

Justice Reinvestment: linking health and justice

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Health justice partnerships

Figure 1: The health justice landscape by state or territory



Source: HJA 2018 census. N=73 services.

Why Justice Reinvestment?

- Governments spent \$3.1 bill per annum on prisons nationally, of which there were 112 in 2017. In 1998-99 we spent \$1 bill per annum on a total of 97 prisons.
- Our national average daily adult prison population has doubled in the last 20 years and our rate of adult incarceration has tripled over the last 30 years
- At least half of all adult prisoners have been locked up before, suggesting that incarceration is not changing behaviour
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders constitute 2% of our 18+ population and 27% of our adult prisoners. They are 15 times as likely to be incarcerated.
- Three quarters of Indigenous prisoners return to prison
- Young Indigenous people are 25 times as likely to be incarcerated. They constitute 5% of our 10 to 17-year old population and 59% of our youth detainees.

What is justice reinvestment?



- **Justice reinvestment is about building communities, not prisons.**
- Recognises a strong link between locations of high disadvantage and high rates of people coming into contact with the criminal justice system (CJS).
- A smarter approach to criminal justice: builds stronger communities by supporting community-led initiatives and strategies.
- Focus on getting to the underlying *drivers* of crime to prevent crime from occurring in the first place.
- Also about diverting the funds saved from less interactions with the CJS and reinvesting those funds back into communities.

Place-based, Community led, Data driven





CURRENT JR COMMUNITIES

- Halls Creek, WA
- Port Adelaide, SA
- Cherbourg, QLD
- Katherine, NT
- Moree, NSW
- Rockhampton, QLD
- Bourke, NSW
- ACT (government led)

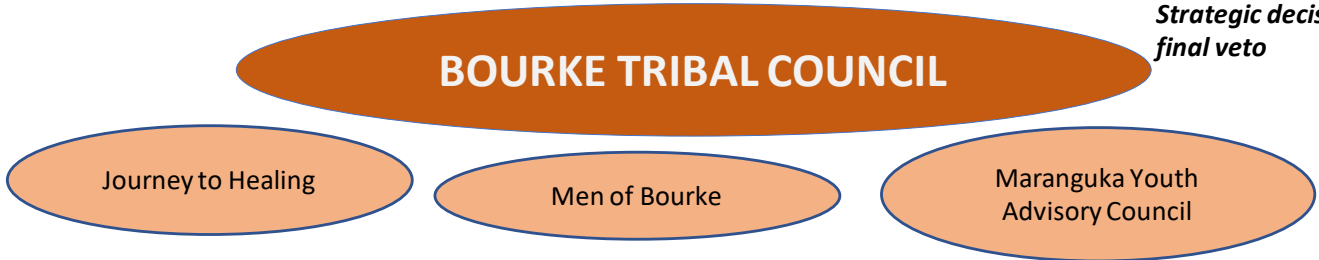
POTENTIAL JR COMMUNITIES

- Lismore, NSW
- Tennant Creek, NT
- Cairns, QLD
- Mt Druitt, NSW
- Cowra, NSW
- Doomadgee, QLD
- Derby, WA
- Port Hedland, WA

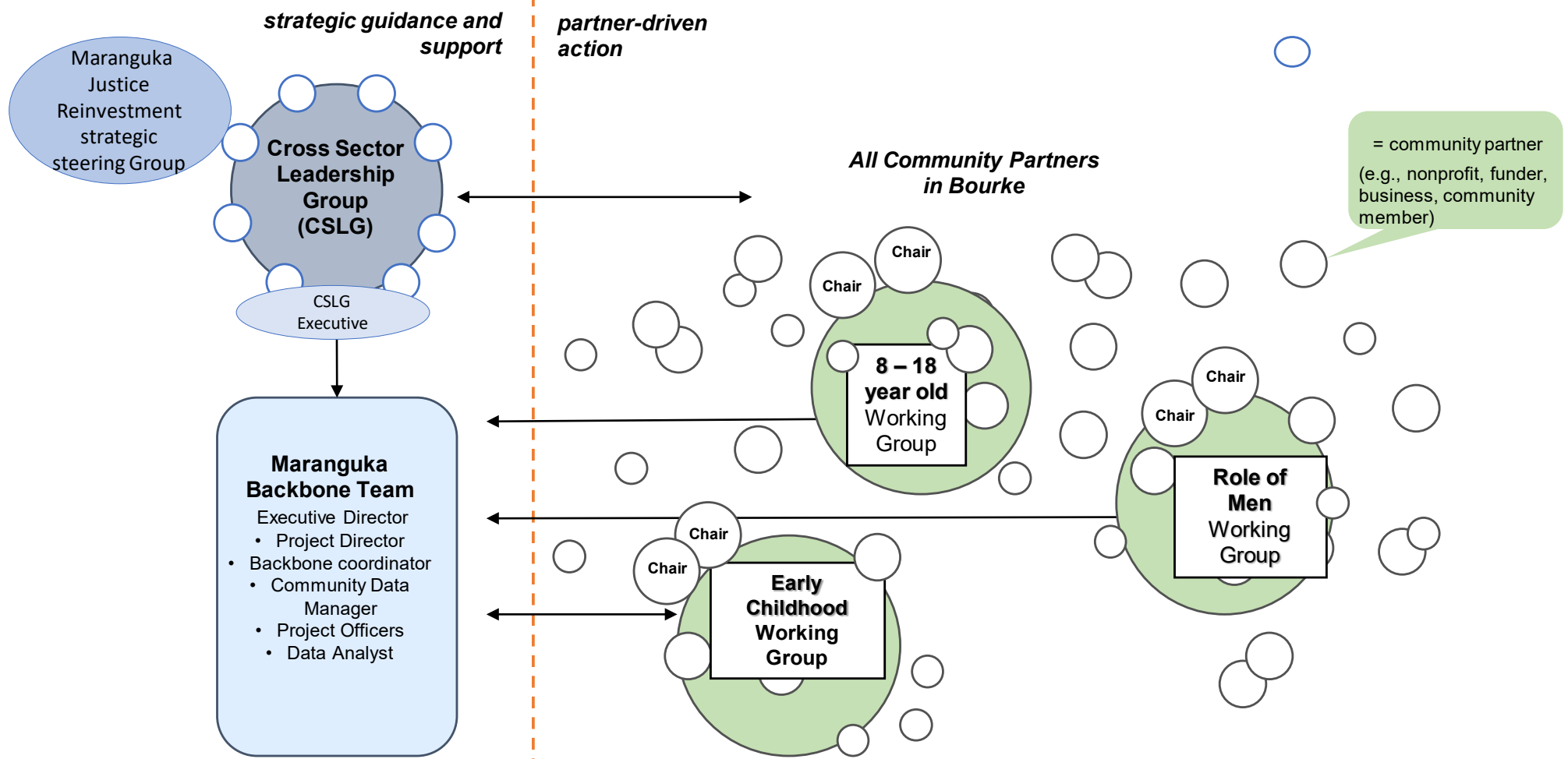
Maranguka Justice Reinvestment in Bourke:



- Maranguka: a model of Indigenous self-governance guided by the Bourke Tribal Council.
- Maranguka partnered with Just Reinvest NSW in 2013 to develop a ‘proof of concept’ for JR.
- 1st stage focused on building trust between community and service providers, data collection, identifying community priorities and ‘circuit breakers’.
- During the next phase, a community strategy for change was developed with shared vision, goals and measurement system by the Bourke Tribal Council: *Growing our Kids Up Safe, Smart and Strong*.
- Stage 3 involves implementation of the *Safe, Smart and Strong* strategy.
- During Stage 3, government is approached about diversion of correctional funds, based on demonstrated capacity to enact change.
- Stage 4 involves ongoing (forever) work to keep building on JR successes.



COMMUNITY STRATEGY: GROWING OUR KIDS UP SAFE, SMART AND STRONG



JUST REINVEST NSW

A SNAPSHOT OF LIFE FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN BOURKE, NSW

Maranguka supports families, young people, services, schools, governments, and businesses to work together to achieve those goals.

The best thing about living in Bourke is friends and family.

The Bourke Tribal Council and other leaders in Bourke use the summary to set goals to improve the lives of Aboriginal children and young people in Bourke.

A summary of what people said is treated and shared widely.

People talk about this data in homes, public spaces and services with elders, women, men, young people and children.

We want to be treated with respect.

This document puts data into your hands so you can learn, talk, think and set goals about what needs to change so that all Aboriginal children and young people in Bourke can have better lives.

If you would like to talk more about this data please speak with the person in charge.

SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE 2013

- Bourke Primary School: 89% Aboriginal students
- Bourke High School (BHS): 68% Aboriginal students
- Bourke High School: 71% Aboriginal students

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

- 27% Unemployment among Indigenous youth
- 49% Of all youth not in Education, Training or Employment (NETE)

INCOME & EMPLOYMENT

- Average Income 2011: \$46,882
- Unemployment March 2012: 62%
- 85% Employed Aboriginal jobseekers in Bourke Jobs & Communities Program (BJCP)

DRIVER LICENCES

- 337 Full licence holders
- 151 Part licence holders
- 244 No licence holders

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

- 6.5 Aboriginal jobseekers for each place in BJCP
- 72 Youth Allowance (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal)
- 39 Newstart (Aboriginal)

COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH SERVICES 0-17 YEARS

- 771 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR ADMISSION: Musculoskeletal, Ear, nose, mouth and throat, Digestive system

COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH SERVICES 18-24 YEARS

- 1259 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR ADMISSION: Pregnancy and childbirth (Maternity related), Ear, nose, throat and mouth, Mental health

COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH SERVICES 25-64 YEARS

- 941 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Musculoskeletal, Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care)

COMMUNITY BASED HEALTH SERVICES 65+ YEARS

- 304 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Mental health, Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care)

THE JOURNALS OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

18-24 YEARS

- 441 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care), Mental health

25-34 YEARS

- 503 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care), Mental health

35-44 YEARS

- 664 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care), Mental health

45-54 YEARS

- 825 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care), Mental health

55-64 YEARS

- 986 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care), Mental health

65+ YEARS

- 1147 Occasions of Service
- TOP 3 REASONS FOR SERVICE: Injury and Alcohol, Child & Family Health (Early post-natal care), Mental health

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT A SPARKER TYPE FID

Prevention, Prison, Re-offending

A STRONG, SAFE COMMUNITY

Maranguka: health-related data

- Early childhood development (AEDC)
- Antenatal and early childhood health
- Hospital admissions (primary reasons: and specific data on mental health and drug and alcohol use)
- School readiness health assessments
- Community-based health services (primary reasons: and specific data on mental health and drug and alcohol use)
- School enrolments and attendance, suspensions
- Employment and income (reliance on social security, youth unemployment)

JR in Bourke: strategic working groups, Cross Sector Leadership, and the role of health



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Early childhood and parenting

8-18 year old

Role of men

The working groups have developed key strategies and focus areas including:

- Sustained home visits in the first 2000 days of a child's life
- Three year old health checks
- Allied health reform –creating a community navigator role to follow up on three year old health checks.

- Clinical assessments for young people who are disengaging from school
- Mental health coordination and increased support and access for children and families

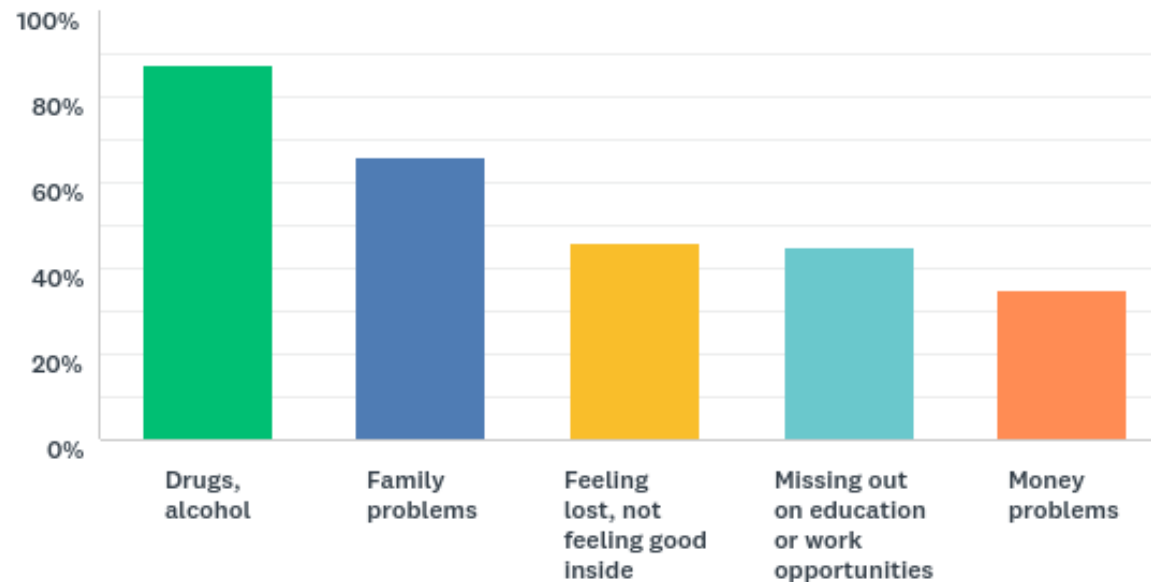
- Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol support – links in with return to community strategy.
- Employment readiness

•NSW Health, the Primary Health Network, the Bourke Aboriginal Medical Service, Mental Health services attend working groups and play a key role in the Justice Reinvestment Strategy.

•The Minister for Health and Medical Research, The Hon. Brad Hazzard, is the Maranguka Cross Sector Champion.

Underlying drivers of offending: Cherbourg

Q7 What are the main reasons why people from Cherbourg get locked up, thinking about 18-25 year olds? Choose 3 boxes below.



Health and justice links: Cherbourg

- Health related drivers of offending: disability, mental health, drug and alcohol, parental health and wellbeing

Drugs and alcohol ... are why they get in trouble, why they keep going back into jail when they get out

A lot of the parents are young parents too. They're not prepared for parenthood. They are getting much younger. They can't care for their kids as much as the more mature parents. We've got 17, 15, 16 year old parents out here.

Trauma is within a lot of us, because of that lack of knowing who you are. Your culture, and identity. It goes back through generations. ... It's almost a natural reaction - DV. Everybody's defending themselves all the time

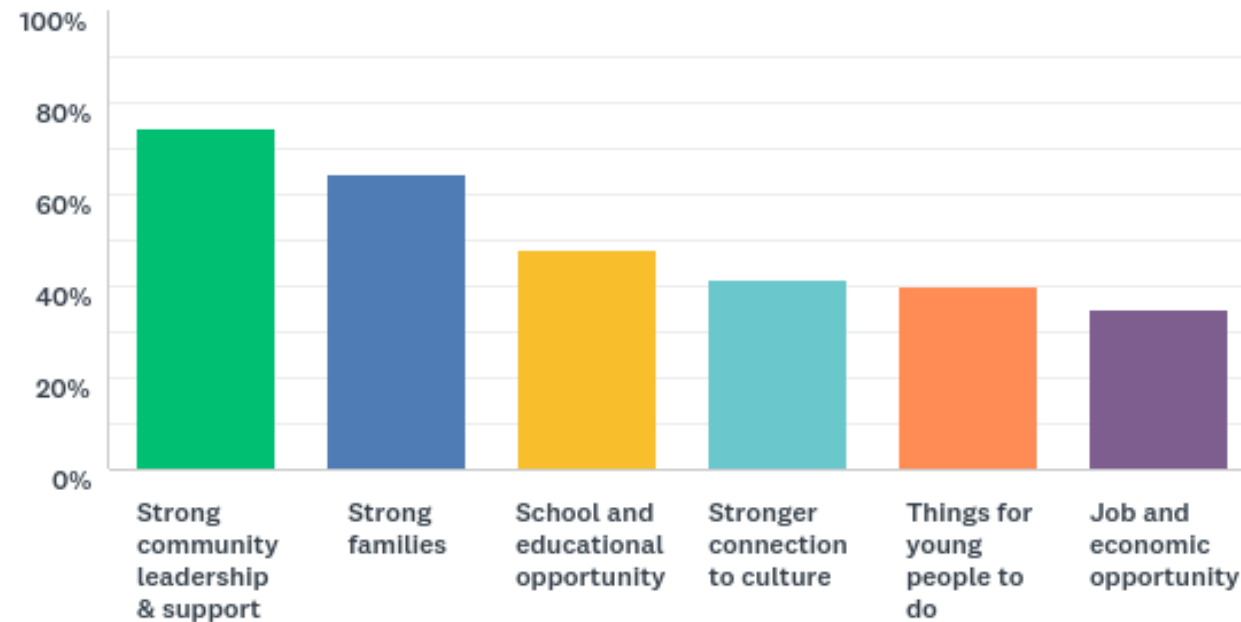
- Links through social determinants

A lot of our youth, they've got no one leading them to jobs. The Council hasn't got that much jobs to do out here. If Cherbourg had to go down that path, it might alleviate some of the problem, give some of these fellas something to do. We've got too much time on our hands. And a lot of the time is spent on the wrong way, on the wrong decisions – instead of doing the right things, and thinking what we can do in our community. I've been out of detention 5 years. I got a good job, I'm earning my own money – feeling much better.

Education is a key driver [of offending]. Without education you're not going to go forward, you're not going to build capacity in our future leaders. Our education system isn't helping our children, it's failing our children and our community because they are our future. How many graduate but can't read and write properly?

Responses to drivers of offending and incarceration: Cherbourg

Q8 What will help stop young people (10-25 years old) getting locked up? Choose 3 boxes below



Culture and self-determination: improved health and justice outcomes

... the cultural factors that promote resilience, foster a sense of identity and support good mental and physical health and wellbeing for individuals, families and communities. While the cultural determinants of health are a less understood concept compared to the social determinants of health, there is strong evidence emerging around the various ways that culture can support better health outcomes

(Commonwealth Government, Department of Health (2017) My Life My Lead: opportunities for strengthening approaches to social and cultural determinants of Indigenous health – report on the national consultations)

What can community-led Justice Reinvestment look like - Maranguka JR



- Community Empowerment - responding to community aspirations and solutions - the Bourke Tribal Council and the Bourke community being in the drivers seat
- Developing and delivering a community led strategy for change - *Safe, Smart & Strong*.
- Self Determination in Action - applying & asserting cultural authority - including cultural protocols & guiding principles to the Protocols. Having a localised cultural competency training framework
- Shared outcomes and indicators framework designed by the community - applying community expectations to indicators
- The need to redirect government spending from the criminal justice system to community-led initiative

“ It’s redefining self-determination.

What is unique now is sitting at the table – be it with the philanthropic sector, the corporate sector or government – the community is sitting in the driver’s seat. It’s the first time in history that I’m aware of that Bourke is actually in the driver’s seat and making those decisions.

Alistair Ferguson, Executive Director, Maranguka



Importance of community leadership

Community perspectives on community leadership

You work on any idea they want to do, whatever they're willing to chase. It's worth it because it's theirs - meaning it's ours (belongs to Cherbourg)... As small and as silly as our ideas might sound we need to invest in them.... Even if it's one or two people to start with, we can take it from there. We can learn, we'll encourage others. And it will be a natural flow.

Cherbourg community leader

Letter from Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council supporting JR

We are 100% committed and ready to progress JR in our community. As a community that commitment is to what has been repeatedly called for from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and that is for a genuine say in our own lives and decisions that affect our peoples and communities. This, known as self-determination, is the key to closing the gap in outcomes for the people of Cherbourg.

We as a community are wanting to work in genuine collaboration with all levels of government and other sectors who influence wellbeing and opportunities for our young people. We believe JR presents an opportunity, a way of working that gives the community real voice and re-empowers through the design, delivery, monitoring and the learning together of ways to get better outcomes for our young people. We know the road ahead will not be easy, we know there will be setbacks, but there is too much at stake to not take action, to be courageous and do things differently. As a community we will back ourselves, back JR and warmly invite others to join us. Cherbourg is ready to lead the way for JR in Queensland.

Yours faithfully,



Arnold Murray

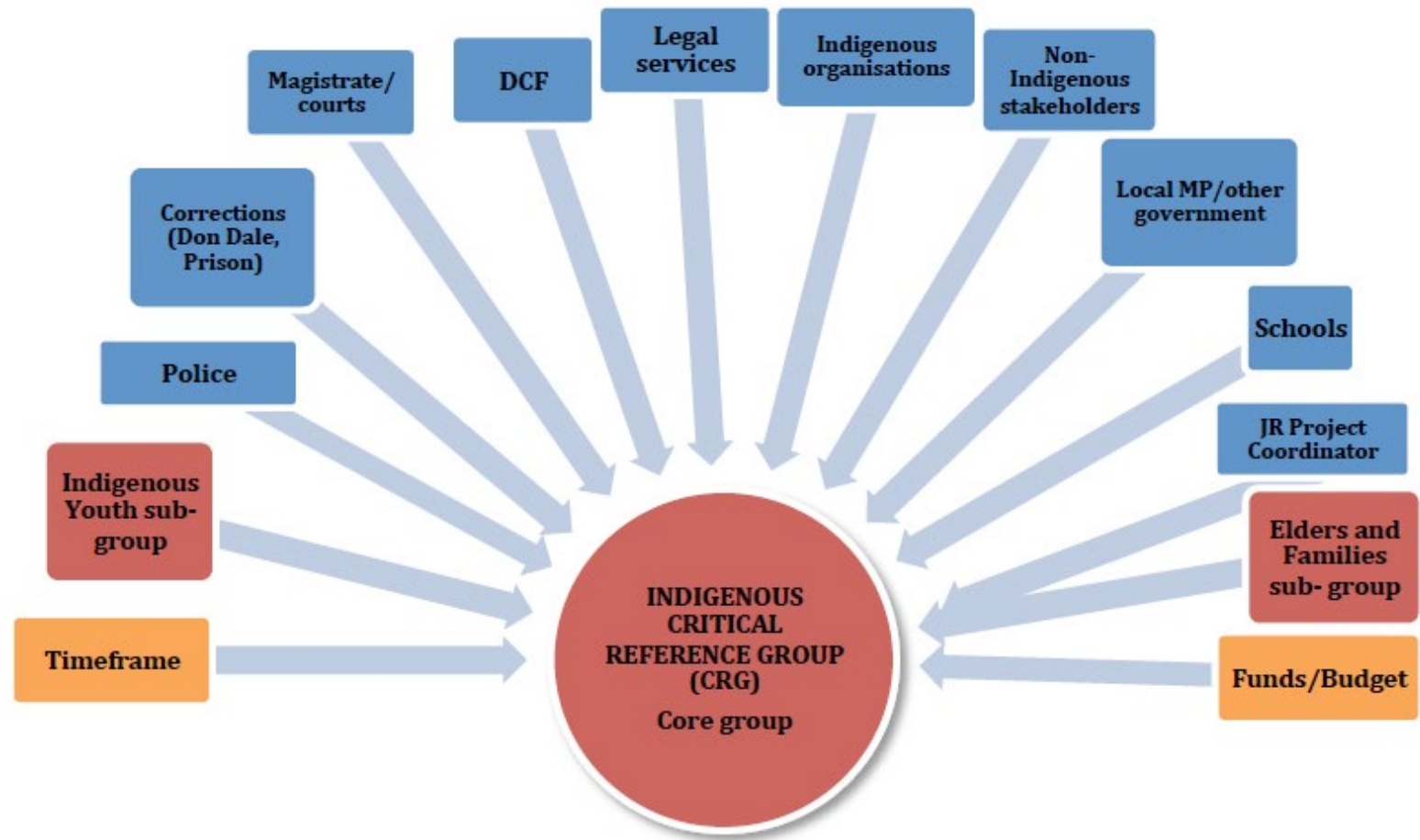
Mayor



Warren Collins

Chief Executive Officer

JR WHEEL IN KATHERINE



KPMG Impact Assessment



- KPMG report highlights improvements in three key areas from 2016-17:
 - **Family strength:** a 23% reduction in police recorded incidences of domestic violence
 - **Youth development:** a 31% increase in year 12 student retention rates and a 38% reduction in charges across the top five juvenile offence categories
 - **Adult empowerment:** a 14% reduction in bail breaches and 42% reduction in days spent in custody



Savings in 2017 in Bourke:

- **\$3.1 million** gross impact (\$ savings)
- **\$1.9 million** savings to the justice system
- **\$1.2 million** savings on service system

Economic impact was **5 times greater** than its operational costs.

If Bourke can sustain just half of these results, they will achieve an additional gross impact of **\$7 million** over the next **5 years**.

Impact of justice reinvestment in Bourke:

community well-being



“People tell us that the feeling of the town when they walk around has changed. Not only is there less crime, but they feel a sense of pride and cohesion within the community. There was a period of time when I was attending a homicide a month. that is not happening now. I love the vibrant spirit and resilience of the Bourke community.”

Greg Moore

District Area Commander, NSW Police



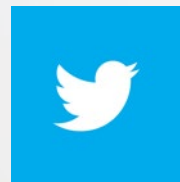
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