


# PARE Evaluation Project

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# Name & Description Of Resource Selected To Evaluate

## ■ SNAICC Dreaming Stories DVD

A six part series containing 6 DVD's (accompanied by a Teacher's Resource Manual) featuring 78 diverse Dreaming Stories from all around Australia. These animated Dreaming stories are short in time duration and are told by, and featuring Aboriginal people and storytellers. The series provides an insight into the Dreaming, with learning messages about Aboriginal rules for living that can be used as a tool for children's learning and ways of behaving today. The accompanying music to the DVD's is also composed by Aboriginal people.



# Aims

- To review the Dreaming Stories DVD
- To identify if the Dreaming Stories DVD is age appropriate
- For children to acknowledge the diversity of Indigenous Australia represented in the DVD's



# Goals

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## **For SNAICC Resource Service:**

To address a gap and encourage and facilitate the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural information in the everyday activities and programs of Children's Services

## **For Kura Yerlo Children's Centre:**

To increase our children's and our families cultural literacy understandings



# Objectives

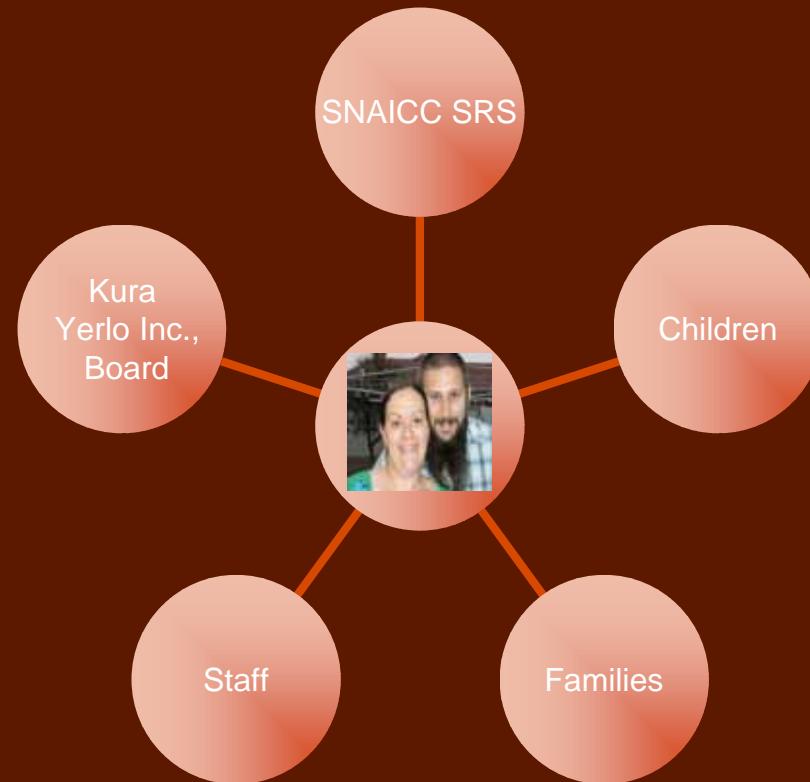
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- Cultural programs are promoted in the Centre and within families and communities
- Strengthening children's and their families cultural heritage and identity



# Our STAKEHOLDERS in this process of evaluation

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# Strategies Used To Collect Data

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- Established a Parent Focus Group
- Approached 5 Parents from diverse Indigenous backgrounds
- I gave out a Parent Focus Kit
- Established timelines to collect data/feedback from Parent Focus Group
- Trialled the DVD Dreaming Stories in the Minya Kati's Room programming (all Kindy Room staff encouraged to support this process)
- **Parent Focus Kit included:**
- Complimentary Dreaming DVD
- Covering Letter Of Explanation To Parents
- Questionnaire survey
- I had many informal yarns with parents and children
- I took digital photos showing children's engagement & work

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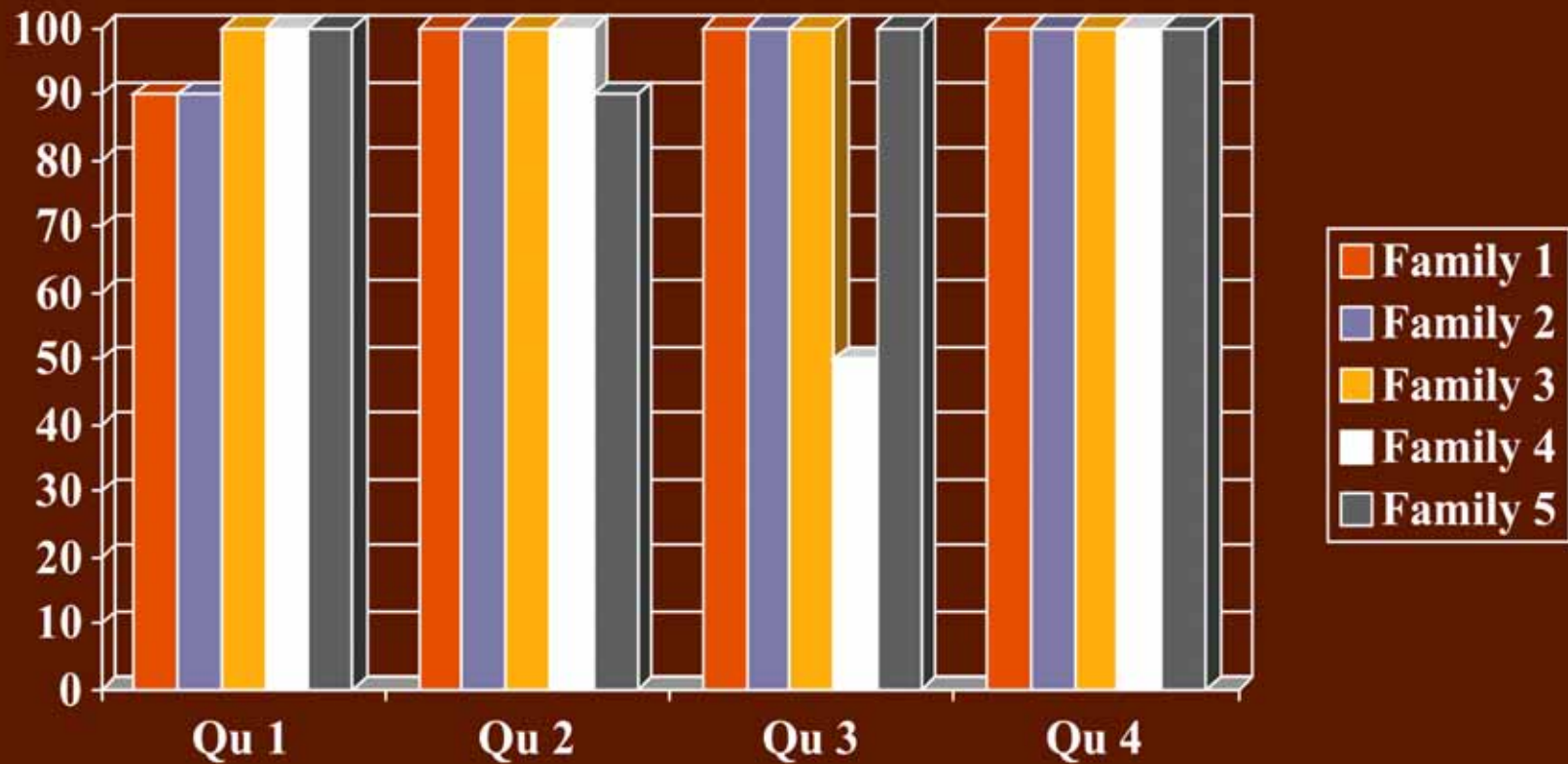




Consultation,  
informal yarns  
with parents



# Results of Survey



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- Survey consisted of open, closed & scaled questions
- 100% of Parent Focus Group responded to all questions
- Results upon tallying, revealed Kura Yerlo families were overwhelmingly in support of the SNAICC Dreaming DVD resource



# Outcome Indicators (links to my Goals and Objectives)



Indigenous  
diversity is explored  
& acknowledged

**Inclusion of cultural experiences in our programs**





**Children are engaged  
Children are enjoying &  
experiencing the Dreaming  
stories**



**Understanding the stories  
helps them to feel confident**



**Cultural identity is  
strengthened and expressed**



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