



The Hearing for Learning Initiative

Kalkaringi Graduation Celebration 10 September 2020



Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge the people and the Traditional Owners of the land where we are meeting today – the Gurindji People – We pay our respects to elders, past present and emerging, and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people here today.



The Project

The Hearing for Learning Initiative is a research project aimed at improving ear and hearing health for 20 Aboriginal communities around the Northern Territory.

Part of this project includes training local community members in ear and hearing health – these people are called Ear Health Trainees.



The Training

The training provided includes 3 accredited units of the Certificate II in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care:

- **HLTAHW001** Work with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities
- **FSKWTG006** Write simple workplace information
- **HLTWHS001** Participate in workplace health and safety

Part of the training includes a ear health unit which give the Trainees the ability to understand:

- The structure and functions of the ear (what the ear looks like and how it works)
- Identify abnormalities in ears (sick ears)
- Otoscopy and tympanometry examinations
- Hear screening, and
- Health promotion

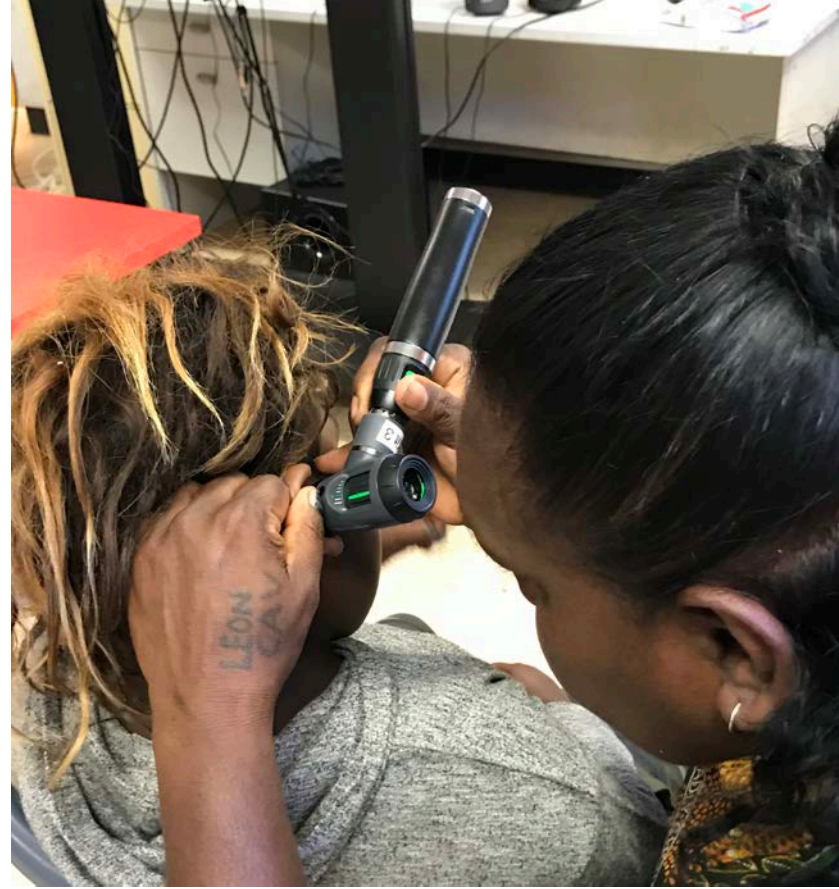


Kalkarindji

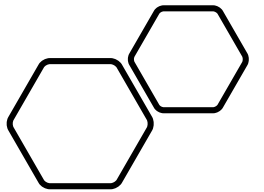
On 12 February 2020, 10 Community members commenced training for the Hearing for Learning Initiative. Although we have had some issues with the pandemic and cyclones, 10 out of 10 community members completed all 3 accredited units and 5 completed the whole course.

“What I enjoyed the most in training were looking in children’s ears, it is important for children in the community to learn about ear and hearing health”
– Sophia Donnelley





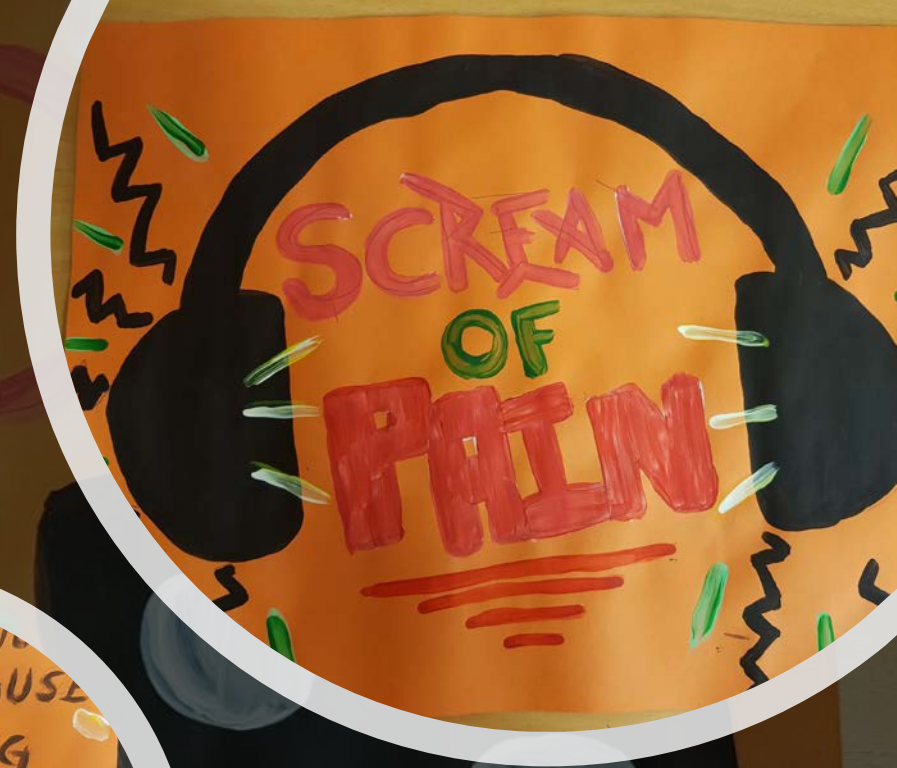
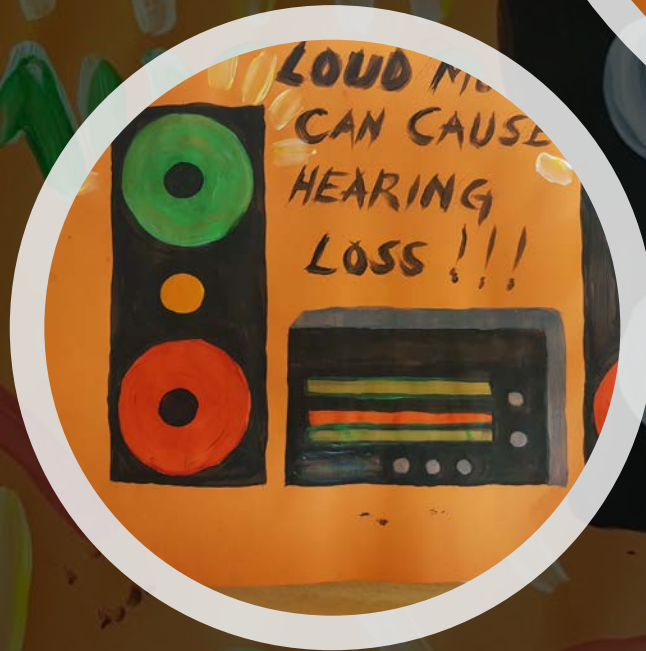
The Ear Health Trainees were required to check children's ears from ages 0-16 and be able to identify if those children potentially have ear and hearing problems. On 2 September, 14 children's ears were checked and any child with sick ears was referred to the clinic and parents given information about ear health.



Health promotion

5 Trainees created health promotion resources and learnt further preventative measures to assist with promoting ear and hearing health within Kalkarindji.

The next few slides demonstrate what has been created.





Amanda Newry



The Ear Health Facilitators

Hello everyone, we are the Ear Health Facilitators. My name is Amanda, today we are talking about better hearing.

This means blowing children's nose everyday, washing children's hand regularly. Loud noises like music, such as earphone will cause long term problems.

Take your children to the clinic for regular check up.

It is very important that children have good ear health, helps them hear in school better, get a good education.

We want to help teach parents how important it is to keep children's ears healthier. If you have any questions or worried about children's ears – see us or go to the clinic.

Thank you for listening.



Blow Your Nose, Keeping Your Ears Healthy!



Noelene Edwards

Unhealthy Ears
are caused by
Germs.

Germs which can
be found in the
nose and throat.

This is why it is
important to
blow your nose!



Don't forget to
Wash your
hands after
blowing your
nose!

And Keeping
children's faces
clean!

Pus in the ear's
are a symptom
of unwell ears.

It is important to
go to the clinic
when you have
pus coming out of
your ears.



This can be
caused from not
blowing your
nose and not
keeping your face
and hands clean.

Always Wash
& Clean Your
Face

Blow Your
Nose & Bin
The Tissue



And don't forget to wash your hands before and after!

Blowing your nose
and washing face
and hands...


Leads to
healthy and
happy ears!



Sick Ears Cause Long Term Problems

- Hearing Loss – Deafness
- Speech Delay
- Learning Difficulties
- Difficulty with finding Jobs
- Unable to make friends and talk with family
- Unable to play sport (AFL)
- Unable to learn culture





Thank you for
listening and
Watching, Hope
you have
enjoyed it.



Jamesie Barry



STOP
SMOKING



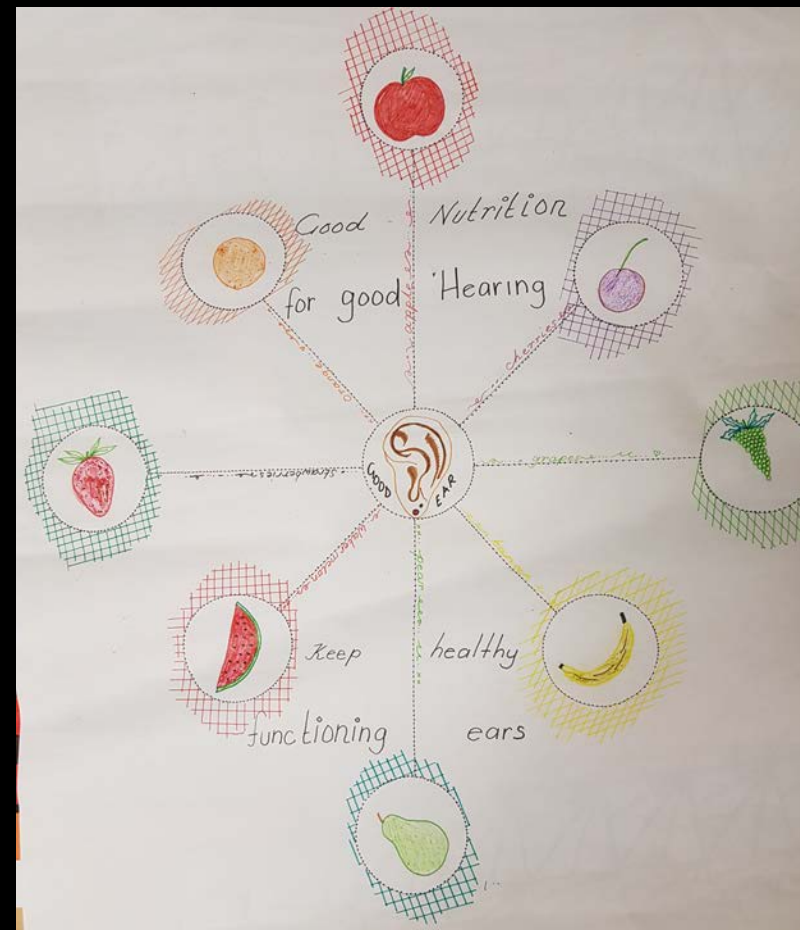
IT'S BAD FOR YOUR EARS



Sophia Donnelly



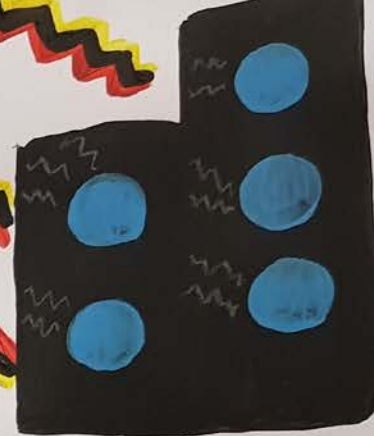
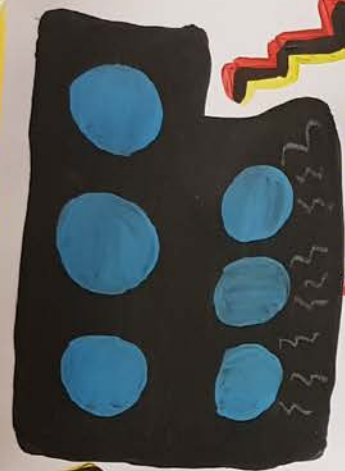




Tiannah Bernard



**NOT GOOD
FOR EARS!**



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MUSIC

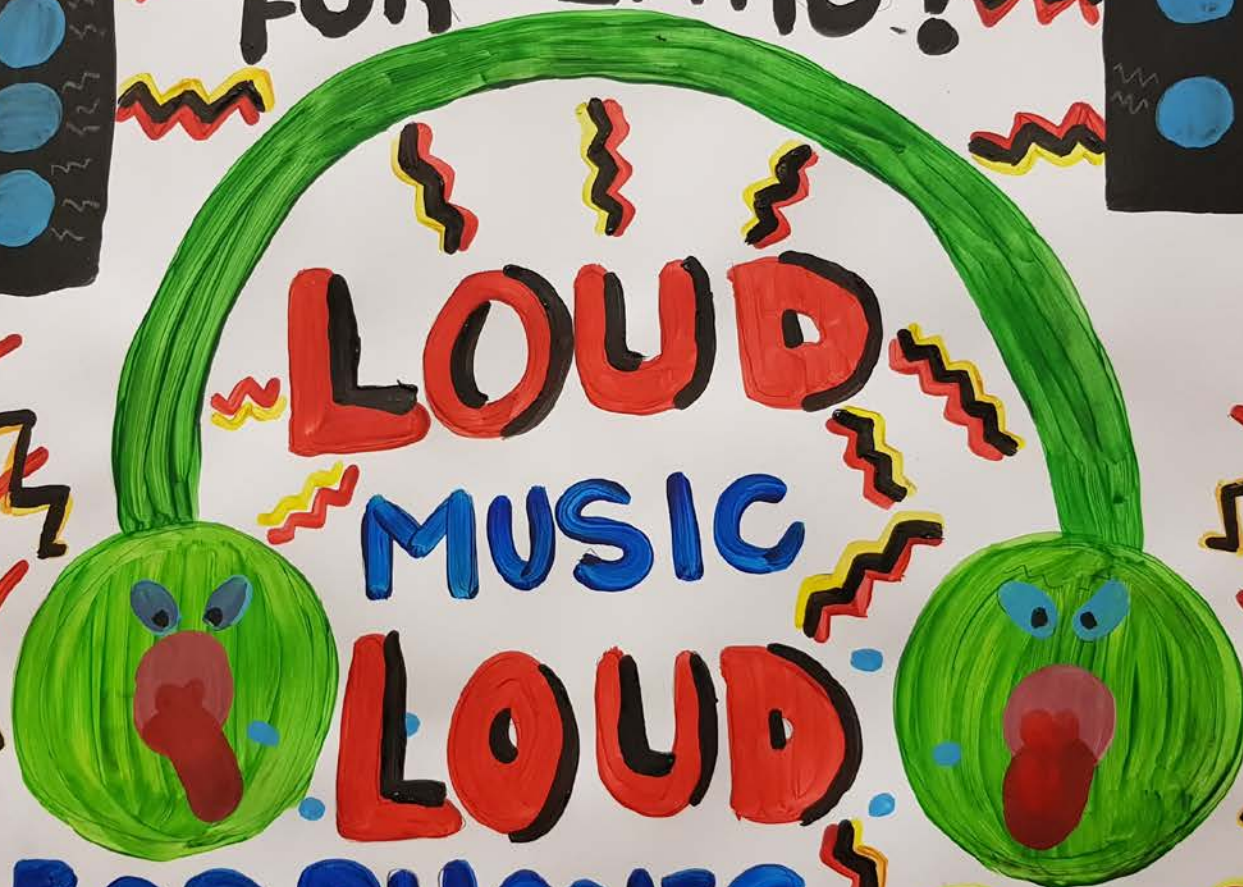
LOUD

HEADPHONES

CAUSE

WEARING

LOSS



Congratulations to all our
Trainees! and thank you all
for coming!
