

Australian Disability & Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund

EDUCATION & LEARNING for ALL

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land on which we live. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present, and to all Indigenous people and recognise their continuing spiritual connection to the Land.

Background

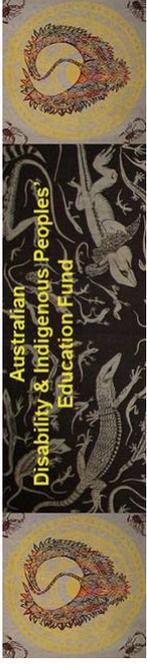
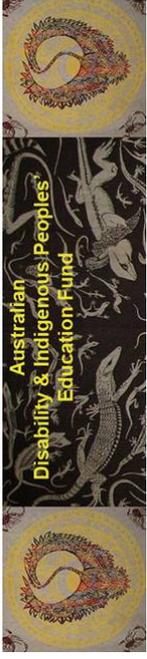
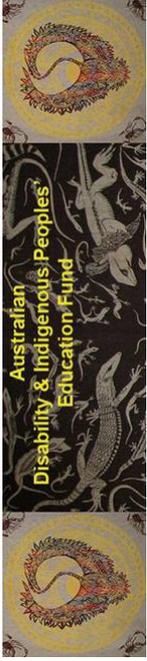
Following thirty years involvement in disability advocacy, Frank Hall-Bentick has asked his sisters Lesley and Annette and a group of friends Rae, Lyndall, Cath, Ros and Jody to help him setup and run an education fund for people with disability. The Australian Disability and Indigenous Peoples' Education Fund (ADIPEF) will assist indigenous and non-indigenous people with disability to participate in both formal and informal education programs through small grants. Realising that the work to empower people with disability is ongoing he has long considered the best way to support this is through further education and learning.

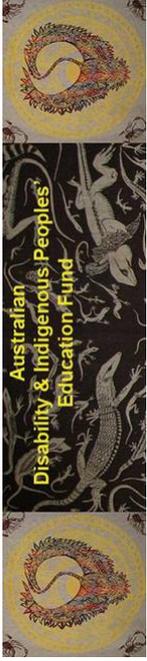


The Value of Learning & Education

We believe the importance of education should not be measured in graduate degrees and diplomas or in salaries people achieve or careers people have undertaken and achieved. The importance of education should be measured by peoples' continual learning of cultures, relationships, history, tolerance and honing the skills to apply this learning.

Unfortunately for many people with disabilities their early years are more about cure and rehabilitation than stable, well grounded education. The skills to make and retain careers, relationships and friends are developed while they attend school however continuing disruption of this education impacts greatly on this learning. For many children presently attending school medical treatment and rehabilitation continues to disrupt their education. Many indigenous people with disabilities experience further disruption to their education due to poverty, isolation, lack of services, family breakdown.





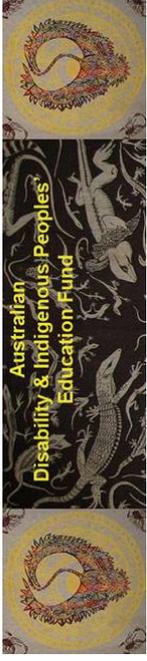
Learning never finishes

Education is continuously growing, developing, changing, so many people undertake courses to begin again the education they never completed or to keep abreast with these new developments. With the development of technology, education has become more accessible for people with disabilities leading to people completing higher levels of education which in turn can lead to more complex and skilled work.

For many people with disabilities from both indigenous and non-indigenous backgrounds, education can go a long way to not only developing their skills but also their self esteem and the pride of their family, friends and community.

For many, a small financial grant will enable them to undertake a course. This education fund is about helping people complete or undertake courses and programs through providing small grants.

Our fund is looking to distribute small quarterly grants of up to \$2,500 to assist people with disabilities to continue their learning.



Advisory Committee Members

1. Frank Hall-Bentick Chairperson
2. Lesley Hall Deputy Chairperson
3. Annette Rooke
4. Rae Hurrell
5. Ros Sackley
6. Jody Saxton
7. Cath McNamara
8. Lyndall Grimshaw

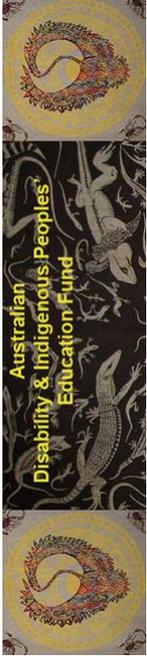
Eligibility

People with disabilities of any age may apply for any assistance to help with both formal and informal education. While people may need assistance to complete the application, we would like a letter in the persons own words telling us why they want to learn.

Deadlines for Applications

March 31st

September 30th



How you can Apply

For an application, write, email or go to our website, details on front page.

How you can help

To help us with this work you can donate to the Education Fund. We appreciate your donation whether once only or ongoing. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Your gift will go a long way to helping both indigenous and non-indigenous people with disabilities to achieve their dreams.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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