

Kym Dann

Kym Dann is a Koori Woman, her links through her Nana is to the Gamilaroy tribe in the Tingha region, however her Nana Betty Popple is recognised and active Elder within the community of Inala, Brisbane. Kym has a diverse background of over 16 years specialising in Management, Psychotherapy and Training where upon she has worked within Indigenous communities throughout Brisbane, Canberra, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and currently North Qld.

Kym's drive and ambition to work in the field of Human Services derives from a dysfunctional background, suffering sexual abuse at a young age leading to issues with alcoholism, low self esteem, suicidal tendencies, unemployment and eventually homelessness on the streets of Brisbane's CBD.

Kym utilizes these experiences as a healing tool and reaches out to clients on a personal level and where applicable shares her story, inspiring others to come forward with theirs in an attempt to provide each individual a platform of personal growth through education, opportunities and life experience of others.

Kym is active in her community where upon she advocates changing perceptions and the stigma that has surrounded Indigenous community through education and verbalizing through the media in a bid to highlight and address barriers, difficulties and at times remoteness and lack of opportunity available to Indigenous People within remote regions. Some of her achievements include:

- Acceptance into Indigenous Leadership Program, December 2008
- Partnership formed with RAATSICC (Remote Area Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Child Care Advisory Association) to provide support to DV workers within remote regions
- Guest Speaker at Indigenous Domestic Violence Workers Forum Dinner, December 2008
- Self Help Guest Columnist for Yarrabah News, responding to questions provided by community members
- Online publication of submission for National Indigenous Representative Body
- Inspirational profiles/ biography by Two Australian Women's Magazines
- Profiled by NITV (National Indigenous Television)
- Organized First Indigenous Rodeo on Palm Island in 22 years
- Profiled by Cairns Post in relation to – "Pet Therapy for disengaged youth and people at risk of suicide, assisting sexually abused to come forward and speak out, Employment Project for Indigenous People."

- Senator Bartlett approached Kym to run for seat of Leichardt for Democrats
- Profiled by Tiga Bayles in her current 98.9FM role as Project Manager for ICAN's Money Management Project in Yarrabah and on Palm Island
- Profiled by Channel Nine – “Pet Therapy, Welfare reforms throughout Cape York, Being a Victim of Sexual Abuse.”
- Previous Co Host, Talk Black (Indigenous Talk Show) with Greg Reid in capacity as a Psychotherapist providing live on air advice to listeners Australia wide
Director of Bumma Bippa Media – Local Indigenous Radio station 98.7FM