“Social justice is what faces you in the morning. It is awakening in a house with adequate water supply, cooking facilities and sanitation. It is the ability to nourish your children and send them to school where their education not only equips them for employment but reinforces their knowledge and understanding of their cultural inheritance. It is the prospect of genuine employment and good health: a life of choices and opportunity, free from discrimination.”

President’s Report

The 2016/17 Financial Year was a significant year for ANTaR. Our involvement in the Redfern Statement Alliance (RSA) - initially seen as a Federal Election affair - was the major advocacy focus. The Federal Government eventually saw it for what it was - a major opportunity to re-set the relationship with peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies to better inform, and more importantly, co-design policy formation and program implementation. While we are still at the formative stages of that engagement it has marked a positive change. The hope is that not only will peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies be given the space to be heard, but they will be listened to as well. As a member of the three campaigns that support the RSA - Close the Gap, Change the Record and Family Matters - ANTaR has provided campaign and advocacy support, led by our National Director Andrew Meehan and his team.

2017 being another year of anniversaries - the 20th anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report (May 26), the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum (May 27), the 10th anniversary of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (September 12) and, later this year, the 25th anniversary of the Redfern Speech (December 10) - has made it another significant year. It’s also the 20th anniversary of the first Sea of Hands installation held in front of Parliament House - the commencement of the ANTaR movement!

While we celebrate ANTaR’s 20 years of working in solidarity with the First Peoples we need to note the challenges faced by an organisation whose origins are from a campaign started in the 1990s. Our staff and our state/territory members have had to deal with necessary budget cut backs and a crowded advocacy space. One of the issues we will need to face in the coming year is what is ANTaR’s purpose 20 years on. It is clear we are still needed - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights is still an aspiration on the far horizon - but how should we re-fashion ourselves for an ever-changing political environment where social justice issues are too often placed on the back burner. With the Uluru Statement and the Redfern Statements as our guides, our advocacy and campaign pathways are clear. We need to work with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters to address the racism they face and the issues for which they have solutions, but too often limited resourcing.

I want to thank the staff and particularly our diligent National Director Andrew Meehan, our Board members - and a big thanks to our able Treasurer Dane Zeeman who is finishing his term and not seeking re-election at the AGM, and our Council members for the great work they have done this year in often difficult circumstances.

And of course a big thanks to you our members and supporters.

Dr Peter Lewis
National President
The year commenced with the tail end of a Federal Election campaign, and a Coalition government re-elected. During the election campaign we played a significant role in supporting the launch of the Redfern Statement. The Statement is a blueprint outlining clear expectations for an incoming government to reset the relationship with First Peoples and their representative bodies, and it provided the basis for much of our work throughout the year.

We supported the development of a Redfern Statement engagement plan which resulted in the government funding workshops on implementation. Six workshops were held throughout the year, and we were able to attend a number of these. We also supported the coordination of a landmark event in Parliament House to hand over the Redfern Statement to the Prime Minister and engage with the Australian Parliament. That event was attended by more than 300 guests and helped pressure government to genuinely engage with First Peoples on the clear proposals in the Redfern Statement. We campaigned for government to fund the national representative body for First Peoples - National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples (Congress) culminating in a Sea of Hands event held out the front of Parliament House. Congress received some resources to continue operating.

We continued our longstanding support for, and work on, the Close the Gap Campaign for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality. We again edited and helped develop the Campaign’s Progress and Priorities Report which was launched at an event we organised in Redfern. The report set out clear priorities for government to take up in order to meet its commitments to close the gap, and it formed the basis of our health advocacy throughout the year.

Similarly we continued to work as a foundational member of the Change the Record Campaign. We auspiced the secretariat and played an active role on the campaign steering committee on strategy, political and public engagement. The campaign was able to gain significant support for many of its policy asks, and has succeeded in placing the crisis rates of incarceration and family violence experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people firmly on the political agenda, including through having both those issues discussed at the Council of Australian Governments meeting in November.

The year also saw another attempt by the Government to water down protections against race hate by changing the Racial Discrimination Act. As we did in 2014, ANTaR campaigned strongly to maintain the current protections contained in the Racial Discrimination Act, with more than 7000 of our supporters writing to cross bench parliamentarians, and with a concerted advocacy strategy to ensure that the Racial Discrimination Act protections stayed in place. The attempts to water down protections against racial discrimination did not get through parliament.

The year was also one of consolidating our financial position to take account of a difficult fundraising environment. I worked closely with the board to ensure that we made decisions that would protect our future sustainability, including through making savings across a number of areas. These decisions resulted in us improving on our end of year position compared to our budget, and positioning us more sustainably for the coming year.

We have again been afforded great trust, guidance, advice and friendship by the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations we work with. My heartfelt thanks to those stakeholders for extending that to us again - it is the cornerstone of our work. My sincere thanks to the Board, chaired by Dr Peter Lewis, for the great support and stewardship of the organisation and willingness to respond appropriately and decisively to a changing operating environment.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to the small but very effective staff team at ANTaR for their commitment to our work. To Jane Powles, Michael Andersen, Adrian Rigg, Anne Wiseman, Wayne Willis, and Danielle Cooper - thank you. To our highly valued consultants Stephen Garrett and Patrick Lesslie, and our long-term volunteers Jean Murphy, Alan West as well as Wendy Raynor, thank you for your work. And finally, to our supporters - those who share in our vision of a nation based on justice, rights and respect for Australia’s First Peoples, those who are willing to find out more about the complex issues we work on, take action, and be a part of our work, my sincere thanks.

This year has been an important year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights, and we have continued to work closely with First Peoples for better outcomes and, together made a significant difference. I look forward to working closely with all of our stakeholders in the coming year to mark the 20th Anniversary of the first Sea of Hands installation.

Andrew Meehan
National Director
ABOUT ANTAR NATIONAL

ANTaR is a national movement of Australians in support of justice, rights and respect for Australia’s First Peoples. We are an independent and non-partisan organisation, affiliated with a national network of state and territory ANTaR groups.

OUR VISION
A just Australia in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ rights as First Peoples are recognised, respected and enjoyed.

OUR PURPOSE
To engage, educate and mobilise a broad community movement to advocate for justice, rights and respect for Australia’s First Peoples.

OUR PRINCIPLES
We actively support the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to self-determination.

We are committed to social justice and the full realisation of human rights, including those expressed in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

We believe in empowerment and community development.

We believe in speaking up about injustice and inequality.

We believe that all Australians have a role to play in achieving a just Australia in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ rights as First Peoples are recognised, respected and enjoyed.

THE WAY WE WORK
We are guided by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and leaders in setting our campaign priorities and direction.

We partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and people. We seek to build alliances across sectors in support of common goals.

We hold governments to account and advocate for alternative policy solutions based on evidence.

We seek to educate the broader community about justice, rights and respect for Australia’s First Peoples.
CAMPAIGNING AND ADVOCACY

The Redfern Statement

This year ANTaR continued to be a key supporter in the development of the Redfern Statement. Working as part of the Redfern Statement Alliance and Redfern Statement Coordinating Group, we supported National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative bodies to engage with the Prime Minister, which culminated in the funding of workshops across the country on the implementation of the Statement. The broad purpose of the workshops was to progress sector-specific change as outlined in the Redfern Statement. Each workshop covered distinct areas for progress, including: Disability, Child Development and Wellbeing, Health, Justice and Preventing Violence, and Housing. ANTaR also lead the coordination of the First Peoples First 100 Days event out front of Parliament House on the first sitting day of Parliament where 5000 Sea of Hands were planted. The campaign called on the Prime Minister to meet with First Peoples in the first 30 days, and that the Prime Minister and other relevant Ministers join a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Summit.

ANTaR also worked in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in organising a Parliamentary Breakfast, an historic occasion where the Co-Chairs of the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples delivered the Redfern Statement to the Prime Minister. We continue to support calls on the Prime Minister to deliver genuine and meaningful engagement on the Redfern Statement and with First Peoples.
Close the Gap

2017 saw a lack of progress towards realising the agreed national targets for Closing the Gap. According to the Prime Minister’s report we are only on track to meet 1 of 7 Close the Gap targets this year. This underscores the importance of our continuing work on the Close the Gap Campaign.

This year we again edited and were centrally involved in producing the Close the Gap Campaign’s Progress and Priorities Report and set out recommendations for government in order to meet their commitments to the campaign. ANTaR marked National Close the Gap Day and the release of the Progress and Priorities report with a Sea of Hands installation in Newtown, NSW. This year National Close the Gap day saw more than 150,000 Australians in over 1500 community events gather in support of health equality. We also continued our campaign for an address to institutional racism in access to health care and called on the government to commit to providing adequate resources to, and investing in, genuine partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Race-Hate Protections

This year there was yet another attempt by government to undermine the Racial Discrimination Act. ANTaR continues to condemn such actions and campaign to safeguard race-hate protections. Our efforts were met with support from several Members of Parliament including the cross bench, who we focused much of our lobbying and campaigning on in order to stop changes from passing through the Senate. These protections are vital especially in lieu of the National Reconciliation Barometer which shows racism towards First Peoples has increased from 39% to 46% since 2014. We remain committed to ensuring racial discrimination protections stay in place. We continued our education and awareness raising on racism and called on our supporters to denounce and challenge racism.

Rethinking our National Holiday

This year saw increased public and political support for changing the date of our national holiday. ANTaR continued to stand for a better, more inclusive and unifying date for our national holiday. We again participated in a Survival Day event at the Yabun event in Sydney as well as actively campaign and promote our Sea of Hands pledge not to celebrate Australia Day on 26 January. Nearly 3000 of our supporters signed our pledge. ANTaR continues to speak out against celebrating our National holiday on 26 January and we maintain that changing the date would be a definitive act of healing and an overall step towards the acceptance of our shared history and reconciliation as laid out in the Reconciliation Australia State of Reconciliation Report.

Change the Record

As a foundational member of the Change the Record campaign we continue to support closing the gap on incarceration and family violence rates experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year we continued to campaign for a government response to the national crisis of over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the justice system. We urged governments to develop close the gap targets to reduce imprisonment.

This past year we also responded to the shocking treatment of detainees at Don Dale Youth Detention Center in NT and other cases of abuse across the country. We demanded government take action to the crisis of Indigenous youth incarceration. We also participated in the Redfern Statement justice workshop in Adelaide to consider implementation of the justice related sections contained in the Redfern Statement.
The Sea of Hands

For 20 years, the Sea of Hands has been making community visits creating a focal point for engagement on reconciliation. This important education and engagement work also expands our movement, and campaign activity by promoting and engaging the community on ANTaR’s work.

Hands up! is our Sea of Hands program for school and community group installations. 10 schools utilised the hands as part of National Reconciliation Week to engage students, mark the week, and raise awareness on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.

We held a significant Sea of Hands installation at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park in Newtown to mark National Close the Gap Day involving engaging local schools and a cultural program to teach primary school aged children about reconciliation and National Close the Gap Day. The event included a Sea of Hands installation developed over three days by visiting school groups and the local community.
Survival Day

We again held a stall at Survival Day event Yabun Festival in Sydney. We launched a campaign around changing the date for Australia Day, put out a media release, and actively promoted our campaign on social media.

Website

Our website offers extensive resources to supporters and the broader public, raising awareness about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lived experiences and realisation of their unique rights as First Peoples. The website continues to offer a portal to supporters wishing to actively engage with our campaign activity and remain up to date with current policy and legislative contexts.

Facebook

Facebook remains a core component of our communication strategy, with supporters in 2017 growing significantly around peak activity, specifically on posts relating to justice issues and our National Reconciliation Week event - Sea of Hands at Barangaroo.

At the end of the 2017 financial year, the ANTaR Facebook page had 9806 likes, which is an increase of over 22%.

Twitter

Twitter is an essential element in our communication strategy, particularly during rapid response campaigns and working with campaign partners on building towards a key campaign moment. Throughout the year our Twitter audience continued to grow with an increase in followers of almost 13%.

E-Bulletins

Our communication strategy included regular E-Bulletins, keeping our supporters informed and engaged with our campaign work. During the 2017 year we encouraged our supporters to take action, writing letters to state and federal politicians and signing pledges to build support for health equality and to reduce the high incarceration rates of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
SUSTAINING OUR ORGANISATION

Key Facts about our Development Program:

- Our appeals this year brought in $194,589 in income; monthly donations from the Sea of Hands Partnership (regular donors) reached $174,380.
- Expenses for these activities was at 11% of the income.
- 1,318 donors supported our Annual Appeals together with 678 Sea of Hands Partners.
- We received $180,440 in grants and partnership income.

Trivia Dinners

ANTaR held two Trivia Dinners in the past year which provided our corporate and sector partners an evening of key speakers, networking, updates from ANTaR, delicious fine dining and entertaining trivia on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture, sport and more.

We’d like to acknowledge and thank Prof. Tom Calma and Mark Yettica-Paulson for speaking at the respective events and sharing with guests their perspectives on campaigning as a movement for justice, rights and respect for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

We’ve held five Trivia Dinners now with the generous sponsorship of the Law Society of NSW.

This year 160 guests helped raise funds for ANTaR.

Sources of Income

- Annual Appeal 35%
- Sea of Hands Partnership 31%
- Events 2%
- Grants 11%
- Fees 3%
- Merchandise 5%
- Other income 13%
- Partnerships 1%

Partnerships

The support of the business community is essential to our sustainability. We’d like to acknowledge Macquarie Bank for working in partnership with ANTaR to promote reconciliation in their workplace during National Reconciliation Week using the Sea of Hands.

Gilbert and Tobin also continue their long association with ANTaR through pro bono advice and support, and also participating in many ANTaR events.

We worked in partnership with the Inner West Council to create our National Close the Gap Day Sea of Hands Installation in Camperdown Memorial Park. Funded by the NSW State Government's Stronger Communities Fund.
## Finance Report

### Profit & Loss - July 2016 through June 2017

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| **Cost of Sales**            |            |            |
| COS - Merchandise            | $12,072    | $10,603    |
| **Total Cost of Sales**      | $12,072    | $10,603    |

| **Gross Profit**             | $549,614   | $658,850   |

| **Expenses**                 |            |            |
| State ANTaR Disbursements    | $60,960    | $84,576    |
| Staff Expenses               | $353,101   | $363,979   |
| Operating Expenses           | $194,514   | $252,315   |
| **Total Expenses**           | $608,576   | $700,870   |

| **Operating Profit**         | -$58,961   | -$42,021   |

| **Other Income**             |            |            |
| Interest Income              | $1,969     | $5,679     |
| Reserve Funds Utilised       | $-         | $543       |
| **Total Other Income**       | $6,072     | $6,072     |

| **Other Expenses**           | $-         | $-         |
| **Total Other Expenses**     | $-         | $-         |

| **Net Profit/(Loss)**        | -$56,842   | -$35,948   |
Balance Sheet - June 2017

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UPDATES FROM STATE AND TERRITORY AFFILIATES

NSW
ANTaR NSW continues to campaign and advocate for and with Aboriginal people in NSW, specifically in the areas of health equality through the Close the Gap Campaign and addressing the crisis level of Aboriginal incarceration in NSW through the Just Reinvest NSW Campaign.

Advocacy and Campaigns
One of our central areas of our work in relation to incarceration is through the Just Reinvest NSW Campaign. We were represented by ANTaR National’s Campaigns Manager, and National Director on the Just Reinvest NSW executive. We supported advocacy efforts, meeting with the Aboriginal Affairs Minister, contributing to policy paper for JustReinvest and planning for the launch of this.

ANTaR NSW built support for the Close the Gap campaign, promoting sign ups to the Close the Gap Pledge. As part of National Close the Gap Day, ANTaR NSW attended the National Close the Gap Day event held at Redfern Community Centre.

Education and Engagement
Throughout the year ANTaR NSW completed the review of its website and updated content to ensure it was engaging and relevant to our supporters. We continued to improve and re-energise our social media postings and as a result have built the movement and activity through facebook and twitter followers.

Sustainability
Throughout the year we had discussions on the long term future of ANTaR NSW, particularly in view of the arrangements we have with ANTaR National whereby we allocate our income disbursements from National to engaging ANTaR National staff to do our work on our behalf. Our members were provided with a discussion paper on options for our future including dissolving our functions into ANTaR National. That process will continue into the new financial year.
ACT

ACT has had a big year, with Rod Little from National Congress speaking at our David Hunter Memorial Lecture, lots of advocacy including a meeting with the new ACT Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs, stalls, close liaison with Aboriginal organisations, and a big focus in 2017 on learning more about the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the ACT.

Advocacy and Campaigns

In early May four ANTaR ACT members had a very productive meeting with the new Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Rachel Stephen-Smith. Among the issues we discussed with her: the continuing delays with the operation of the Healing Farm, Youth Justice and Justice Reinvestment, noting that a Justice Reinvestment trial has been announced for the ACT, Children in out-of-home care, Close the Gap in ACT, and the need to work through local Aboriginal organisations. We had earlier written letters to the ACT Government about supporting reductions in incarceration rates as a COAG Target, and expressing our concern about the death in custody of Steven Freeman and the government’s very poor handling of this very sad incident.

Education and Engagement

Our major educational event of the year is the David Hunter Memorial Lecture which in October 2016 was delivered by Rod Little, co-Chair of the National Congress of Australia’s First People. Rod talked energetically about the Redfern Statement, which sets an agenda for the new Commonwealth Parliament (as well as others!). ACT members had previously helped

ANTAR National and National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples, among others, to organise a Sea of Hands at the first sitting of the new Parliament in August 2016 to successfully profile the Redfern Statement to the media that day.

We have redesigned our website and regular news updates posted there provide a fantastic information source about Aboriginal-related events and activities happening across Canberra, both ANTaR’s own events and those offered by the many other Canberra institutions that focus on Aboriginal issues. Our Facebook page is also a source of great information.

We continue our presence at many local events through holding stalls, especially for Sorry Day, Reconciliation events, NAIDOC week, and others. We also educate ourselves and supporters through meeting with local Aboriginal organisations to learn about their work and offer our support. In June 2017 Deborah from Tillari Justice joined and told us about their self-funded work supporting families of prisoners, to try to break the cycle of incarceration. We also supported the Boomanulla Raiders (local Aboriginal football team and sporting organisation), with a contribution to new jerseys for NAIDOC week. And in line with our goal to learn more about the ACT as an Aboriginal landscape we have organised two walks, one to view a concentration of scared trees and grinding grooves in the suburbs of Wanniassa and Theodore respectively, and the second, to Mount Majura, led by Tyrone Bell from Dharawra Tours, who gave us new insights into that beautiful area.
VIC

The development of a Treaty model is on the Victorian Government agenda, as the Treaty Interim Working Group conducted community consultations. The Group met on 12 December 2016 and 30 April 2017, highlighting apparent differences in expectations and autonomy. The timeframe for a treaty model has been extended, without a set finish date.

Advocacy and Campaigns

In February, Booroondara Council announced the removal of the mandatory Acknowledgement of Country at Council meetings. This inspired the reformation of ANTaR Booroondara who held a community meeting which over 150 people attended, overwhelmingly supporting the reinstatement of a mandatory acknowledgement.

Committee member, Ian Chadderton, wrote to all House of Representatives members, explaining the significance of revised, more respectful lyrics to the national anthem and requesting support. Most did not respond, bar one positive response from senator, Pat Dodson.

Recently, Ian met with AFL Indigenous and Social Policy Manager, Katrina Heikkanen, former AFL player, Matthew Stokes, and AFL Head of Inclusion and Social Policy, Tanya Hosch who responded positively to a proposal to have the alternate anthem performed at Dreamtime at the G.

Education and Engagement

ANTaR Victoria published the 5th edition of our annual newsletter. ANTaR Victoria sends monthly E-Newsletters to over 1400 subscribers. A survey in May indicated that subscribers wanted to hear about Treaty, Uluru statement outcomes, and positive stories about self determination.

We engage with Facebook and Twitter users and have gained most of our 2600 followers across both platforms in the past year.

Once again ANTaR Victoria held stalls at Treasury gardens and the Belgrave Gardens for Survival Day. We also resourced stalls for various reconciliation groups including in Banyule, Port Philip, and Nilumbik.

Sea of Hands were loaned to Preston Library, Camberwell Girls Grammar, Marist College Bendigo, and Mick Woiwood’s book launch for ‘Barak vs the Black Hats of Melbourne’, amongst others, across National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week.

Volunteer, Brigid, spoke at a Monash University workshop about our work and how to get involved and the Chair, Elisa, participated in a Flat Chat panel discussion about NFP work and social supportive institutes.

ANTaR Victoria held an exhibition to celebrate its 20th anniversary and display highlights from previous years. For this, volunteers and our acting office manager researched our past and prepared material from our advertising and photo archive.
SA

Advocacy and Campaigns

We have produced written materials focussing on the impact of the Australian Constitution and what that means to Aboriginal People, with significant coverage in ANTaR SA publications. We noted the constitutional recognition discussions regarding Sections 25 and 51 (xxiv) of the Constitution, and the development through the Referendum Council dialogues in relation to recognition of an Aboriginal representative body in the Constitution.

The public discussion of the prevalence of incarceration has been of ongoing community concern in SA and was raised in a special meeting called for Aboriginal people by the Chief Justice at which ANTaR SA had a grassroots presence. It was agreed within ANTaR SA that incarcerations have become very high owing to the SA Correctional Services use of the Queensland Government rejected system of assessment that is racially biased towards Aboriginal people as high risk offenders when they are assessed in SA.

ANTaR SA Inc continues to strongly support Federal, State and Local Government action in relation to Closing the Gap. Other grassroots ANTaR SA Aboriginal members in SA have maintained interest in researching other countries’ domestic governance relationships with First Nations peoples and have formed networks overseas to advance discussions based on the participation of Aboriginal people and communities in self-determination, participation and governance. This resulted in multi-media engagements by local SA Elders with SBS/ NITV and SAFC involving the local production with the national broadcaster for NAIDOC Week 2015 on NITV and repeatedly across 2016 of an innovative mini-doco (6m30s) on the Letters Patent and the screening of “King’s Seal” documentary, have aided the emergence of Aboriginal Cultural Protocols.
QLD

ANTaR Queensland is seeking more active members and donors to support the sustainability of the organisation. A considerable amount of work has been done around getting the fundamentals of our organisation in place. However a significant effort will needed to be put into getting more active members, particularly around the campaign areas. We have stabilised our financial position including by making savings in expenditure in relation to rent and staffing.

Advocacy and Campaigns

We are currently involved with six campaigns, with significant work focussed on Justice Reinvestment, Recognition and the Removal of Children. We maintain a watching brief on another three campaign areas - Native Title, Stolen Wages and Closing the Gap. During 2016/2017 we made a significant contribution in the area of Stolen Wages.

Education and Engagement

There are two major activities in this area including a well-developed presence in the virtual community through our website areas of What’s On, as well as Facebook. We have also developed good working relationships with a number of organisations where we provide practical assistance where requested. We will continue this for the remainder of 2017 and repeat our successful partnership with the Basket Brigade around Christmas. Included in this area is our ongoing Education Program involving the Sea of Hands.
WA

ANTaR WA has had an active year both in terms of our chosen local initiatives and governance work.

Advocacy and Campaigns

Our main activity in addition to participating in ANTaR National’s Campaign and Advocacy Council has been getting our ANTaR WA website up and running. The website is still being fine-tuned and can be seen at www.antarwa.org.au

Given the constraints of being a small volunteer organisation our primary focus in supporting ANTaR national campaigns is through sharing campaign content.

ANTaR WA has attended many events relevant to our national campaigns and networked with many organisations including Reconciliation WA, ICEA, Oxfam, Deaths in Custody Watch Committee WA, UWA’s Centre for Social Impact, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, Murdoch University, Social Reinvestment WA and the Healing Foundation.

Education and Engagement

Our education and engagement mainly focused around our WA initiatives. Our primary project is about Lois Olney and we’ve been strongly engaged in networking the idea. We believe this has great public interest. We have also focussed on our Sustainable Urban Nutrition (SUN) project presenting it to the 2016 Indigenous Business, Enterprise and Corporations Conference, University of Western Australia’s 2017 Social Impact Festival, and First Nation’s organisations: Langford Aboriginal Association.

Our language project helps participants connect to country and empowers people to be able to say hello in the many original languages of this nation and is an important reconciliation gesture.
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