

## **Overview of Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi**

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## Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation that supports vulnerable children, young people and families on Darkinjung Country

We provide services that are developmentally and ageappropriate, to care for the community's social and emotional wellbeing, foster connection to culture, and support individuals and families to thrive.

As an Aboriginal-led organisation, we understand the diverse cultural dynamics that exist within Aboriginal families and communities and are uniquely placed to build open and trusting relationships with the community and vice versa. Aboriginal people are supported to build their capacity using 'Ngara', deep listening to one another through continual cultural learning. Our work is vital for the Darkinjung Community to move forward and build their social and economic capacity and independence.

## We are one of the only funded Aboriginal community centres in Australia that operates under a targeted early intervention model of care and cultural therapy

Our services are designed to help families, children, and young people recover from trauma, engage with their community and build on their potential through a range of programs that encourage development and growth in all areas of their life.

We have recently acquired an additional property that will be transformed into a cultural therapeutic model of care to support the cultural learning and connection of our children and young people in or at risk of out-of-home care (OOHC). This model will provide an alternative care arrangement for Aboriginal children who are experiencing temporary homelessness, with a focus on family restoration.

