

Maganda Makers

Empowering Kimberley Indigenous Women
to build wealth through Business

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Quarterly NEWSLETTER

Natasha's corner

Hi everyone, hope you are all doing well.

Just recently, I had a great opportunity to attend the Aboriginal Economic Forum in Darwin. What a fantastic experience it was, and so inspiring to hear from and see, so many Aboriginal people in business. The quality and presentation of the products being showcased at each stall was remarkable. The NT is really charging ahead in their businesses.

So much of what was presented at the forum is exactly what we aspire to achieve in the Kimberley, through our work within Maganda Makers. We continue to champion economic independence through business, and we are big believers in the benefits of self-employment.

The Darwin forum was another reminder to collaborate and work with others who are striving towards the same goals, by supporting others as much as possible.

It's a very exciting time to be in this space, and we have so much to look forward to, so watch this space! Until next time, take care

Natasha Short – Club Captain



Wealth for Purpose Program © (WPP)

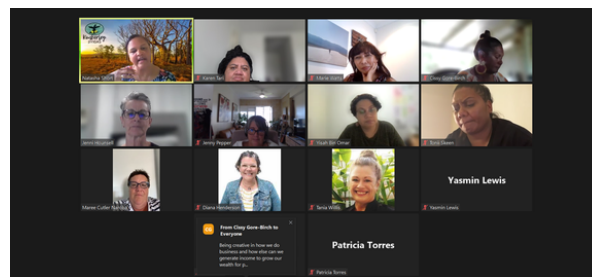
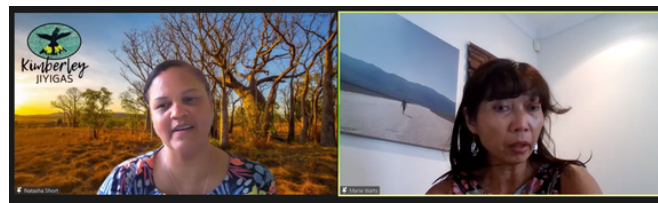
The Wealth for Purpose Program was a partnership project between IBA & Kimberley Jiyigas for Kimberley Indigenous Women, and has been running since July this year, and concluded on November 30th 2023.

WPP offered intensive support for up to 40 Kimberley Indigenous women to build personal wealth, by connecting them to an accredited financial counsellor, allowing each woman to develop a personal financial plan that was suitable to her individual circumstances, for the purpose of creating future financial freedom.

The feedback we have received from the participants regarding the one-on-one sessions with their respective financial counsellors has been nothing but positive. All are extremely grateful for the information, assistance, and support provided during the program.



We acknowledge all those who have participated and the team who contributed to the success of the Wealth for Purpose Program 2023.



Yarning with Kimberley Women in Business Podcast Series

The Maganda Makers podcast series is about championing our club members, amplifying their voices, learning about their business journeys/aspirations and providing a platform to promote their brands and Artistry. What a year it has been for our club and members. It has been our pleasure to host both series and learn more about these deadly Kimberley women in business. We look forward to seeing the growth of each business in the near future. Both Haylee and Natasha's series have been of great value to our club members and those who have listened to our episodes so far. If you would like to check out our series, please see details below:

Natasha's series **'Kimberley She'ro Podcast'** is broadcast across the WA North West via **PAKAM - Pilbara and Kimberley Aboriginal Media Radio, Radio Goolarri & Ngaarda Media**, and around Australia on the **NIRS - National Indigenous Radio Service**.

Natasha's **'Yarning Business in the Kimberley' Podcast** is recorded and broadcast through Waringarri Media and can be found here ...

Check out our **'Maganda Makers Business Club' Podcast Series** hosted by Haylee Rivers below ...



<https://open.spotify.com/show/4K3xDpBIX2ilycmJ3ZJSOX>



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Aboriginal Economic Development Forum

Maganda Makers recently visited Darwin to attend the Aboriginal Economic Development Forum and also to solidify exciting new partnerships in the Kimberley and NT.

Many Club members will already be aware of the fantastic work of EPWA in Balgo and Kalumburu. Allie is one of our 'Money Smarts' gurus who has recently joined Maganda Makers and helping us to connect in the NT.

L to R: Clare Wood, co-CEO, Enterprise Partnerships WA (EPWA),
Natasha Short, Kimberley Jiyigas and Club Captain, Cindy Mitchell
(Good Return) and Allie Dudgeon (Allabamboo).

Broome/Derby visit

In October our Maganda Makers Perth Hub spent 7 days travelling between Derby & Broome, visiting our Club Members face-to-face, running Yarning Circles, and creating connections. This field trip re-confirmed all of the strength, resilience, and courage you possess, and the extraordinary talent we have within the club. Thank you for taking the time out of your very busy schedules to meet us, welcome us, sit with us, and just spend quality time together.

We look forward to returning in 2024,
Karen & Candice





Allie Dudgeon-McIntyre

Club Member Profiles



Sabrina Dugeson-Swift

Allie is a proud Aboriginal woman with family from Broome, Kakadu and Arnhem land. She is the proud owner and operator of her bookkeeping business Allabamboo and is a highly skilled and experienced bookkeeper with years of work in SMEs and start-ups. She creates customised, grassroots approaches, setting up technical systems tailored to your exact needs. Even more, she demystifies business finance and explains all processes in simple, everyday terms.

"We travel to remote communities and outstations to meet our clients. By meeting on country, we see first-hand what they do and are better placed to help them."

By providing the freedom you need to concentrate on your core business activities, Allie creates a smooth pathway for your business success. Allie efficiently manages the back office of your business, keeping you informed every step of the way. She offers real time reporting and provides actionable insights to help reach your business goals. With many years of experience, Allie unravels the stress surrounding business compliance.

Allabamboo is a culturally safe and stress-free business mentoring worth looking into.

Check out Allabamboo website below for more information.


 <https://www.allabamboo.com.au/>

Sabrina is a proud Bardi and Gija woman, mother, writer/author and business owner of Olive & Bean candles. Her first passion is writing and she published a children's story and several short stories for adults. She continues to write and learn new skills such as illustrating.

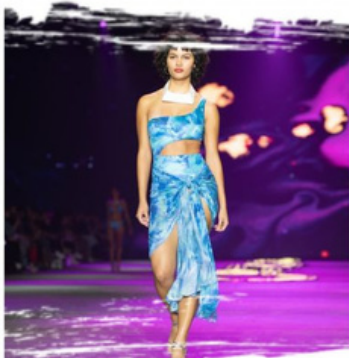
Being inspired by her Aboriginal heritage, especially her nanna who was part of the stolen generation and her aunties who remain strong for their family, Sabrina has used these stories to put into her books as a way of teaching true history to younger generations. She enjoys sharing stories with children, especially over Book Week. Teaching them the importance of everyone's heritage, sharing stories and passing on knowledge with future generations to continue to share on to others. This passion for writing and teaching has lead her to UWA's School of Indigenous Studies as an Executive Assistant to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Education).

Sabrina also has a strong passion for Country as she see's Country as our Mother and when we are lost she will help us find our way home. As long as we care for Country, Country in return will care for us. Inspired by her Saltwater Bardi Country, Sabrina and her daughter Lily are the founders of Olive & Bean. A small family business making beautiful biodegradable natural coconut and soy wax candles. A brand that has a strong focus on caring for Country, sustainability and up-cycling. Conscious of the impact we place on Country, Olive & Bean strive to keep your home safe from nasty chemicals being breathed in through the love of candles. They hope to encourage and inspire others to be more conscious about the products we purchase and put in our home. Check out Olive and Bean website and Instagram below:


 <https://www.oliveandbean.com.au/>

 <https://www.instagram.com/oliveandbean/>

To check out Sabrina's books, please see link below:
<https://fremantlepress.com.au/contributor/sabrina-dudgeon/>




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