



**Mount Isa Centre for Rural and
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**Evaluation of the
Murri Women's Group and Men's Group -
NWQICSS Indigenous Justice Program**

Community Report

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Our project

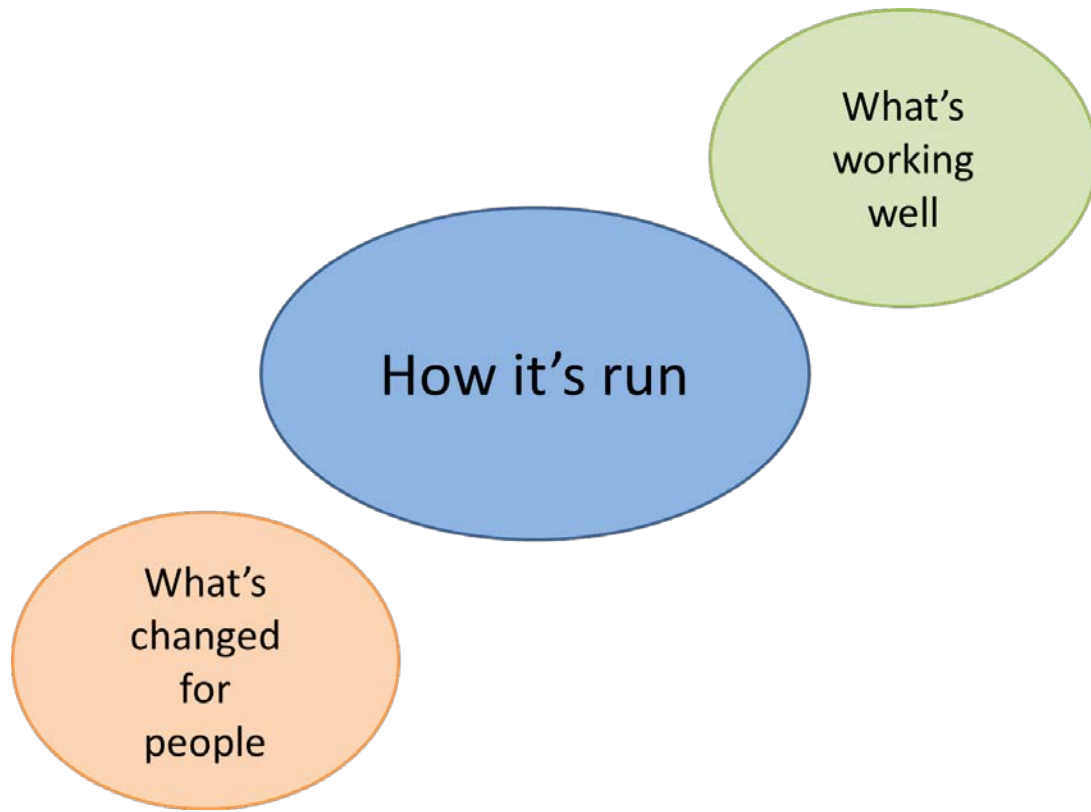
NWQICSS asked us to evaluate their Justice Program. This included talking to people who have been joining in at the men's and women's groups and other people in the community that are linked to NWQICSS. This report is about letting community know about the findings from our project.

We would like to thank

We would like to thank the Community Elders, men and women and stakeholders for talking to us about the justice program and sharing their stories. We would also like to thank the NWQICSS staff for participating and helping us with the evaluation. It has been a pleasure working with everyone to complete the evaluation.



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What is working well?

- Men's and Women's groups (feel lighter and stronger after talking about problems)
- Community Elders involved to teach people and share stories
- Bush Healing
- Access to services
- Good relationships with staff
- Stakeholders attend Men's and Women's group

What's changed for people?

- Sharing what learnt with others
- Thinking about behaviour
- Changed attitude
- Reduce drinking
- Acting like role models
- Not getting into trouble as much
- Doing courses at TAFE
- Getting housing
- Finding a job



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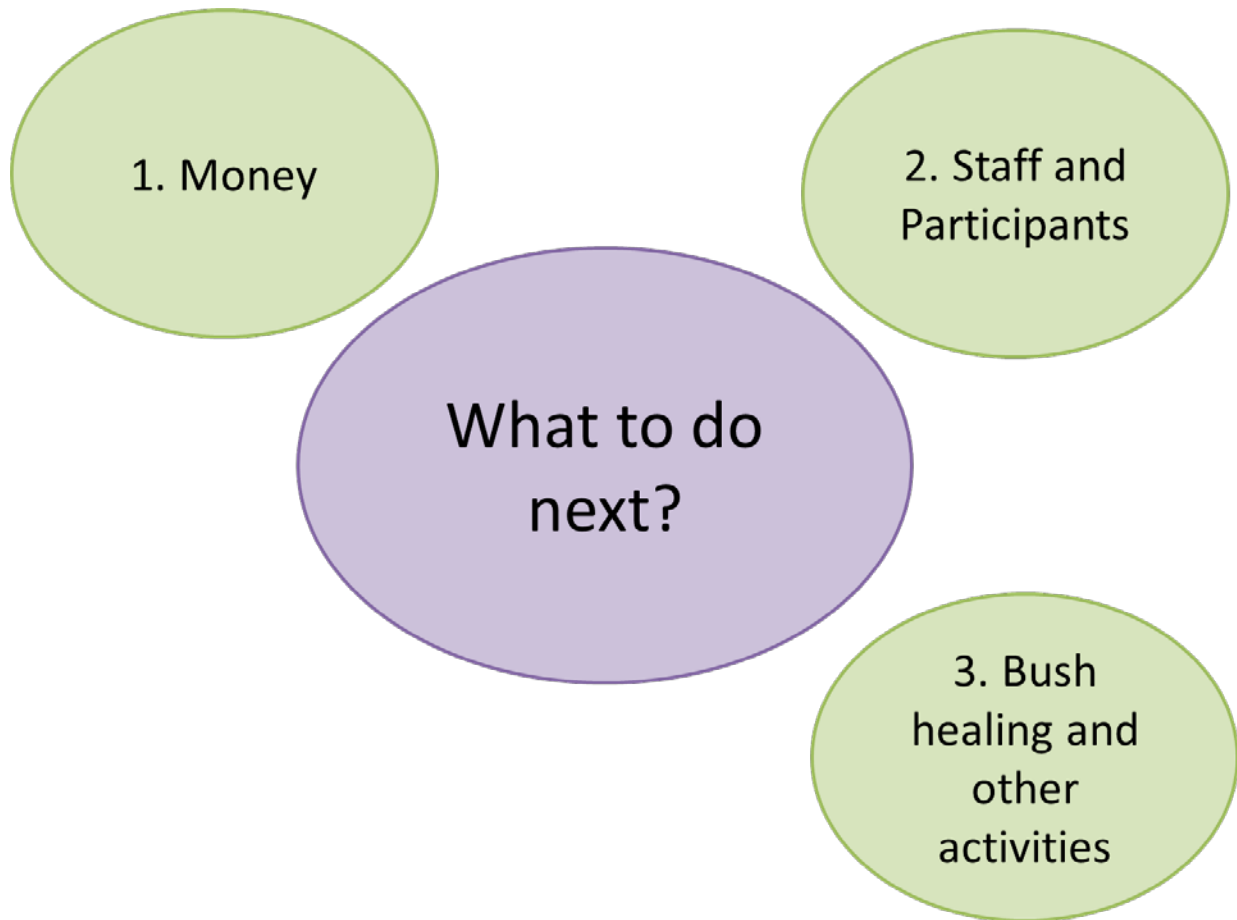
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- More money, staff, equipment
- Getting more women to go to women's group
- Holding more activities during the week
- More stakeholders involved
- More topics discussed at Men's and Women's Groups
- Talk to people before they are in trouble
- Work with young people and family



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What we suggest to NWQICSS

- 1. Money** - NWQICSS to get 3 year funding from government, hire more staff
- 2. Staff and participants** –Look at staff positions in Justice team, staff training break the men’s group into smaller groups, do more one on one help, get more people involved in women’s group
- 3. Bush healing and other activities** – regular bush healing, helping whole family, program for young people, focus on helping clients do courses and get job.