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Justice Reinvestment for Aboriginal Young People

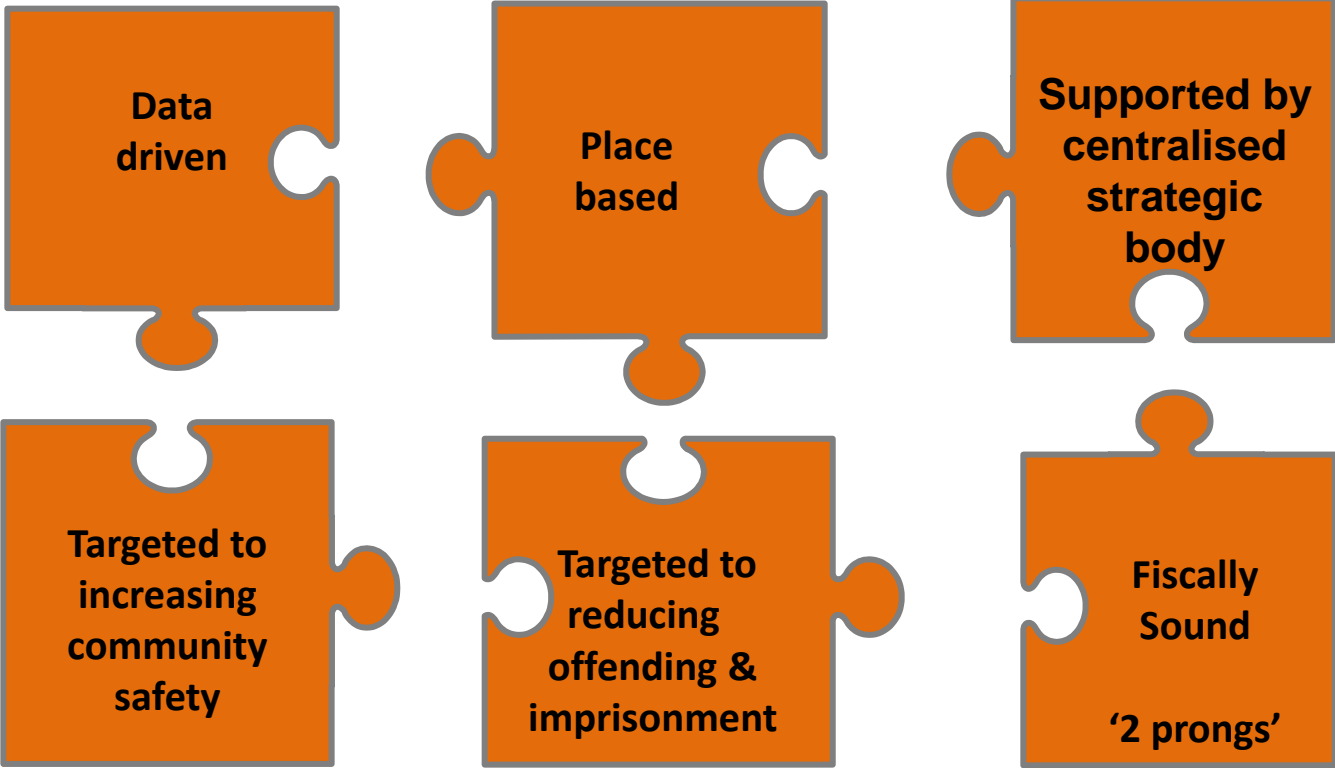
GIVE THEM A LIFE

NOT LIFE IN PRISON



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WHY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT?



Just Reinvest NSW Policy Paper to propose a number of legislative or policy reforms to reduce the rising prison population in NSW, with a particular view to addressing the levels of Aboriginal overrepresentation.

The paper was developed following a roundtable discussion with members of the NSW legal and justice communities and in consultation with a wide range of peak NSW Aboriginal organisations.

Key objectives:

Reducing crime to create safe communities:

adequate resourcing to address the complex needs of offenders in the community to address the underlying causes of crime, reduce recidivism and create safer communities.

An end to post-code justice:

equal access to and adequate resourcing for diversionary options, rehabilitation programs and therapeutic court settings across NSW.

A smarter way to spend \$3.8 billion:

focusing expenditure on measures that will improve public health and prevent crime.

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Key Proposals:

- 1. Ensure the availability and expand the scope of Intensive Corrections Orders (ICOs)** - to all NSW courts and to include violent offender therapeutic programs (VOTPs) and intensive rehabilitation orders.
- 2. Introduce measures to limit sentences of less than six months**
- 3. Change the response to breaches of parole and support measures to reduce the likelihood of breach**
 - (a) remove the requirement for an offender whose parole has been revoked to wait 12 months before being able to re-apply for parole, and introduce a staged approach to consequences of breach of parole.
 - (b) ensure the availability of works release and weekend leave, with the introduction in appropriate cases to back-end home detention, residential rehabilitation and halfway house options.

Part of a broader suite of proposals including:

- **Mapping existing residential drug and alcohol programs for Indigenous people and identifying and meeting additional need for resourcing to include mental health services and healing and cultural components and trauma-informed support.**
- **Expanding the operation of Indigenous Courts across NSW including broadening the locations of the Youth Koori Court and introducing a NSW Koori District Court.**
- **Addressing the specific needs of Indigenous women who are at risk of offending/re-offending**
- **Establishing a more equitable approach to penalty notices and fines**
- **Framing smarter orders (including bail, supervised orders and AVOs) and implementing breach reduction strategies**

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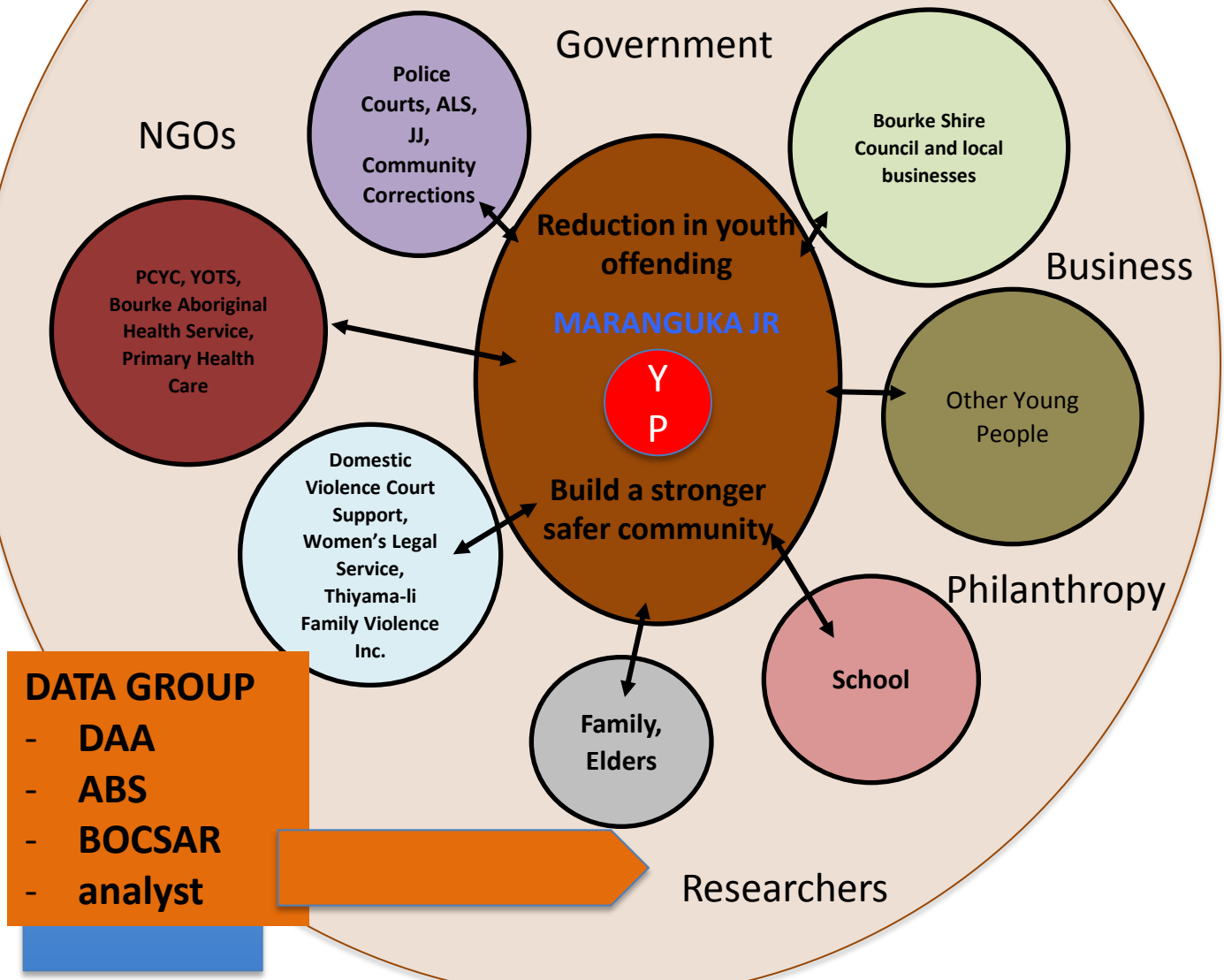
Bourke and Maranguka

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ENGAGE & PLAN

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Government

NGOs

Business

Philanthropy

Researchers

DATA GROUP

- DAA
- ABS
- BOCSAR
- analyst



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A SNAPSHOT OF LIFE FOR ABORIGINAL CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN BOURKE, NSW



Maranguka supports families, young people, services, schools, governments, and businesses to work together to achieve those goals.

The best thing about living in Bourke is friends and family

These goals are documented and widely shared

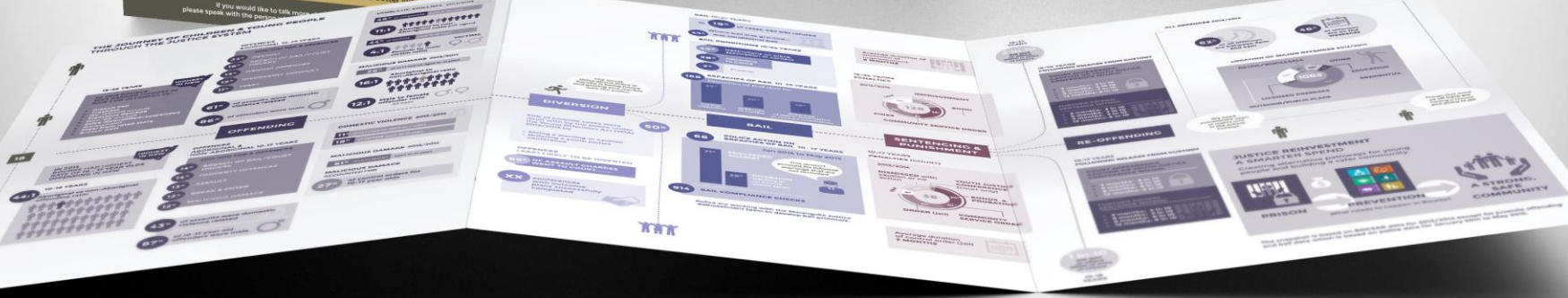
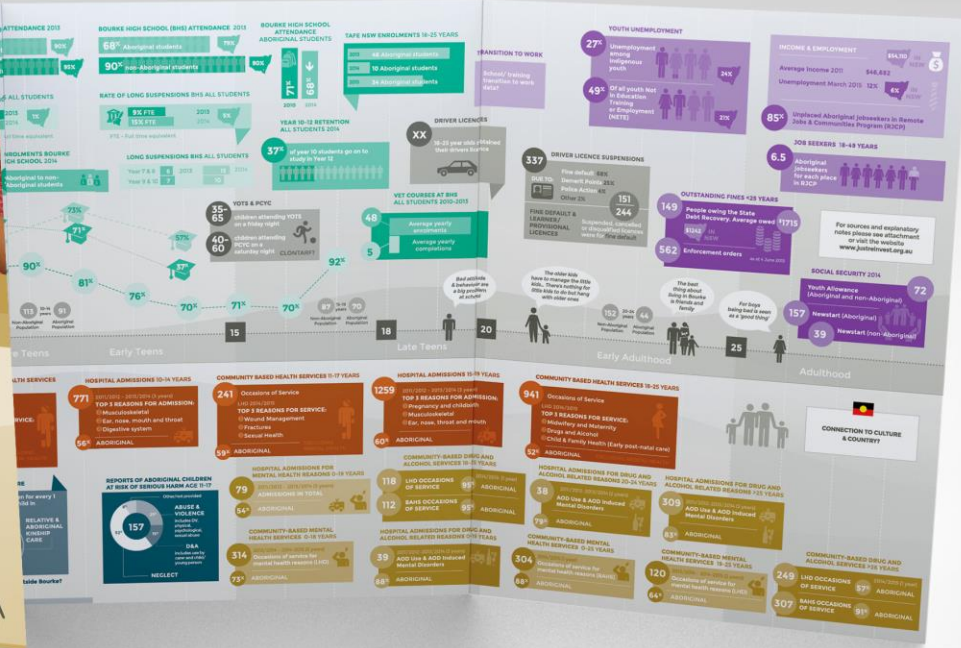
The Bourke Trust Council and other leaders in Bourke use the summary to set goals to improve the lives of Aboriginal children and young people in Bourke

A summary of what people said is created and shared widely

We want to be treated with respect

This document puts data into your hands so you can learn, talk, think and set goals about what needs to change so that all Aboriginal children and young people in Bourke can have better lives

If you would like to talk more please speak with the Council



THE JOURNEY OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

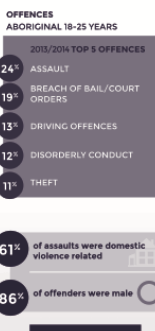


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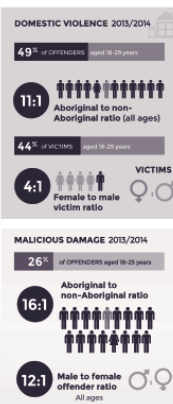
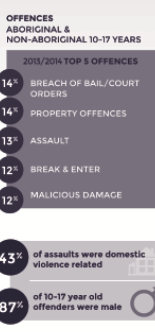
18-25 YEARS
HIGHEST IN NSW
 IN 2013 BOURKE WAS RANKED HIGHEST IN NSW FOR OFFENCES OF:

- Breach bail
- DV-related assault
- Malicious damage
- Non-DV assault
- Drive disqualified/suspended
- Harassment
- Steal from retail store
- Breach AVC



HIGHEST IN NSW
 IN 2014 BOURKE HAD HIGHEST RATE OF 10-17 YEAR OLDS OFFENDING IN NSW

44:1
 Aboriginal vs non-Aboriginal offending ratio



DIVERSION

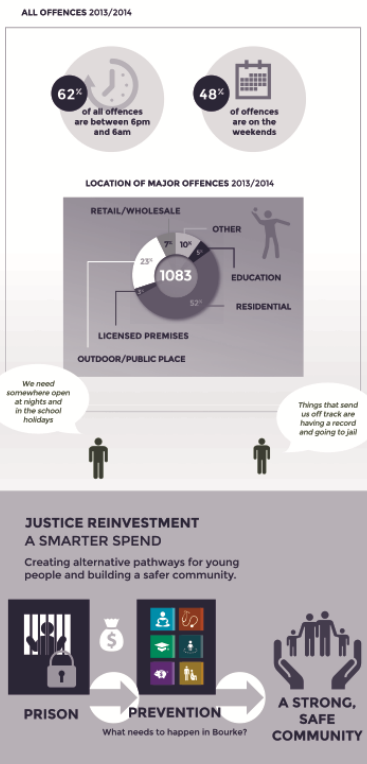
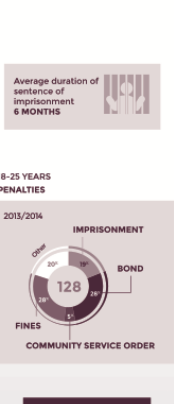
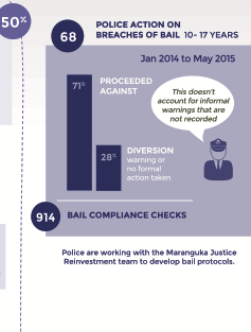
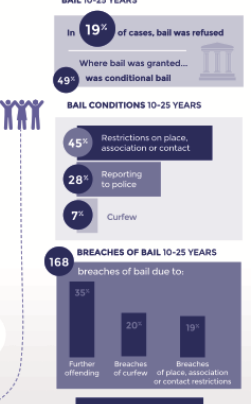
50% of juvenile cases were dealt with by the police under the Young Offenders Act (YOA) 2013/2014 by:

- Giving a warning or caution
- Ordering a youth justice conference

OFFENCES LEAST LIKELY TO BE DIVERTED

89% OF ASSAULT CHARGES WENT TO COURT

XX conferences with outcome plans successfully completed



The snapshot is based on BOCSAR data for 2013/2014 except for juvenile offending and bail data which is based on police data for January 2014 to May 2015.

Justice Initiatives 1

Bail Protocols

- Developing police protocols re bail conditions/ breach/ warning/ use of arrest

Warrant Clinic and the Justice Support Team

- Broadening the scope: breach reduction, bail and court support
- Police check ins



Justice Initiatives 2

Driver Licensing Program

- Referral process for unlicensed driver matters

Operation Solidarity

- Visiting perpetrator and victim - surveillance and support
- Collaborating with community organisations

Children's Court List Days – a proposal

- A more therapeutic approach
- In and out of the courtroom
- Local and District Court sentence lists?



30% reduction in driving offences

37% reduction in domestic violence reoffending



25% increase in education engagement of Our Place young people

100% decrease in offending by Our Place young people for almost 1 month

- **FUNDS GOING INTO THE COMMUNITY:**
 - EXISTING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
- **COSTING THE REALIGNMENT**
- **PROJECTING SAVINGS TO GOVERNMENT**

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