

Indigenous Library Services State Library of Queensland

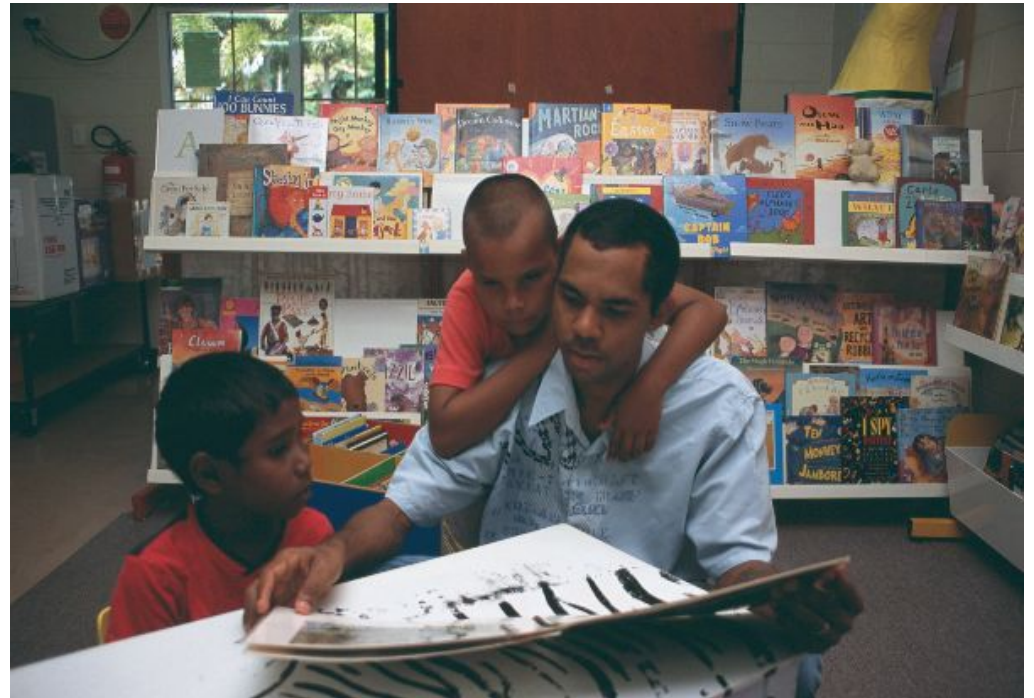


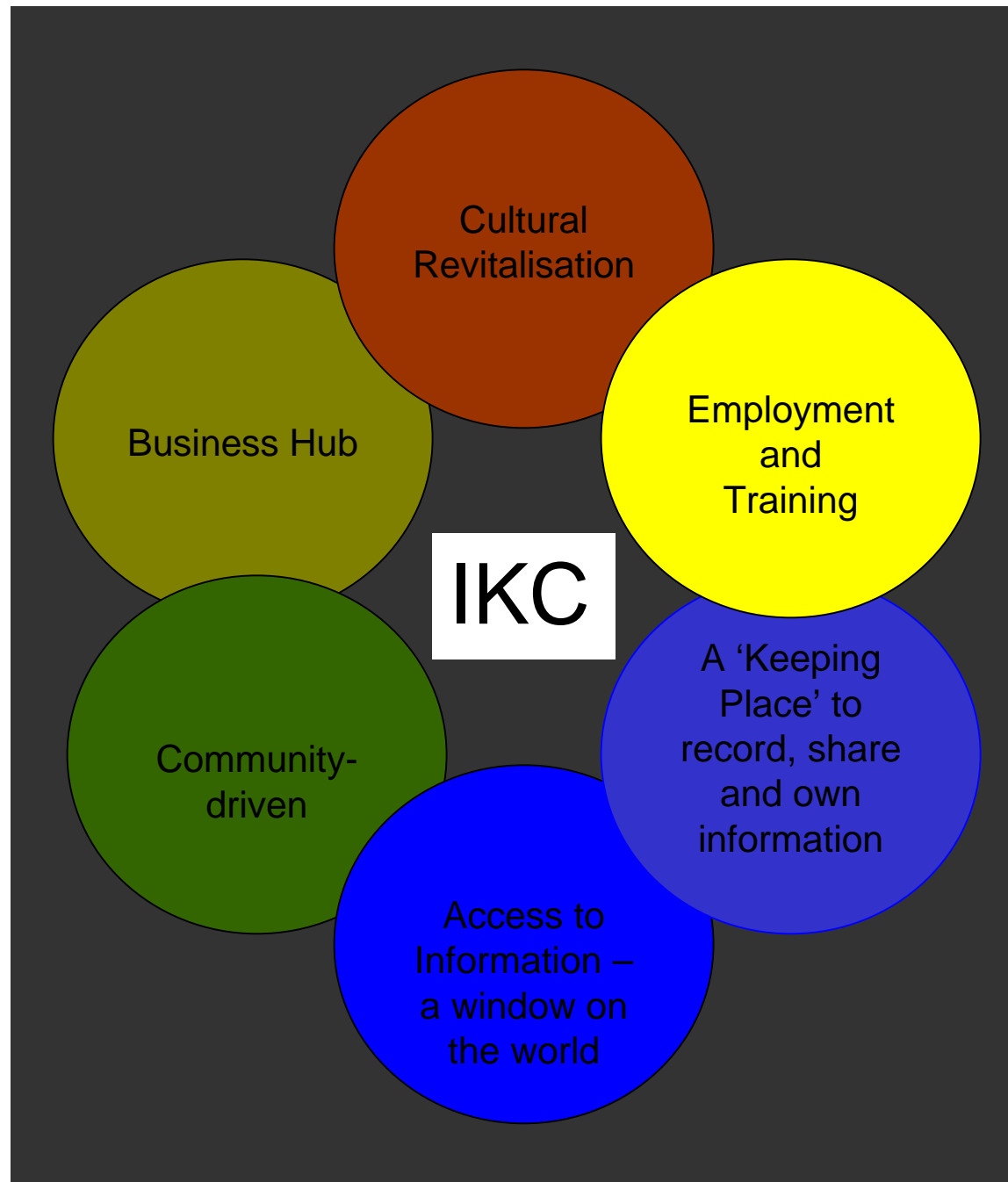


- Indigenous representation on the Library Board of Queensland.
- Indigenous Advisory Committee to provide advice on policy and strategic issues concerning library and information service provision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Torres Strait Islander Reference Group.

Indigenous Library Services Strategy

- Establishing Indigenous Knowledge Centers.
- Improving service delivery to Indigenous peoples through public libraries across Queensland.
- Including services for Indigenous peoples in the Millennium Library Project.
- Ensuring that Indigenous collections and culture are represented in public library spaces.
- Increasing employment and training opportunities in libraries for Indigenous peoples.

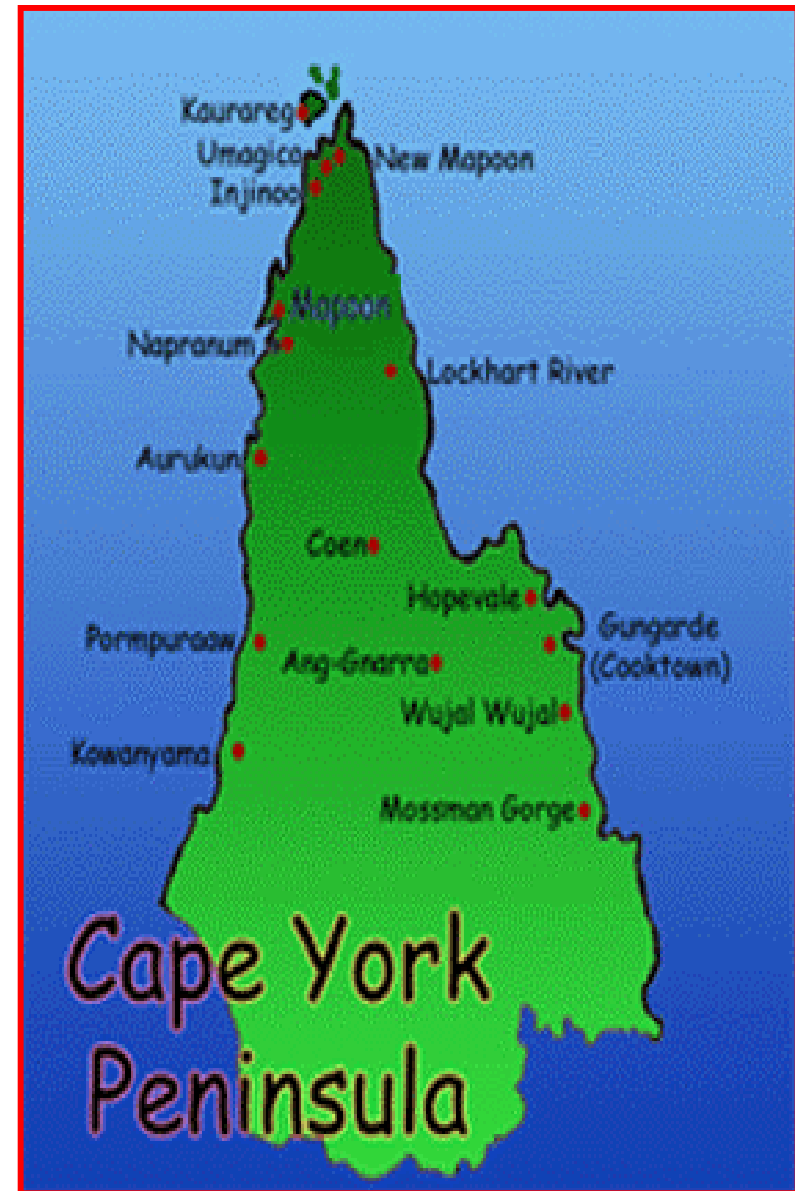




IKCs in Cape York

Established in:

- New Mapoon
- Lockhart River
- Wujal Wujal
- Pormpuraaw
- Aurukun
- Injinoo

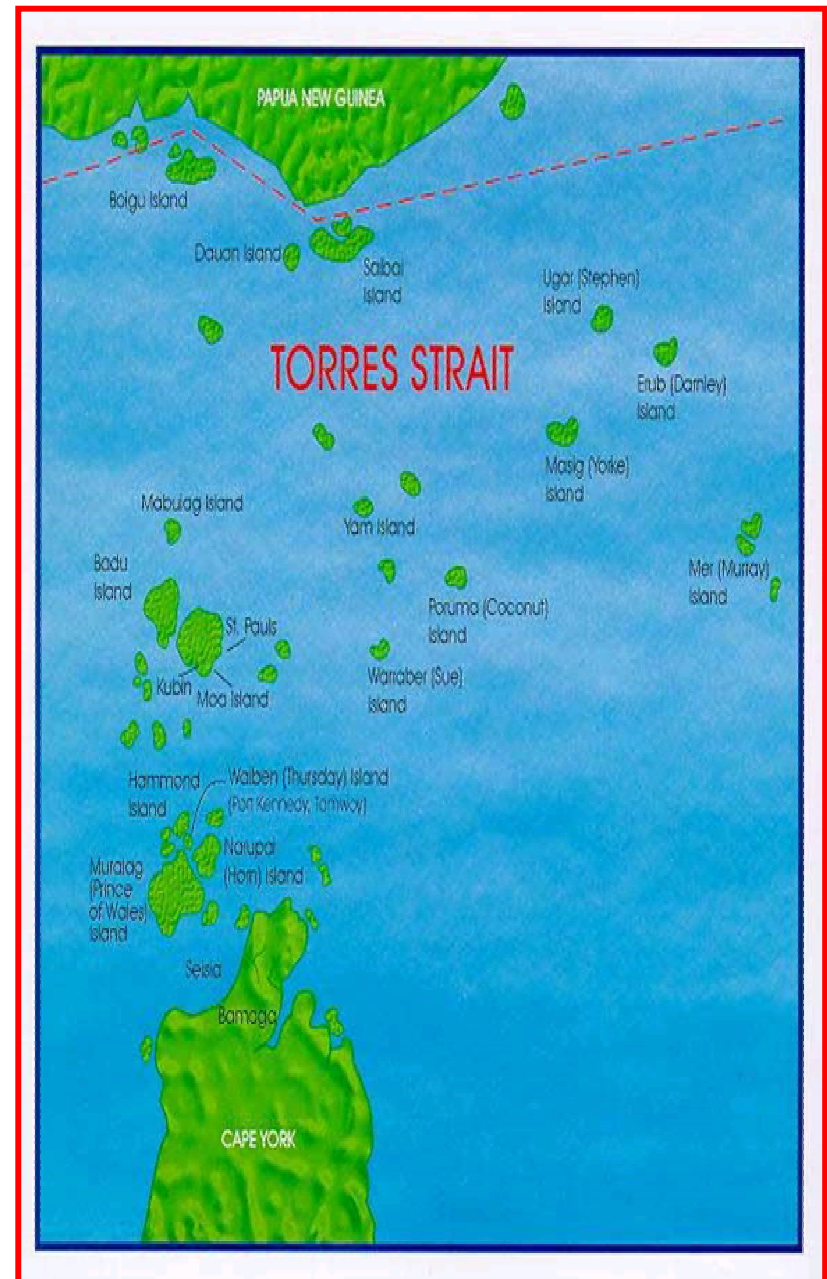


From the Apunipima Health Council
www.apunipima.org.au

Torres Strait IKCs

Established in:

- Darnley (Erub)
- Mabuiag
- Poruma



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Recently established IKCs

- Seisa in the Northern Peninsular Area of Cape York
- Badu Island in the Torres Strait
- Cherbourg in South Queensland



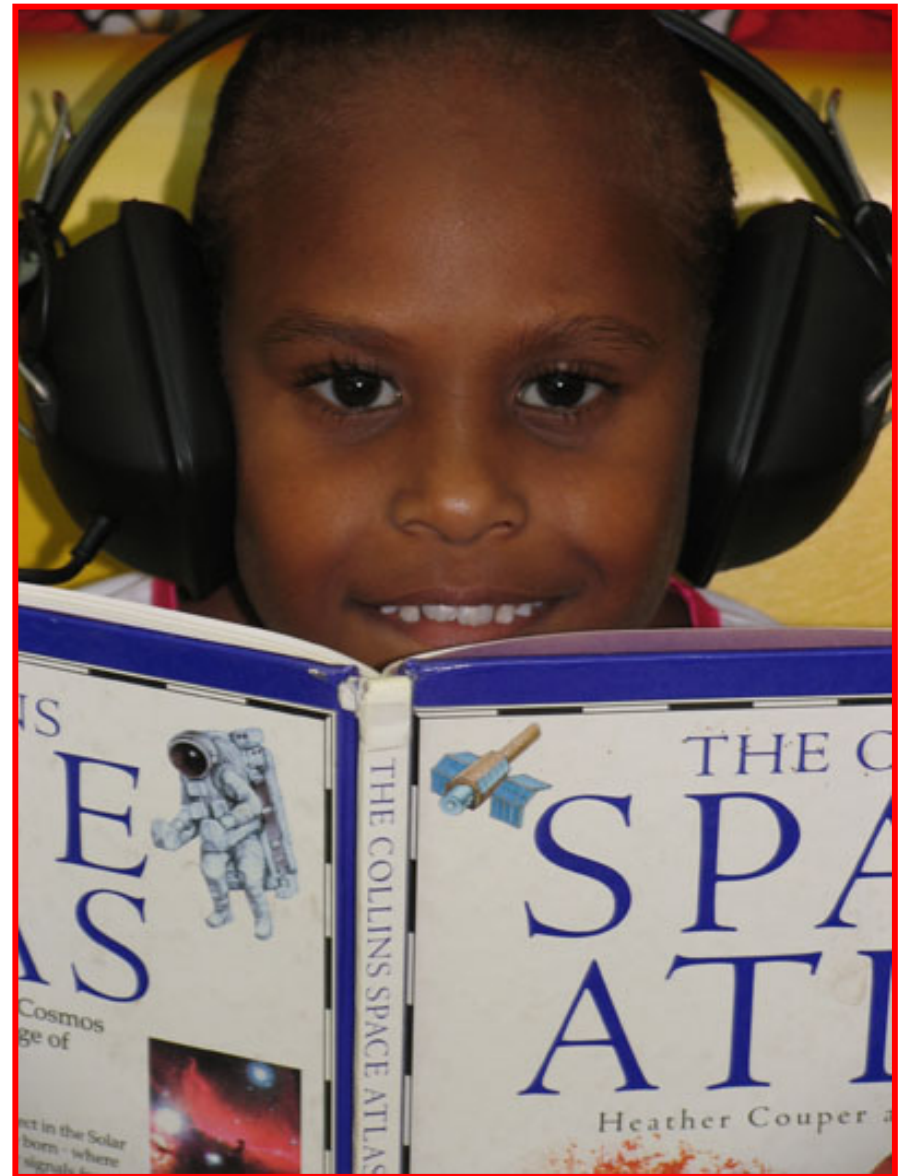
Establishing IKCs involves:

Consultation with
communities

Shaping the IKC to
meet specific needs

Professional advice

Practical assistance



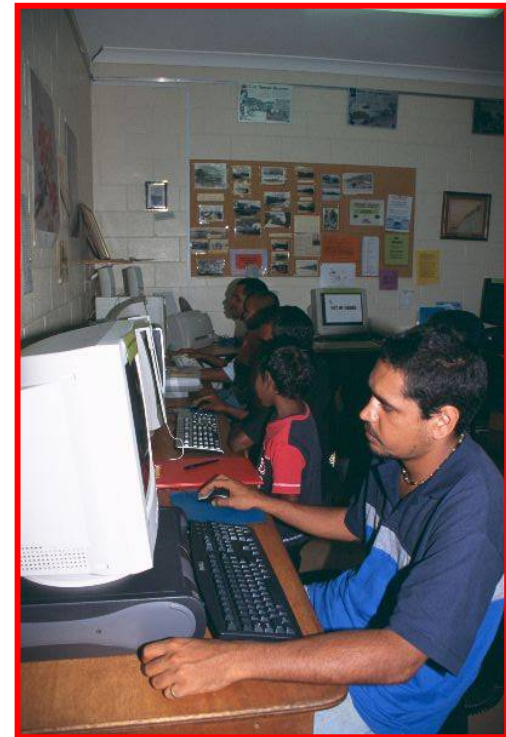
Literacy and lifelong learning programs



I Can Sing - I Can Read



Have you heard...?



Living Culture

Sustainability

- Ongoing support
- Training
- Day-to-day help
- Programs



Continued development of the model

- Building on experience
- Sustainability strategies
- Best practice for continued delivery
- Community feedback



Redeveloped State Library with IKC in view



Listen here! Public Libraries Pilot Project

Role of pilot sites:

- Employ an Indigenous staff member to work on this project.
- Develop collections of Indigenous material.
- Implement programs to engage Indigenous communities.
- Establish an Indigenous reference group.
- Promote *Listen here!* activities.

Cunnamulla

“We had our trials in trying to formulate a working group but we are now in the process of organising our first meeting with everyone, and so far nearly everyone from different organisations as well as representatives and Elders from all the clan groups have agreed to be a part of it.”

- Agnes Fox, Aboriginal Resource Officer



Continued work

- Council of Australian State Libraries *National Policy Framework for Indigenous Library Services and Collections.*
- Promotion of Indigenous Library services through @ your library campaign.



Key features of best practice

- Inclusiveness.
- Listening to the community.
- Flexibility, responsiveness.
- Developing partnerships strategically.
- Accept that building trust and relationships takes time, energy and commitment.
- Community owned and driven to ensure sustainability.

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