

Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship Family and Youth Services Inc.

2018-19 C.E.O's Overview Report

The AEFFYS Continues to maintain the work of the Charitable arm associated with the AEF.

The AEF Federal Council is appointed to manage both the AEF of Aus. Inc. and the AEFFYS Inc. The programs run by the AEFFYS are continuing to have an impact as is the Eden Youth camp.

Financial – The income of the Inc. has continued to be of concern as we are reliant on almost 100% of our support from non-Indigenous people, organisations and members.

There is a need to explore funding partners who can help sustain each of the programs.

The Community Chaplains program - continues to be the biggest program we run. There are now 6 Chaplain couples who are supported through this program and a volunteer couple. They are based in Newcastle, Perth, Victoria, Bunbury, and Eden. It is an important outreach program that is designed to support people in crisis with Indigenous Christian help. In this reporting year the work continues to connect with people who are hurting and provides support through things like funerals and visitation.

TRAINING - A very significant training was held in Sydney offering to support all the Community Chaplains. Costs involved in the lecturers attending were met by themselves personally. TEAR Aus. supported us toward the costs as it was a focus on care and support of the hurting and needy. Also self care was a key topic. High level training from African American people was provided free of charge.

Solid Chaplaincy Indigenous Youth Program –The main focus has been to take a small team to the Kimberleys to support the churches and communities who are suffering through the loss of young people to suicide. Gospel Resources has supported this annual trip and the resource to develop a printed workbook called, "Speaking 4 ways". It is used in group workshops to train local people in suicide awareness, intervention and support from a Christian perspective. The Kimberley trip took in a few churches/communities and people from across the top end. Francine Riches also delivered sessions in the South. This work could easily be delivered nationally.

Eden youth camp - is a partner that continues its' work at Jigamy farm and sponsors use the auspicing arrangements with the AEFFYS to support this program. The AEF AGM was held in Eden. The program has seen some new interest and it has been wonderful to hear of developing plans.

Future Planning – Needs to take place regarding the management and support of the programs that are involved with the AEFFYS. Support for the programs could be expanded as the profile of these important programs strive to grow.

There was a person offering to help the AEF and AEFFYS to develop partners to support the programs but due to health reasons this has not happened. Long term vision partners and supporters are still needed.

Please continue to join us in prayer for the work of the faithful across the programs of the AEFFYS and the AEF of Australia.