

knowmore Legal Service

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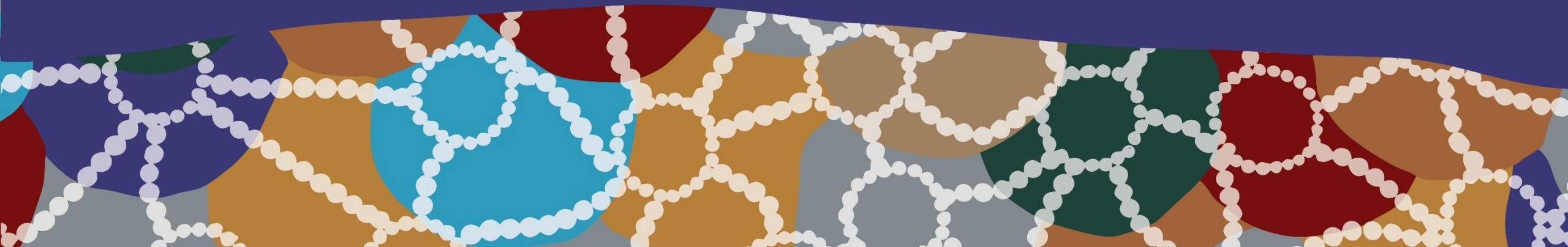
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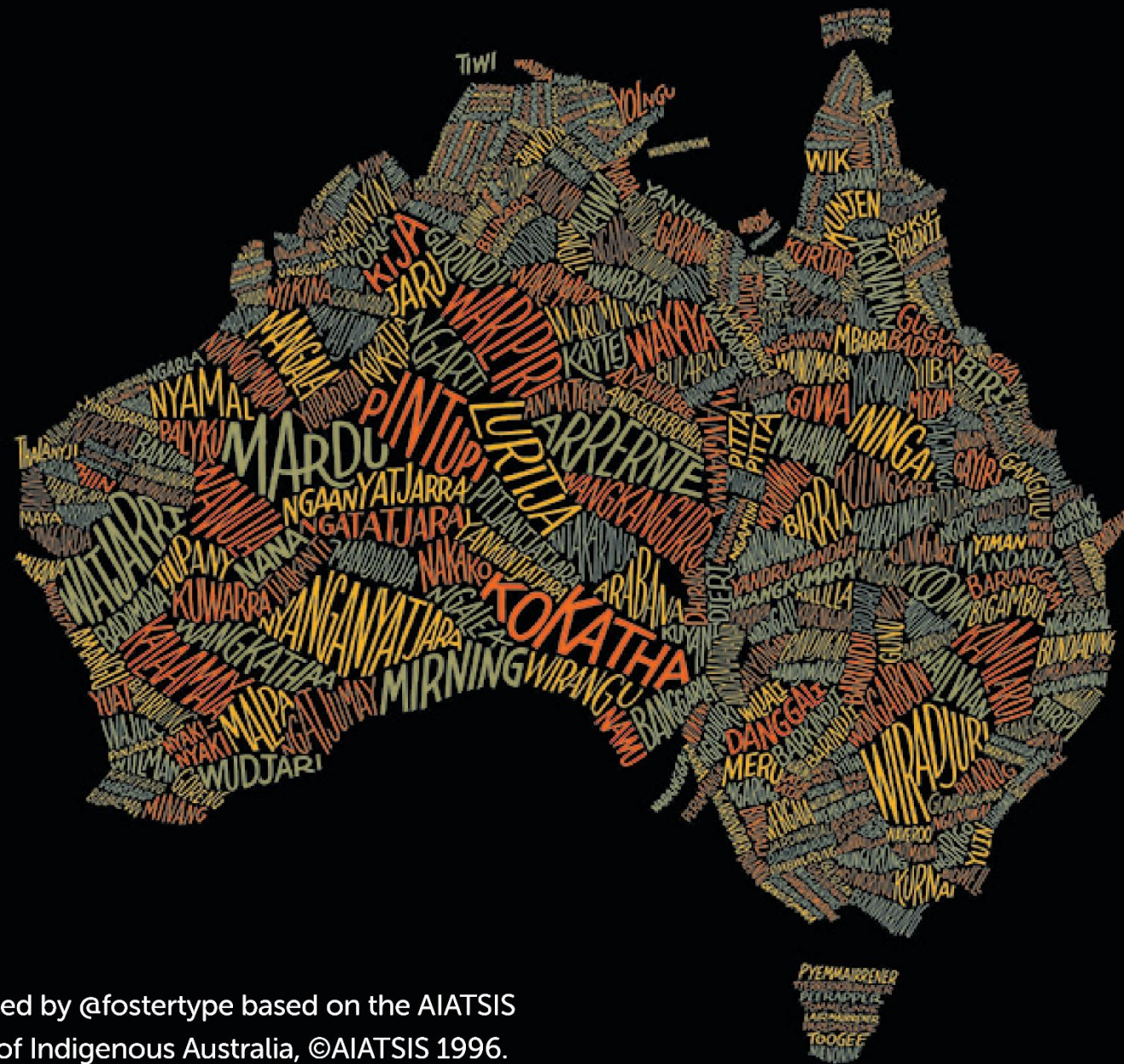
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Acknowledgment of Country



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Content warning

This presentation contains references to child sexual sexual assault. As such, some of the content may be disturbing, upsetting or trigger strong negative feeling for survivors of violence and trauma, and people who work with those survivors.

If you feel triggered or upset by anything in this presentation, we encourage you to use your discretion as to whether you continue watching or listening to this material.

In the event that you need to seek support, the following organisations can help:

Lifeline Australia: [13 11 14](tel:131114)

1800RESPECT: [1800 737 732](tel:1800737732)

Blue Knot Foundation: [1300 657 380](tel:1300657380)





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Image inspired by original artwork by Dean Bell depicting knowmore's connection to the towns, cities, missions and settlements within Australia.



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- knowmore is a free and independent community legal service that provides legal advice and support to survivors of child sexual abuse across Australia.
- knowmore is a trauma-informed and culturally-safe service.
- knowmore was initially established during the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 2013-2017 to provide specialist legal advice and support to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.
- knowmore has offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth





Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

A SAFER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN



Fast facts

42,041

Calls handled

25,964

Letters & emails received

8,013

Private sessions held

2,575

Referrals to authorities
(including police)

Telling others about the abuse

Many survivors said that speaking up about what happened to them was difficult and not a one-off event. Talking about their experience involved telling parents, partners, families, friends and institutions at different stages of their lives. For those we heard from, it took an average of almost 24 years to tell somebody they had been sexually abused as a child.

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Total calls and clients



64,870

Total 1800 calls nationally



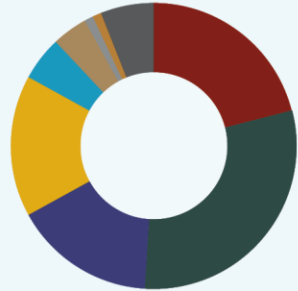
11,369

clients (intake completed)

80%

new clients since the Royal Commission

Clients came from



NSW	21%
QLD	30%
VIC	16%
WA	16%
SA	5%
TAS	4%
ACT	1%
NT	1%
International/Other	6%

Our clients



20%
priority clients



33%
identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

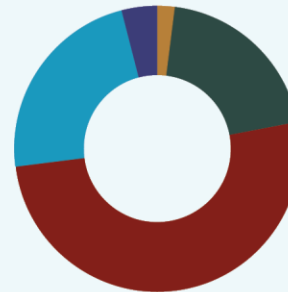


41%
identified as female



58%
identified as male

Age



0-25	2%
26-45	20%
46-65	51%
66+	23%
unknown	4%

As at 30 April 2022

Cultural Safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and Communities

- Knowledge and understanding about the complexity and impacts of trauma on Aboriginal people, families and communities
- Respect for cultural protocol
- Specialist Aboriginal Engagement Advisers

Our multidisciplinary approach

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Engagement Advisors

- Ensure cultural safety before, during and after legal appointments and the application process.

This may include providing cultural support for clients before, during or after any appointments (legal advice, financial counselling support team) and/or literacy support to read any related documents.

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Support Services Team

- Prepares people for their legal appointment
- Provides support during and after legal appointments
- Provides short-term counselling and support to people when speaking to a lawyer
- Provides information and advice about ongoing counselling and other local support options in a person's community

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Financial counsellors

Can help anyone considering or applying for Redress with:

- understanding the implications of a payout
- managing a lump sum
- financial hardship support and referrals to other services

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Questions?

