

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE RACSSU NEWSLETTER—'LINKING US ALL TOGETHER'

What is the RACSSU newsletter—'Linking us all together'?

'Linking us all together' is an information newsletter written by RACSSU staff which contains current information about early childhood issues.

Who is 'Linking us all together' for?

The 'Linking us all together' newsletter is aimed at people involved with Remote Indigenous Children's Services in the Northern Territory. This includes staff, managers, sponsors or families.

How many 'Linking us together' newsletters does RACSSU produce?

RACSSU produces 4 newsletters each year.

What information is in 'Linking us together'?

The newsletters contain

- the latest information on RACSSU activities,
- the latest report from the NT SNAICC National Executive Committee member,
- an activity which can be done with children,
- an article from staff at a Remote Indigenous Children's Service Program,
- an article from an organisation that is relevant to Remote Indigenous Children's Service Programs,
- other information which is interesting or useful for people involved in Remote Indigenous Children's Service Programs.

Who writes in 'Linking us all together'?

There are many different people who put information into this newsletter, including

- RACSSU staff,
- various organisations,
- staff from Remote Indigenous Children's Service Programs in the northern region of the Northern Territory.

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"If you can't do it yourself, surround yourself with people who can."
 Participant at 'Deadly' Kids, 'Deadly' Programs Workshop
 6 - 8 September 2005

In September we held the 'Deadly' Kids, 'Deadly' Programs Workshop at Batchelor. This workshop was a great success. It was the first time we have been able to bring together Outside School Hours Care programs (OSHC). I think all of the participants particularly enjoyed being able to meet and talk with other people who run similar programs. There is an article about this workshop later on in the newsletter. On the 17th of November at the SNAICC AGM which was recently held here in Darwin Veronica Johns was nominated and has accepted the position as the NT Early Childhood Children's Services Representative on the SNAICC National Executive Committee.

You'll also find in this newsletter; articles from Bogot OSHC and Milikapiti OSHC programs, some useful contacts at the Office of Children and Families, information about leadership opportunities for young Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander males between 16-30 years old, plus activities to try out with your kids. Let us know how you go doing the activities!

Deadly' Kids, 'Deadly' Programs

At the OSHC workshop

Important news about loss of inclusion and professional support to JET on-site crèches
 As you're all aware, the funding for RACSSU was to come to an end in December this year, however, we have just learned that our funding is to be extended until March 31 2006. Organisations similar to RACSSU around Australia are still waiting for their new funding to go to tender. There have been some changes to the way organisations such as RACSSU are funded, as we will now come under the new Inclusion and Professional Support Program.

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Who receives a copy of 'Linking us all together'?

The newsletter is distributed Australia wide. Copies go to

- all Remote Indigenous Children's Service Programs who are currently on the RACSSU mailing list. This includes Innovative Child Care Centres, JET on-site crèches and Outside School Hours Care programs,
- Community Councils that have a Remote Indigenous Children's Service Program in their community,
- staff at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education,
- government organisations such as Department of Family and Community Services, NT Department of Health and Community Services, Secretariat National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care,
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Centres across Australia,
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations which support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Service Programs.

Are there any rules that RACSSU needs to follow when producing 'Linking us all together'?

RACSSU is required to obtain appropriate permission for all the articles and pictures which appear in the newsletter. Please let staff know if you would like to see these rules.

I'd like to put an article in 'Linking us all together'—how can I do this?

If you would like to put an article in 'Linking us together' please post, fax or email your article to:

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Who sponsors RACSSU?

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