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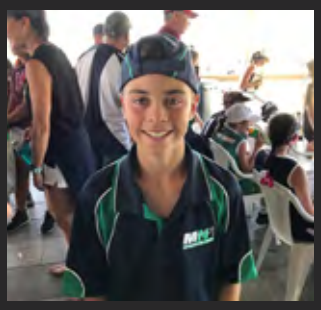
INDIGENOUS SPORT & RECREATION PATHWAYS

Individual *Application*



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Message from the SWIN Chairperson

I would firstly like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which our services are placed and their continuing connection to the land, sea and community. I would also like to acknowledge and pay my respects to our Elders, past, present and emerging. In its first two years of operation the South West Indigenous Networks' (SWIN) Pathways Program was able to provide funding to almost 300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to attend dozens of State and Regional representative sporting events. This funding aims to increase the representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in representative sport and provide a pathway for them to compete at the highest levels.

This program continues the work of the Small Grants Program which came to an end in 2017 after 9 years of providing subsidised funding to individuals, teams and special events across South-West and South-East Queensland. Since 2009 SWIN has distributed over to $700,000 in small grants funding across 18 Local Government Areas (LGA) and has provided 40% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders the opportunity of enjoying similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing as those enjoyed by other Australians. The Pathways Program is funded under the National Indigenous Australians Agency's Safety and Wellbeing program to increase the participation rates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in recognised, mainstream sporting events. These events include Queensland School Sport State Titles and also State Championships that are aligned or coordinated by the State or National Sporting Body.

While teams participating in Aboriginal Carnivals or Events are not eligible for the Pathways Program we are interested in hearing from those organisations coordinating the carnivals. Community Sport & Recreation Special Events with Public Liability insurance that have at least 75% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation can apply for up to $1,000 for support under the Pathways Program. SWIN can help cover costs such as referee fees, venue hire, capacity building like coaching courses and equipment, if your organisation meets the criteria within the attached guidelines. Applicants or Organisations seeking funding under the Pathways Program must be representing or located in the Local Government Areas identified in the guidelines.

If you are applying under the Individual Application the South West Indigenous Network Inc would like to congratulate you as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in being selected to represent your community/region at a regional or state sporting event endorsed by Queensland School Sport or our valuable state sporting bodies. It is a proud moment for any mother, father, grandparent, uncle or aunty when achieving this milestone and as Chairperson I am honoured to provide financial assistance for families to participate and attend these fantastic events ,if eligible, under our Pathways Guidelines. I would like to also emphasise that families and organisations should carefully read the guidelines and attach all relevant documentation to your application. The duration of processing, assessing and finalising allocation of funds for the Pathways Program is 6 weeks. In some circumstances, the turn-around in funding successful applicants may differ but that is dependent on the number of applications being processed at the time and quality of applications. Feedback for individual applicants is to be proactive when your child is selected and any information/ documentation provided by team manager be submitted with the SWIN Pathways application form to our office within one week of being selected. In relation to special events we'd encourage event coordinators to submit their application along with Public Liability, support letters and budget breakdowns 8-12 weeks prior to the event date. Of course SWIN is also committed to Covid Safe practices and would therefore encourage funding recipients to be mindful of social distancing and seek guidance from your sport of choice in relation to changes to major events.

SWIN will continue to allow acquittals to be submitted via our social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Providing an acquittal to the Pathways Program Coordinator is a mandatory requirement when receiving funding from SWIN and failure to provide this will make your family or organisation ineligible for further funding until this documentation is submitted. The acquittal process is extremely important as it provides our funding body the outcomes being achieved and ultimately the opportunity of obtaining further funding to continue the Pathways Program into the future.

Due to the large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families accessing the Pathways funding the funding may become fully allocated prior to the end of the financial year. If this occurs our organisation will notify applicants through the SWIN website and social media sites. I would also encourage families to check out the alternative funding tab on our website to become familiar with other programs that are able to assist with sporting subsidies. I would like to finish by once again congratulating all SWIN Pathways funding recipients on their achievement in gaining selection into a regional or state representative team or conducting an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander sport and recreation event. Our board hope that the funding contribution by the South West Indigenous Network Inc can assist in developing many more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders on their sporting journeys and create the ultimate PATHWAY to success!

Tim Klaas
Chairperson

Pathways Program Application Guidelines

Before submitting your application under the Pathways Program please take time to carefully read the guidelines provided to assist in presenting your submission to the highest standard. Please use the relevant Documentation Tick Box to ensure you have included all the relevant information in your application.

Please be aware all applicants must reside in the following Local Government Areas: Toowoomba, Southern Downs, Western Downs, Goondiwindi, Balonne, Maranoa, Paroo, Murweh, Quilpie and Bulloo. If you do not reside in any of these areas your application will be deemed ineligible under the South West Indigenous Network Pathways Program.

The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) have not approved our 3 year funding agreement from June 2020 to continue the Pathways Program in the following Local Government Areas; Lockyer Valley, Gold Coast, Logan, Scenic Rim, Redlands, Brisbane, Moreton Bay, Ipswich and Somerset. Whilst SWIN cannot funding anyone located in these Local Government Areas within this funding agreement, the organisation is working closely with NIAA to re-establish a presence in these communities.

1. CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY

- Individual applicants must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Evidence of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage can be provided through either a completed Proof of Cultural Identity/Aboriginality Form that has been fully endorsed by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation with a common seal stamp. OR through a letter from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community organisation, SWIN member organisation or individual who is known to the SWIN Board.
- Statutory Declarations will no longer be accepted.
- Proof of Cultural Identity only needs to be provided once as SWIN keep these on file

• FUNDING CONTRIBUTION

- The individual applicant must contribute financially either by personal contribution or fundraising activities. All applicants must be aware that they are required to contribute 75% **(Tier 1)** or 50% **(Tier 2)** of eligible items.

Note: fuel estimates will not be accepted.

• FUNDING ELIGIBILITY/ALLOCATION

- Applications that provide **all** requested information will be assessed on a first come, first served basis until funding is allocated. SWIN encourages all applicants to use the Documentation Tick Box to ensure the application is submitted to quality standard.
- Approval is dependent on funding availability
- Individual Applications will be favourably considered if the event is a Queensland School Sport or Regional/State Carnival facilitated by the State/National Sporting body or affiliates.
- In relation to Individual Applications, SWIN will only accept applications from participants that are 18 years and younger. The Pathways Program has had to adjust its guidelines to align to the Programme around the Indigenous Advancement Strategy – Safety and Wellbeing.
- Approved Funds will be paid directly to relevant sporting organisation(s) and/or sporting bodies. For those seeking reimbursement, proof of payment is required. Estimates or budget predictions will not be accepted.

Note: you may prefer to submit costs after paying for travel and accommodation. SWIN will consider reimbursement for fuel if Fuel Cards are purchased prior to the event and receipt is provided in the application.

- SWIN strongly encourages female participation in sport and recreation.
- There are levels of funding for both Individual and Special Events. (see section 4 Level of funding)
- The SWIN Board does understand that some applications submitted will entail a possible conflict of interest around assessment. The board has measures in place to confirm that all conflict of interests will be declared and applications are assessed by a staff member that provides equality and fairness across the program.
- All applicants will be notified of the assessment outcome by mail, fax or email. In some cases, you may be notified by phone call from the Pathways Coordinator or SWIN board member.
- Final decision rests with the Chairperson or the South West Indigenous Network.

INDIVIDUALS

TIER 1: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants where the child, or their parent, carer or guardian holds a current Centrelink Healthcare Card or current Pensioner Concession Card with the applicants name on it are able to apply for 75% funding of the eligible costs as per section 8 in this application.

TIER 2: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants that do not hold a current Centrelink Healthcare Card or current Pensioner Concession Card are able to apply for 50% funding of the eligible costs as per section 8 in this application.

2. LEVELS OF FUNDING

INDIVIDUALS

There are two levels of allocated individual funding for the following Local Government Areas;

Maximum grant for applicants that reside in Bulloo, Quilpie, Murweh, Balonne and Maranoa LGA's are eligible for up to $1,000 per individual, per financial year.

Maximum grant for applicants that reside in Toowoomba, Southern Downs, Western Downs and Goondiwindi LGA's are eligible for up to $750 per individual, per financial year.

- All applications must be submitted with relevant information about the carnival you wish to attend. This may include documentation such as a congratulations letter, background of the carnival and team levy and uniform costs to participate in the event. Failure to provide this information with this submission will make your application ineligible.
- All applications will be assessed and recommendations made by the South West Indigenous Network Inc board.
- Confirmation of Aboriginality may need to be obtained if the South West Indigenous Network Inc board is unable to determine Aboriginality of the applicant/s. Community Based Organisation within the applicant/s community must verify if required Aboriginality of the applicant/s.
- Special circumstances of individual needs will be taken into account and may be prioritised.
- **In some circumstances, SWIN may consider financial assistance for national and international representative events. Please contact pathways@swin.org.au to discuss your selection prior to submitting an application**.
- Optional apparel is not funded by SWIN.

3. GRANT DURATION PROCESS

Once applications containing all relevant information are received by the South West Indigenous Network Inc the application will be processed, which can take up to **6 weeks**. If the South West Indigenous Network Inc Executive Board approves funding, the Treasurer will disburse the funds to the designated organisation, sporting club or business.

4. REPRESENTATIVE (NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL)

In some circumstances, SWIN may consider financial assistance for national and international representative events. Please contact pathways@swin.org.au to discuss your selection prior to submitting an application

5. RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

All applicants must read and complete the South West Indigenous Pathways Guidelines and Application before lodging all relevant documents for processing. Applications must be either delivered to a SWIN Pathways Coordinator located at the SWIN Regional Office in Toowoomba, or mailed to:

Pathways Program, South West Indigenous Network Inc.

PO Box 2085, TOOWOOMBA BC, QLD 4350

Applications can also be faxed to **07 4638 2075**, emailed to **pathways@swin.org.au** or submitted online via the SWIN website **www.swin.org.au**.

For further information, please contact the **SWIN Pathways Coordinator:**

SWIN Pathways Coordinator

E pathways@swin.org.au

P (07) 4637 9865 **F** (07) 4638 2075

6. ACQUITTAL OF FUNDS AND REPORT

- All approved applicants **must** acquit approved Pathways Program funding to be considered eligible to reapply.
- Evidence of participation and receipts related to the funded activity must be acknowledged and provided to a Pathways Coordinator or **within 2 weeks** of the applicant completing their event.
- A brief report on the performance of the applicant, such as newspaper clippings and photographs from the approved applicants' event should be included for reporting purposes in the acquittal.
- Since 2016, the Board has accepted acquittals that are submitted via the following **SWIN Social Media Sites**:

  @southwestindigenousnetwork @swinnetwork

- Failure to comply with acquittal requirements will deem the applicant to be ineligible for future funding.

7. APPEALS PROCESS

- When a grant is declined the South West Indigenous Network Inc Secretary will write to the applicant detailing the reasons for the decline.
- The applicant may appeal the decision in writing within fourteen days of the decline of the application.
- If the applicant has submitted a letter in relation to the initial correspondence by SWIN within the fourteen days the Board will meet to make a final decision and make contact with the applicant to discuss their conclusion.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

- The South West Indigenous Network currently has a Code of Conduct for Board, Staff, Members, Volunteers and participants that have association with the organisation.
- Families that receive funding from SWIN will comply under this code of conduct and we strongly encourage all applicants to view the Code of Conduct at the following link **www.swin.org.au/documents.html**
- If the Code of Conduct is breached by the applicant or a family member of the applicant at a funded activity the respective person in relation to the incident will be summonsed to appear in front of the board and explain their actions.
- At the determination of the board the applicant and their respective direct family members will be ineligible for further Pathways funding with a penalty timeframe determined by the elected Board's discretion.

Acquittals

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You can now save time by acquitting your Pathways Program funding through social media. Simply mention & tag SWIN in a post on Instagram or Facebook about how your son/daughter went at their event. The post must include a photo and description of event.

Please note, acquittals are mandatory for all funding provided.

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Individual Application Form

A. Name of the applicant/Sports person:

Address:

Postcode:

Date of Birth: Age Male ◯ Female ◯

Family Contact Details

Names of parents/guardian *(applicable if under 18Years)*

Contact Numbers: **Home:** **Work:** **Mobile:**

Email address:

B. Does the applicant have a disability?: Yes ◯ No ◯ Unknown ◯

C. Origin of applicant: Aboriginal ◯ Torres Strait Islander ◯ Both ◯

D. Have you previously provided Confirmation of Aboriginality to SWIN: Yes ◯ No ◯ When

E. Type of sport/activity to be played:

F. Where will the event be played: When

G. Name the competition you are participating in:

Who is the Team/School that you will be participating with:

Key Contact Details for the Team/School you are affiliated with:

Name: **Phone:**

Mobile: **Email:**

Is this event endorsed by QLD School Sport or by a State Sporting Body? Yes ◯ No ◯ Unknown ◯

H. Have you previously received Sports Funding from the SWIN Pathways Program: Yes ◯ No ◯

If so what year:

Did you acquit the funding: Yes ◯ No ◯

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I. Have you applied to any other body for funding: *(Federal, State, Local Government or a sponsorship)*? Yes ◯ No ◯

If yes, name the Department: _____ Amount applied for: **$** _____

J. Have you done fundraising or secured sponsorships: Yes ◯ No ◯

Give details of amount raised: _____ **$** _____

K. I have read and understand the Pathways Program Guidelines on pages 2-4 of this application form ☐

Please attach to this Application Form any relevant 'Information Packages' outlining the details for the competition in which you are participating. If you do not have an 'Information Package' to attach please contact a SWIN Pathways coordinator for assistance on following up on this documentation. Without required documentation including Aboriginality form this application will fail to proceed.

Please send to:
South West Indigenous Network Inc,
PO Box 2085 Toowoomba BC, QLD, 4350
Fax: 07 4638 2075
Email: pathways@swin.org.au

Process

APPLICATION SUBMITTED

Follow Up on **RELEVANT DOCUMENTS PROVIDED** By Applicant

APPLICATION ASSESSED

APPLICATION APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE

Funds Released

Please allow **4-6 Weeks**

Individual Application BUDGET

Please complete this section.

Travel: $

Have you included supporting documents/receipts?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Not applicable**

Accommodation: $

Have you included supporting documents/receipts?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Not applicable**

Hotel/ Accommodation Bank Details

PAYEE:

Account Number: BSB:

Account Name:

Team levy/registration: $

Have you included supporting documents/receipt?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Not applicable**

Sporting body/school* Bank Details

PAYEE:

Account Number: BSB:

Account Name:

Team Photo/Other: $

Please Specify:

Have you included supporting documents/receipts?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Not applicable**

Compulsory Uniform: $

Have you included supporting documents/receipt?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Not applicable**

Sporting body/school* Bank Details

PAYEE:

Account Number: BSB:

Account Name:

Total: $

Please select leave of funding you are applying for

☐ **Tier 1** requested 75%
(please include copy of healthcare card)

☐ **Tier 2** requested 50%

Applicant bank details *(if reimbursement required)*

PAYEE:

Account Number: BSB:

Account Name:

When claiming reimbursement receipts must be provided

* if you are claiming reimbursement bank details are not required

	Yes	No	Not applicable
If you are applying as an **Tier 1** Applicant have you provided a copy of your current Centrelink Healthcare Card or current Pensioner Concession Card with the applicants name on it.	☐	☐	☐
Provided relevant information about the event you are attending. *(information packages and financial costs including apparel order form).*	☐	☐	☐
Provided relevant contact details of the sport in which you are representing *(include contact name, phone number, address and email address).*	☐	☐	☐
Completed Budget and Application Form in this Pathways Program Application. *(Please provide a photocopy of all relevant receipts such as accommodation, travel and if receipt from sporting body if requesting a reimbursement).*	☐	☐	☐
Confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent form by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island Organisation including their respective common seal. In certain circumstances SWIN will accept a letter from a known community organisation or individual. If you have already submitted a previous proof of Aboriginality Form, SWIN will refer to their database and you will not be required to submit again.	☐	☐	☐
Have you acquitted any past funding provided to you by SWIN? If not, please include a photo and paragraph on your achievements with this application.	☐	☐	☐

Photo Consent

1. PHOTOGRAPHIC/VIDEO/AUDIO/COMMUNICATION RELEASE

I authorise the South West Indigenous Network Inc to take and use any photographs, video or sound recordings of me/the child and any other reproductions or adaptions of my/the child's likeness ('the Material'), either in full or part, in conjunction with any wording or drawings, in any South West Indigenous Network Inc publication, production or presentation.

I acknowledge that I have/the child has no rights in the material nor in any South West Indigenous Network Inc publication, production or presentation that includes the material.

I authorise South West Indigenous Network Inc to take the actions indicated above.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

Where the participant is a child:

Full name of the child's parent or guardian: _____

Home address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature of child's parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

What is this consent for?

This consent form, when completed and signed by the participant, and where the participant is a child, the participant's parents or guardian, will authorise South West Indigenous Network Inc to use any photograph, video footage or sound recording of the participant in South West Indigenous Network Inc publications, productions and presentations.

Who is a child?

A child is a defined as any person who has not yet turned 18 years of age.

What happens to the consent form once it is filled out?

The consent form will be placed on file and retained by South West Indigenous Network Inc. If requested, a photocopy of the form will be made available to the participant.

Who should sign the consent form?

Participant and/or the participant's parent or guardian. The participant AND if the participant is a child, the participant's parent or guardian.

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Membership

In sustaining this program and developing a need for this program to be continued to the Australian Government we would encourage all applicants to consider becoming a social Member of the South West Indigenous Network. Social members must support the objects, bylaws and codes of conduct of SWIN. Social members are non-voting members and there is currently no annual fee for pathways families set by the board to join.

Are you a Social Member of SWIN? Yes ◯ No ◯

If **No** please fill in the following details;

Member Name:

Postal Address

Email: D.O.B:

Phone: Mobile:

Associated Family Members *(Wife/Partner & Children's Names)*:

Name 1: Name 6:

Name 2: Name 7:

Name 3: Name 8:

Name 4: Name 9:

Name 5: Name 10:

Signed: Date:

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Membership Endorsed: Yes ◯ No ◯ Pending ◯

Moved By:

Name:

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Seconded By

Name:

Signature:

Meeting Date:

Confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Descent

Individual applicants must identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. Evidence of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage can be provided through either a completed Proof of Cultural Identity/Confirmation of Aboriginality Form endorsed by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation with a common seal, or through a letter from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community organisation, SWIN member organisation, or respected community member known to the SWIN Board.

Applicants may also use this section of the application as a request for Confirmation of Aboriginality support through SWIN. The SWIN Board is now in a position to assess Confirmation of Aboriginality requests on a case-by-case basis, subject to Board discretion, available community verification, and established connections within eligible Local Government Areas of funding. Submission of this form does not guarantee approval.

Where SWIN is unable to provide direct assistance, the organisation will endeavour to connect applicants with appropriate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations or support services who may be able to assist further. Statutory Declarations will no longer be accepted. Proof of Cultural Identity only needs to be provided once, as SWIN securely retains these records on file.

Applicant Details:

Surname: _____ Given Name (s): _____

Current Address: _____

Names of Parents: _____

Maternal Grandparents: _____

Paternal Grandparents: _____

What community does the applicant identify with/belong to?: _____

It is hereby confirmed the above named applicant for the Indigenous Sport & Recreation Pathways program assistance is:

- ◯ of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- ◯ identified as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Person;
- ◯ accepted as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island as such by the community in which they live;

Resolution Number: _____

Date of Meeting: _____

Moved by (Signature): _____

Members Name: _____

Second by (Signature): _____

Members Name: _____

Signature: _____

Chairperson

Organisation Common Seal

Secretary

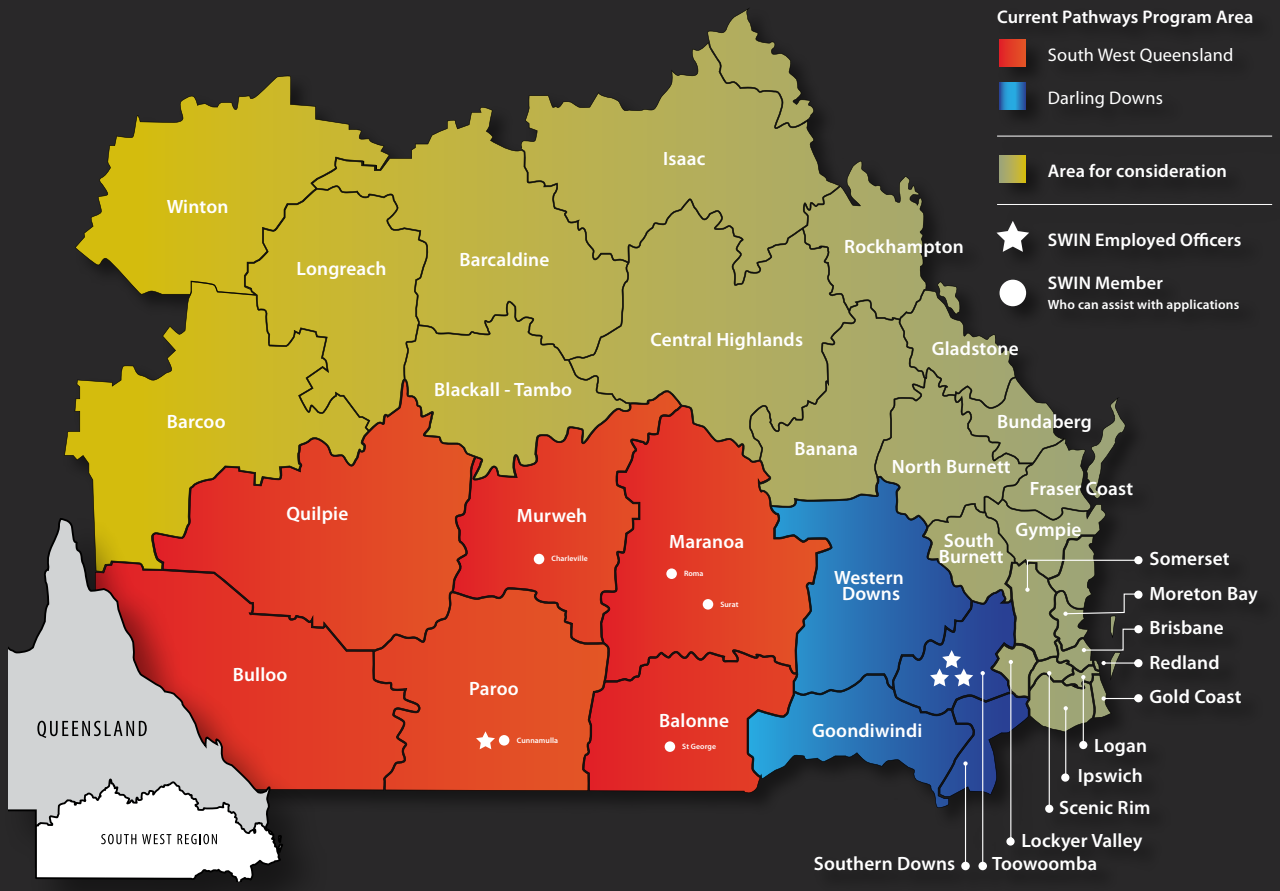
Personal Information Privacy Notice
South West Indigenous Network Inc collects personal information in order to provide information to the Australian Government when required. South West Indigenous Network Inc may also use this information for research, policy or planning functions. Unless required by law, your personal information will not be provided or passed onto any other third party without your consent.

About SWIN

The South West Indigenous Network (SWIN) is a not-for-profit organisation which is dedicated to increasing the health, fitness and wellbeing of Indigenous communities in South West Queensland.

SWIN was established in 2001 to provide targeted and cohesive sport, physical activity and recreation opportunities for Indigenous people across the Darling Downs and South West.

Its team of dedicated sport and recreation officers delivers activities, events and programs for the community in cooperation with state sporting associations, local clubs, community groups and businesses.



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