

COMMUNITY FIRST DEVELOPMENT

FORMERLY INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

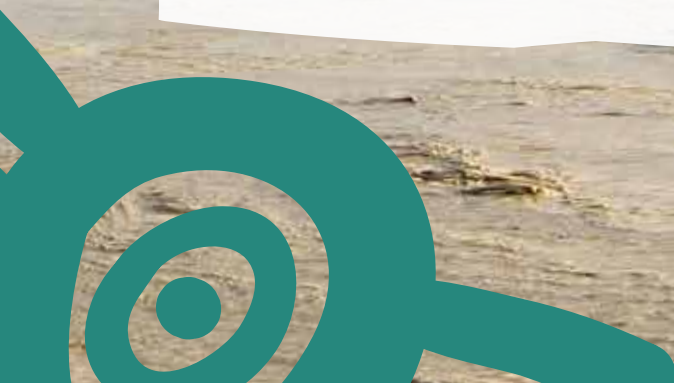
*THE STORY
BEHIND OUR NAME CHANGE*



INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IS NOW COMMUNITY FIRST DEVELOPMENT.

*Same philosophy, same values, and the same unique
approach to working with communities.*

*Now a new name to reflect our focus on
putting community first.*



2020 FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



A message from CEO Steph Harvey.

Our 20th anniversary has given us the opportunity to review our work with communities, and to reflect on our vision going forward.

There are many things in the past 20 years we are grateful for.

We acknowledge and thank Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their communities and the knowledge, experiences and wisdom they share with us.

We are appreciative of the support we receive from our supporters and friends without which we could not operate the way we do. And we are forever grateful to our volunteers who continue to contribute expertise and skills when invited by communities.

Over the past 20 years, we have completed over 5,000 projects across 800 community engagements, by invitation and in partnership with communities around Australia.

We work in our own unique way – with respect and recognition for the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to determine what they need to create healthier, safer, and optimistic futures for their people. It is our privilege to partner with our people and communities as they achieve their successes.

Our name for the past 20 years has served us well.

We feel strongly however that our name should reflect what we do, rather than who we are. And what we do is firmly focused on recognising and respecting the voices of First Nations people and communities.

When invited by communities, we will continue to work as we have always done, but under the new name of Community First Development.

Thank you for your support – it means everything to the work we do together.

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We believe in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We honour our culture, our kinship to Country, our unique and shared skills.

We trust in stories woven from over 60,000 years of culture, and the right to speak for ourselves through the stories we each carry with us.

We believe in the talents and the value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people bring to Australia and societies around the world.

But we also embrace the necessity of moving forward - to create opportunities, to find positive achievement, to expand our efforts and vision - without leaving our culture behind.

We are not here to tell First Nations people how to live - we are led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and we value self-determination above all else.

We are here to do whatever we can, when invited, to support and partner with First Nations communities as they create opportunity in education, health, governance, business development, and cultural preservation.

We are driven by the need of a better world for all First Nations people; to work with all cultures for recognition, respect, and the right to be treated and valued with equality.

WITH OUR PEOPLE. FOR OUR PEOPLE.



OUR STORY IN A PAINTING

Our 20 year celebrations began with an artwork especially painted for us by Krystal Hurst, a Worimi artist and Creative Director from Gillawarra Arts.

The painting tells the story of our connection with community.

The circles represent different communities and tell us that every community is different with their own language, knowledge and way of life. We respect and acknowledge those differences.

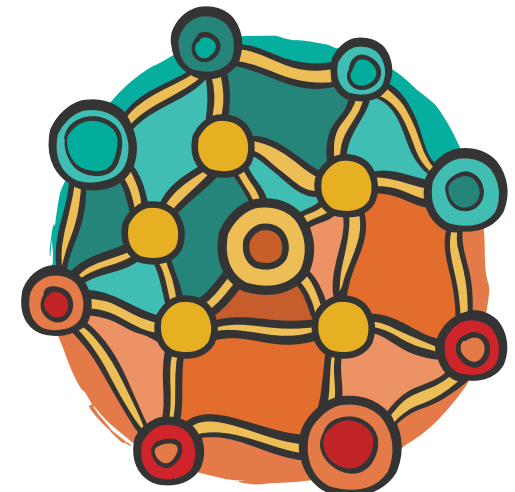
It shows the pathways of connection and collaboration between communities and Community First, our supporters and volunteers. It shows the different landscapes of our people and the meeting places where we gather to listen, yarn, learn and plan.

The painting is rich and vibrant with the colours of land, sea and sky; it represents the respect, recognition and optimism we have for our people.

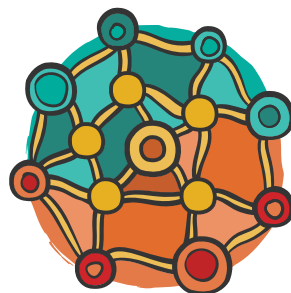
INSPIRATION FOR A NEW LOGO

The painting inspired a new direction for our logo and identity. It was co-designed by Kimiah Alberts, a Gungalu, Koinjmal, Yiman and South Sea Islander woman from Queensland.

The new logo and identity captures the essence of Community First Development. Our work is one of connection and collaboration, building respectful partnerships to achieve the positive changes determined and directed by each community.



**Follow the success of First Nations communities around Australia
as we partner with them to create positive change.**



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