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Woomera Aboriginal Corporation Newsletter AUG/SEPT 2013



Woomera Aboriginal Corporation

*Provides the
following
services:*

- **Aboriginal Social Housing**
- **Community Hub**
- **Men's Shed**
- **Koori Kindermanna Preschool**
- **Supported Playgroup**
- **PACE Program**

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A word from our Executive Officer Sylvia Paruit

Study Course – Certificate 4 in Aboriginal Health

A Partnership with Riverina TaFE

We've been talking to Community members and Riverina TaFE and found there's a strong interest from workers to enrol in the Cert 4 in Aboriginal Health. Those who finished their Certificate 3 in Aboriginal health studies mid-year now have the taste of success and are keen to continue their studies.

There is a huge shortage of Aboriginal Health workers across the country and with this clinical qualification, you could work anywhere in any mainstream or Aboriginal organisation and be properly recognised for your skills, knowledge and qualifications.

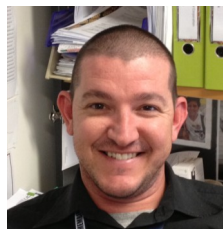
We held an information session recently and have 14 names of interested people. The Griffith TaFE staff came down to tell us about their success in running the same course up there - out of 17 students enrolled, 15 completed their studies and 8 of them were fellas ranging in age from early 20's to mid 50's! Great effort!

If you're interested in enrolling but haven't done Cert 3 first there are 5 subjects that must be completed before you enrol in Cert 4. We hope to offer these 5 subjects in Term 4 this year and start the Cert 4 at the beginning of 2014

Monthly Board Member. Caine Raudino—Treasurer

Hi my name is Caine Raudino and I am a current board member of Woomera Aboriginal Corporation. I was born & raised in Swan Hill and am a descendant of the Wamba Wamba people. I am married and am a father to 7 children. My family & I relocated to Albury in 2003.

I am an active member of the Aboriginal community through my role as a board member & my role in Finance/Team Leader at my current workplace—Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation where I have worked the past 4 years. My main objective in the Aboriginal community is to see a better healthy lifestyle & education for our children so they continue to grow and continue on the path that our elders have passed on to us.



News from PaCE (Parent & Community Engagement)

Yalbalinya Learning –Christmas in July

You'll be forgiven for thinking you were going mad if you noticed one day in July when we were decorated up as if it was Christmas. To promote the DVD - Yalbalinya Learning - PaCE made in 2012 in partnership with Charles Sturt University and Department of education and communities and Nomad films.



We invited teachers, Aboriginal Teaching Assistants and parents to come along for a 'Christmas in July' lunch.

The day was a great way to get teachers, parents and the community together to discuss education and students progress.

And as well as that, everyone had fun and had a yummy lunch at the same time ... And what's more, everyone went home with a Christmas - wrapped DVD from under the tree.



News from Housing Co-ordinators Wendy Taylor & Aileen Williams

Housing has completed PARS and have sent it back to be submitted and are currently awaiting the outcome. Housing has also received a survey for PARS which will need all our current tenants to complete and return to Woomera, If you have not received a survey from Woomera you can do so by contacting Woomera, Once the survey is completed if you would be able to return it to Woomera or by post in the stamped envelope you will be provided with.

Terry's News from Koori Kindermanna Preschool & Playgroup

Donations

The Jindera football club donated a cheque for \$500 to us. The money was raised from a fund raiser they held at their recent NAIDOC week Dreamtime match and all the proceeds went to our Preschool. Because of their wonderful efforts, we have been able to order a water tank to be used in our new vegetable garden. The garden shed should start construction later this week, depending on the weather!!!! This has been made possible with another generous grant from the John Holland and Colin Joss groups. The area has been dug out ready for the shed's construction.

All the hard work we have put into planting our garden during the autumn is now paying off and we are starting to see lots of new growth and plants blooming.



Transition to School programs begin soon

A reminder that Glenroy children start their transition classes this Wednesday and Hume Public school transition classes are on Friday mornings.

Playgroup News

Playgroup has been ticking along smoothly on a Wednesday with Jen running the weekly group and supported by Wodonga TAFE's Fiona Pattinson who is guiding some of the parents studying Cert 2 in Community Services.

Over the last few weeks, playgroup parents and their children learned how to make play dough and even made a little package to take home. A few weeks ago we made puppets and learned a new song to sing with the kids. This week just gone was a trip to the Albury library to celebrate Book Week.

Community Hub Coordinator Helen Fitzgerald

Things have been a bit quieter over the last few weeks with the winter doldrums in full swing!. A smart pair of Board members—Aunty Valda



and Aunty Coral, have been warding off winter colds by helping themselves to the fruits of our Lemonade tree.

And there are still some there if you want to grab a plastic bag and help yourself. Just beware the thorns!

We're reminded that spring is in the air when you notice the fruit tree blossoms and daffodils.

Plenty of rain has meant we've got our very own swimming pool at Woomera's



front door!! Rest assured that moves are afoot for some improved drainage to address this problem.

Our new notice boards have meant plenty of room to display flyers. There's no shortage of events and jobs around that we continue to promote. Please ask if you would like a copy of any of the information you see on the notice board and someone will be happy to copy it for you.

We're also looking at getting some new seating in the main room and in the foyer as our old chairs have been sadly letting us down.

Use of computer, copier, phone and fax

A reminder to everyone out there that the office equipment is there for your use – just ask one of the staff if you need some help in sending a fax, scanning a document or getting on the internet.

Senior First Aid Course

We are hoping to run this course as soon as we have a group of interested participants. It's a 2 day course over two consecutive Mondays—we hope it will be running in the next few weeks. Please ring to put your name down and if you know anyone else who's interested, tell them to contact us at Woomera.

FUN during NAIDOC WEEK Thursday 11th July 2013

NAIDOC Week celebrations were a great success with kids and adults alike enjoying a day of eating, yarning, creating and playing games. The best part of the day was that so many people turned up - not only Community members but also staff and kids from the local child care services. It was a great day of sharing and cultural exchange. And of course the sun stayed out all day for us.

The first and most important task of the day was to get the fire sorted so thanks to the boys who borrowed the 'fire pit' - Luke and Darren Williams, and to those who helped get the fire going (a daunting task that Kelly took on and achieved.)

Thanks then to our community Elders – Aunty Edna and Aunty Muriel who cooked our stews, welcomed us to country and then helped the kids make damper **ALL** day.

It was the Ambryn boys who got the day off to a beautiful start with their dance ceremony - and the kids from the Child care and vacation care programs were rapt as they watched these talented boys and fellas perform.

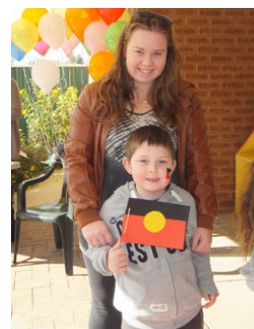
Kevin and Lyn Bell did a great job with the BBQ, then got into some fun with a NAIDOC makeover!

Khadejha Stewart did a great job painting flags on heaps of little faces. We were very grateful to the youth - Kaminjarr and Jordan who took group after group of kids over the road to play Indigenous Sports Games.

The Police did some great PR work while Walter Melrose was flat out helping kids to master the art of painting.. And were you amazed by the by Elenore Binge's talents—a deadly painting she kindly donated to woomera and now displayed on the Hub wall while Sarah Watson, from Koori Kindermanna came in to read to some of our visitors - neighbouring child care centre- Lots of Tots.

It was a lovely day and we reckon that cooking the Johnny Cakes on the fire drum was the best thing since sliced bread !!

Thank you everyone who came to make it a great day!



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