

Facts at a glance

Indigenous Implementation Board members

Chairman Lt General John Sanderson AC was Governor of Western Australia for five years. Before this role he spent 40 years at the operational and strategic levels of defence and security planning. He was Chief of the Australian Army from 1995-1998 and commanded the United Nations Peacekeeping Force Cambodia from 1992 until its successful completion in 1993.

Mr Mark Bin Bakar, better known as Mary G, has dedicated much of his adult life to promoting Indigenous life and culture. Mr Bin Bakar established Abmusic, a successful music school to help Indigenous musicians. He is Chairman of the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation.

Mr Kim Bridge is an Aboriginal trainer and consultant with an extensive background in collaborative community and economic development. He was born and raised in the East Kimberley and has lived and worked extensively in regional areas of Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland. .

Ms Dawn Wallam has been Chief Executive Officer of the Yorganop Child Care Aboriginal Corporation for 11 years. She has been proactive in representing Indigenous children's issues at all levels including local, State, national and international forums in her role as an executive member of the Secretariat National Aboriginal Islander Child Care.

Dr Sue Gordon AM was appointed the Commissioner for Aboriginal Planning in 1986, In 1988, she became the first full-time and first Aboriginal Magistrate in the Children's Court of WA. In 1990, she was appointed as one of the first Commissioners to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commissioner. In 1993, she was awarded an Order of Australia for commitment to Aboriginal people and community affairs. In 2002, she chaired the *Inquiry into Response by Government Agencies to Complaints of Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities* in WA, the Gordon Inquiry. From 2004 to 2007 she chaired the National Indigenous Council.

Ms Helen Milroy is a descendent of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of WA and was born and educated in Perth. She studied medicine at the University of Western Australia and completed specialist training in child psychiatry. Helen works as a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at the Bentley Family Clinic and Families at Work residential programme.

Mr Brendan Hammond is the CEO of the Australian Children's Trust, supporting the Australian Covenant which aims to see the employment of 50,000 Indigenous people in Australia in the next decade.

Professor Fiona Stanley AC was named Australian of the Year in 2003. Professor Stanley is the founding Director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, established in Perth in 1990. She is also a Professor in the School of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Western Australia.

Ms Ricky Burges was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Local Government Association in 2000. Previously she was the Director General of the Department for Culture and the Arts, Chief Executive Officer of Perth Zoo and a director of Human Resources at the WA Tourism Commission.

