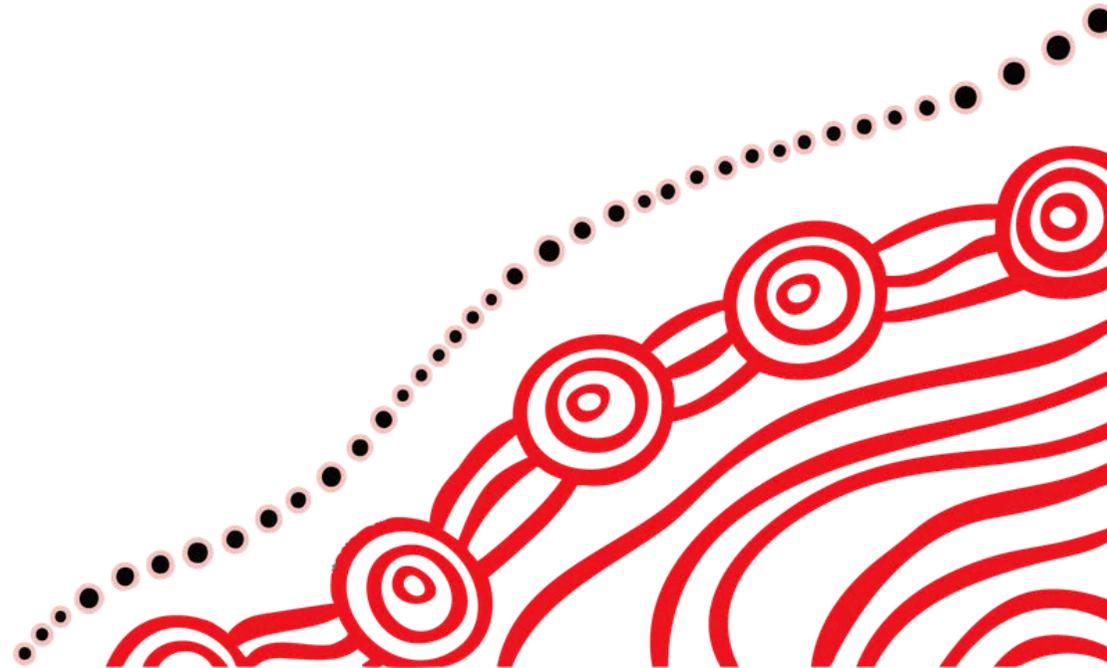




2025 REPORT

Empowering Aboriginal Youth
to shoot for the stars



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As members of various Aboriginal and other communities, we pay our respects to the people of the Noongar nation on whose Boodja we live and work.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and acknowledge their ancient connections from past to the present for our safe conduct.

We acknowledge the continuity of Noongar culture, connection and contribution to Boodja and community.



BINAR'S STORY ●●●



Binar is the Noongar word for **meteor** – when the Spirit Mother’s children on Earth are in need of help, she sends her star children home in the form of meteors.

Binar began in 2011 as one local basketball team of six Aboriginal youths supported by our founder and Executive Director Adam Desmond.

Binar has grown to now having over **5,000 young people (78% Aboriginal)** in the Perth Metro area and regional WA.

Our programs address genuine community needs related to **Sports, Culture, Youth Leadership and Youth Development**. More than this, we have become a support system and extended family to everyone involved.

Binar has been sustained as a **grassroots organisation** by a huge effort from volunteers and financial support from individuals and businesses.

Our story speaks to a culture that values **community, family and connection to country**.



CHAIRPERSON & EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS MESSAGE

Binar Futures continues on its sustainable growth path with some incredible community results.

Key Highlights:

1. Basketball WA confirmed Binar would play its inaugural season in the WA Basketball League in 2026. This goal has been part of our aspirations for a number of years and to have it announced at our new offices by Basketball WA Chair Kyle Hoath and General Manager Tyrone Thwaites was a VERY memorable moment.
2. Binar HQ now exists at 11 The Crescent in Midland. Our new offices include workspace for 20+ people as well as our own merchandise shop (thanks to incredible design team at Pomp Skwod), children's reading area, drop in hoop out the back, big meeting spaces and air conditioning!! We love it there.
3. We increased our Binar Health Embassies from 4 to 6 with the help of Telethon. Our 2025 sites were Albany, Bunbury, Perth (NAIDOC), Port Hedland, Broome and Derby. We saw more than 2500+ young people and provided them with direct access to health care (diagnostic + education). This initiative, developed by Binar, continues to go from strength to strength.
4. Program Growth – we continue to build on our community engagement within schools across the eastern and southern corridors. Aligning sports incentives with education, attendance and teaching culture is a winner and has been very well received by students, teachers, principals and parents.
5. Employment Growth - Increasing employment opportunities for our Binar Young Leaders from casual to permanent part time or full time positions.
6. The Binar Community Hub – this MAJOR project, the first of its kind, has gained momentum through the vision and support of the WA State Government. Binar is working closely with government to ensure the construction and long term viability of this project extends beyond 50 years.
7. Our Binar staff continue to engage broadly in the community by aligning to “The Binar Way” and putting in the extra hours that are required so often to make things work. Binar will always put the needs of the community first and we exist to empower our young people to achieve their potential and inspire the next generation of youth, the right way.

2025 was an incredible year and 2026 is shaping to be amazing!

We would like to thank all of our funders, sponsors, supporters, volunteers, players, parents and staff for continuing to give Binar the strength to achieve.

Sincerely

Andrew Vlahov OAM – Chair

Adam Desmond - Founder



ANDREW VLAHOV
Chairperson



ADAM DESMOND
Founder & Executive Director

WHAT WE VALUE ●●●



RESPECT

Our relationships are founded on respect, for others and ourselves. By being respectful of one another, we have built a solid reputation for being trustworthy and culturally safe.



RESILIENCE

Binar helps young people build resilience in all aspects of their life and power through adversity. We recognise we are stronger together, so we help and support one another.



EQUITY

We believe in equity of opportunity to become the best person they can be. We believe no one should be left behind and no one should be held back.



EMPOWERMENT

Binar offers genuine opportunities to Aboriginal youth that allow them to exercise self-determination and build their own positive futures.



CONNECTION

Binar values Aboriginal people's connection to family, community and country. Connection brings a sense of belonging that we extend to all Binar members regardless of their background.



CULTURE

We uphold Aboriginal culture, which reinforces identity, builds pride and confidence for our Aboriginal youth. Representing Binar carries the privilege and responsibility of honouring our own culture.



BINAR AT A GLANCE



Our Vision is for Aboriginal youth to build positive futures for themselves, their families, communities and culture.

Our Mission is to engage Aboriginal youth, promote healthier lives, and develop more resilient and empowered young people who can build positive futures.



**ENGAGING
IN SPORT**



**CELEBRATING
CULTURE**



**HEALTH &
EDUCATION**

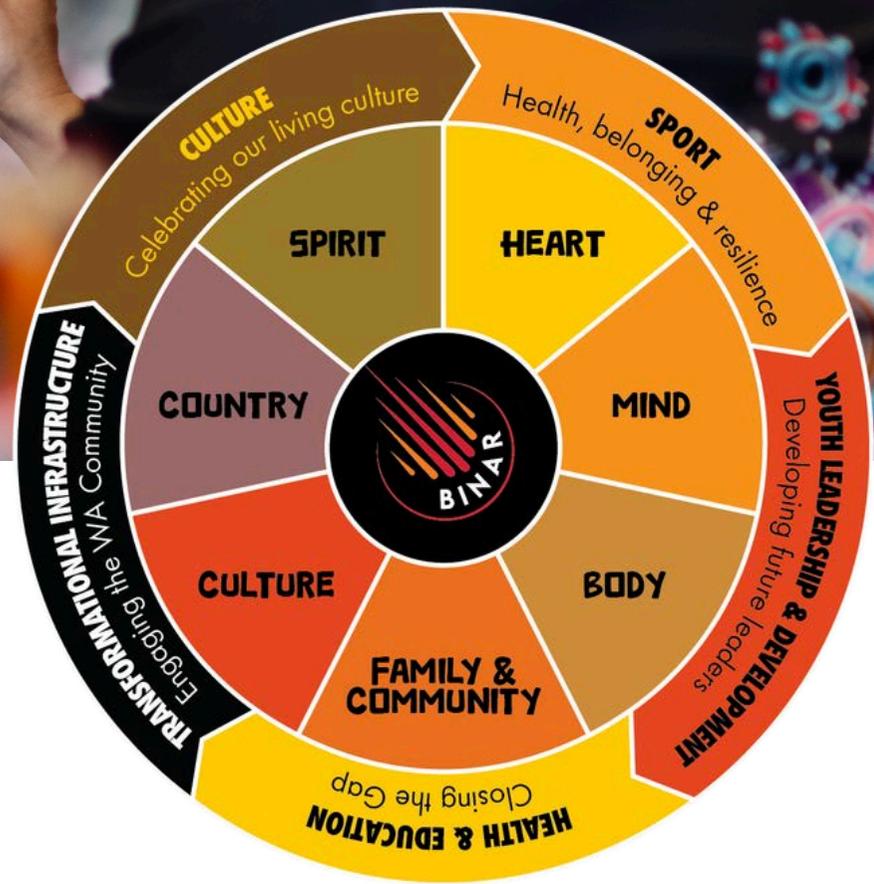


**YOUTH LEADERSHIP
& DEVELOPMENT**



**TRANSFORMATIONAL
INFRASTRUCTURE**





WHAT WE DO ●●●

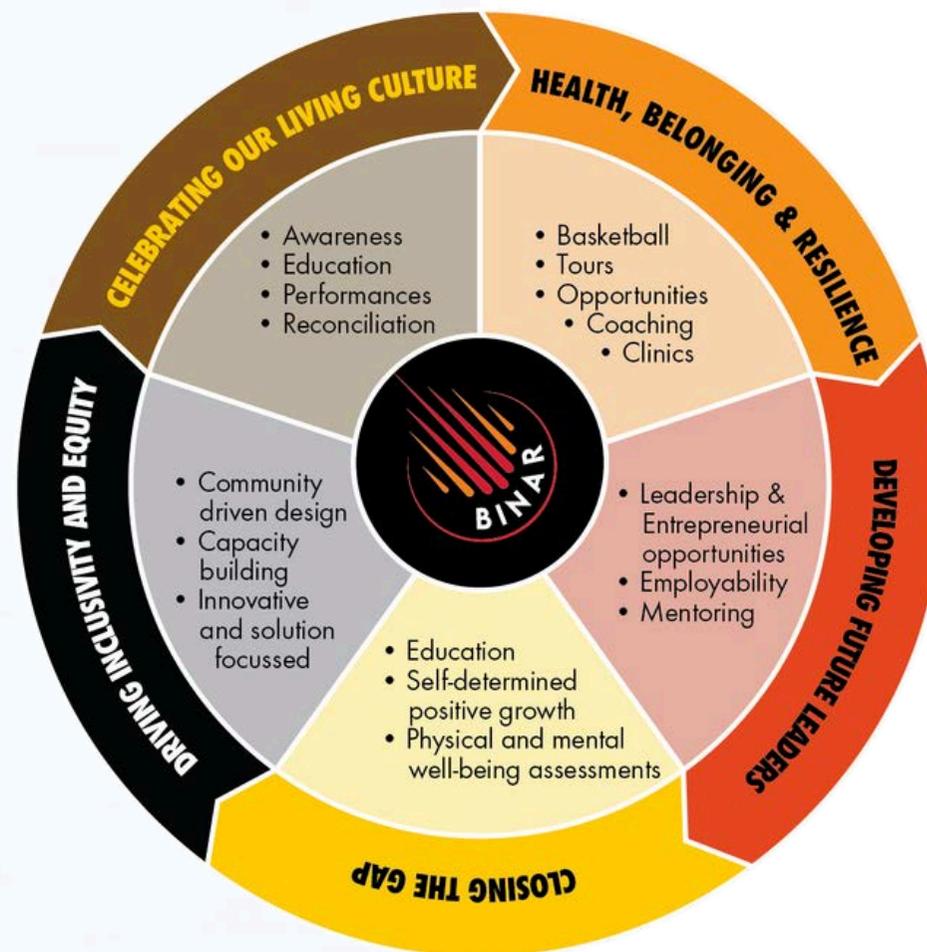
Social and emotional wellbeing (**SEWB**) from an Aboriginal perspective involves nurturing a healthy spirit, heart, mind, and body, which relies on the strength of families, communities, culture, and connection to country (inner ring).

Binar tackles various socio-economic factors affecting SEWB for Aboriginal youth through its Sport, Youth Leadership and Development, Cultural programs, Health and Education and Transformational Infrastructure (outer ring).





WARNING
 SWINGING ON THE RING MAY
 CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH
 DO NOT CLIMB ON FRAMEWORK.



OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTION

CELEBRATING CULTURE

Encourage Aboriginal youth to connect with, participate in and celebrate their culture

TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Building a physical foundation for community focused systemic change

ENGAGING IN SPORT

Provide accessible, culturally secure and supportive sporting opportunities to Aboriginal youth

YOUTH LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Empower and invest in Aboriginal youth to become leaders and role models and build positive futures

HEALTH & EDUCATION

Closing the Gap for Aboriginal Youth

WHY WE EXIST ●●●

OVERCOMING ENTRENCHED INTER-GENERATIONAL DISADVANTAGE:

Addressing the long-standing social and economic disadvantages faced by Aboriginal families in both metropolitan and regional areas.



ADDRESSING ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES:

Tackling the trauma caused by adverse childhood experiences that negatively impact long-term health, wellbeing, and economic prosperity.



REDUCING ANTISOCIAL AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR:

Mitigating the factors that lead to higher rates of antisocial and criminal behaviour among disengaged youth.



PROVIDING CULTURALLY SECURE OPPORTUNITIES:

Combating the lack of accessible, culturally secure, and supportive opportunities for Aboriginal communities.



OUR STRENGTHS ●●●



We **strengthen cultural identity and participation**, and promote **reconciliation**.



We **respond** to genuine **community needs** through our programs.

Enable participants and volunteers to choose programs that matter to them in their own time.



We **listen to and empower youth to lead, teach, and act as role models**.

Experience organic growth in program demand as youth and families trust in and experience positive outcomes.



Offer **inclusivity**, providing **everyone a place to belong: an extended family** outside of home.

We provide young people with **meaningful sports and youth programs**, not just diversionary activities.



Bring groups from different locations together to exchange ideas and culture, create new friendships, and strengthen existing ties.



REACH & IMPACT DASHBOARD



83

Cultural performances and workshops conducted across Western Australia

Performances included HBF Arena, St John of God Midland, WA Maritime Museum, Boola Bardip WA Museum, Yagan Square, WA Police Headquarters, Clontarf Aboriginal College and Primary and Secondary School across the Metropolitan Area.



10,360

Total registrations engaged in Binar Basketball, Health and Educational activities in 2024.

Across **120 activity centres** including schools, community and recreation.



78% of participants identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



81% of Binar's 27 regular staff members identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander



6934 Participants registered across various Binar basketball activities

1977 Players in regional tournaments (Albany and Bunbury)



3426 Participants engaged in Binar programs at educational settings



2598 Registered participants at Binar Health Embassies

2041 Consents for Health Checks

265 Health Issues Identified



CULTURE

CULTURAL PROGRAM ●●●

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Cultural participation is a fundamental human right and a protective factor for Aboriginal youth.
- Connecting with culture strengthens identity, fosters a sense of belonging, and builds pride and confidence.
- Cultural education promotes mutual respect and supports reconciliation.

WHAT WE DO

- Reconnect Aboriginal youth with their family heritage.
- Provide opportunities for cultural participation through art, dance, and music.
- Conduct cultural education and exchange workshops in schools and communities.
- Offer cultural awareness programs and performances for schools, sports teams, communities, and businesses.
- Develop cultural leadership and create employment opportunities for Aboriginal youth.



CULTURE

CULTURAL PROGRAM ●●●

In 2025, Binar continued to play a leading role in the cultural space across the communities we serve. Culture remains at the core of our work, guiding how we engage, teach and create safe and empowering environments for young people. Our Binar Dance Group performed 93 times throughout the year at community, corporate, sporting and school events.

Each performance was more than entertainment — it was an opportunity to share culture, strengthen identity, build understanding, and create moments of connection between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal audiences. These performances provided our young people with a platform to develop confidence, leadership, teamwork and pride while representing culture with strength and respect.

Our young leaders were also highly active in schools through the delivery of the Binar Kaadadjiny Program. Kaadadjiny, meaning knowledge, is designed to support the holistic development of students. The program integrates culture, physical activity, mindfulness, art, dance and respect, creating a space where students can learn about identity, wellbeing and positive choices. By combining movement with cultural learning, the program helps improve engagement, emotional regulation, teamwork and resilience. Beyond skill development, the program creates culturally safe environments where Aboriginal students feel seen, valued and connected, while also fostering greater cultural understanding among all students.

Our young leaders serve as positive role models, demonstrating leadership, responsibility and pride in culture. Throughout the year, Binar engaged with 27 schools and worked with 3426 students, extending our reach and deepening our impact in strengthening culture, wellbeing and community connection.



EDUCATION

WHY THIS MATTERS

- Some Aboriginal students become disengaged or fall behind at school for a variety of reasons
- Parents cannot afford after school programs and schools cannot provide them for free
- Young people want to give back to their communities

WHAT WE DO

- Partner with educators to deliver after-school programs
- Partner with educators to identify, assist and support disengaged school students
- Encourage youth to empower other youth through sharing their skills, knowledge and experience

HOMework AT MOORDITJ

Moorditj Noongar Community College and Binar acknowledge the significant risk of burnout faced by our students due to the ongoing expectation to code-switch and navigate two distinct worlds. We are mindful that this pressure can sometimes manifest in behaviours that may be perceived as anti-social.

The homework class offers a culturally safe space where students can connect with Aboriginal mentors who are paving the way for their success. This setting provides immediate access to guidance and support, empowering students to navigate life with confidence. It equips them with a versatile toolkit to draw from, helping them discern when to embrace their cultural identity and when to apply their knowledge of colonial systems.

Moorditj students share the remarkable complexities of walking in two worlds. Binar showcases how this duality is their greatest strength. These connections profoundly impact students' wellbeing and self-esteem, fostering a strong sense of identity. The partnership between Binar and Moorditj College demonstrates that education is about more than just academics—it is about nurturing the whole child.

Binar and Moorditj College understand that while classroom teachers play a vital role in supporting students, there are times when Binar's involvement is essential to further enhance their success and wellbeing. This collaboration ensures that students feel a strong connection to their culture and receive the recognition they need to thrive.



EDUCATION

COMMUNICARE BINAR KAADADJINY ●●●

The Communicare – Binar Kaadadjiny Program continued to deliver meaningful educational and cultural engagement opportunities for young people across the Armadale region throughout the year.

A total of 75 one-hour sessions were delivered throughout the year, providing students with opportunities to engage in a range of activities designed to support wellbeing, confidence, and connection. Sessions included sport and physical activity, cultural language learning, dance, and relationship building, helping students strengthen both personal and cultural identity while developing positive connections with peers and mentors.

A key highlight of the program's impact was the opportunity for students to share their learning with their wider school communities. Through ongoing engagement and practice, Binar supported students at Neerigen Brook Primary School, Kingsley Primary School, and Bramfield Park Primary School to perform Aboriginal dance at their NAIDOC assemblies, showcasing culture and celebrating identity in front of fellow students, staff, and families.

The program continues to demonstrate the importance of culturally safe and community-led engagement within schools, supporting students to build confidence, strengthen cultural pride, and develop positive relationships that support both learning and wellbeing.

Binar acknowledges the ongoing support of Communicare, whose partnership makes it possible to continue delivering this important program to young people and schools in the Armadale region.



The program operated across five primary schools:

- **Neerigen Brook Primary School**
- **Bramfield Park Primary School**
- **Kingsley Primary School**
- **East Maddington Primary School**
- **Wirrabirra Primary School**

Across these schools, the program supported **90 students aged between 5 and 14 years**, including 55 female and 35 male participants.



COMMUNICARE IMPACT STORY ●●●

This case study draws on the testimonies of three young female students participating in our Binar program at Neerigen Brook Primary School. For their safety, all young people have been de-identified. The story comes from our program delivery supported through CfC – Communicare funding.

TOGETHER NOW

Before the program started (before our very first time in Neerigen Brook – which was Term 1, 2025), Rosie, Bell and Delilah didn't really know each other. They knew they went to the same school – a school which they didn't enjoy going to that much. They already had their own friends which was fine, and as the school didn't have a lot of Indigenous Culture stuff happening they didn't know who else might be Indigenous. They also didn't know much about their culture either. The students recall coming to the first Binar session knowing that it's a program for Indigenous students, but not who else might be there. Rosie and Bell knew each other were Aboriginal, but were surprised when Delilah was there too – actually asking her “why are you here”?

Delilah is a light skinned, blonde hair, blue eyed girl, and she is Aboriginal. This is something the girls laugh about now, and something they said they probably won't forget. This is because over their time in our program they have become best friends. What they have liked about the program is things like learning more about their culture, something Delilah said she's really enjoyed as at first because of her fairer skin, she felt a bit confused about. They've also enjoyed getting to know all the other Indigenous students at their school, now spending more time together even when they're not in Binar.

All three girls expressed their social skills improving, their attendance at school improving, and it helping their mental health as well. Now having another safe space and friends that they felt closer to has helped their self esteem as well. Rosie was proud to say that she has done an Acknowledgement of Country at an assembly – something she would have never thought of doing because she was 'too shame'. They all are now more curious about their culture too.

Throughout this reporting period an incident occurred at the school (outside of Binar session) where two of the boys in our program got into a physical altercation. This escalated to families getting involved, but happily throughout the duration of the program we were able to use our Binar sessions to de-escalate that, rebuilding their relationship. The three girls expressed that they were thankful that Binar could help with this as, they voiced their concern for their two male friends, and didn't want them to ruin the Binar sessions either.

All these changes have been important to the girls as they now believe it's important for them to know their culture and believe it makes them a better person. Bell expressed that before Binar she had bad mental health, but through the relationships she has made and the things she has learnt that she has improved her mental state. And overall they now enjoy school more. While the three girls are off to high school in 2026, they are confident that they will remain friends for life – something they thank Binar for making happen.



EDUCATION

SWAN KAADADJINY PROGRAM ●●●

The Swan Kaadadjiny Program was successfully delivered throughout 2025, providing cultural learning and engagement opportunities across all four school terms. The program operated in partnership with Swan View Primary School, Midvale Primary School, Middle Swan Primary School, and Moorditj Primary School, delivering an eight-week program each term with weekly one-hour sessions.

Across the four schools and four terms, the program engaged 582 students, demonstrating strong community reach and participation. This included 248 culturally and linguistically diverse students, 152 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, and 19 students living with disability, reflecting the program's inclusive and supportive approach.

Swan Kaadadjiny aims to create a fun and culturally rich learning environment that strengthens students' understanding of Noongar culture while encouraging physical activity, creativity, and language learning. Program delivery focused on four key areas: sport and physical engagement, Noongar dance, Noongar art, and Noongar language.

Sport sessions used basketball activities to build teamwork, confidence, and coordination while promoting positive behaviour and participation. Cultural sessions introduced students to traditional Noongar dance, art connected to the six Noongar seasons, and foundational Noongar language, allowing students to build cultural awareness while expressing creativity and pride in learning about Country and culture.

Throughout the year, the program created safe and welcoming learning environments where students felt confident participating and engaging in cultural activities. A key strength of Swan Kaadadjiny remains its foundation in knowledge shared by Noongar Elders, ensuring cultural teachings are delivered respectfully and authentically.

The continued success of the program highlights the value of combining sport, culture, art, and language to support student wellbeing, identity, and connection to community. Binar looks forward to continuing and expanding the Swan Kaadadjiny Program in the years ahead, creating ongoing opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and stay connected to culture and community.



EDUCATION

BOUNCE BACK AT BANKSIA HILL

Binar's Bounce Back is a 40-week structured basketball program aimed at engaging young male and female detainees through sport, mentorship, umpire accreditation attainment and high-performance development. The program not only teaches core basketball and physical skills, but also integrates holistic wellbeing strategies, professional pathways, and pro-social development.

The initiative is grounded in supportive rehabilitation by encouraging accountability, fostering pro-social behaviour, leadership, resilience and structured re-integration engagement, providing young people with the tools to make positive choices.

Binar's Young Leaders bring extensive experience in designing, delivering, and evaluating culturally responsive basketball programs, particularly with Aboriginal youth. The Binar Young Leaders deliver the weekly engagement and training sessions and play an active role in all key components of the program, including the High-Performance sessions, Umpiring Accreditation Course, and Role Model Workshops.

The Binar Young Leaders continue their engagement post-release by supporting young people and being part of the team involved in the Domestic Basketball Competition helping continuity, reinforce routine, and strengthen the support network for young people as they transition back into the community.



BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL IN MIDLAND ●●●

Throughout 2025, Binar Basketball Association (BBA) successfully consolidated and strengthened its Domestic Basketball Competition at Swan Active, Midland.

The competition has grown from a single participating club into a six-club association, reflecting strong community demand and increased local capacity. BBA has now transitioned fully from hands-on team support to a competition governance and oversight role, marking a significant milestone in the competition's maturity and long-term viability.

The competition supported 64 teams, with 429 registered players. Almost 45% of participants were new to the association, and 46.5% identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, highlighting the competition's reach and inclusivity.

Equity and access remained central to delivery, with targeted initiatives supporting new clubs, reducing financial barriers and encouraging broad participation. Strong partnerships, including continued support from **Midland Brick**, played a key role in ensuring the competition remained accessible and community focused.

As Binar Basketball Association looks ahead to 2026, the focus remains on strengthening the Domestic Basketball Competition to support long-term participation, positive experiences and sustainable growth. With a stable structure now established, BBA is entering a phase focused on consistency, clarity and continuous improvement. This forward-looking approach will support players, referees, clubs and families, while ensuring the Domestic Competition continues to provide safe, positive and high-quality basketball experiences for the Midland community.



STORIES OF IMPACT

"Team Mamba has been proud to support Binar Basketball Association's Junior Domestic Competition since Season 1 and it's been inspiring to see it evolve into a thriving program with more clubs and new teams joining each season.

The continued growth has raised the weekly standard and provided our Mamba kids with consistent, high-quality game experiences that accelerate development.

Our Mamba mentality "Get Better Every Day" aligns with Binar's objectives and Binar's presence in Midland continues to have a positive impact on our families by providing a safe, community-focused environment where young players build confidence, friendships and strong habits beyond basketball."

**Avinash Poinen,
Team Mamba Club President**



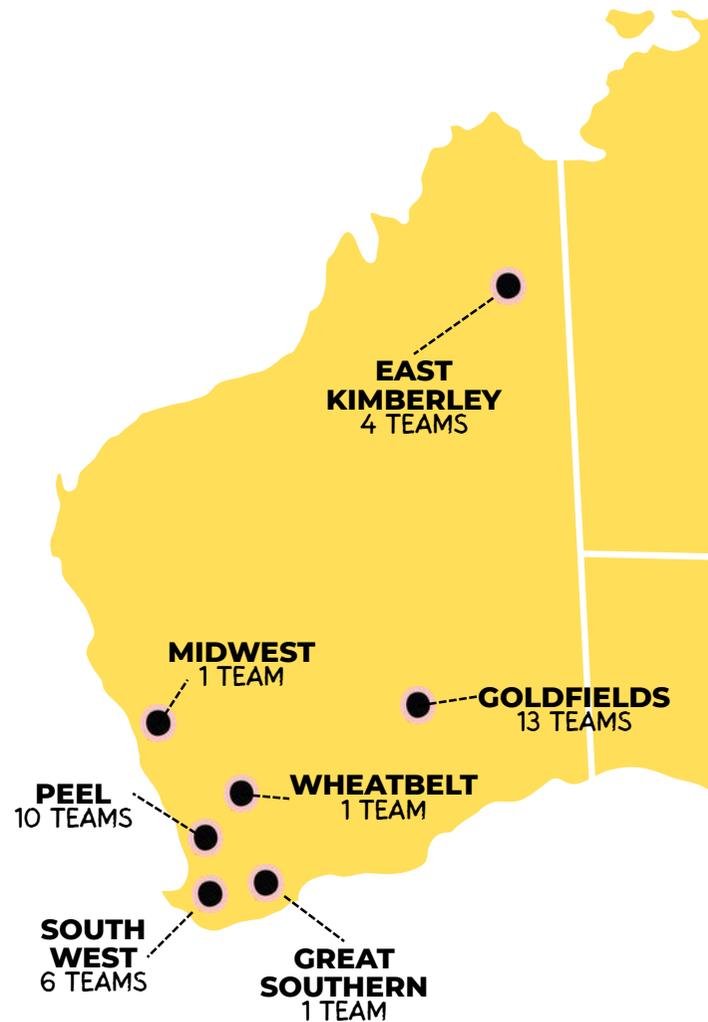
BASKETBALL

NAIDOC BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

The **2025 NAIDOC Basketball Carnival** was delivered in partnership by Binar Futures and Basketball WA, with the support of Basketball WA's Aboriginal Council.

The event engaged **686 unique participants**, with **72.4% identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander** — demonstrating strong Indigenous participation and community reach.

The carnival served as both a community gathering and a celebration of basketball and First Nations culture. While designed primarily as a meeting place for Aboriginal communities, it also welcomed individuals from all backgrounds, contributing to broader goals of cultural recognition, inclusion, and reconciliation.



\$18,000 investment
in accommodation and transport services for regional participants

800
Player registration

686
Unique participants

106
Team registrations

36
Team registrations from regional areas

72.4%
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

86%
Culturally & linguistically diverse

65%
Male

35%
Female



BASKETBALL

HIGH PERFORMANCE BASKETBALL

Creating and supporting pathways for Aboriginal youth to engage in high-performance sport from a young age remains a core focus for Binar, and with the valued support of our major supporter **Barminco**, we proudly facilitated numerous opportunities in 2025 for young athletes to compete at both association and national levels.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following Binar athletes on their State team selection in 2025. Your hard work and leadership inspire the next generation.

U18 Metro Girls

- **Penelope Punaivaha**

U18 Metro Men

- **John Aryang**
- **Marley Sam**
- **Kuron Swaka Lo Buluk**
- **Lasiana Edgar (RESERVE)**

U18 Country Girls

- **Grace Dimer**
- **Michelle Ninyyette**

U18 Country Boys

- **Zayde Parriman**

U16 Metro Girls

- **Sasha Nona**

U16 Country Boys

- **Beau Jones**
- **J'Quarn Shoveller**
- **Luke Websdale Jnr**



STORIES OF IMPACT

"As a parent, I couldn't be prouder of the way he conducted himself, not just on the court but off the court, showing true maturity and sportsmanship. More than just his love for basketball, he has built lifelong friendships and embraced every lesson this experience has offered, resilience, teamwork, independence and growth."

Parent of Singapore Athlete

SINGAPORE

Binar had the privilege of taking a group of 76 youth to Singapore, with many experiencing their first overseas trip, to compete in the Asia Pacific Youth Basketball Cup.

We were represented by nine teams in total, six boys teams and three girls teams, competing against sides from across the region including Australia, China, Guam, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the UAE, the USA, and Vietnam.

A standout achievement came from our Under 16s Boys team, led by Andrew Vlahov and Efrem Garlett-Watson, who proudly secured silver, while our Under 16s Girls team, led by Isaiah Walley-Stack and Tiahna Websdale, delivered an outstanding campaign to claim gold.



BASKETBALL

STATE CHAMPS ●●●

Binar held open trials at Swan Active in October for the 2025 BWA State Championships. Teams were made up from the best players across our domestic competition to compete at Bendat and Warwick Stadium. Binar is very proud of each of the 17 teams that participated and worked together to display competitive basketball.

Seven of these teams progressed to the finals series, with two securing automatic qualification for Division 1 WABL.



BASKETBALL

A HISTORIC STEP: BINAR JOINS WABL ● ● ●

In 2025, Binar reached a landmark achievement in our organisation's journey, becoming the 14th club accepted into the WA Basketball League (WABL). This milestone represents years of commitment to building pathways for young athletes and strengthening opportunities for our community through basketball.

Our acceptance into WABL is historic for several reasons. Binar is proud to be the first Aboriginal-led organisation to become a WABL club, creating new representation within elite junior basketball in Western Australia. This achievement highlights the strength of community-led programs and demonstrates the positive outcomes that can be achieved when local organisations are empowered to lead opportunities for their own communities.

The announcement also marks the return of a WABL club representing Midland for the first time in over 20 years, reconnecting the region with a pathway that many talented young players previously had to leave their community to access. Establishing a WABL presence in Midland ensures local athletes can now pursue high-level competition while remaining connected to their families, culture, and support networks.

Joining WABL creates new opportunities not only for players, but also for coaches, officials, volunteers, and young leaders within our programs. It strengthens Binar's ability to provide clear development pathways from grassroots participation through to elite competition, while maintaining our commitment to community, culture, and personal growth.

This achievement is the result of strong partnerships, dedicated staff and volunteers, and the ongoing support of families and community members who believe in Binar's vision. As we begin this new chapter, we remain focused on creating opportunities that empower young people both on and off the court.

Binar's entry into WABL is more than a sporting milestone. It represents progress, representation, and a new generation of opportunity for Midland and the communities we serve.



REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Binar's regional tournaments in Albany and Bunbury have seen significant growth, with each location benefiting from the full integration of PlayHQ for streamlined registration and scoring. The tournaments showcased the expanding interest and participation in basketball, while also creating a platform for young people to thrive in a supportive environment.

In addition, Binar took a team of referees to Broome to assist with the Junior Shinju Festival Carnival, and to Derby to assist with the Boab Basketball Carnival further expanding the reach and impact of their initiatives. While basketball remains the primary tool for engagement, the regional tournaments, along with accompanying camps, provide the Binar youth teams with valuable opportunities for personal growth, fostering independence in a safe environment. These experiences also allow them to travel and learn from other Aboriginal communities, gaining diverse perspectives and building connections.

- **Building Intergenerational Strengths:** Celebrating the resilience and capabilities of Aboriginal families in metropolitan and regional areas, fostering opportunities to create long-term social and economic prosperity.
- **Empowering Through Connection:** Supporting healing and growth by strengthening pathways to improved health, wellbeing, and economic independence.
- **Fostering Positive Youth Development:** Encouraging engagement and positive life choices by nurturing identity, leadership, and a sense of purpose among youth, reducing the risk of antisocial behaviour.
- **Creating Culturally Secure Pathways:** Providing accessible and culturally secure opportunities that honour and amplify the strengths of Aboriginal communities, promoting a strong sense of belonging and empowerment.

Stories of Impact

"There's something about these comps that is unlike any other - it's the level of sportsmanship and comradeship amongst opposing teams. The style of basketball is hard, fast, competitive and incredibly skilled - yet at the beginning and end of each game, it's like everyone on that court are brothers."

Parent



HEALTH EMBASSY INITIATIVE

The Binar Health Embassy delivered exceptional results during 2025 at 6 locations around Western Australia - Albany, Bunbury, Derby, Perth, Port Hedland and Broome. These activations provided culturally safe health services to hundreds of young people. By **embedding health services directly into a trusted community setting** — sport — the Health Embassy continues to overcome common barriers to access and encouraged proactive health engagement.

2598 participants journeyed through the Health Embassies and is testament to the success and the significant impact we have in regional and metro communities by bringing health to community instead of waiting for community to go to health. Binar Health Embassies embed health services within sporting events, which is not only effective but essential for reaching populations that may otherwise face barriers to care.

Our activities over these 6 sites **identified 265 participants requiring doctor referral** with approximately 53% of the 265 cases presenting with Ear Exam abnormalities signalling ear health as a dominant clinical issue.

The **'Binar Way'** engages all stakeholders in the region, including sport, health and community, in an effort to empower and equip Aboriginal children and young people the thrive and take control of their own choices in relation to their health and well-being.

Parent comment

"All of my children attended the Health Embassy at the Bounce Back event. They had a fantastic time and were really happy to participate in the doctor stations. The passport activity kept them motivated and meant they didn't give up halfway through. **They were excited to complete every station.**"



Participant comment - Age 13

"I liked the Health Embassy.

It was kind of like going to the doctor, but fun. Because it was held in a place I already love going to, it didn't feel scary at all."



HEALTH

HEALTH EMBASSY INITIATIVE

HEALTH EMBASSY PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE & SATISFACTION

IT WAS DEADLY

74%

IT WAS OK

24%

NOT REALLY

2%

2025	ALBANY	BUNBURY	DERBY	PERTH	PORT HEDLAND	BROOME	TOTALS
Stations	12	14	11	14	11	13	
Participants registered	476	563	292	700	244	323	2598
Percentage completed	79%	78%	70%	87%	62%	83%	78%
Abnormal results requiring Dr referral	28	57	27	52	37	64	265



A NEW HOME FOR BINAR ●●●

This year marked a significant milestone in Binar's journey, as we proudly moved into our new premises. Securing a dedicated space of our own represents more than just a change of address. It is a major step forward in strengthening our ability to deliver programs, support young people, and grow our impact across the community.

Our new premises provide a welcoming and functional hub where staff, volunteers, young leaders, and community members can come together. The space allows us to better coordinate programs, host meetings and planning sessions, and create a central base for our expanding activities across sport, leadership, and community engagement.

In September, we celebrated this new chapter with a highly successful opening night that brought together many people who have played an important role in Binar's journey. The evening showcased several new features of our premises, including the launch of our food truck, basketball activations held on the court set up in the rear carpark, and the opening of our new merchandise store, now located within the office.

The event was especially meaningful as it welcomed back some of the original players who formed Binar's very first team, highlighting how far the organisation has grown while remaining connected to its roots.

Representatives from Basketball WA were also in attendance to make the official announcement that Binar had been approved as the 14th WABL club, marking a historic moment for the organisation and the Midland community.

Having a permanent home improves the way we support participants and families. It gives our young people a place where they feel connected to Binar beyond the basketball court, reinforcing a sense of belonging and pride in the organisation.



INFRASTRUCTURE

BINAR COMMUNITY HUB

Binar's vision is the establishment of a dedicated Community Hub that delivers purpose-built, multi-purpose infrastructure to support sport, education, health and wellbeing outcomes. This Hub will enable holistic services to engage directly with key stakeholder groups, including Aboriginal youth, their families, and the wider City of Swan community.

Sport, particularly basketball, is a proven and powerful engagement tool for young Western Australians, especially Aboriginal youth across Midland and regional Western Australia. It creates connection, builds trust, and opens pathways to education, leadership and lifelong wellbeing.

Binar's long-term vision is to embed this Community Hub adjacent to Moorditj Noongar Community College, creating a strong platform for future success. The Hub will focus on building resilience, strengthening cultural identity, and empowering the next generation of Aboriginal leaders. When completed, it will be Australia's first Indigenous-owned and operated sporting facility, representing a landmark achievement in community-led infrastructure.

Significant progress has already been made toward realising this vision. Under the guidance of Project Director David Dodds from Infiniti Project Solutions, the project has advanced through critical planning and development stages, ensuring the Hub is designed to meet both community needs and long-term sustainability goals.

This project has been made possible through funding from the Cook Labor Government, Government of Western Australia, delivered as an election commitment. This support reflects a shared belief in the power of community-led solutions and the lasting impact this facility will have for Aboriginal youth and the broader community.



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We always appreciate the generosity and involvement of people like you, with every contribution going towards making Binar an even better organisation than it already is. We want to provide you with the correct and appropriate information pertaining to your mode of support, so don't hesitate to contact us with your questions.



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

This is one of the simplest ways to help out our cause. We believe the best way for our initiatives to be successful is for the community to actively get involved. This is an easy and efficient way of contributing to the great work we do at Binar. Get in touch with any questions about how you can volunteer your time today.



MAKE A DONATION

Want to join our efforts but not sure where to start? Make a Donation and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to lend your support. It's a great way to contribute to our cause. Binar Futures is a registered charity and ATO-endorsed deductible gift recipient (public benevolent institution).



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