



TRANBY

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ADULT
EDUCATION & TRAINING

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As 2016 begins, Tranby is looking forward to an exciting year.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The year ahead looks like it is going to be a great year, Tranby is thriving!

We have developed a partnership with the University of Sydney and will be launching our Indigenous pre-law program to give legal studies graduates entry into the Sydney University law program. Federal government international student mobility grants allowed students to

take study tours to Cambodia and the Cook Islands, with a future study tour planned in Indonesia. We held a series of NAIDOC youth leadership events that encouraged Indigenous high school children to aspire to be leaders in their communities. We have also been looking at more opportunities to provide us with financial independence and secure our future, which will allow us to operate for another 58 years on our own terms.

Through Tranby's commitment to adult education and cultural empowerment, we act as a building block in terms of schooling and governance and leadership, contributing directly to the Closing the Gap objective to halve the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Tranby's role in Closing the Gap is important because students attend from metropolitan, regional and remote areas across Australia and the Torres Strait Islands. Some of them have had limited formal secondary education, or they are taking on post-secondary studies for the first time, or they are re-entering the education system after a long absence.

For students, Tranby provides a unique opportunity. It provides education free from the trappings of financial burden and cultural misunderstanding. In return, we ask only one thing – that they use the drive, motivation, self-belief and knowledge they have found here to better the lives of those around them. In this, they will be leaders.

So thank you for your support for Tranby. I hope that our relationship with you will continue to grow in the future.

~ Dr Belinda Russon



In December, Tranby celebrated the culmination of a great deal of hard work and audacious dreaming with its relaunch as Tranby National Indigenous Adult Education and Training. A new name, a new logo, a new website!

Pictured: The Walangari Karntawarra and Diramu Aboriginal Dancers with (left to right) Aunty Glendra Stubbs, Dr Belinda Russon, and Tranby Chairperson Kristy Masella.

2016 ENROLMENTS

This year we have already had over 150 students begin their studies in the following courses at Tranby:

- Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Advocacy
- Certificate IV in Community Development
- Certificate IV in Business (Governance)
- Diploma of Applied Aboriginal Studies
- Certificate III in Community Service Work

GET INVOLVED

Organisational Leadership Excellence for Aboriginal Leaders And Managers Program

Tranby has also partnered with Executive Central to provide a program designed specifically for Aboriginal senior managers who want to increase their leadership skills.

The course offers both practical and theoretical knowledge. The course aims to facilitate real changes in a participants work environment and career prospects. More details are available on the Tranby website.

Make a positive impact in your future and workplace, enquire today.



Tranby has completed a roadshow that traversed NSW to spread the word about our courses. Travelling around the state, we connected with hundreds of people face-to-face, and thousands via the media in regional towns and cities.

A brief summary of our journey:

- 21 days on the road
- 3791 kilometres driven
- 33 host organisations and information sessions
- 19 towns
- 4 radio spots
- 2 newspaper article

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Students like Eric, 14, from Sylvania High School in Sydney's south came to Tranby's Glebe campus to listen to community leaders speak about their journeys.

They also enjoyed painting workshops and some delicious bush tucker food.





A Graduate's Story

Life for Therese Reid was content until “we hit a speed bump”, as she puts it. Studying for a degree in community management, with her daughter in high school, things were going well until her partner, Stuart, was killed in a freak workplace accident.

“Grief changes you, grief has the ability to take you to places you’d rather not be. That time has passed.”

In an address at December’s relaunch of Tranby Aboriginal College to Tranby National Indigenous Adult Education and Training, Reid, who recently graduated with qualifications in governance, spoke about recovering from adversity and finding her voice as an Aboriginal leader.

She told the assembled Elders, graduates and supporters of the college that she had once been told that, “Some of the most incredible black minds in the country have either graduated from or been associated with Tranby.” It was all the incentive she needed: “I realised that I wanted to become one of those amazing black minds.”

Therese Reid says her drive to lead was inspired by her mother Isobel Reid, a Wiradjuri Elder, one of the oldest living members of the Stolen Generation and Wagga Wagga's 2014 Citizen of the Year, who was told in the homes that she would never amount to anything. “Oh, how they were mistaken,” Reid said.

“I truly believe you don’t choose leadership it chooses you. You become inspired by leaders; you believe in what they do, you want to be like them. That little voice inside you that says I must do something with this or I must say something about that. Creating opportunities, doing well, being the best at what you do is always at the forefront of your thinking.”

Two weeks ago Reid began to realise her ambitions by being elected to a Board in Wagga Wagga, and she is confident that the skills and knowledge she learned at Tranby will give her the tools she needs.



In December last year two groups of Tranby students were chosen to take part in cultural exchange study tours to Cambodia and the Cook Islands (above).



Vale 'Cookie'

Tranby lost its beloved first Aboriginal CEO and Indigenous rights trailblazer, Kevin Cook, in July 2015.

To read about a man who changed lives, inspired cooperation and developed Tranby into the important cultural institution it is today, see: [Indigenous rights organiser Kevin Cook 'opened the pathways' for all Australians](#), by Paul Torzillo and Heather Goodall, *Sydney Morning Herald*, August 19, 2015.

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