



*Galawarra Moonrise – Monitoring and Evaluation Ground Up and Yolŋu way*

## **NLC Community Planning and Development Monitoring and Evaluation**

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## Introduction

My name is Nyomba Gandaṅu.  
My clan is Golpa.  
I was born in Galiwin'ku.  
My role in the community is many.



- I am Traditional Owner for the eastern side of Galiwin'ku, a place called Galawarra
- I work as senior Yolṅu community engagement officer at 'Connecting Beginnings'
- I am also doing a Diploma of Indigenous Research

I'm talking about Monitoring and Evaluation, Yolṅu way. Working on this NLC Community Planning and Development project.

I will tell you a bit about who I am and why I am here

# Monitoring



Monitoring Yolju way

## 1. Monitoring

Monitoring from Yolju perspective, there are things that Balanda don't know about monitoring because it is invisible

Balanda monitoring you see through survey, or the research but Yolju know Yolju monitoring is always happening. We Yolju know. And now you have to see the Yolju way of monitoring.

This is on the ground, talking with people, working with families.

Seeing what is in the right order, what needs straightening up and support.

# Evaluation



Evaluation Yonju way

## 2. Evaluation

Through all the monitoring work, this is how good outcomes happen. This is the evaluation.

Like in the picture, where these boys on the youth diversion program, are playing together, having fun, going the right way...

After all the monitoring work, after talking to people, collecting things together, then there is a moment of 'proclamation'

This brings together everything that has been done, arranges all the stories and ideas, and tells what these are in a positive way.

Makes an announcement about what is here and how good effects will come.

Bringing together the stories from the different people and the different services.

Arranging them in a positive way so the good outcome can be seen and can happen.

Working on these stories with CDU, telling them to NLC and others in the community.

## Example: Law and Justice Project



Family and Clan Leaders write reference letter  
An example of monitoring and evaluation

### **Monitoring:**

- Sitting here together
- Brought all the family together
- Discussing that person who is with the courts
- What has their life been
- Write that reference letter

### **Evaluation:**

- Then that person came home
- They were sorry and said they would not go on the wrong path
- They are mainly out at homelands

## Slowly step-by-step



That is how I see the monitoring, that is how I see the evaluation, in two parts.  
Is a way to get free of trouble.  
Yolŋu way, we don't go too fast. We go step by step otherwise it won't work.

Have been talking about Monitoring and Evaluation Yolŋu way. How I understand these from my perspective, and from Yolŋu way.

How I understand from these big words what it really means to Yolŋu, who I am and that the NLC program supports.

Even monitoring the services too. We will see the movement of the services where they are running a lot of program. That is monitoring. What is the evaluation happening... is that service going well, or have to have a different approach, out in the community, and how to monitor between community and the services that is the evaluation.

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Thank you!