



WELCOME TO THE FOURTH EDITION OF

WAAGIR BANDIMAYI

Darkinyung language for Coast Messenger

Barang has continued to work with our six local Aboriginal, community-controlled organisations to keep our community informed, updated and involved.

This month, our staff and community members continue to meet and progress the development of the Central Coast Aboriginal Data Network (Ngiyang Wayama).

We are planning some training about accessing and understanding data, and we hope to be able to offer this free of charge in the near future to all of our community here on the Central Coast.



Barang means tomorrow. This is your information and we are your regional alliance. We invite you to share, participate and continue to be involved. Please feel free to contact us to share your thoughts and to give us feedback about what you would like to see included.

**I am Barang, You are Barang,
We are Barang Regional Alliance Central Coast.**

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Our newsletter name is Darkinyung language. Barang Regional Alliance has sought and received permission to use this as per cultural protocol.

Celebrating 25 Years of Health, Wellbeing and Care

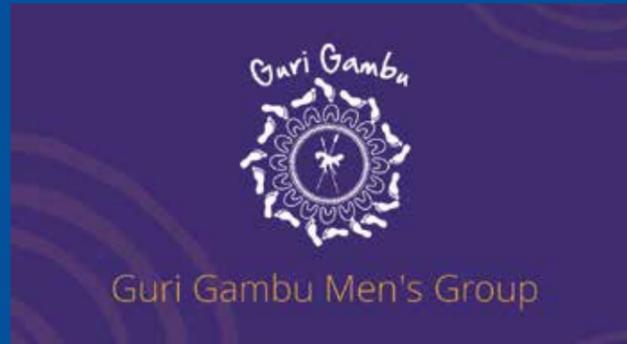
Yerin Eleanor Duncan

Yerin Eleanor Duncan invites Uncles and Brothers to come along to our Men's Group gatherings for lunch and a yarn.

Our next Men's Group meetings are 16 October and 30 October.

Contact Allan Beale on 0412 544 774 or Dean Murray on 0426 395 735

In order to look after our mob, numbers are limited to 20 people. Standard COVID-19 screening and precautions will apply.



Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation

The Glen

The Glen is very excited to have submitted a DA for The Glen for Women at Wyong Creek. There are so many strong women behind this project. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved so far.

Quotes from our Community:

"We need The Glen for Women because there are just too many women and families out there suffering who need our help."

"The Glen for Women needs to happen to give women a safe and protective environment where they're able to address their issues so they can become productive members of society and our community."

"TGFW needs to happen because we are all one and we are all in this together."



Proudly Dancing on Darkinjung Land

NAISDA Dance College

On Wednesday 23 September, we gathered at Nhangara Barayi in the beautiful Spring sunshine for a Cultural Performance featuring song and dance from Darkinjung Country and the Dätiwuy Clan of North East Arnhem Land, performed by NAISDA Developing Artists.

As the first performance this year, it had been a long time coming. We were honoured to share the day (at an appropriate social distance) with special guests from Aboriginal Affairs, Elders Aunty Elaine, and Aunty Barb, along with NAISDA Board Members. Through the power of technology, the day was made complete by connecting with Cultural Tutors Heather Mitjangba, Tony Ganambarr and Community from Nyinyikay, North East Arnhem Land.



It was a day full of energy, inspiration and creativity as we came together to celebrate the richness of our cultures, people and Countries.

Culturally Informed Pathways to Employment and Training

Bara Barang

This month has been another exciting month of growth and development for Bara Barang.

September has seen us welcome Tammy Clay and Wyatt Cain to our team. Tammy is working in the role of Community Service Officer and will be assisting in the delivery of the Dream Builders and Driving programs. She will also be assisting and developing our programs to improve employment outcomes for our young people.

Wyatt is working in the role of Community Development Officer, liaising with employers and our young people, linking them together to provide positive outcomes for all involved.

Bara Barang and our Coordinator, Chris, recently assumed coordination of the Central Coast Aboriginal Employment Interagency from Rae Thompson and Services Australia. Bara Barang would like to thank Rae for her hard work and



dedication to the CCAEI over the years.

If you are interested in being part of the AEI on the Central Coast, please reach out to contact@barabarang.org.au.

Community Connections

Gudjagang Ngara Ii-Dhi (GNL)

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

GNL have finished renovations on the Aboriginal Community Centre, a beautiful culturally safe space where we can come together and connect as a community.

The space allows us to celebrate who we are as Aboriginal people. It's a place where our families, children and young people can participate and contribute to community life through our programs and services.

GNL offers a wide range of services. Visit www.gnl.org.au to find out more about them. Or better still, come in for a yarn and a cuppa, get to know our wonderful staff and tell us what you think. We welcome everybody's input as it informs our work.



WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS EDUCATION

This month Gudjagang Ngara Ii-di (GNL) are proud to have witnessed some of the young people who participated in our Barudir (meaning Butterfly in Darkinjung language) program graduate from Year 12.

Barudir was designed to give opportunities to our young people to contribute and connect to community, so that they are more likely to value community and continue those connections.

Local Aboriginal Education Officer at Wyong High School, Jenny Shearsmith, plays a pivotal role in making sure that her young people are connected to community through programs and services. The AEO role is integral in maintaining a connection between the Department of Education and local Aboriginal services.



Congratulations to Allira Adams, Jacob Smeaton, Layla Adams, Josh Church, Mark Standen and Bryce Parsons.

Connecting the Aboriginal Community on the Peninsula

Mingaletta

Mingaletta is currently operating limited programs and the office is open to staff only. If you do need to attend onsite, please be sure to observe 1.5 metre social distancing and knock on the door for assistance.

Mondays

Aunty Jean's programme is operating from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Our Midwife is not available until further notice.

Tuesdays

We are not open to the public; however phone contact is available if you would like to have a yarn. Our Child Facilitator will not be available until next year. Our Child Health Nurse is also unavailable until further notice.

Wednesdays

Closed

Thursdays

Our Justice of the Peace is available via phone from 9:30am to 10:30am. Mental Health workshops will be back from 9 October 2020 at 10:00am.

The following programs are all cancelled until further notice: Suicide Prevention, Brother Together, Sharing of Cultures Women's Group, Koori Fit and Member's Meetings.

Please call us if you would like updates on anything specific. Aunty Di can be contacted on **0432 222 794**.



SEEKING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS, INFORMATION AND MEMORABILIA FOR YERIN'S 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of our very own Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Services Ltd.

This organisation has come such a long way in the past 25 years. It all began in 1995, when long standing members of this community – sick of having to travel to Newcastle or Redfern to get culturally appropriate health care – successfully lobbied for our very own Aboriginal Medical Service right here on the Central Coast.

The staff and management of Yerin are seeking any old information, photographs and other memorabilia that our community may have so that we are able to begin to document the history of this amazing organisation. We would love anything that recognises the time, energy and commitment of the many community

members who have been involved with Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Services over the past 25 years.

Please email or call Yerin directly on **(02) 4351 1040** if you have anything that may be able to assist in the commemoration celebrations.

Celebrating 25 years

Of health, wellbeing & care

STAFF PROFILE

Introducing Corinne Hodson *Community Engagement Manager*

Corinne is a proud Wiradjuri/Ngunnawal woman, with family ties to the Riverina of NSW, who has been living on the Central Coast for the past eight years.

Before joining Barang Regional Alliance in 2017, Corinne worked in the Community Services sector for 19 years and her experience includes working with youth, domestic and family violence, women's services, child protection and disability services. Corinne has qualifications in Youth Work, Counselling, Narrative Practise and Project Management as well as vocational qualifications in Case Management, Community Services, Leadership and Management and Business Governance. She has a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and currently teaches part-time for NSW TAFE.



Corinne's current role is Community Engagement Manager and she is also a board member of Yerin Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Health Services and the Central Coast Community Council.

Corinne is a passionate advocate for social justice and for the development of Aboriginal leadership, particularly for our young people. She is also a huge fan of Dolly Parton, and of country music in general, and loves playing her guitar and singing.

GET IN TOUCH

Barang Regional Alliance

Hours of business
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

Barang Regional Alliance is moving office.
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