

## **Connect Wanju - (Connect and Welcome)**

### **General Court Intervention Program**

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**Palmerston Association** in partnership with **Wungening Aboriginal Corporation**, have won the competitive tender to deliver **Connect Wanju – General Court Intervention Program** within the Perth Metro.

The **General Court Intervention Program** aims to improve access to treatment and support services for accused persons within the court system through connecting people to opportunities for long term change, with a specific focus on:

- Social and Emotional Wellbeing (Physical and Mental Health)
- Alcohol and other Drugs
- Socio-economic needs
- Homelessness

Our partnership has drawn on agency strengths and expertise in court diversion, community alcohol and other drug programs, adult justice, Aboriginal engagement and case management. The program will commence in November 2020.

Lead agency, Palmerston's CEO Emma Jarvis said *"We are committed to working in a holistic and culturally safe way to improve access to treatment and support services for accused persons that might result in a reduced rate and severity of reoffending, improved compliance with bail and improved social outcomes"*.

Daniel Morrison, CEO of Wungening said *"It is with great honour our partnership has been successful in our bid to run this service. Wungening are extremely passionate and committed to working with and ensuring that people involved in the court system are accessing the best supports possible so we can do our bit to reduce the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people within the Criminal Justice System."*

#### **Who are the partnership members?**

**Palmerston Association:** Established in 1980, Palmerston has nearly 40 years of experience, developing a strong reputation for delivering evidence-based Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) services. Palmerston provides a range of services to individuals, families and communities through counselling, family support, group work, outreach, educational initiatives, and adult residential rehabilitation throughout the metropolitan, South West and Great Southern regions.

**Wungening Aboriginal Corporation:** An Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation based in Perth with over 30 years of operation, Wungening's vision is a healthy, safe, strong and sustainable Aboriginal community. Our purpose is to provide culturally secure holistic programs that address the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs on individuals, families and communities; and strengthen the mind and body, and heal the spirit. Wungening provides counselling, family support services, youth and adult justice programs, manages four prison Family Visitors Centres and a refuge for women and children escaping family violence.

**Contact Emma Jarvis, Palmerston's CEO on 0432 164 386 or Daniel Morrison, Wungening's CEO on 0409 113 438 for further information.**

**We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of this land upon which we walk together.  
We recognise that Palmerston and Wungening services are located on Nyoongar country.**

