



2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

YALU ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Yo nhamirr bukmak narrany yaku Evelyn Djotja ga Chairperson narra Yalu Aboriginal corporation'gu.

Dhuwandja narra ku lurrkun'nha dhungarra nunhi narra Chairperson dhiyak Yalu Aboriginal Corporationgu.

Dhuwandja bala dhungarray napurr djama dhiyal yalunur manymakuman , ga dharrwa nhakun napurr ga marram gumurr dal'ja dhukarr yurr napurr ga gungayunmirr ,ga djama rrambanji ga ralmanapanmirr djama.

Yo dhukarr mal'maram nunhi gungayunamirr bala djamany rrambanjin.

Narra ga gatpiyun nayi dhu dhiyal Yalu'nur djama dharrwa yolhu ga gungayun Dhiyal djamarrkuḷiny ga bulu nhakun gurruṯmirriny ga waṇa Dhuwal Galiwinku.

Hello, everyone, my name is Evelyn Djotja and this is my third year of being chairperson of Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.

Time has been tough and challenging, but we have managed to shuffle things around to make it better and some of them were hard and challenging decisions that had to be made to get where we are now and we are on the way to our new Development plan and we are making it happen.

Yalu has done lots of great things like we now have a Community wide free WIFI that helps our community to be able to connect online to essential services and to reach out to family and friends. We also had our launch of the new development which was very good and exciting there was lots of visitors from afar and local to see the land and our 3D model.

Yalu is now in a position where we need to make many more challenging decision because there is lots ahead for us.

We have continued to grow and have lots of new employees, lots of training has been happening and with our staff and our Yalu Board of Directors as a Centre Against Violence. I would like to see more young people working in Yalu stepping up into roles to work with children, families and community in Galiwinku.

E. Djotja
EVELYN DJOTJA
CHAIR WOMAN



ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

Yalu Aboriginal Corporation (Yalu) is a funded for purpose organisation established in 2002 and rejuvenated in 2019 to be a facilitating partner and hold funding in its own right. Yalu has more than doubled in size since 2018 and we are expecting projected growth to continue with all team members having succession plans for the the next phase of growth. Yalu has continued its growth in it's financial capacity, workforce development, circular economy and service delivery capability. Based in in Galiwinku and with operations in our footprint communities of Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi and Ramingining, we provide benevolent support across the East Arnhem Land footprint with place based programs delivered for the most disengaged and disenfranchised Yolŋu community members. Our goal is to support them to thrive. Our scope of work expands across Children and Family Services, Community Care and Research and Community Engagement.

VISION

We envision a future where Yalu is a catalyst for positive change—bridging tradition and modernity, fostering creativity, and empowering individuals and communities to thrive. Our vision is rooted in sustainability, collaboration, and the belief that design and innovation can serve a greater purpose.

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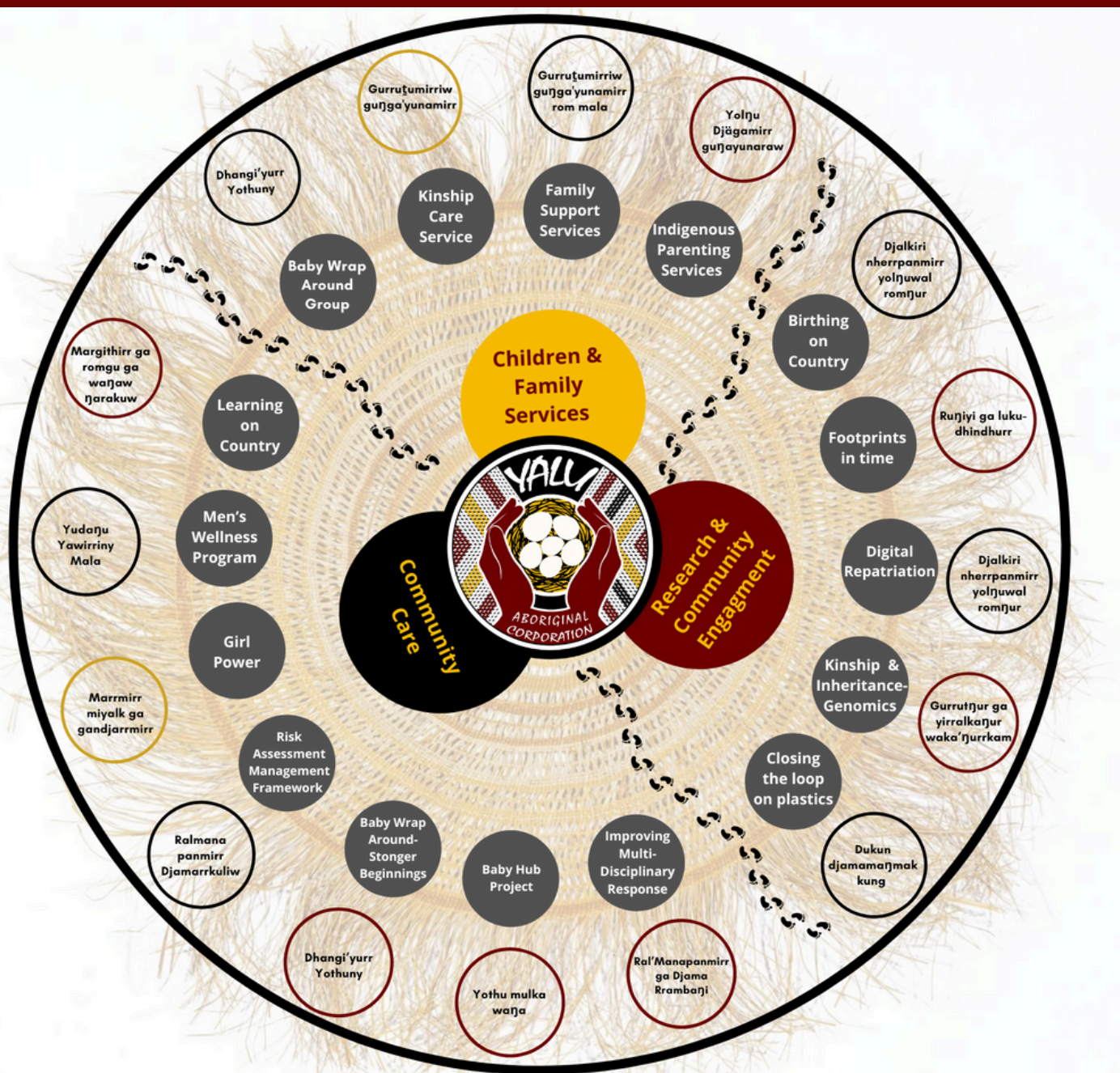
Yalu exists to inspire meaningful connection through thoughtful design, cultural integrity, and community-driven innovation. We aim to create experiences, programs, and partnerships that reflect our commitment to quality, inclusivity, and long-term impact.



OUR SERVICE DELIVERY

Yalu has continuously been delivering high quality outcomes in the areas of Children and Family Services, Community Care and Research over the last 12 months. This is what we refer to our ground view.

We have focused on process and system improvement to provide service continuity as well as support our team to deliver services in the community with ease.





THE YALU WAY

Yalu has established a strong process starting from the ground up in the way we build our team and the way we work.

We are a centre against violence and believe that all people deserve to be treated with respect and to live in a place without violence. To move the community forward we

As a Yolngu Organisation, our strategy is to lead by example to be the change we want to see which is a thriving community where respect, love and kindness thrive and where violence has no place.

At Yalu we use the following analogy for the work we do. This is also in relation to time frames and a way for our team to wear the right 'hat' when required.

GROUND VIEW. As a grassroots Yolngu organisation the work we do on the ground level with families and children is absolutely vital to the wellbeing of the whole community and this view provides immediate solutions for the community. This is our immediate work and short term solutions.

TREETOP VIEW is where leaders are able to see the full scope of what is happening in Galiwinku and our neighbouring communities to look at longer term solutions to provide the support needed to Yolngu people. This is our medium level work and medium timed solutions.

EAGLE VIEW is one that is taken on by our executive and senior level leadership team to ensure we have insight into what is happening on a larger scale and to provide sustainable solutions for the East Arnhem region and beyond. This is our longer term perspective and longer term goals.

SATELLITE VIEW, which is taken on by our Board to ensure there is a continuity and ethical focus for Yalu to ensure that it operating transparently, sustainably and viably to provide hope in the region as a local Yolngu corporation led and run by Yolngu people. This is a big picture and strategic level goals.





Yalu's HQ is based in Galiwinku and has operations with placed based Yolngu in Gapuwiyak, Milingimbi and Ramingining which are based in East Arnhem Land. Yalu has also delivered presentations or training in the following areas:

Wadeye NT
Darwin NT
Galiku NT
Katherine NT

Alice Springs NT
Adelaide SA
Karatha WA
Perth WA

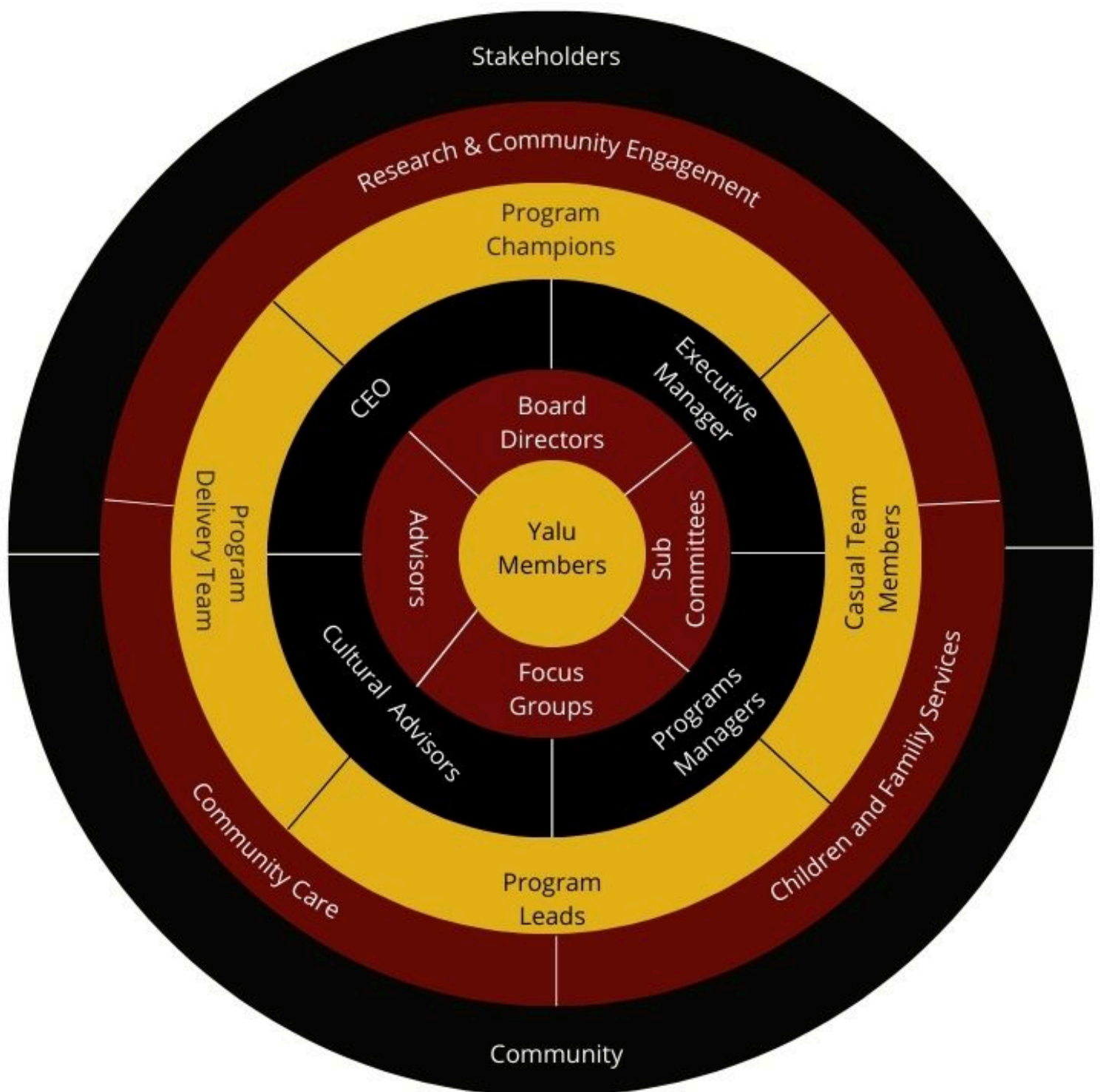
Weipa QLD
Brisbane QLD
Melbourne VIC
Canberra ACT

OUR EAGLE VIEW



OUR TREETOP VIEW

Yalu has had a stable and consistent model where we have pivoted our activities in line with community needs. Our team is our greatest asset where we work tirelessly to provide quality outcomes for the community in the areas of research, community care and children and family services. Our treetop view is what leads our work on a daily basis. We are committed to continue strengthening our community development outcomes in Galiwinku and in the region.



OUR LEADERS AND ADVISORS



Anahita Tonkin
CEO



Helen Westbury
Executive Manager



Jasmine Yunupingu
Program Manager-
Children & Families



Ben Ngwele
Program Coordinator-
Community Care



Litisha Baker
Program Manager-
Community Care



Annie Cain
Program Mentor-
Children & Families



Evelyn Djotja
Senior Researcher-
Lead



Robin Tonkin
Operations Manager



Dr. Sue Abhary
Research Advisor



Azure Hermes
Research Advisor



Gretel Killeen
Communications Advisor

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Evelyn Djotja
Chairwoman



Jasmine Yunupingu
Deputy Chairwoman



Dorothy Yungirrnga
Founding Director



Glen Gurruwiwi
Director



Litisha Baker
Director



Cyril Bukulatjpi
Director



Nancy Gudaltji
Director



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Director



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Emerging Director



Wesley Dhurrkay
Emerging Director

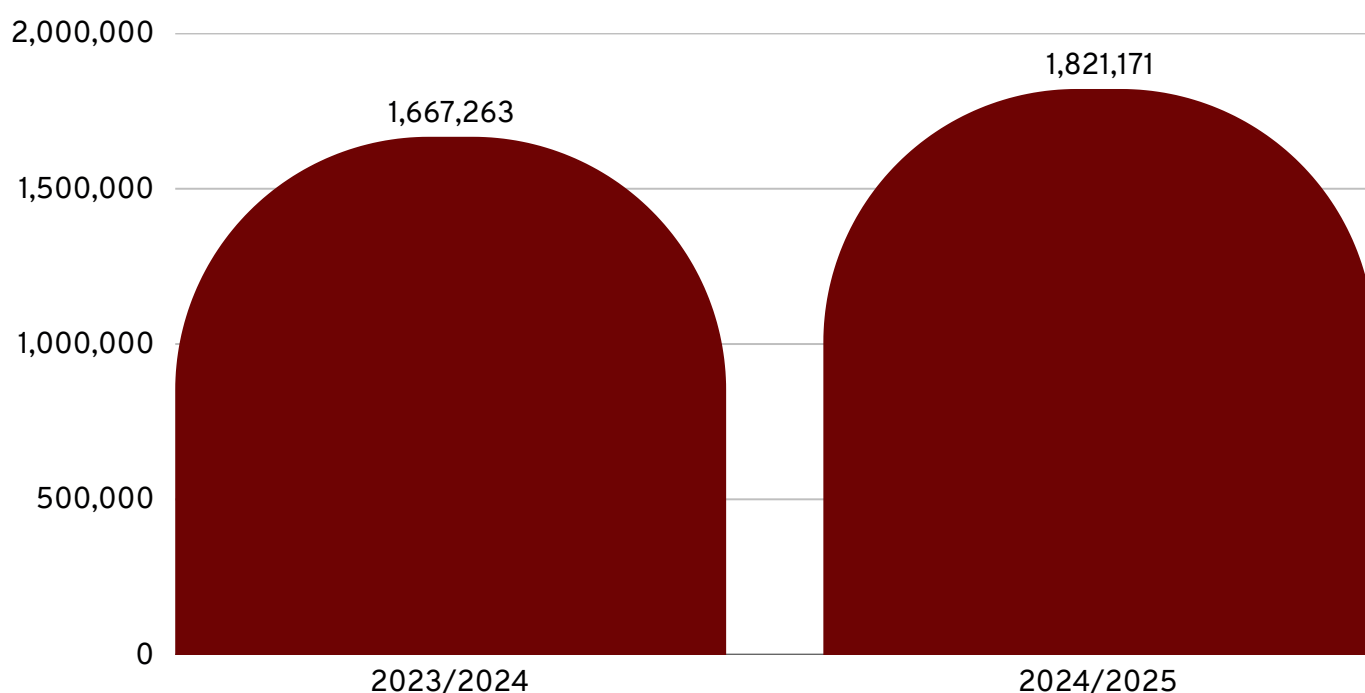
A YEAR IN REVIEW



Over the last financial year, Yalu has ensured a strong focus on systems, processes and governance of our organisation to ensure business continuity and sustainability. Through the current leadership our satellite view has been strong to guide our strategic vision forward to positively impact children and families, community and our team. We have been able to do this through increased community employment, increase service delivery outcomes, increase kinship care options, deliver ongoing community education and continue as a centre against violence to deliver activities that engage women, men, children and youth.

We are on track to continue our growth pathway and will invest in our people first to strengthen their skills and knowledge to be the leaders of tomorrow. We are of service to the community and will continue to build knowledge, resilience and education across Galiwinku and the footprint communities we operate in which we know will support the legacy we are building to be a community that is thriving in culture, love and kindness.

Our Progress- Employee Costs



A YEAR IN REVIEW



The last year has shown us that growth is possible in all forms when we work together and walk alongside each other in both worlds. As a grass roots, place based Yolngu organisation we strive to a high standard and expect the best of our team in order to deliver the best to the community. We want to deliver services in the community for a lifetime and that's the level that we aim for.

This work has its challenges and we are no stranger to them, however we have worked hard to create a workplace culture that is one of a Yalu family where we care for each other and provide safe spaces to communicate and operate. We are willing to continue to develop and are consistently looking at ways to be better for our team, for the community and for our organisation.

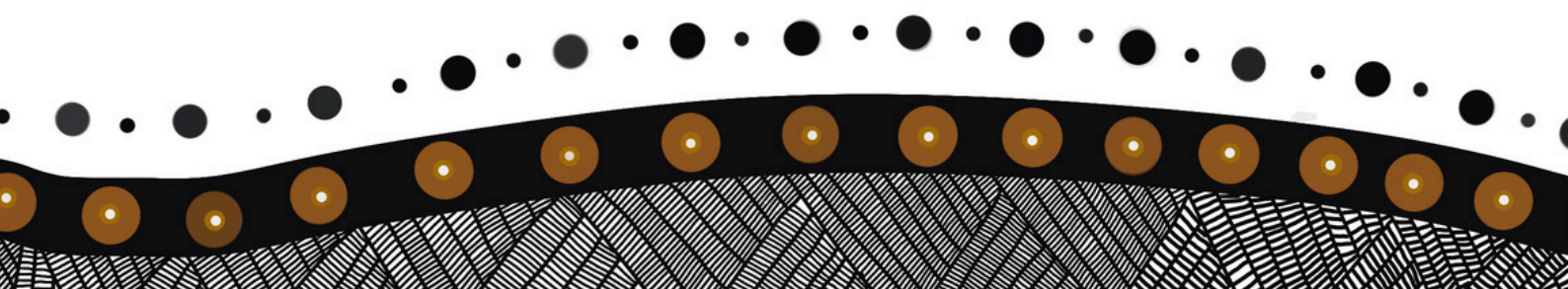
What once seemed a far away dream of a space for the community for wellness and healing, for reflection and gratification, for information and storytelling, for reunification and connection is becoming a reality. We are incredibly proud of how far we have come and know there is a long way to go. We must stop and celebrate all the wins along the way as living and working in a remote island such as Galiwinku is not possible without heart, dedication, determination and courage of each and every one of our team, our funders, our supporters and our friends.

We are incredibly grateful for the opportunities we have had to make long lasting collective impact across the community and the region, and are looking forward to many more years to come. We are a strong Yolngu lead organisation that will ensure strong culture interweaves through all we do and guides the best practices that we follow. We will use every moment to fulfil our vision of a thriving community without violence, develop capable and courageous leaders of tomorrow and support women, children, youth and families in every way we can.

We are listeners, we are change makers, we are Yalu Aboriginal Corporation.

Anahita Tonkin
CEO

Helen Westbury
Executive Manager





NEW DEVELOPMENT

Yalu has been successful in the execution of two section 19 land lease agreements in Galiwinku which has allowed us to continue working on plans for a new development precinct in the community- the Yalu Children and Family Nest.

This project has been moved forward due to the commitment and dedication of the Yalu team and the partners that have been involved in the project.

Yalu has worked closely with House of Borhan to create a unique fit for purpose design that is embedded through the legacy of Yolngu culture.

Legacy is the theme which is interwoven in every element of the design of this new development and we are determined to continue the legacy of leaders past and present.

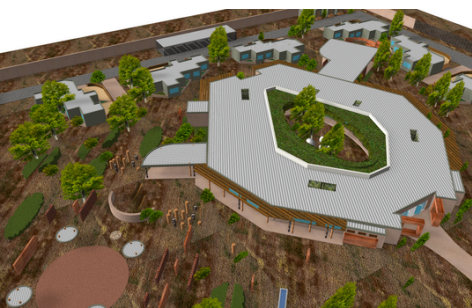
Yanun Project Services have been chosen to manage the project to ensure the completion of the precinct on time and on budget. Yalu are working to ensure adequate funding for this project to come to fruition through multiple avenues that have been approved by the Board.

Yalu are excited and eager to have this new development completed for the community to have a place of belonging and safety for women, children, youth and families.



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OUR FINANCIALS



YALU ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
ABN: 41 243 312 205
STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Grant Income	2A	3,655,829	3,787,075
Other Income	2B	233,979	245,780
Total revenue and other income		3,889,808	4,032,855
Expenses			
Depreciation expenses	3A	54,451	39,084
Employee expenses	3B	1,821,171	1,667,263
Other Expenses	3C	649,741	399,704
Program and resource expenses		203,424	231,922
Total Expenses		2,728,787	2,337,973
Operating Profit		1,161,021	1,694,882
Other comprehensive income			
Other Comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		1,161,021	1,694,882
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ENTITY		1,161,021	1,694,882
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ENTITY		1,161,021	1,694,882

Yalu Aboriginal Corporation audit has been completed by Nexia Edwards Marshall NT who are an independant firm. The full audited statement has been submitted to ORIC.



ABOUT THE ARTIST

My name is Kyanna Garawurra, and I am 21 years old. I live in Galiwinku and my totem is spiritual sisters called the djangawu. I also have the goanna and mud crab as my other totems.

I love doing art because when I was little I would see all of my grandfathers doing art on spears, cultural bags and wood and they inspired me to do art. It is important to carry knowledge of our elders so we can pass down to the next generation.

I love encouraging young girls to be the best versions of themselves and I do this through the work I do at Yalu as a Community Support worker and especially through our Girl Power program which I love. It is my passion to help people and art is a way to share my story.





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