

Shared Vision and Collaboration in Action

“Institutions and Community – What Real Partnerships can look like”

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Hello and Welcome

Ngara – Wakka Wakka

Yaama Gilbiyaay - Gamilaroi

Acknowledgement of Country

- The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which we meet.
- We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.
- We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

*The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time
by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.*



The Wisdom Council for Indigenous Knowledges

Faculty of Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences



- The Wisdom Council for Indigenous Knowledges provides cultural and strategic advice and guidance - within a cultural safety framework - to the Executive Dean and Faculty Executive Leadership Team.

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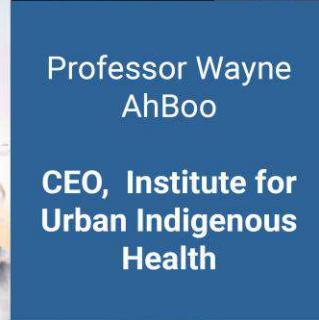
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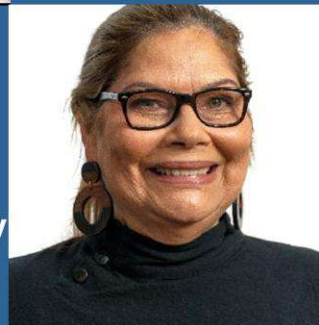
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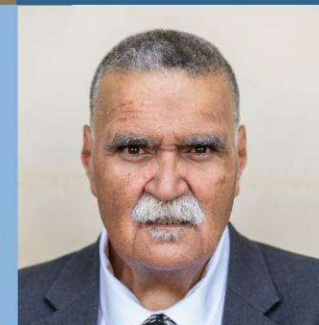
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The Wisdom Council for Indigenous Knowledges adopts community approaches that are aligned with Indigenous Ways of Knowing, Being and Doing across its four pillars of activity



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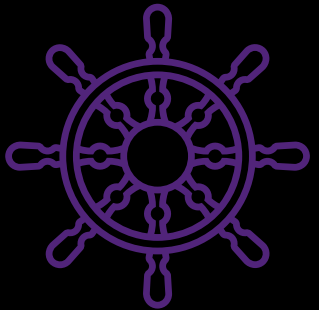
Our work with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (CASC) incorporates these ways of working:

- **Mayors' Forum** (annual Forum launched in 2024)
 - What are their and their community priorities?
 - How might we be able to support achieve those priorities
- Importance of leadership and cultural capital of First Nations leaders in the Faculty and at UQ more broadly
- A major initiative is the Cherbourg Research / Ethics Council

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Cherbourg Ethics/Research Council



- The overarching purpose of the Cherbourg Ethics / Research Council is for the Cherbourg community to have control over research that occurs in their community. This control by the community, includes what research happens, how, when, and with whom.

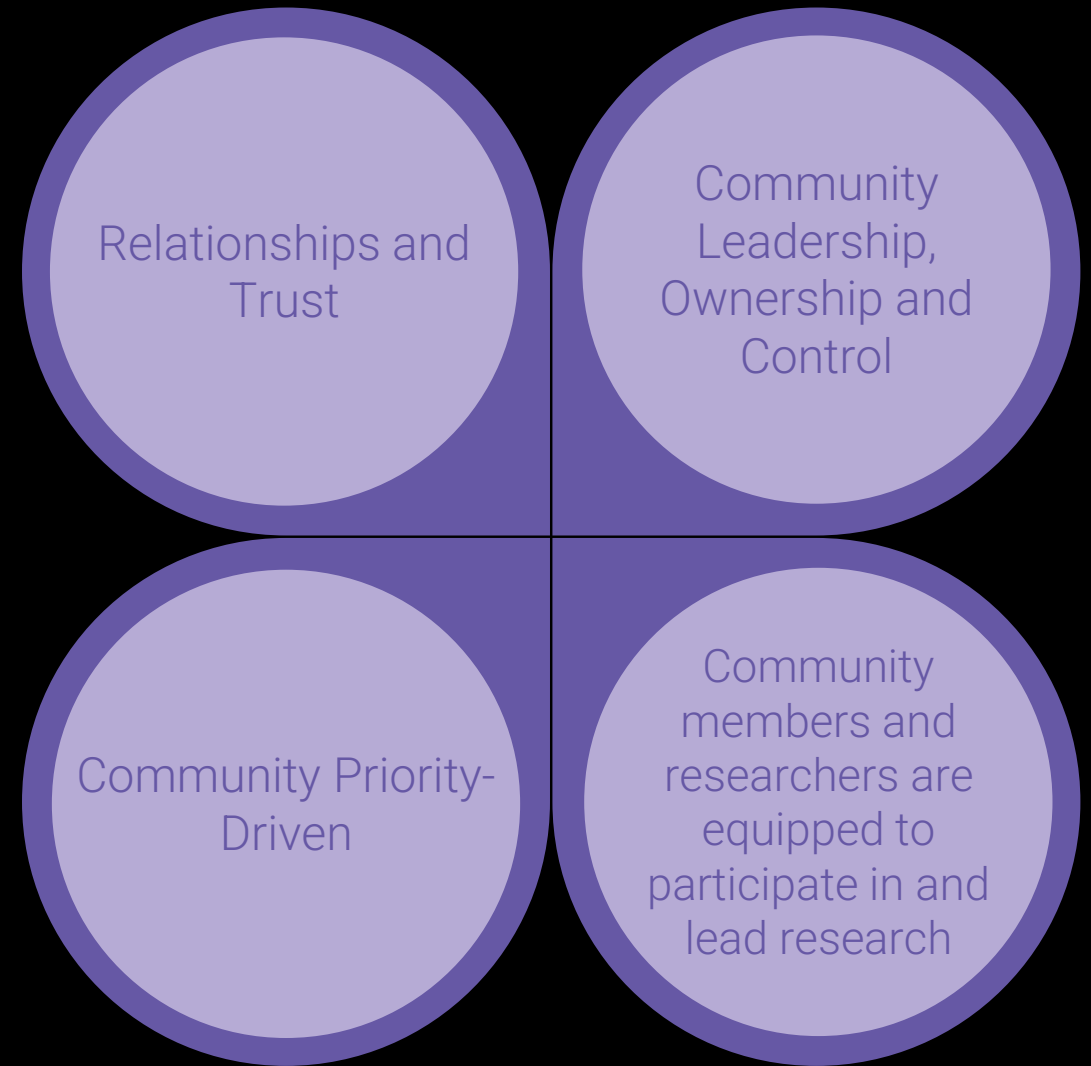
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Research could take a number of forms, e.g.:

- **Community-initiated and led** research that brings in external researchers as needed
- Research that is **co-initiated, co-designed and co-developed** with external researchers
- Research **initiated by external researchers** who work in partnership with community

Cherbourg Ethics / Research Council - Principles

The Cherbourg Ethics / Research Council will be guided by four key principles, and local community protocols.



“Building a stronger
Cherbourg, led by our
people, for our people.”



“Our Council is privileged and excited to lead our municipality of Cherbourg with inclusiveness, diversity, and a sense of belonging. Together, let us create fantastic opportunities for positive change to be a safe, affordable, and livable community.”



“The healing can only begin when Queensland and Australia hears our truth.”

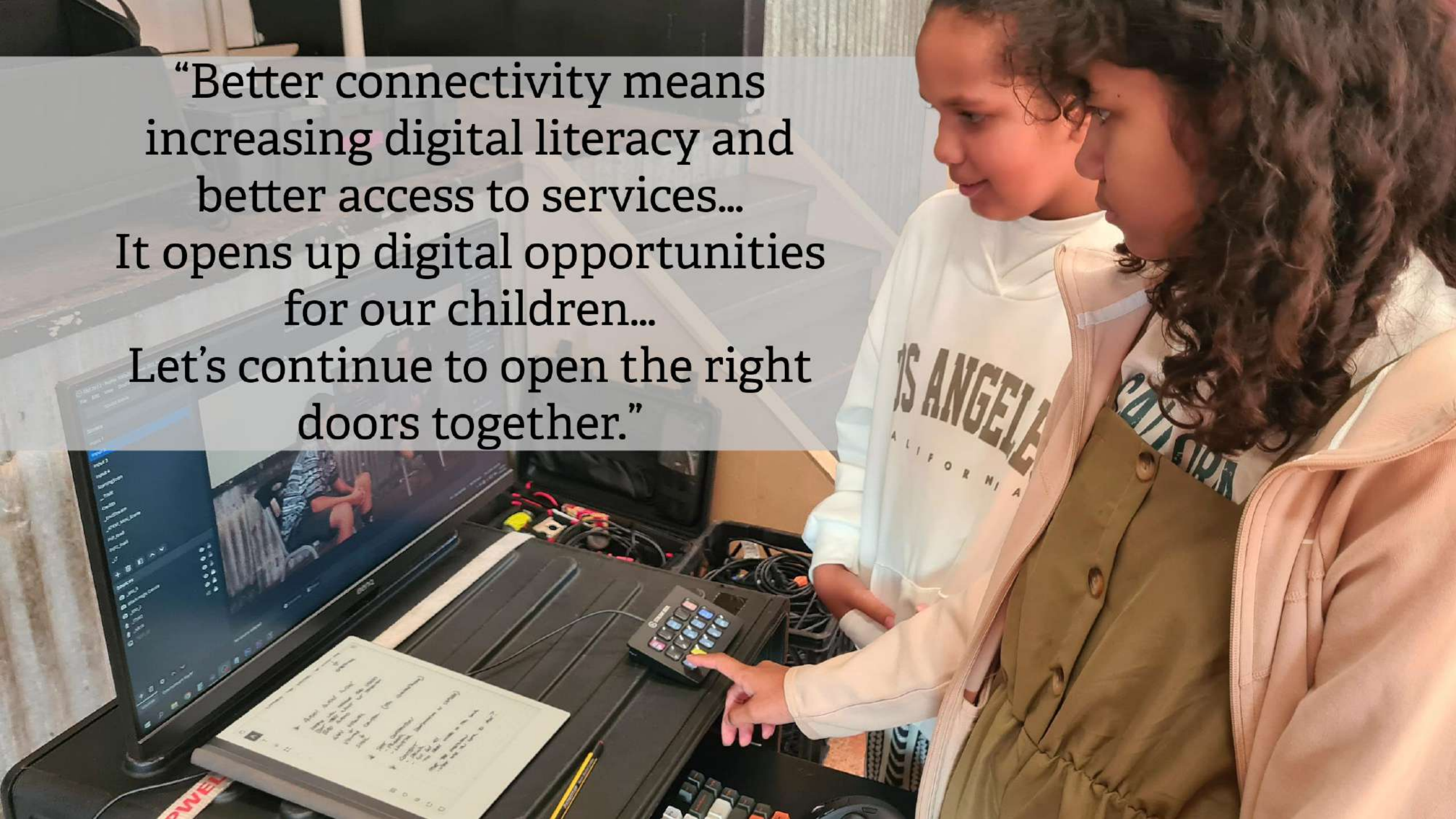
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We became one big mob — the C...
— determined to go forward as st...
Aboriginal people in modern-day



“We’re not just looking at where we are —
we’re planning how we take our community
forward with purpose and unity.”



“Better connectivity means
increasing digital literacy and
better access to services...
It opens up digital opportunities
for our children...
Let’s continue to open the right
doors together.”



“This support... will be quite literally life-changing for our community... delivering a significant improvement in the standard of living and setting us in good stead for the future.”



“I have strong self-determination values...
forging intentional leadership that
connects state, federal and private sectors
to enhance community infrastructure,
programs, and pathways to success.”





“Our open door policy began on the first day of our swearing in... and will remain for the duration of our term.”





“Small projects can make a big difference to our kids and our families – they create jobs, opportunity and growth.”



“I am determined to bring better support to our Elders, People with Disabilities, and the first thousand days of our babies... ensuring culturally appropriate services that meet community aspirations.”

“We stand on the shoulders of great pioneers; we stand on the knowledge and cultural pathways that shape who we are.”

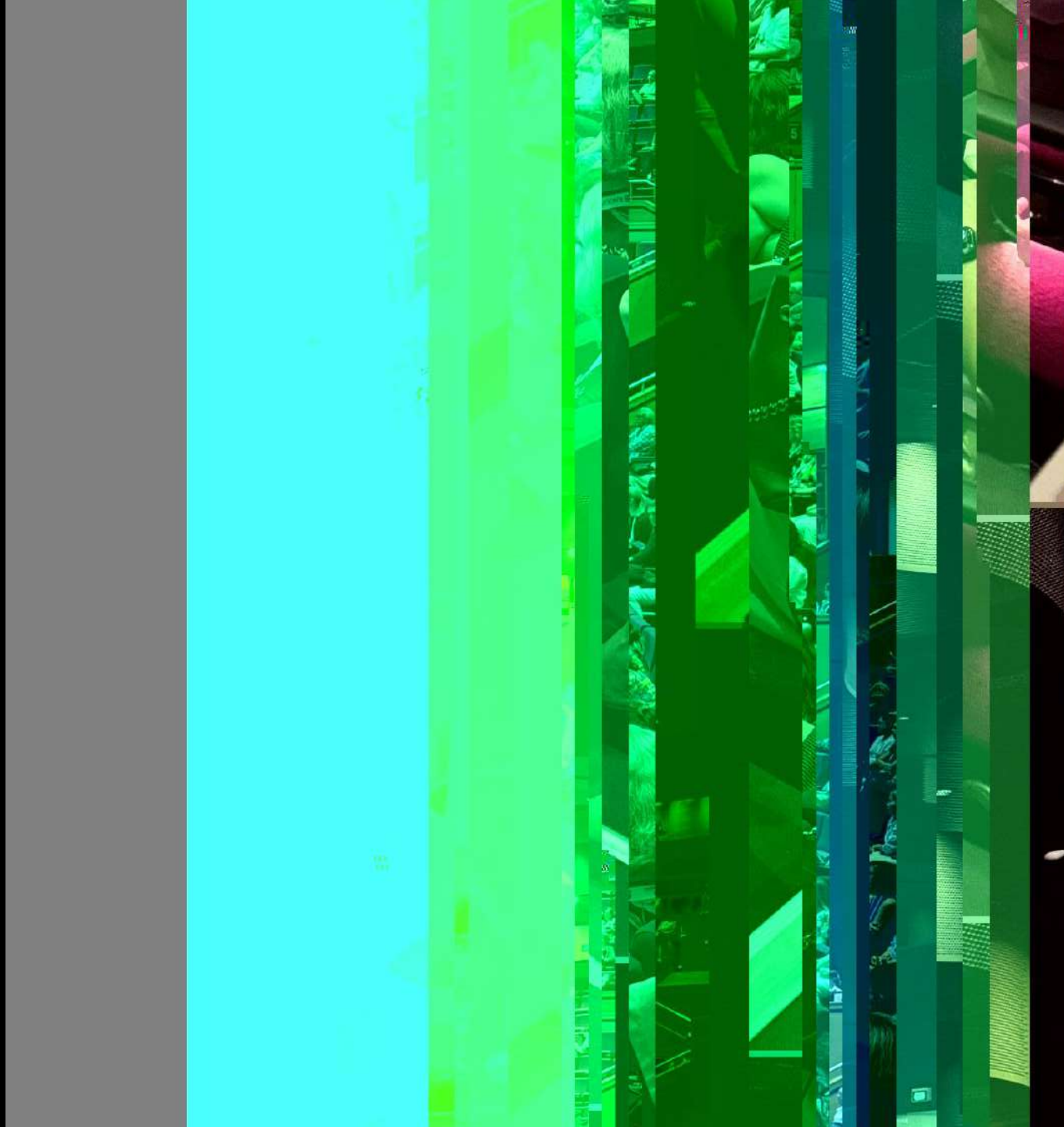


We cannot achieve Indigenous wellbeing
without justice.

We cannot achieve justice without truth.

And we cannot achieve truth without
courage.







Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program 2025
“Your Network is your Net Worth!”



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