



MISSION AUSTRALIA
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Mission Australia is a non-denominational community service organisation that has been transforming lives for more than 150 years. Today our community and employment services help more than 300,000 Australians a year to get back on their feet.

Our vision is to see a fairer Australia by enabling people in need to find pathways to a better life. We do this by delivering services that strengthen families and children, empower youth and provide pathways away from homelessness and into employment.

By learning from others and sharing what works well, we deliver positive outcomes for individuals, families and communities. We work to stop problems before they start, provide support to prevent situations from getting worse and form partnerships to find long-term solutions to community issues.

During 2012 we delivered 26 community services (including two Early Learning Services) in the Northern Territory that supported children, families, young people and adults. And our Employment Solutions teams worked from two sites to help job seekers take the steps towards gaining lasting work.

We are blessed with a team who bring their individual gifts and passion to their roles. Whether it's working with children and families, youth, people struggling with drug, alcohol or mental health issues or homelessness, our 132 employees give their all.

Mission Australia is also proud of the strong relationships it enjoys with government, other not-for-profits, local business and community volunteers.

Working together we are determined to create a safer, healthier and happier Northern Territory.

In 2012 our **132** employees delivered:



3 children and family services that supported 592 individuals. We also ran 2 Early Learning Services.



4 youth services that supported 3,548 individuals.



16 homelessness services that supported 12,277 individuals and 53 families.



1 life and work-ready skills service that supported 175 individuals.

In total these services helped 16,592 individuals and 53 families.



2 Employment Solutions programs supported 1,832 job seekers, placing 350 people in employment.

In 2012 Mission Australia strengthened families and children, empowered youth, strived to solve homelessness and supported job seekers through 26 community services, including two Early Learning Services, and two Employment Solutions programs.

Among these services were:

Pathways to strong families and healthy, happy children

Early Learning Services, Stuart Park and Walagi: Mission Australia strives to deliver the highest-quality educational, social and emotional development programs tailored to the needs of each child in our care. We ended the 2012 financial year providing care from two Mission Australia Early Learning Centres in 2012. In June 2012, after being awarded Defence Force contracts across the nation, early learning and before and after school care centres at Tindal, Palmerston and Eaton came under our management.

Pathways through a successful youth Northern Territory

Make Justice Work: In 2012 Mission Australia joined a consortium of organisations advocating for appropriate youth justice policies, including diversionary programs and care models. Mission Australia also employs a Youth Justice Project Officer in the NT, who advocates and advises on effective solutions to youth justice.

Youth Connections, Darwin/Tiwi, Victoria, Daly, Katherine, Roper

Gulf: This Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations service helps provide pathways to education and employment for young people aged between 10 and 18 years. It offers individualised case management and supports young people to remain in or return to education, and move into further education, training and employment.



Mission Australia's 132 NT staff work in a wide range of disciplines, including child care, family support, administration, housing support and youth work.

Last year our youth workers pulled together to host the second annual Mission Australia Urban Quest. This annual talent competition aims to help young people build confidence, connect with their community and gain live performance experience. It also supports participants to concentrate on their strengths and build self-esteem through healthy competition, mentoring and support.

Importantly, Urban Quest enabled Mission Australia to reach out to youth in Darwin (including brother and sister entrants Brandon and Taylah, pictured), Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs.

Assertive Engagement Case Management Program, Palmerston:

Funded by the NT Department of Children and Families, this program supports young people who are homeless, or at risk of being so. It aims to divert youth away from homelessness and anti-social behaviour that will impact on their functioning within mainstream society. In 2012 it supported 65 young people.

Pathways away from homelessness

Post Release Support Service, Darwin and Alice Springs:

Working with the NT Department of Justice and other organisations, this program supports people three months before they are released from prison and for six months after. In 2012 it helped 149 people, mostly Aboriginal men, to secure housing and learn life skills.

Aherkeme Village, Darwin:

Consisting of 28 purpose-built houses, the village prepares tenants for independent living through intensive case management and life skills training. Mission Australia works with the Northern Territory Government to provide transitional accommodation and support services to enhance individuals and families ability to gain and maintain tenancies. In 2012 it assisted 23 families and seven individuals.

Pathways to life and work-ready skills:

Language Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP), Katherine:

LLNP is a Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE) service that helps job seekers aged from 15 to 64 to improve their speaking, listening, reading, writing and maths skills. In 2012 we commenced free classes in Beswick, which is 100km from Katherine. During the year this program supported 175 people in the NT.

Pathways to sustainable employment:

Mission Australia's Employment Solutions:

This division provided two Australian Government programs in the NT during 2012 – Job Services Australia (JSA) and the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS). Through these programs, delivered from Casuarina and Palmerston, we worked with 1,832 job seekers and assisted 350 people into employment.



We are proud to work with a range of organisations – from government agencies to not-for-profits and businesses – to support Territorians.

We would like to thank the following for supporting our work:

- > Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- > Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
- > Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing
- > Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education
- > Australian Government Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport
- > NT Department of Children and Families
- > NT Department of Health
- > NT Housing
- > NT Department of Justice

Many thanks also to our wonderful volunteers and advocates!



If your business or organisation would like to help us to create a fairer Australia for all, please contact us at:

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