

## Changes to Service Provision in the Kimberley for those Bereaved or Impacted by Suicide

Since July 2019, the Kimberley Postvention Service (KPS) has been supporting communities, families and individuals bereaved or impacted by suicide, with a 24/7 locally based response service. This service model is supported by a critical response interagency group made up of key organisations.

The KPS is jointly operated by StandBy Support After Suicide (with local partner Anglicare WA), Thirrili – through the National Indigenous Critical Response Service (NICRS) and the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service (KAMS).

The KPS is staffed by Aimee Howard, the StandBy Coordinator based in the East Kimberley and Donna Smith, the NICRS Advocate based in the West Kimberley.

The free service provides emotional and practical support to individuals, families and communities bereaved by suicide. Previously the majority of this support was delivered face-to-face. However, with the recent Covid-19 crisis, support has been provided remotely through phone and video support.

Recently, Donna left the West Kimberley position. Consequently, support offered by the KPS will temporarily be provided remotely through Aimee Howard – the StandBy Coordinator in the East Kimberley. Where possible, additional support may be provided by KAMS or other AMS SEWB workers. At this time the West Kimberley position is vacant and consequently a process will shortly commence by Thirrili to recruit an NICRS Advocate in the West Kimberley.

Contact details remain the same:

- East Kimberley: 0488 910 012
- West Kimberley: 0456 391 177 (calls diverted to the East Kimberley during this time)
- Email: [kimberleypostvention@thirrili.com.au](mailto:kimberleypostvention@thirrili.com.au)
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Changes to the KPS will be finalised over the coming months, and further communication will be provided as the situation progresses.

If you would like further information on the NICRS Advocate position based in the West Kimberley, email: [catherine.e@thirrili.com.au](mailto:catherine.e@thirrili.com.au) or phone: 0438 554 435

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