

About Brisbane Northside Elders

The Brisbane Northside Elders Group was formed in late 2014 as a consequence of the Elder Men and women from the north side of Brisbane coming to Kurbingui and supporting staff and community members to resolve issues in their lives.

While Kurbingui Board of directors, senior management and staff have always supported the Elder community members in their work, in 2016 the group approached the Board Members to formalise their group under the organisation's auspice.

The Board members, senior management and staff were only too happy to do this and further strengthen the relationships within and external to Kurbingui. This move proved to be a positive one for the members; enabling them to feel confident that they could totally focus on the work they were undertaking without having to attend to the administration requirements that would come with being an independent stand-alone incorporated group.

Further, this decision was soon proven to be the correct one with the Brisbane Northside Elders receiving an award from the Queensland Child Protection Committee in 2016 to acknowledge their work in partnership with government and non-government departments and agencies to contribute to the reduction of the over representation of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children and young people in statutory care.



Hours of Operation

Monday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

*After Hours by Appointment Only.

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Brisbane Northside Elders Offer

- ✓ Providing support to staff and community members through mentoring and coaching.
- ✓ Advocating for children, young people and their family members.
- ✓ Providing support in the everyday operations of Kurbingui Youth Development in ways such as participating on recruitment panels, representation at stakeholder meetings with Kurbingui staff, assisting with the coordination of activities, programs and other community events.
- ✓ Undertaking 'Acknowledgements' and 'Welcome to Country' (where culturally appropriate).
- ✓ Lobbying decision makers about the implementation of recommendations following reviews in the areas such as health, child protection, education, corrective services, men's and women's services, domestic and family violence and youth justice.



Since 2014, the Brisbane Northside Elders Group has been actively involved in hosting and participating in various community events and activities. These include morning teas, gala dinners, Elders conferences, community lunches, trainee graduations, National Aboriginal & Islander Day of Celebration (NAIDOC) events, domestic and family violence prevention education and support workshops, child protection workshops, International Indigenous Women's' luncheon, Acknowledgements and Welcomes to Country, women's' and men's groups, and providing day-to-day support through mentoring, participating in recruitment interview panels both within and outside Kurbingui, and cook-ups for staff, clients, and trainees.

The group members and their guests have been working relentlessly across all sectors of community service. Their primary focus has been on reducing the number of children and young people in statutory care, decreasing the number of young people and adults incarcerated or involved in the youth justice system, and providing support in the areas of mental health and wellbeing wherever possible.

Their efforts extend to assisting individuals and families in their homes, community venues, at Kurbingui, and in prisons and youth detention centres. They have played a crucial role in integrating cultural practices, protocols, and processes in therapeutic responses to achieve better outcomes for everyone they work with. The staff of Kurbingui, partner agencies, and community members have felt privileged to work collaboratively with the group members and their guests and to be a part of the successes of community members through cultural dance, song lines, stories, and everyday practices.

With the ongoing work, new projects, and the achievements of the group, their guests, and the community members so far, there is a strong sense of empowerment. Members of the group also hold membership in other stakeholder, cultural, Elders, and community groups and have expressed their continued commitment and desire to keep working and improving the lives of all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children, young people, and their families in their local and broader communities.

The Elders plan a variety of events each year including Elders Gala Dinner, the Domestic & Family Violence Week of Action Events, larger Elders Conference, and other partnership projects with stakeholders focused on improving the lives of families. For the updated calendar of events organised by the Elders Group and the Men's Shed, please refer to the calendar of community events.

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Where We Are Located

425 Zillmere Road, Zillmere QLD 4034

Catchment

North Brisbane and Moreton Bay

The Brisbane Northside Elders are self-funded by Kurbingui Youth and Family Development

Kurbingui is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people through the implementation of the Queensland Child Safe Standards, including the Universal Principle, and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.