The 2020 AFL season has been one to remember. From Dreamtime in Darwin, to the spectacle of a night Grand Final ... in Brisbane. Like much of the year, it has been a season of firsts, with finals being played in October, and the Grand Final being played outside of Victoria. We also celebrated the Tigers’ dominant win over Geelong in the season finale, claiming back-to-back Premierships for the first time since 1973-1974.

The October edition of KGI News highlights the success of Richmond’s season celebrating the ways in which the club has grown and emerged.

This edition also announces some of our new initiatives, including our upcoming road-show.

Over the next couple of months we are travelling to the regions to reconnect, listen and learn. We want to make sure that in 2021 we are meeting the needs of all our communities and young people.

We look forward to seeing some of you soon.

Aaron Clark  
Director, Korin Gamadji Institute
VEC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS
By Jessica Bennett

WHAT WE DID
In September, KGI facilitated two community engagement workshops with Georgia, Ben and Amy from the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Ahead of the Local Government elections, we spoke with some of our KGI youth about the power of Black voices.

Our goal was to understand the connection between activism and changemaking, and to explore the different ways that we, as proud Indigenous young people, can promote change.

WHAT WE LEARNT
Participants reflected on the use of social media and how it can be both challenging and empowering to share your voice in such a public forum.

They discovered it is important to share your voice, to influence others and, hopefully, enact change for our communities. We also discussed how we can make change, and the importance of voting as one of these methods. After the workshops, 100% of the participants admitted they would be more likely to vote in an election.

"Your ancestors fought hard for you to vote. Continue their work. Vote."

This reflection from one of our participants reminded us of how important it is to remember the work of our ancestors and carry on their legacies each day.
REAL ONLINE
By Angela Burt

Over the past few months, the KGI staff have been getting in front of the camera and recording content for the online version of the Richmond Emerging Aboriginal Leadership program.

The aim of the program is to connect young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the KGI, the community and other young mob.

The course contains a Zoom yarn with the team, and information on culture and leadership. There is also an activity that helps focus on your leadership strengths and areas for growth.

REAL Online is perfect for any young Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person (aged 13-18) who wants to discover more about the work of the KGI.

The first program is kicking-off in mid-November. Register via the KGI website.
REAL ONLINE

REAL Online is a four-part program that provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth (aged 13-18) with cultural and leadership knowledge. Delivered by the KGI team, this program includes content from Richmond Football Club players and community leaders.

THE PROGRAM

PART 1: YARN
Meet the KGI team and connect virtually with other young mob.

PART 2: CULTURE
Develop your knowledge and understanding of CULTURE, and ways you can increase your knowledge and continue your cultural journey.

PART 3: LEADERSHIP
Develop your understanding of LEADERSHIP and learn ways to grow your personal leadership capacity.

PART 4: LEADERSHIP PROFILE
Put into practice the key learnings from the program by developing a personal leadership profile.

KEY DATES 2020

OCTOBER
Registrations Open
Participants receive unique username and password via email.

NOVEMBER
Course Opens
Participants work through the four-parts of the program at their own pace.

DECEMBER
Course Closes
Participants receive certificate and KGI graduation pack.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS THERE A COST?
REAL Online is free for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people aged 13-18.

WHAT IF I DON’T LIVE IN VICTORIA?
REAL Online is open to all young mob across the country.

WHAT HELP CAN I RECEIVE?
The KGI team will be available to help you through the program. If you are falling a bit behind, they will be in-touch and will help you succeed.

WHAT IF I’VE ALREADY DONE A REAL PROGRAM?
Great, but you can still enrol in REAL Online.
KGI ON THE ROAD
Coming to a Community Near You!

By Michelle Kerrin

The time has arrived!
The KGI team is hitting the road in mid-November to reconnect with our people and communities. It has been a challenging year, but the team is excited to get back onto Country and listen and learn from mob all around Victoria. We are keen to run some programs from our REAL Healthy team, including kayaking and cycling in Mildura, heading back in to see our friends at Aligned Leisure in Albury-Wodonga, and going for walks on Country everywhere else. This trip is about reconnecting with our alumni and engaging other young mob to join our KGI family. Check out the flyer to see when we are coming to you, and if you have any questions don’t hesitate to contact us.

Also, we would love to visit your schools and community organisations to learn more about what you’re all doing. Let us know where you are at and we can arrange a visit.

Until then, stay Deadly!
KGI on the road

Mildura / Robinvalle: 14th - 15th November
Geelong: 21st November
Shepparton: 28th November
Albury / Wodonga: 5th - 6th December
Melbourne: 12th December
Gippsland: January 2021 (Date TBC)

Come and connect with the KGI team in your own community

A DEADLY DAY WITH THE MOB
Cultural activities, REAL Healthy activities, leadership opportunities, Men's and Women's Business, mentorship? Let us know what you would like to do!

More details to come.

Registration:
https://epicentre.kgi.org.au/OnTheRoad

If you would like help completing the form, please contact: admin@kgi.org.au
REAL HEALTHY

KGI SPORT AND LIFE TRAINING (SALT) with SHANE EDWARDS

The REAL Healthy team was thrilled to have Richmond’s Shane Edwards talk about the importance of leadership and teamwork.

Feedback from this session was overwhelmingly positive and the SALT team was impressed by the confidence of the KGI young people. For those who couldn’t attend, here is a quote from Shane Edwards:

“When you talk, express what you know, back yourself and be confident with who you are. Because you never know what can happen or what change it can make.”

REAL HEALTHY PACKS
This week, the REAL Healthy team sent 50 health and wellbeing packs to participants who have registered for the program. The team is looking forward to showing you all how to take control of your health and wellbeing.

INTERESTED?
If you’re interested in learning more about the program, head to our [website](#)
Deadly Dreamers is a youth mentoring program run in partnership with the Reach Foundation. Inspired by the vision of Reach founders – AFL great Jim Stynes and film director Paul Currie – this program inspires young people to believe in themselves and get the most out of life.

Program lead Jordy Mifsud has designed seven sessions specifically for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander youth. Utilising the expertise of KGI staff and Richmond Football Club’s Indigenous players, the program has covered a range of topics important to our young mob.

Marlion Pickett joined Deadly Dreamers session three to talk about confidence and communication.