Justice Reinvestment for Aboriginal Young People

GIVE THEM A LIFE
NOT LIFE IN PRISON

Race and Incarceration Conference
March 2017
WHY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT?

- Data driven
- Place based
- Supported by centralised strategic body
- Targeted to increasing community safety
- Targeted to reducing offending & imprisonment
- Fiscally sound
ENGAGE & PLAN

NGOs
- PCYC, YOTS, Bourke Aboriginal Health Service, Primary Health Care
- Domestic Violence Court Support, Women's Legal Service, Thiyama-li Family Violence Inc.
- Police Magistracy, ALS, JJ, Community Corrections

Government

Business
- Bourke Shire Council and local businesses
- Other Young People

Philanthropy

Researchers
- Family, Elders
- School

DATA GROUP
- DAA
- ABS
- BOCSAR
- analyst

Build a stronger safer community

Reduction in youth offending

MARANGUKA JR
A Snapshot of Life for Aboriginal Children & Young People in Bourke, NSW
Maranguka supports families, young people, services, schools, governments, and businesses to work together to achieve those goals.

These goals are documented and widely shared.

The Bourke Tribal Council and other leaders in Bourke use the summary to set goals to improve the lives of Aboriginal children and young people in Bourke.

The best thing about living in Bourke is friends and family.

A summary of what people said is created and shared widely.

We want to be treated with respect.

People talk about this data in homes, public spaces and services with elders, women, men, young people and children.
Growing our Kids up Safe, Smart and Strong:
The Maranguka Justice Reinvestment Project
Bourke, NSW
For community discussion
### Goal 2

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<th>Measures</th>
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<td>1. # family &amp; community members engaging in school</td>
<td>TBC</td>
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<td>2. # of Aboriginal staff employed in school</td>
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<td>3. # children participating in structured and supervised activities</td>
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<td>4. Driver licensing</td>
<td>TBC</td>
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<td>1. # of young people obtaining their drivers licence by age 18</td>
<td>151/244 (total)</td>
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<td>2. # of L &amp; P plate drivers disqualified or suspended due to fine default</td>
<td>TBC</td>
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<td>5. Decrease in # days between leaving school and entering training or employment</td>
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<td>6. # of young people accessing AOD and counselling services</td>
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<td>7. # of emergency attendances and hospital admission due to mental health issues or AOD use</td>
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<td>8. Number of reports (by police/service providers/community/school) of risk of serious harm due to:</td>
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<td>1. Drug &amp; alcohol use by child</td>
<td>63</td>
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<td>2. Neglect</td>
<td>55</td>
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<td>3. Violence</td>
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<td>9. % of children returned to community with one integrated case plan</td>
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<td>10. # children in out of home care.</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>11. # children in out of home care not in kinship care</td>
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### Targets

1. 5% long suspensions as a percent of full-time equivalent enrolments (Bourke primary School) 26%
2. 50% children in Bourke High School with 90% or higher attendance 24%
3. Number of children successfully transitioning into high school TBC
4. 90%/50% students completing Year 10 & Year 12 76.5% / 35.5%
5. 50% reduction of young people offending in top 5 offence categories 58
6. 33% reduction in malicious damage to property incidents 176
7. 35% of young people re-offending within 6 months of finalisation court appearance 44.4%
8. Young people 10-18 entering custody
   1. 50% reduction in number of times entering custody (7 people) 14
   2. 50% average days in custody (39 days) 77

### Potential strategy and activities

- Complex case management with one case plan - see service provider strategy
- More Aboriginal staff in schools
- Program to increase parent & community involvement in schools
- Healing and trauma informed support & services
- Bourke 8 - 18 years strategy
- Employment readiness & support - mentoring, TAFE, apprenticeships
- Justice support: Warrant Clinic, bail protocols
- Coordinated programs of structured and supervised activities after-hours & during holidays and home work centres
- Coordinated programs to build life skills - driver licence, relationships, housing, anger management
- All parts of a co-ordinated early intervention strategy targeting and tracking children & young people with identified risk factors
Growing them up Safe Smart Strong Strategy & Report Card

Bourke Tribal Council

- Executive Director
- Backbone Coordinator
- Community Data Manager
- Project Officer

Maranguka Backbone Organisation

Cross sector leadership group

External monitoring & advice

strategic guidance and support

partner-driven action

Ecosystem of Community Partners

8 – 18 Work Group

Men of Bourke

Early Childhood and Parenting

Service Reform

= community partner (e.g., nonprofit, funder, business, public agency, resident)

Advisory Group

Strategic decision making & final veto

The working groups have made substantial progress in developing key strategies across the focus areas including:

- Sustained home visits in the first two years of a child’s life
- Three year old health checks
- Voluntary wrap around support for children and young people at risk of disengaging from school or offending
- Building and strengthening employment pathways
- Return to community strategies (pre and post release support)

The formation and engagement of this Cross Sector Leadership Group has also been a critical development to support and facilitate the work on the ground in Bourke.
RE-ENGAGING BOURKE YOUTH: COME HALF WAY

THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS

- Within our long-term vision of reducing offending and creating a safer community, we have identified a number of short-term circuit breakers.
- The circuit breakers serve 3 purposes:
  - Incentivising young people to participate.
  - Engaging the wider community.
  - Driving immediate value to young people in Bourke.
Justice Initiatives

Bail, sentencing and the YOA

- Developing police protocols re bail conditions/ breach/ warning and use of arrest
- Engaging with Local Court Magistrate re bail conditions and sentencing
- Establishing a bail house/ multi-purpose centre: Service delivery in partnership with community: YOTS

Warrant Clinic and the Justice Support Team

- Trialling a clinic on warrant matters
- Broadening the scope: breach reduction, bail and court support

Driver Licensing/ Crime Prevention Program

- Referral process for unlicensed driver matters
• FUNDS GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY:
  • EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
• COSTING THE REALIGNMENT
• PROJECTING SAVINGS TO GOVERNMENT
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Justice Reinvestment involves a shift in spending **NOT** an increase in spending.

**JUSTICE REINVESTMENT IS**

**DON’T SPEND MORE, SPEND SMARTER**
Bourke Youth Council
Two more projects:
Just Reinvest NSW Policy Paper to propose a number of legislative or policy reforms to reduce the rising prison population in NSW, with a particular view to addressing the levels of Aboriginal overrepresentation.

The paper was developed following a roundtable discussion with members of the NSW legal and justice communities and in consultation with a wide range of peak NSW Aboriginal organisations.

Key objectives:

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<td>An end to post-code justice:</td>
<td>Equal access to and adequate resourcing for diversionary options, rehabilitation programs and therapeutic court settings across NSW.</td>
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<td>A smarter way to spend $3.8 billion:</td>
<td>Focusing expenditure on measures that will improve public health and prevent crime.</td>
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Key Proposals:

1. **Ensure the availability and expand the scope of Intensive Corrections Orders (ICOs)** - to all NSW courts and to include violent offender therapeutic programs (VOTPs) and intensive rehabilitation orders.

2. **Introduce statutory guidelines to limit sentences of less than six months** - to circumstances where the presence of the offender in the community presents a substantial risk to the community, and provide alternatives to the court through an expanded ICO model.

1. **Change the response to breaches of parole and support measures to reduce the likelihood of breach**

   (a) remove the requirement for an offender whose parole has been revoked to wait 12 months before being able to re-apply for parole, and introduce a staged approach to consequences of breach of parole.

   (b) ensure the availability of works release and weekend leave, with the introduction in appropriate cases to back-end home detention, residential rehabilitation and halfway house options.
“If we can assist people in Bourke to break those cycles, we can assist people in other communities.”

— Kristy Kennedy, Maranguka community group
ESTABLISH THE NECESSARY STRUCTURES AND RELATIONSHIPS

- The Backbone Team
- Maranguka Hub
- Bourke Tribal Council
- Cross Sector Leadership
- Strategic Steering Committee
DEVELOP A JR STRATEGY

- Data
- System Mapping
- Consultation/community feedback
+ Research

- Common Agenda
- Shared Measures
- Key Interventions