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**I tell my kids...  
"You are the hope and  
visions of the old people  
that have gone before  
us! Be a change maker!"**

# Discussion Points

- What is the vision you have for your children in the future?
- What are things you can give them to help them achieve this vision?

**HOPE** |



# YARN UP CARDS

Families are First is an initiative of the Queensland Family and Child Commission celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and their wisdom raising generations of strong, thriving children.

The idea for these cards came from the Garbutt Community Centre Tidda's Yarning Circle. The cards are designed to get people talking and thinking about their families.

The Queensland Family and Child Commission would like to extend our thanks to everyone who generously gave their time and knowledge to this initiative.

## HOW TO USE THESE CARDS?

You can use these cards in a number of ways:

1. Ask participants to select a quote which means something to them and talk about why?
2. Group leaders select a card and use it to start participants yarning about their experiences or thoughts.
3. Use the questions/statements on the back of the card to start the yarn.

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Do you have your own messages or ideas to get people yarning? You can send them to [familiesarefirst@qfcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:familiesarefirst@qfcc.qld.gov.au).



**The Qld Family and Child Commission acknowledges the Traditional custodians of the nations across Australia and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first peoples of Australia.**

**We acknowledge the Countries and blood lines of the participants of the Families are First Movement, and pay respect to their culture, identity and connection to land and sea.**

**We respect their enduring spiritual relationship to the Country on which we walk, live and work and their wisdom in raising generations of strong, thriving children.**

**We recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.**



## **ABOUT THE ARTIST**

Tyrown Waigana is a professional artist with a Bachelor of Arts (graphic design and illustration) from Curtin University. Ty's heritage can be traced to the Noongar people of southwest Western Australia and Saibai Island in the Torres Strait. Ty is a prolific young artist and created the prestigious National NAIDOC poster for 2020.



# ABOUT THE ARTWORK

This Artwork represents the sharing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories about life and culture. The different formations and patterns represent the different (and sometimes shared) life experiences we bring. The bright colours reflect the vibrancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the cultural wealth we have been granted. There are key motifs from the artwork that represent; culture, identity, strength, hope, family, responsibility, cultural obligations and respect.