**Black Diamonds Project:**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Netball in Western Australia**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM**

**Please keep for your information**

**Invitation:**

You are invited to participate in the Black Diamonds Project: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Netball in Western Australia. You are invited because you are an Aboriginal person who has experienced netball – whether as a coach, player, umpire, administrator, family supporter, or community member in Western Australia. We want to hear about your experiences with netball, and your opinions on how we can improve netball delivery for Aboriginal people across Western Australia.

**Aims of the Study:**

The systems, policies, and procedures that netball has in place do not nourish and support Aboriginal athletes from the community level through to the elite. The **Black Diamonds: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Netball in Western Australia** project is an overdue strategic review of netball engagement and retention across Western Australia, which aims to:

* Listen to the stories and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have engaged with netball across Western Australia, whether as players, coaches, umpires, administrators, family supports, or community members from 2021 to 2022
* Develop a collaborative strategy between Netball WA and Aboriginal communities to increase Aboriginal engagement and retention across all aspects of the netball pathway from 2021 to 2022
* Implement the policies and procedures as outlined by the new strategy from 2022 onwards

**What does participation involve?**

Participation means that you will be part of a yarning circle. The yarning circle will be audiotaped (sound only, no video). Everything that you say will be anonymous and confidential to the best of our ability. All the information is stored securely on-line or locked up at the Netball WA office, Gold Netball Centre, in Perth. The results of the research will be put into reports for funding bodies and stakeholders, in a brochure for parents/caregivers, and in public academic articles.

The results from the yarns will be analysed and summary reports of results will be provided to people across each of the yarning circles who have identified that they would like to continue to participate in the research. These groups will yarn around the results and come up with a list of strategic priorities and actions. The groups will meet once more to vote across each list. A final list will be presented alongside a report to Glass Jar Australia (GJA), Netball Western Australia (NWA), and Netball Australia. Once operational planning has been established, additional modes of dissemination (e.g. plain language brochures) be activated at the 2022 NAIDOC netball carnivals.

If you would like to participate in further phases of this study and/or you have ideas about how you would like this information to be disseminated, please yet your yarning circle facilitator know.

**Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal from the Study**

Participation is completely voluntary and up to you to decide whether you will participate. You can change your mind about being part of the project **at any point**. Including in the middle of the yarn. Once the yarning circle is recorded, we won’t be able to take your conversation out. You can opt out during the yarning circle, but we won’t be able to take out anything that you have already said. If you decide that you will not be part of the yarning circle, or you withdraw, there will be no consequences and no changes to how you are treated by Netball WA, Glass Jar Australia (including Shooting Stars), and West Coast Fever.

**Privacy**

Your experiences and opinions will form part of reports, brochures, and publications. In this context your contribution will be anonymised – your name will be removed, and any identifying information taken out, unless you would like to remain named. Your participation in the yarning circle and any information that you provide in the yarning circle will be treated in a confidential manner.

**Possible Benefits**

You will have a chance to share your experiences and to develop new strategies and policies that benefit future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people engaging in the sport of netball in Western Australia. This collaborative strategic development will provide a template for other sporting bodies, including other netball state sporting bodies across the nation.

**Possible Risks and Risk Management Plan**

Sharing your thoughts, feelings, and experiences can be upsetting. You choose what you include and exclude during this yarn. Before we start the yarn, we will come up with a plan together of what you want to do should you become upset. Your yarn facilitator will have a list of local mental health services you can contact, and you can call Lifeline at anytime for any reason.

* LifeLine on **13 11 14**. LifeLine is staffed by trained volunteer telephone counsellors who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**Contacts**

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this study, please feel free to ask your yarn facilitator, or email/call Rose Whitau, the Research Manager for Glass Jar Australia, on [rosewhitau@shootingstars.org.au](mailto:rosewhitau@shootingstars.org.au) or 0420 629 637.

**Complaints**

Any person considering participation in this research project, or agreeing to participate, may raise any questions or issues with the researchers at any time. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response of researchers may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make any complaints about this research project by contacting:

* Fran Haintz, Executive Officer of Glass Jar Australia on 0488 904 500, or
* The Executive Director of Research, AIATSIS, 51 Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601, [ethics@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:ethics@aiatsis.gov.au),
* or the Chair of the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee, AIATSIS, 51 Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601, [ethics@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:ethics@aiatsis.gov.au).

If I think there has been a breach of my privacy I can write to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001 or call 1300 363 992.

Sincerely,

Dr Rose Whitau

Research Manager, Glass Jar Australia

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**PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM**

**Please return to your yarning circle facilitator**

I, .…………………………………………………………………..…………, (name) have read and understood the Participant Information Form about the Black Diamonds Project and give my consent to participate in this project.

I understand:

* why I have been invited to participate and what the research will involve,
* that my decision is voluntary and I may choose to not participate without impacting my relationship with Netball WA, Glass Jar Australia (including Shooting Stars), and West Coast Fever
* that I may withdraw at any time without impacting my relationship with Netball WA, Glass Jar Australia (including Shooting Stars), and West Coast Fever
* that the risks in this study are minimal
* that the yarn will be audio-recorded
* that I retain all rights (including copyright) in the information that I provide as part of the yarning circles and give Glass Jar Australia and Netball WA permission to collect this information, including through an audio recording of me, and to use this information (and authorise other people to use this information) for the purposes of the research and strategic review
* that the results of the research project (including information collected as part of the yarning circles and in recordings) will be put into reports for funding bodies and stakeholders, in a brochure for parents/caregivers and in public academic articles as well as be included in deidentified reports to be made publicly available
* that I will not be named in the results of the research project unless Glass Jar Australia or Netball WA seeks my prior written consent to do so
* who I can contact if I wish to make a complaint about how this research has been conducted, if I think there has been a breach in ethics compliance, or I think that my privacy has been breached

In signing below, I give consent for the use of the information collected to be used for the purposes of reviewing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement and retention in netball across Western Australia, for developing new strategies, and for publishing these results in internal and external reports. I understand that in any publication of the information collected I will not be identified.

Participant Signature: ……………………………………………………………………….Date: …………………

Facilitator Signature:………………………………………………………………………….Date:…………………

If you have a complaint about the way in which this research has been conducted, please contact the Research Manager of Glass Jar Australia Rose Whitau on 0420 629 637.