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NGULLUK KOOLUNGA NGULLUK KOORT



MILLIE'S RESEARCH

I am an Elder Co-Researcher with the Ngulluk Koolunga Ngulluk Koort (Our Children, Our Heart) Project which is an important project for our children who are our future spokespeople and leaders. We as a community need to nurture and guide these children to be successful.

WHAT DRIVES HER

I see this project as important because of the importance of children in our community. I believe that this project gives us as a community a platform for national and international exposure in regards to exposing inequalities, as well as engaging the community to find solutions.

The oppression of our people has led to some of our community being very distrustful about research. I hope that by having Elders like myself involved in research, that we're able to gain the community's trust and have more research done from an Aboriginal world view.

HER INSPIRATION

My mother, Violet Walley, has guided and taught me everything I have needed to know to become the person that I am today. Mum's stories and teachings have made her daughters strong women, which has enabled us to all achieve our full potential while always keeping and maintaining our dignity, customs, beliefs and spirituality.

MILLIE'S MESSAGE

My advice to Aboriginal women is to make sure you keep your cultural practices and stories that are passed on to you by your Elders and community to empower you to be proud, confident, successful and happy. I have found being a part of this research challenging but rewarding as we find solutions that are culturally appropriate and encourage more of our women to be part of making change our way.

MILLIE'S PEOPLE

I am a Noongar Yorga woman from Pinjarra with connections to Ballardong, Binjurup, Whadjuk and Yamatji country.

