

# KIMBERLEY WATER SAFETY FORUM 2021

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## DIANNE APPLEBY, NYAMBA BURU YAWURU

THE SMOKE FROM  
THE SALTWATER  
PAPERBARK  
cleanses  
YOU

THE WORLD IS  
HEAVY LADEN

THE TIDE  
CLEANSES &  
BRINGS LIFE

BUT IT IS  
STRONG

GO TO  
TOWN  
BEACH

GO TO  
CABLE  
BEACH

SO WE FOLLOW  
PROTOCOLS

SAFETY  
IS CENTRAL IN  
YAWURU  
CULTURE

Seasons

FLOODS  
FIRES

TIDES  
MANAGING  
STRESS ON  
COUNTRY  
WITHOUT A GPS



SILENT  
REFLECTION  
IS SAFETY ON  
SALTWATER COUNTRY

NOT ALL  
PEOPLE CAN  
READ THE  
TIDES

THE  
SURF  
CLUB IS  
IMPORTANT

NGAJI GURJIN! WIRRIYA NGANGARAN  
LIYAN NYAMBA BURU YAWURU

AS KIDS WE LEARNT  
THE RIPS & CURRENTS

LOVE & RESPECT  
THE OCEAN

THE SUSTAINABILITY  
OF OUR FOOD

WE MUST CONTINUE TEACHING  
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT  
SAFETY ON THE WATER

THERE ARE  
MANY UNSUNG  
YAWURU PEOPLE  
OUR OLD PEOPLE WERE  
HEROES & VOLUNTEERS

PEOPLE  
DESTRESS  
AT THE BEACH

COUNTRY  
DESTRESSES  
TOO

TIDE  
WIND  
FIRE

THE THREE  
WINDS DICTATE  
ENERGY ON  
COUNTRY

4  
SKIN  
GROUPS

FRESHWATER  
RESPECT  
SALTWATER

EVERY  
THING  
IS  
CONNECTED

Collaboration

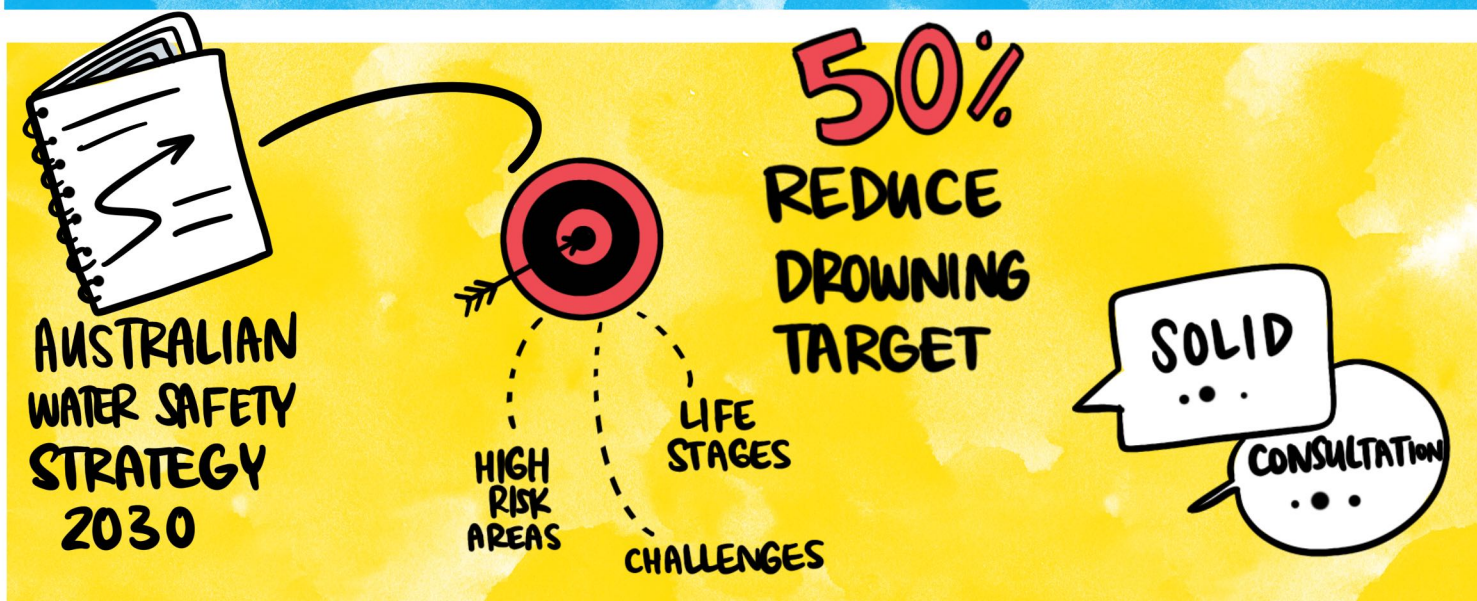
GOVT  
YAWURU  
RLSWA  
SHIRE

RESILIENCE



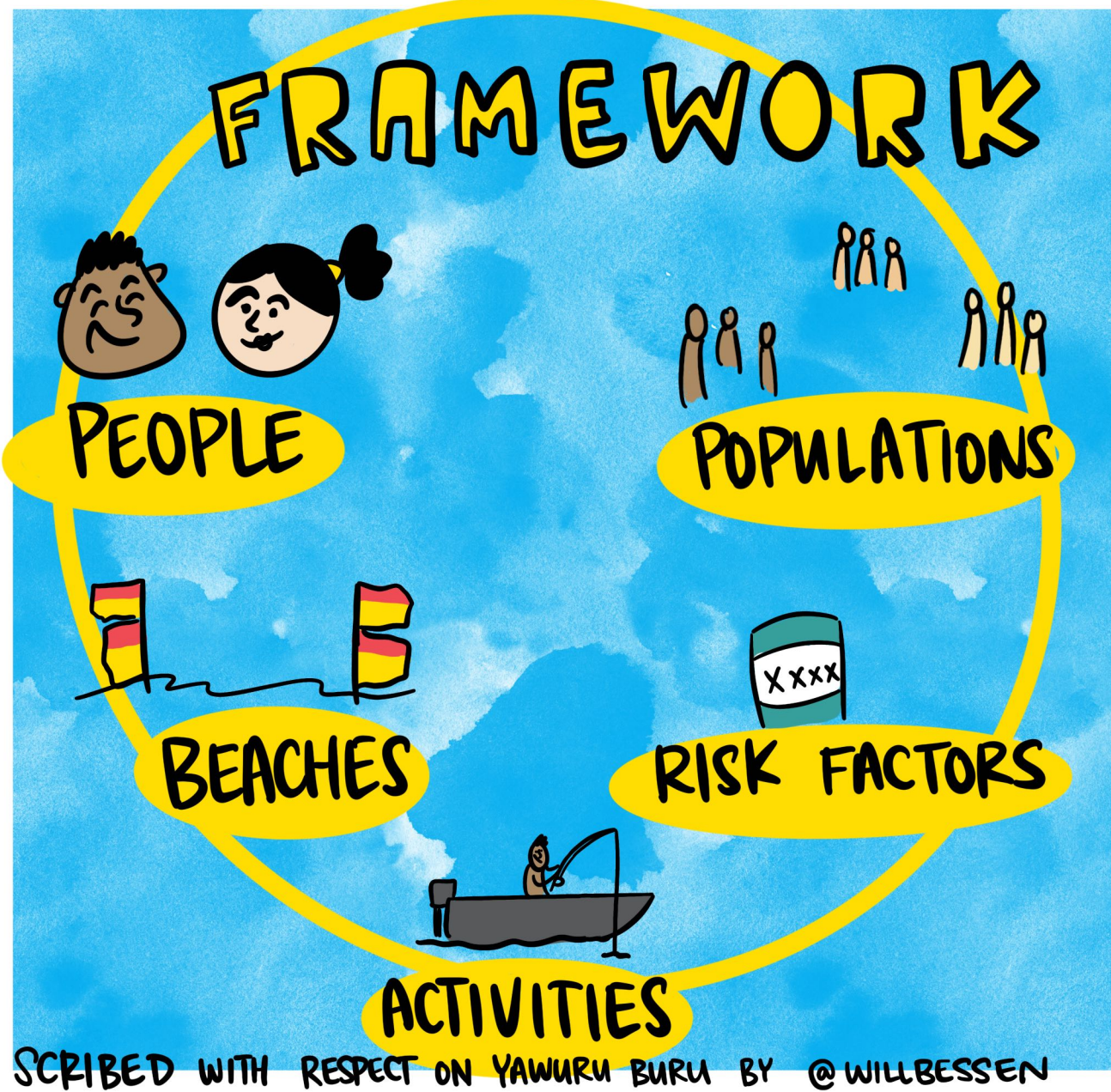
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PRINCIPLES  
GUIDING US TOWARDS  
WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES  
& SUPPORTING LOCAL ACTION

collaboration  
IN REGIONS  
ARE CRITICAL



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## TODDLERS UNDER 4 YEARS AT HIGHEST RISK

60% NON ENGLISH SPEAKING

35% ABORIGINAL

MOST LIKELY ON WEEKDAYS



## RISKS

SWIMMING SOLO

ALCOHOL & DRUGS

RE MOTENESS

LACK OF ADULT SUPERVISION

UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT


BROOME 200KM

HOSPITAL 150KM



## 51 DROWNING INCIDENTS IN THE KIMBERLEY FROM 2009 - 2019

ON GOING EFFECT OF NON-FATAL INCIDENTS





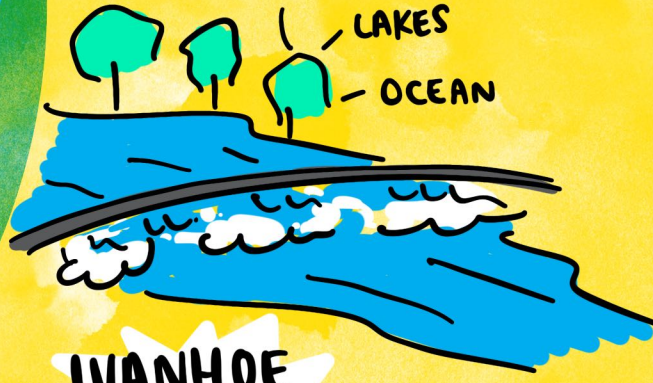
## KIMBERLEY 2<sup>ND</sup> HIGHEST DROWNINGS IN WA

RIVERS LAKES OCEAN



IVANHOE CROSSING

MEN AT HIGHER RISK

I DON'T NEED A LIFE JACKET!



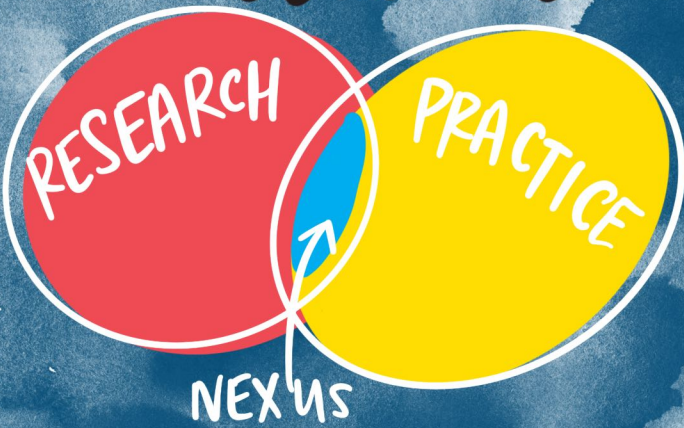
## WHAT IS THE KIMBERLEY DATA?



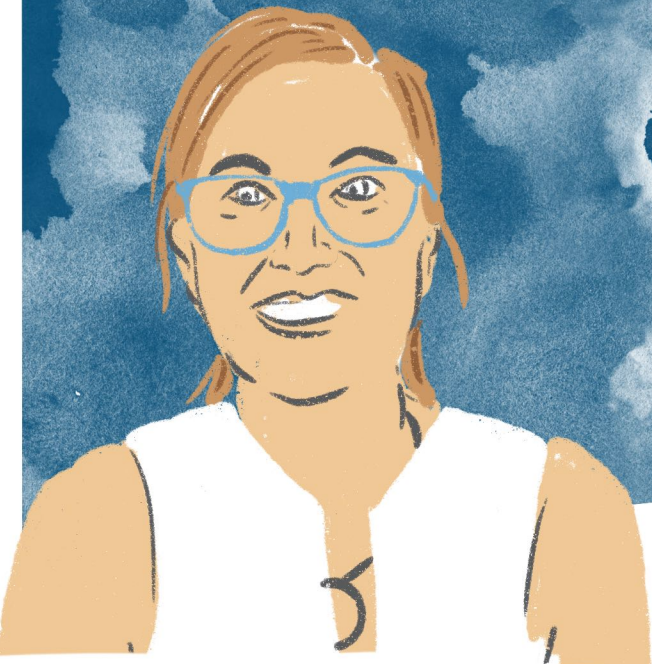
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## HEALTH PROMOTION



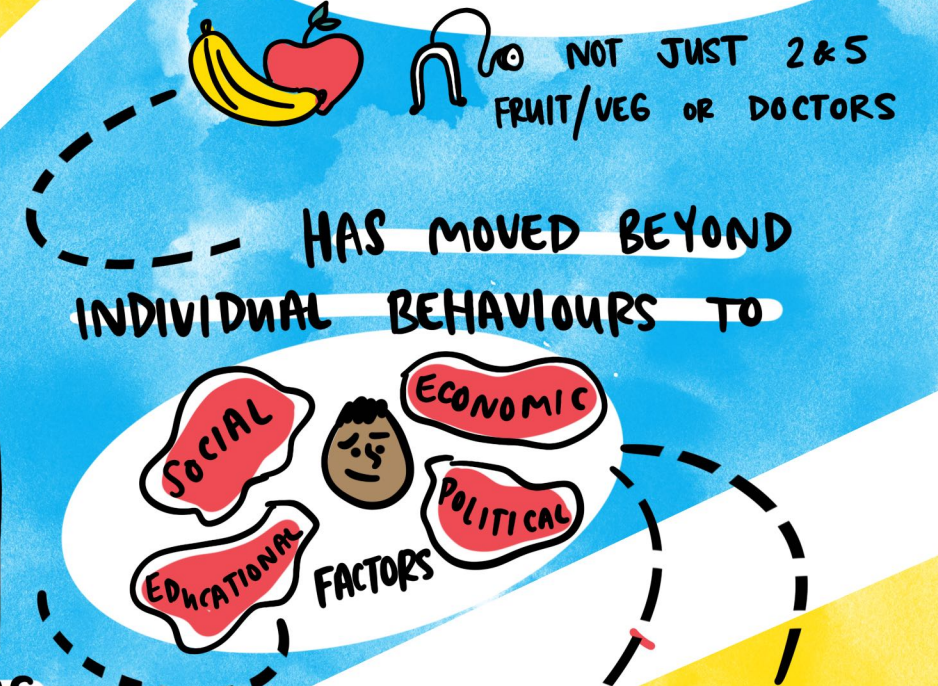
JUSTINE LEAVY,  
CURTIN UNI



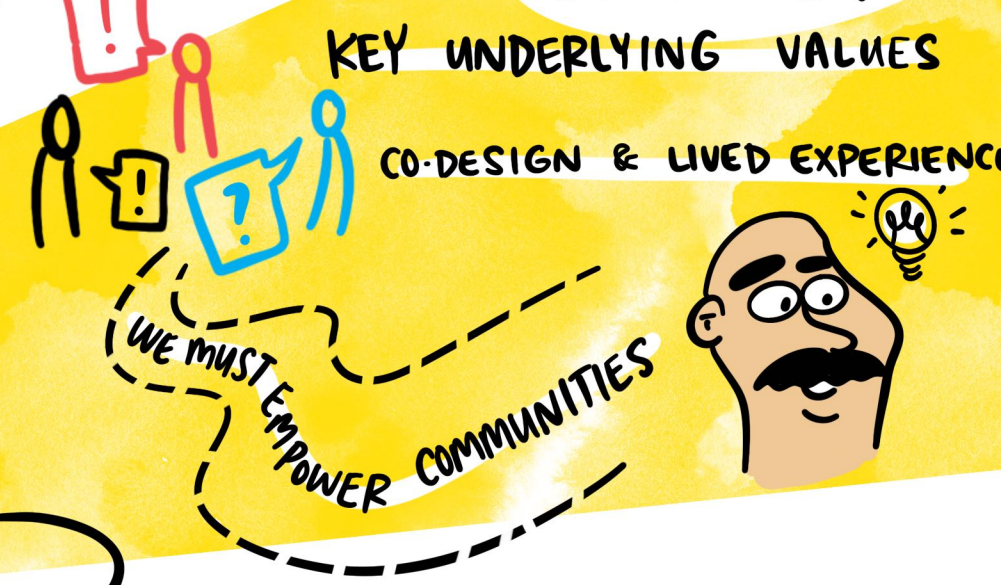
## BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES through SWIMMING & DROWNING PREVENTION



## TRADITIONAL HEALTH PROMOTION



## EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE



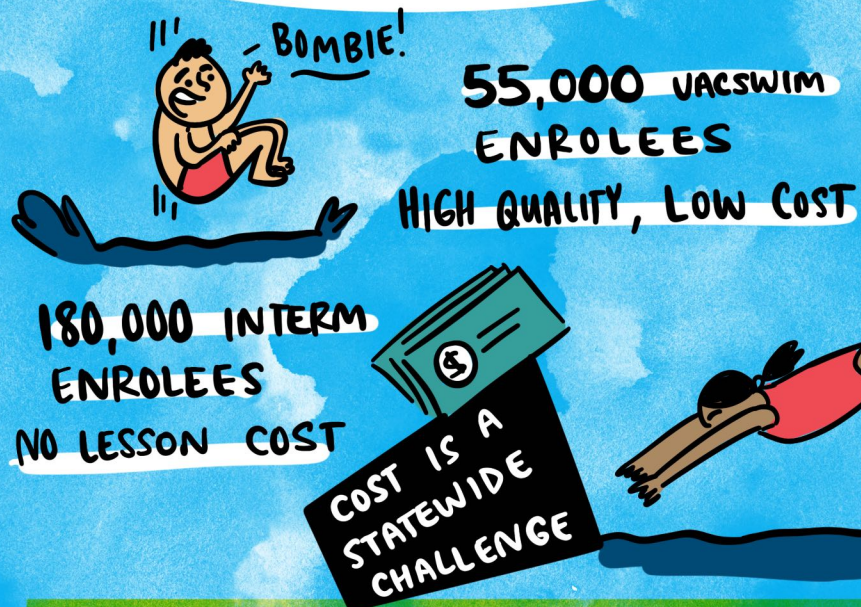
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## VACSWIM & INTERM SWIMMING PROGRAMS

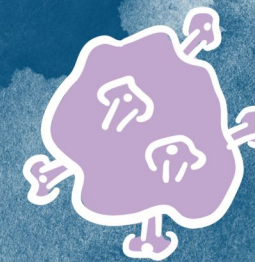
55,000 VACSWIM ENROLEES  
HIGH QUALITY, LOW COST

180,000 INTERM ENROLEES  
NO LESSON COST

COST IS A STATEWIDE CHALLENGE



KIMBERLEY PARTICIPATION RATE 5.8x LOWER THAN REST OF THE STATE



COVID HAS BEEN A MAJOR CHALLENGE

## LOCAL CHALLENGES

LOCAL WORKFORCE UNAVAILABLE



REDUCED CONFIDENCE IN SCHOOLS

## STRATEGIES

INCREASE INSTRUCTOR WORKFORCE

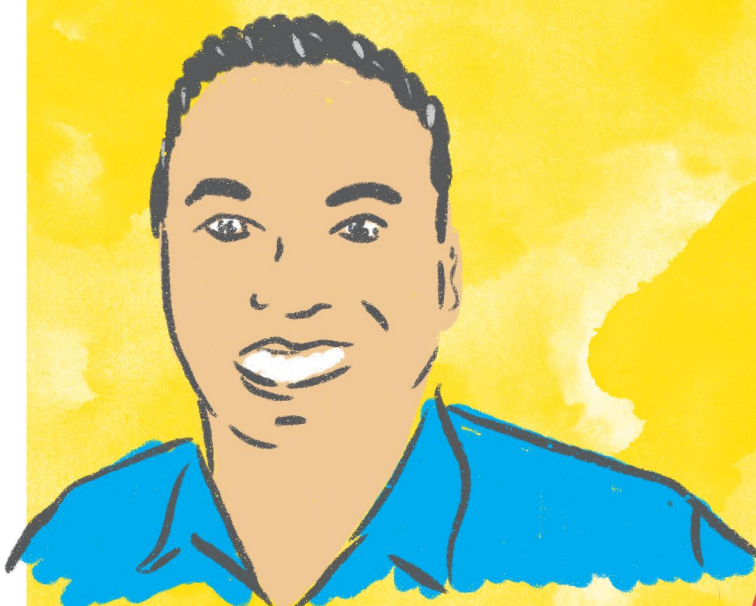
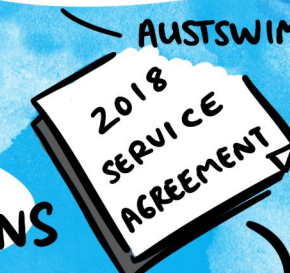


FULLY FUNDED TRAINING



IMPROVED WORK CONDITIONS

COLLABORATION



LIAM SMYTH  
DEPT OF EDUCATION

KIMBERLEY LOCALISATION OF STANDARDISED PROGRAMS



BETTER ACCESS REGIONALLY

CHILDREN SAFER IN WATER



OUTSOURCED INTERM TO RLSWA

- 17 SCHOOLS
- 14 VENUES
- 2144 STUDENTS

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## STATE PRIORITIES

ABORIGINAL WELLBEING



SAFER COMMUNITIES



REGIONAL PROSPERITY



KRISSIE DICKMAN  
DLGSC



LOTS OF AQUATIC STAKEHOLDERS

**FOCUS**

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY CLUBS

EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS

ACTIVATING REC CENTRES



HALLS CREEK HOLIDAY SUPPORT PROGRAM

BUILDING VOLUNTEER CAPACITY

AQUATIC PROJECTS

KUNUNURRA WATER PARK & POOL UPGRADE



A CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR KIDS & THE COMMUNITY



HALLS CREEK SPLASH PARK



EVENTS & SWIM TEAMS

POOL OF 150 STAFF TO VISIT



Activate LOCAL SETTINGS

LOTS OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

RDA

MCDONALDS

DLGSC

KIDSPORT PROGRAM

SHARE THROUGH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUST BE A KNOWN CLUB & PROGRAM

collaboration & Co-Design OF SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE



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# KIMBERLEY WATER SAFETY FORUM 2021

WATER SAFETY IS IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITY



WE SPEND SO MUCH TIME ON THE WATER!

31 REMOTE COMMUNITIES



GARNDUWA WORKS ACROSS THE KIMBERLEY

## PROGRAMS

ACTIVE LEADERS



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

SEWB & SUICIDE PREVENTION



DECISIONS ON PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL



RUN THEIR OWN PROGRAMS

## DEVELOPING OUR YOUTH



PARTICULARLY WOMEN IN SPORT

SHAME FACTOR AROUND BATHERS

LAYLA YU, GARNDUWA



REGULAR CONTACT & VISITS TO COMMUNITY



NOT DRIVE IN DRIVE OUT

EMPLOYING LOCAL PEOPLE

'GO TO' PERSON IN COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICERS

TRAINING

SKILLS

ALWAYS TRY FOR FACE TO FACE



SOCIAL MEDIA IS IMPORTANT TOO

PARTNERSHIPS WITH EXPERTS

PLSWA  
CLONTARF

