torres Strait.

### **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

NATSIWA are in partnership with University of Queensland, Leeds University UK, John Hopkins University USA, Share the Dignity, Central Australian Youth Lik Up Service, Central QLD University Indigenous Health Unit – The overview is to identify the barriers and solution to managing girls and womens health hygiene in remote Indigenous communities. NATSIWA role is to facilitate a yarning circle on the issues and appropriate solutions the key date will be in March 2018.

Project on “health hardware” to enhance hygiene in reomtoe hygiene in remote communities.

The overview is to reduce hygiene-related infections, such as trachoma eye infection, by improving the hardware in homes that enable healthy living (eg functioning bathrooms). NATSIWA are partners with University of Queensland, University of Melbourne’s Indigenous Eye Health Unit, UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures. NATSIWA’s role is attend a scoping workshop, facilitate community visits to desert communities with high levels of trachoma. Scoping working will be in 2018, community visit early 2019.

**Thank you to those who have also sent in hygiene product for our National callout, we will be doing an update and pictures on where they are being delivered in our next newsletter.**



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