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PRESS RELEASE

BROTHER TO BROTHER – 24 HR CRISIS LINE FOR ABORIGINAL MEN

Dardi Munwurro (Strong Spirit) is a specialist Aboriginal family violence service. Our vision is to build stronger families and safer communities. We do this by delivering a range of family violence programs specifically tailored for Aboriginal men. These programs aim to break the cycle of inter-generational trauma in Aboriginal families and communities by empowering and inspiring individuals to heal the past, acknowledge the present and create a positive vision for the future.

In March this year, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Dardi Munwurro launched a 24-hour crisis line for Aboriginal men (**Brother to Brother**). The service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The **Brother to Brother** crisis line provides phone support for Aboriginal men who need someone to talk to about relationship problems, family violence, parenting, drug and alcohol issues or who are struggling to cope in the current COVID-19 environment.

In the first 4 months since launching, the service has received an average 100 calls per month. Our Facebook post about the service has reached over 40,000 people and been shared over 400 times.

The **Brother to Brother** crisis line is staffed by Aboriginal men, including Elders, who have a lived experience in the issues that the line offers support for.

The **Brother to Brother** crisis line number is 1800 435 799.

Dardi Munwurro would greatly appreciate it if you could publicise our crisis line when you are covering issues such as mental health and family violence and also when you are covering issues relevant to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Please publish the **Brother to Brother** crisis line as follows:

Brother to Brother 24 hr crisis line for Aboriginal men 1800 435 799.

The Brother to Brother crisis line is supported by Family Safety Victoria and the Koori Justice Unit.

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