

## What's happening in JUNE Weekly

<b>Mondays</b>	Day time	Blue Healers
	After work	NSW Challenge Boot Camp
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Daytime	Aunty Jean's Exercise Program
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Day time	Playgroup and Boorai bumps & bundles
<b>Thursdays</b>	Daytime	PACE programs for parents and Carers of school aged kids
	After work	NSW Challenge Boot Camp
<b>Fridays</b>	Daytime	Albury TaFE Cert 3 in Aboriginal Health

## Calendar

<b>Tuesday June 4th</b> 10:00am—2:00pm	Healing Foundation Albury City Council
<b>Wednesday 12th June</b> 11 am—2 .00 pm	KIN and CWP meeting Robert Brown Room, Albury City Council
<b>Wednesday 19th June</b>	Disability Forum Hovell Tree Inn,

We hope to get this newsletter out every month from now on. If you'd like to get a copy mailed out to you, just let Nekeita Murray know.

Woomera has also started a **Face book** page – this page will be regularly updated with events and general information.

Check it out !

## Woomera Aboriginal Corporation Newsletter JUNE 2013



## Woomera Aboriginal Corporation

***Provides the following services:***

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

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## A word from our Executive Officer Sylvia Paruit

Woomera has had an extremely Busy May . Over 50 mums celebrated the Mothers Day lunch on May 6<sup>th</sup> and the official opening of Koori Kindermanna took place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. On behalf of Woomera I would like to thank everyone who attended the opening. I would also like to send our thanks to all of you who have supported Koori Kindermanna Preschool over the years and brought to realisation such an amazing service for the students. Thanks to all the staff for making it such a wonderful day.

I would also like to welcome the below staff members who have recently joined the team at Woomera:

- ◆ Aileen Williams (Trainee Housing Co-ordinator)
- ◆ Nekeita Murray (Receptionist – Woomera)
- ◆ Kathy Boyd Morris (Part time Receptionist – Woomera)
- ◆ Kiley Walkerdon (Cook – Koori Kindermanna)
- ◆ Tammy Murray ( Receptionist – Koori Kindermanna)
- ◆ Tamika Wholohan ( Children Services Educator – Diploma Qualified)

## Terry's News from Koori Kindermanna Preschool & Playgroup

We had been busy preparing for the GRAND official opening of our new Preschool building for Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May the children made some Tibetan masks and really enjoyed that activity.

This week has been busy with the kids getting a visit from Helen who works at the Albury Library Museum. Earlier this morning the kids planted 100 new plants we got from our grant from CMA. On the 15<sup>th</sup> May the Fire Brigade visited Playgroup to talk about home fire safety plans.

Jan, Kiley and Mel have been helping with the catering in the kitchen. The children have been practicing their 'crossing the road safely' skills when they went on their excursion to the park.

## News - what has happen since the last newsletter



Mothers Day Lunch



Blue Healers being locked up to raise money



Koori Kindermanna  
Official Opening Day



## News from PaCE (Parent & Community Engagement)

PaCE would sincerely like to thank all community members for their valued support and attendance at our sessions so far this year....Thus far the year has been quite hectic for all. PaCE have run a variety of programs and information sessions that have been well received by community members. With our focus on bridging the gap between school and home we have run a number of program to support parents - bringing in Wendy from Centrelink, talking about how to Budget and we 're working closely to make sure the AECG—Aboriginal Education Consultative Group has a good representation. At the moment we have a positive parenting course (PPP) running on a Thursday. This is giving the parents coming along some great ideas on Tuning into your kids—to help us think about how to listen more carefully to what our kids are saying and looking for the meaning behind what they say. Thanks to Gateway Community Health for running this session for us.

Last week we had an information session with Riverina TaFE and signed up 20 young women to do a Nails course . f you would like to know what else we're up to, drop in, ring , keep an eye on the Woomera Notice board for upcoming PaCE events or follow us on Face book

## News from Housing Co-ordinator - Wendy Taylor & Aileen Williams

My Name is Aileen Williams. I am currently employed with Woomera Aboriginal Corporation as the Trainee Housing Co-ordinator. I am a proud Wiradjuri Women and was born and raised in Albury Wodonga my whole life.

I have been in this position since the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 and am looking forward to getting to meet all the current and upcoming tenants that have the opportunity to be housed in a Woomera property.

If you would like to apply for a Woomera house or Unit come into our Daniel St Office and ask for an application form.

**If you are on the Woomera Housing Waiting List please come into the Woomera office to update your details as we are updating our files at the moment. Thank you**

## Who's Who on the BOARD

Kelly Goldsworthy	Chairperson
Valda Murray	Deputy Chairperson
Caine Raudino	Treasurer
Janice Quayle	Director
Coral Davis	Director
Marlene Hoskins	Director
Denise McGrath	Director

### Monthly Board Member Snapshot of Chairperson, Kelly Goldsworthy

'Here is a little bit about me.

Hi I would like to introduce myself, I'm Kelly Goldsworthy. I am of Aboriginal descent, a descendant of the Barkandji and Ngiyampaa people of Western Region N.S.W. I am also connected to the Wiradjuri nation through working in the Albury Wodonga Area for many years.

Most of my working experiences have been in the area of Aboriginal Affairs and the past 4 years I have been in Aboriginal Health. I currently work with Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation as the Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care Coordinator.

I currently live in Albury Wodonga and have taken up the role as Chairperson with Woomera Aboriginal Corporation.

I am very passionate about my people and helping advocate for them in anyway I can. I look forward to continuing supporting and learning from my community.'



Kelly Goldsworthy

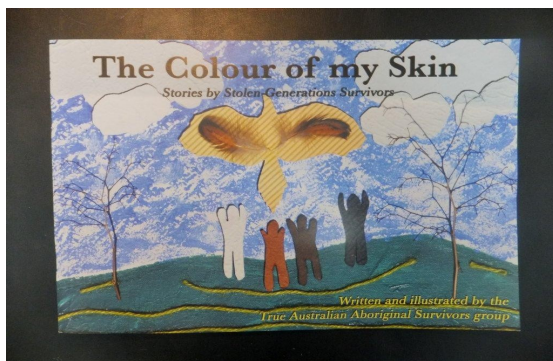


## Helen's News from the Community Hub Coordinator's Desk

The Hub has been buzzing over the last few months. We have programs running every day : Blue healers on Monday's, Aunty Jeans on Tuesdays, Koori Kindermanna Playgroup has teamed up with Boorai Bumps and Bundles on Wednesdays. Thursdays has become PaCE Day - programs for parents of School aged children and Fridays are study day – Cert 3 in Aboriginal Health.

**Mother's Day** was a great day at Woomera when 50 of the Community's mothers were treated like Queens. They were welcomed at the door with a spray of flowers, waited on with a feed of generous proportions then shared some laughs over the crazy games organised by Michelle Wighton. They went home with a slice chocie cake ..I think we can safely say a good day was had by all. Have a look at our photo gallery up at Woomera. Many thanks to all the helpers too - from Mungab, Lands Council and AWAHS.

As well as the regular programs, we're getting involved in other events and partnering with other orgs. Woomera and AWAHS had a very proud day last Sunday when we jointly commemorated Sorry Day on May 26<sup>th</sup> and launched **'The Colour of My skin'**, a book written and illustrated by members of the True Australian Survivors of the Stolen Generations. The book was the culmination of several months of commitment from the group. It will be a book to be read to young children and we hope that the Elders' stories will live on for future generations.



## How to get a copy of the book

Every family who was down at Oddies Creek was given a copy of the book on the day. For anyone who missed out, copies are available from Jo Taylor at AWAHS on **6040 1200**.

**Community Computers:** Just a reminder that we now have 3 computers in the front room for Community use. If you want to update your resume or need help with getting your resume or any other project together, just yell out! We can offer support including the use fax or phone for any business that you need to attend to.



**NAIDOC Day** is coming up next month on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** and Woomera is having a day for community as well as the wider community. We're inviting families to come along for a day of fun. There will be food, painting, traditional games, dancing and much more ...see the

**We hope families will drop in to visit us on this day - in the school holidays**

## Are you interested in becoming a Family Day Care Educator ?

Last we were visited by 3 ladies from **Raaso**—a local Family Day Care Scheme that is very interested in supporting Aboriginal people to care for children in their own homes. One member of the Woomera Community has already registered to become an Educator in her home. To find out more ask us here at woomera or ring Raaso on 6040 7988 or 0432 126 455 or raasofdc@hotmail.com

