

# Ningana Trust Annual Report 2022-2023

## Chair's Welcome

On behalf of the Trustees and Advisors of Ningana Trust, I am pleased to share with you Ningana Trust's FY23 Annual Report. Ningana exists to support and empower organisations, communities, and individuals in Queensland. It is a pleasure to introduce you to the work supported by Ningana over the last year.

In 2022, Ningana Trust celebrated 20 years of giving! The Trust's first donation was in July 2002 to the Queensland Library Foundation's Johnstone Gallery archive internet project. Since that time, Ningana has distributed more

than \$2M in support of 64 organisations. Trustees celebrated this anniversary with five one-off gifts for select Ningana-supported organisations. This report highlights the outcomes achieved by the [Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland](#) (ICPA Qld), which has successfully convinced the Queensland Government to increase the Living Away From Home Allowance Scheme for isolated families in a long overdue uplift.

Ningana Trust funded eight organisations in 2022-2023, all with unique projects and a mission to make a difference to the communities they serve. I am always impressed by how hard our community organisations work and the difference a small amount of funding can make. Including the anniversary gifts, this year five education, four arts, and four community initiatives were funded. Predominantly, funding was distributed across Queensland, however three organisations were based in Central Australia.

Ningana Trustees and Advisors were fortunate to spend time in late 2022 meeting two partner organisations funded in the previous financial year. We are grateful to both [Cape York Girl Academy](#) and [Baby Give Back](#) for the hospitality extended to the Trust.

Senior Program Manager, Katie Norman, attended the ICPA Qld's annual conference in Julia Creek in June 2023. We very much enjoy learning from and listening to the communities we support and look forward to more of this in FY24.

Gina Fairfax AC  
Chair



## HIGHLIGHTS



**\$150,000**  
distributed  
in FY23



**10 Qld**  
organisations  
supported



**3 NT**  
organisations  
supported



**8**  
new  
approvals



**5**  
anniversary  
gifts



**\$11,500**  
average grant  
size



**4**  
arts  
initiatives



**5**  
education  
initiatives



**4**  
community  
initiatives

## SPOTLIGHT:

### Isolated Children's Parents' Association Queensland



ICPA Qld strives for equity of access to education for all students who live in rural and remote Queensland. It is a volunteer run and apolitical not-for-profit organisation, with 45 branches, more than 1,300 member families, and a 51-year history. Ningana Trust has supported ICPA Qld since 2011 providing funding totalling \$119,000.

In celebration of Ningana Trust's 20-year anniversary, a \$10,000 gift was presented to ICPA Qld. After years advocating for an increase to the Living Away From Home Allowance Scheme (the Allowance), ICPA Qld deployed the funding to create a short [video](#) sharing the experience of three families and what an increase to this allowance would mean for them.

The Allowance is a Queensland Department of Education initiative payable to students who do not have reasonable, daily access to a school and therefore attend boarding school. In the video created, ICPA Qld highlights that twelve Local Government Areas in Queensland have no secondary school at all and a further seven have no senior secondary schooling. In conjunction with ICPA Qld's first media release and a budget submission to Queensland Treasury, ICPA Qld's efforts were successful.

At the annual ICPA Qld conference in Julia Creek, Director General of the Department of Education, Michael De'Ath announced that the Queensland Government would increase the Allowance by \$4,000 in 2024 - the full amount requested by ICPA Qld.

Ningana Trust is pleased to support this important outcome, which will benefit 1,400 families in isolated areas of Queensland.

## GRANTS AWARDED: 2022-2023

### LITTLE SPARKLERS

#### **Systems Optimisation and Fundraising Project - \$20,000**

Little Sparklers supports, educates, and empowers families to confidently raise their babies and young children by understanding the biological, psychological, and social needs of the whole family. The funded project will improve business systems and establish a robust, sustainable fundraising and philanthropy program, supporting Little Sparklers in their mission to help families better navigate the early years of parenthood.



### LONGREACH SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION - P & C ASSOCIATION



#### **Quarters Refurbishment - \$15,000**

Longreach School of Distance Education Parents and Citizens' (P&C) Association works closely with the school towards building a stronger school community and has a vision of excellence in education for isolated families. For the P&C, the 'Quarters Refurbishment' project will create a multi-purpose space ideal for connection, relationship building, refuge and learning.

### MARTIN AND FRIENDS

#### **Inclusive Arts Engagement - \$15,000**

Martin and Friends is an inclusive and diversified arts engagement program aimed at young children with Autism Spectrum and Sensory Processing Sensitivities (ASSPS). This arts engagement program involves a touring exhibition and developing and delivering innovative programming to ensure cultural experiences are accessible. The Martin and Friends project aims to break down the barriers to arts engagement for ASSPS children ensuring access to the many benefits of the arts.



### UNDERCOVER ARTIST FESTIVAL



#### **Crossroad Arts Goes Undercover - \$14,000**

Undercover Artist Festival, presented by Access Arts in partnership with Brisbane Festival and Queensland Theatre, is Australia's premier disability-led performing arts festival. To support regional disabled artists, share their professional practice, network, and engage in Australia's premier disability-led performing arts Festival, this project will showcase Crossroad Arts Ambassador Brenden Borellini, and support Brenden and his staff to attend Undercover Artist Festival.

## GRANTS AWARDED: 2022-2023

### YOUTH ENTERPRISE TRUST

#### **Flexi-School Project - \$13,500**

Youth Enterprise Trust (YET) improves the lives of young people through engagement with the environment, education, and entrepreneurship. The Flexi-School Project, conducted in collaboration with four local High Schools, is designed to re-engage students aged 14–17 years back into education. The pilot project will take place at YET's 302-acre property, Woodstock, and involves a cohort of 60-80 disadvantaged students.



### GOONDIWINDI OPERA IN THE GARDENS



#### **Opera Singers - \$10,000**

Opera in the Gardens brings classical music to a regional community where such performances are rare. The Goondiwindi community has been affected by both drought and flood in recent years, meaning the Opera and other cultural events are important opportunities to bring people together, recover and foster social cohesion. In 2023, Goondiwindi Opera in the Gardens will deliver its third event in the local botanical gardens.

### RAISE EDUCATION

#### **Access to Education in the Early Years - \$9,000**

Remote and Isolated Support in Education (RAISEducation) delivers actionable learning support strategies for children with specific learning needs and complements the work of the three distance education schools in the NT. Many geographically isolated children in the NT have little opportunity to attend playgroup or other early learning experiences; this project proposes to support families to ensure a great start to life for their children.



### ATHERTON COMMUNITY TREASURES



#### **Air-conditioning - \$3,500**

Atherton Community Treasures serves the local community from across the Atherton Tablelands. It aims to connect community members via activities, whilst also providing services for people experiencing unemployment, poverty, or homelessness and in need of goods at affordable prices. The purchase of air conditioning units will improve operating conditions, provide a more comfortable and welcoming environment for volunteers and community members.

## ANNIVERSARY GIFTS DISTRIBUTED: 2022-2023

### ISOLATED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND: \$10,000

ICPA Qld strives for equity of access to education for all students who live in rural and remote Queensland. ICPA has a broad range of members including those with children in pre-school, primary school, boarding school, Schools of Distance Education, as well as tertiary education. ICPA utilised the anniversary gift to successfully advocate for an increase to LAFHAS.



### SCRIPTURE UNION QUEENSLAND: \$10,000



Scripture Union Australia works alongside churches and communities to give children, young people, and their families opportunities to discover hope and life through the provision of school chaplaincy services, camps, community-based missions, schools ministry, at-risk youth programs, and nationally recognised training programs. The funds from the anniversary gift were used to support, train, and enable School Chaplains to bring hope to a young generation of Queenslanders.

### TANGENTYERE COUNCIL: \$10,000

Tangentyere Council is a proud Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation, working with households in the Alice Springs Town Camps for more than 40 years. Tangentyere is led by Elders from all 17 Town Camps in the Alice Springs region, with a vision to live safely and in harmony, proud and strong, walking in both worlds. The funds from the anniversary gift are being directed towards the next generation of Yarrenyty Arltere Artists and their emerging fashion project.



### WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE (QUEENSLAND): \$10,000



Women's Legal Service (WLS) Queensland was formed in 1984 after a meeting of committed women, from a mix of welfare, counselling, and legal backgrounds, identified a need for a free legal service that would respond to legal issues affecting women in Queensland. WLS is utilising the gift to develop and deliver a domestic and family violence training program for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). By providing training to the RFDS, Women's Legal Service aim to expand its reach and raise awareness of the free legal and social work assistance it provides.

### YIPIRINYA SCHOOL COUNCIL: \$10,000

Yipirinya School is a community controlled, independent NT school for Aboriginal students, and offers bilingual and bicultural education helping to keep culture alive. The school has a current enrolment of 302 students across both primary and secondary, of whom 100% speak one of the Indigenous languages taught by the school. Yipirinya School is governed by the Yipirinya School Council, with members being either parents or carers of children attending Yipirinya School. The funds from the anniversary gift will be used for the school's CultureTech project.



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 **\$2,076,174**  
distributed since inception

 **\$2,364,000**  
total corpus

 **64**  
orgs supported since 2002

Click on the map to see where Ningana Trust funded in 2022-23

