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In Wagga Wagga an amazing program has been operating for several years, called 'Aunty Jeans'. It is a program that supports the heritage, health and wellbeing of older Aboriginal people. It has been instrumental in improving the health outcomes of many Elders in the Wagga Aboriginal Community.

However, some of those who attend live in very poor conditions and are unable to enjoy three meals per day. Yet one day each week the Aunty Jeans program provides a place where older Aboriginal people can get together, have their health checked, learn about exercise and enjoy a healthy lunch. For some who attend it is a reprieve from poverty and isolation.

Archdeacon Karen Kime is involved in this program and visits regularly. She believes that it is vital we care for our Elders and has developed friendships and a pastoral relationship with those who attend.

Some of these people are part of the Stolen Generation, while others are keepers of cultural knowledge of Wiradjuri Country. Their stories of survival and struggle are truly inspiring, however they need your help to keep this program operating. Aunty Jeans needs financial assistance to continue to buy much needed food and equipment.

If you are able to assist, please contact Karen on 02 69282270 and/or email at kkime@csu.edu.au Your help would be most appreciated!

By **Archdeacon Karen Kime**