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## ***Jalygurr-Guwan Aboriginal Corporation General Information July 2009***

### **Corporation Overview**

'JALYGURR' is from the local language YAWURU, which means 'CHILDREN'. 'GUWAN' is from the BARDI language, which means 'PEARL'. 'JALYGURR-GUWAN' means 'CHILDREN OF THE PEARL'. Jalygurr-Guwan was originally established by a group of mothers who attended the Mirdi Marlu ('Little Kangaroos') playgroup. Over time, as more Aboriginal women in Broome entered the workforce, the group talked about the need for an Aboriginal Day Care Service.

The concept was formalised and Jalygurr-Guwan was incorporated under the Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976 on 20th October 1998 (ACA Act). Currently, Jalygurr-Guwan is transitioning to the new Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act). In September 1989, Jalygurr-Guwan became a Multi-functional Aboriginal Children's Service (MAC Service) funded from within the Commonwealth Children's Services Program. There are currently 37 MACS services in operation in Australia which are now funded by the Commonwealth through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

MAC Services are non-profit community-based services funded to meet the social and developmental needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. Care is provided for preschool and school children and can include Long Day Care (LDC), playgroups, Outside School Hours Care (OSHC), vacation care, cultural programs and mobile child care services etc.

The Jalygurr-Guwan Aboriginal Corporation comprises seven directors made up of Aboriginal parents and community members. The Service provides Long Day Care (LDC), Outside School Hours Care (OSHC), Vacation Care and a Mobile Child Care Service. In the past Jalygurr-Guwan also provided Playgroup services and parenting programs. The Long Day Care is licensed under the WA Children's Services Act 2007 to care for 31 children and the OSHC for 22 children.

### **Vision**

To provide high quality early childhood services to the Indigenous community in Broome and other outlying communities.

To grow and develop the service to meet the broad and changing needs of the community.

To improve/upgrade the physical environment of the Jalygurr-Guwan facility to enhance the current services being provided and to expand the service to meet community expectations.

To provide and allocate appropriate resources to ensure the Service is properly supported to deliver the various programs being provided.

To provide culturally appropriate programs and recognised early childhood programs for Indigenous children.

To attract qualified, long term, committed staff.

To establish processes that encourage more interaction with complimentary agencies, parents and staff.

To design an organisation structure that supports the efficiencies needed to operate the business both administratively and operationally.

To ensure the directors operate at a capacity capable of directing the business through continued success and growth.

To meet the goals and objectives as set out in the MAC Service funding agreement.