

Media Release

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Yokai Yarning-Information for Stolen Generations Survivors

Yokai Yarning, a media information service for Aboriginal Stolen Generations Survivors, has just been launched and is now available on the internet at www.yokai.com.au.

"We're embracing new technology and social media to get vital information to elderly and infirm Stolen Generations Survivors and their families, many of whom find it difficult to travel to meetings and forums. It will contain news and information that is relevant to our target audience", according to Jim Morrison, the Executive Director of the Bringing Them Home WA, which is one of the partner organisations for Yokai: Healing Our Spirit.

The service has been tested over the past 8 weeks from its location at the former offices of AO Neville at 57 Murray Street Perth. Mr Neville was the Chief Protector of Aborigines in Western Australia and controlled the lives of Aboriginal families for more than 25 years.

"With the support of Curtin University, who have their Law School in the same building, Bringing Them Home WA have been able to symbolically take control of the office which implemented the policies to remove Aboriginal children from their families. We are now using that office to heal the trauma of those policies and Yokai Yarning is an integral part of that healing"

A percentage of the initial programming is being provided by Moorditj Mag, which is broadcast Thursdays 11am on 92.1FM RTR FM. The Yokai Yarning Information Service can be found at: http://www.yokai.com.au/yokai-radio/

Yokai is a Noongar call to action – enough is enough! Yokai: Healing our Spirit is a significant human rights initiative developed by the Bringing Them Home Committee (WA) and the WA Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation. This has happened through extensive consultation and research on ways to provide a holistic, integrated approach to dealing with the effects of ongoing trauma suffered by the Stolen Generations and their families. Our approach is based on real outcomes for the Aboriginal Community and will deliver long-term cost efficiencies for government in terms of human services delivery.

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