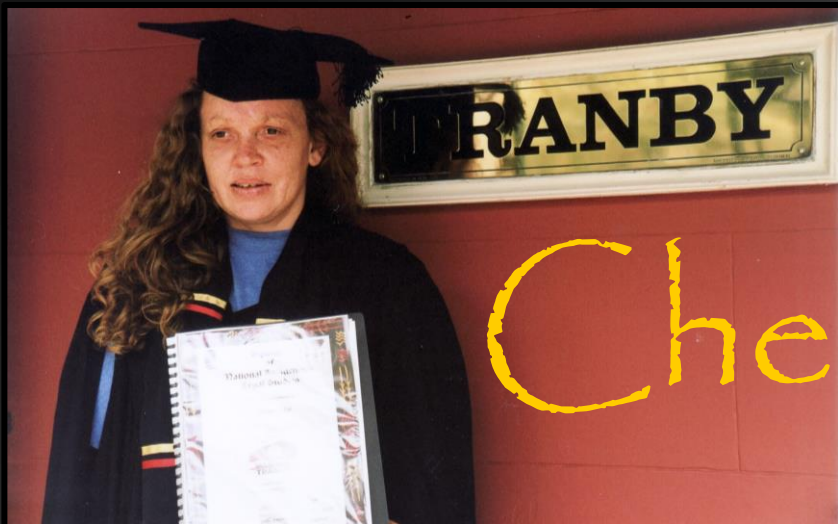


Networking Tranby project: Student Experiences around Glebe



Cheryl was a student at Tranby from 1998 for courses on Indigenous Legal Advocacy, Community Development & Kitchen operation. With a certificate in librarianship from TAFE, Cheryl is now the volunteer librarian at Tranby

Cheryl Parker

When Cheryl first came to Tranby, she had experienced severe health problems and was very depressed.

'I was really encouraged by Tranby. I could hardly walk when I first came – I had a 3-pronged stick, like an old lady'

Making a difference to Cheryl's outlook:

'... But at Tranby nobody judged me, nobody gave me preferential treatment, I was just treated like everybody else and I was given back my dignity, because when you're in hospital you have to show everyone your wounds and that kind of thing and it takes a dreadful toll on you'



First course: community legal advocacy:

It was very basic, teaching us the court system, how to speak to the police, those kinds of things, how to speak to your solicitor, where to get contact numbers from, that kind of thing. I read a lot and I did a lot of study and I was encouraged a lot.

Finding out about Tranby's history

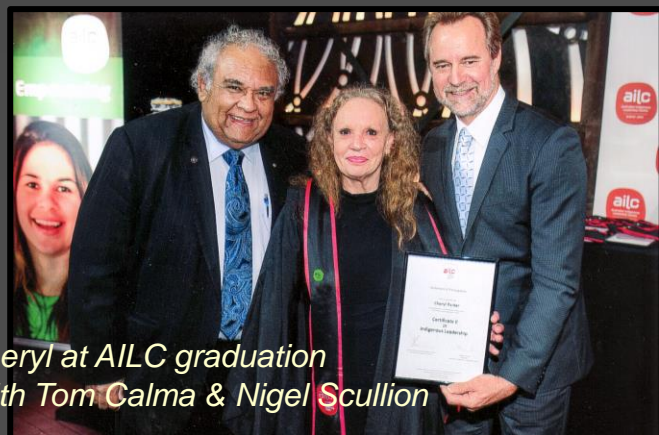
I'd heard that Tranby had brought to the table different aspects about Aboriginal deaths in custody and were always promoting Aboriginal wellbeing and Indigenous learning. I enjoyed that.

That cooperative movement brings Aboriginal people into a position where we can discuss ideas and we can put these ideas into a plan.

As long as we all agree on that plan we can all move forward and something good will come from that.

Cheryl and her class at the Glebe Point Rd Campus, 1998

One of the things Cheryl has done since her Tranby days was gain a Certificate in Indigenous Leadership at the AILC.



Cheryl at AILC graduation with Tom Calma & Nigel Scullion

To me, there are so many different aspects to learning, to knowledge, to growth, how you grow as a person and Tranby's given that to me.

I'm empowered as a woman, I'm proud as a person with a disability. I can handle anything because I feel dignified here, I feel appreciated here and I can still have a laugh with you all.