



WELCOME TO THE SIXTH EDITION OF

WAAGIR BANDIMAYI

Darkinyung language for Coast Messenger

Barang has continued to work with our seven local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to keep our community informed, to share information, give updates and keep all our community involved.

The team at Barang have had a very interesting last few months navigating lockdown and continuing with our agenda working from home. The team is looking forward to reconnecting again with our community face to face and ending the year with a bang. We are proud to announce that

Darkinyung Local Aboriginal Land Council has formally opted back into our Alliance – enabling us to continue to push our reform agenda on behalf of our local community.

Look out for our interactive art, weaving, sketch noting and fitness workshops that we will be offering as a chance for our community to reconnect with each other. These will take place over the coming months and will be advertised on our social media, as well as through our membership organisations.

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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Celebrating 25 Years of Health, Wellbeing and Care

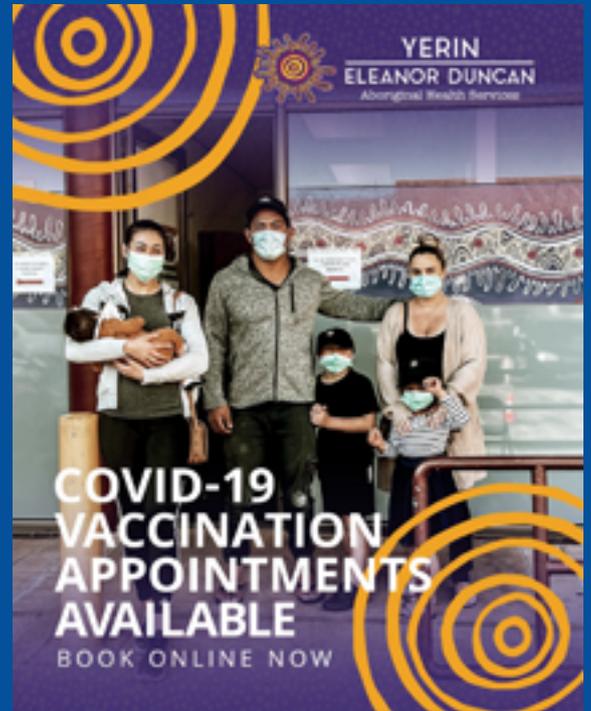
Yerin Eleanor Duncan

Yerin Eleanor Duncan has opened a GP Outreach clinic on the Peninsula. This is a huge win for our local Aboriginal communities on the Peninsula who will be able to access culturally appropriate health care in their own area. The clinic began serving Aboriginal people on Tuesday 9 November 2021 and is located at 4 Berith Street, Umina. The doctor available is Dr Jennifer O'Regan supported by Michelle Delecroix as the Registered Nurse. Please call our Wyong Clinic on 4351 1040 to book an appointment.

Yerin will also continue with our COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics on Tuesdays.

Please reach out and connect with us on 4351 1040 for bookings and further details.

Once again Yerin will be hosting our community Christmas event for all of our wonderful Aboriginal families here on beautiful Darkinjung country. This year our Community Christmas Party will be held at 35 McPherson Road, Mardi.



Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation

The Glen

Over the past few months, with constant changes to the program, The Glen has learnt to adapt quickly to make sure that there has been clear communication between staff and clients.

During lockdown we were restricted from providing our clients the great community connection we have here on Darkinjung Country. This led to staff at The Glen looking at innovative ways to ensure our clients are getting the same opportunities as they had previously, even during a pandemic.

Lockdown has been client-driven with activities that have included painting murals, memorial gardens, as well as fun activities such as trivia and karaoke at nights. As restrictions ease, our staff are beginning plans to provide our clients training to help them find employment once they are ready to do so.

The Glen was proud to be named Outstanding Community Organisation of the Year at the 2021 Central Coast Regional Business Awards. We are thankful there are so many Coasties who support The Glen in so many ways.

The Glen are very proud to be part of the Central Coast community, and love playing our small part in making the Coast such a great place to live. The Glen will now be heading to Sydney to represent The Central Coast on November 26 at the State Business Awards ceremony for an outstanding community organisation.



Proudly Dancing on Darkinjung Land

NAISDA Dance College

After many long months working and learning remotely, NAISDA is delighted to be back on Darkinjung Country again for the final term of 2021. As part of the celebrations, NAISDA was proud to present its end of year performance yadhaba ngura on Friday 19 November 7pm, via a free livestream event.

Inspired by this year's NAIDOC theme of Heal Country, yadhaba ngura meaning "Get Well Land" in Darkinjung Language featured a dynamic collection of cultural dance, contemporary dance and physical theatre works exploring Country, truth telling and our life journeys.

Performed by NAISDA students, yadhaba ngura was directed by NAISDA Physical Theatre Unit Manager Angie Diaz, with cultural dance under the direction of NAISDA Head of Cultural Practice Jo Clancy and NAISDA Cultural Tutors Stuart McMinn, Dujon Niue and Berthalia Reuben.

Congratulations to the cast and crew on presenting two wonderful performances, and NAISDA's first livestream.



Connecting the Aboriginal Community on the Peninsula

Mingaletta

Mingaletta is proud to be advertising a new position - Community Hub Coordinator, which will be a new role within the organisation. The successful applicant will be responsible for managing the day to day operations of the centre, identifying, developing and implementing programs and services to contribute to the ongoing success of the organisation.

For more information on the job role please [click here](#).

Mingaletta will be continuing the many groups we offer to the local community to provide targeted early intervention, prevention and support services that meet the needs of Aboriginal young people, families and those experiencing or are at risk of vulnerability.

Mingaletta will be running their NAIDOC day on 10 December at Umina. This will be a fun day filled with entertainment and culture. Please feel free to come along on the day from 10am – 3pm.



Culturally Informed Pathways to Employment and Training



Bara Barang

A crucial program to mentor and support Aboriginal trainees, apprentices and school-based apprentices and trainees has recently been awarded to Bara Barang Corporation Ltd. We are one of six providers selected across the state to deliver this initiative, called 'Barranggirra', that aims to lift apprentice and trainee completion rates. This program is being delivered across the Central Coast and Lake Macquarie regions. We are accepting current apprentices and trainees and registration for those seeking to commence a career is also open. Please get in touch to find out more.

Recently, we welcomed new Directors to our Board, Leanne Holt and Greg Simon, who join our Chairperson Steve Collins, Deputy Chair Kate Kelleher and Directors Garry Purchase and Shane West. Our team has also grown with the addition of Nikita Manning and Nicola Dunn as our Community Development Officers. They join the team with our recently appointed General Manager, Andrew Malloch, our Manager - Community Services, Chris Thew, and our Community Services Officer, Tammy Clay.

In other news, we secured a grant under the Local Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund to create a community resource at Raspberry Fields, Mangrove Mountain. The grant contact is

still being finalised but we look forward to sharing details of this exciting project soon.

During the lockdown we delivered services online and via phone. This included the Learner Driver Workshops under our Driving Program. However, the suspension of driver testing at Services NSW has meant a delay and backlog of young people waiting to sit their Learner Driver Knowledge and Provisional Drivers test. We can support you to recommence this process and support raising your logbook hours.

We do need the community's help to accelerate this – so we are on lookout for Volunteer driver-mentors to assist our young people obtain on-road driving experience while on their Learners Permit.

All training and support for volunteers is provided, including access to a Bara Barang company vehicle.

If you are 21 years or older, or you know someone who would be interested, get in touch via contact@barabarang.org.au or call (02) 43125133.



Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council

The board is proud to announce the appointment of Brendan Moyle as our new chief executive officer (CEO). Brendan replaces interim CEO Jack Beetson who was appointed in August after former CEO Geoffrey Scott announced he was stepping down from the role.

A proud Kamilaroi/Gomeri man with cultural connections through Murrawarri, Kooma and Wiradjuri people, Brendan has lived in Canberra for the past 26 years but is well known across NSW for his ongoing commitment to our grassroots communities.

During his extensive professional career, Brendan has worked across both the NSW Government and within the Federal Government, with a range of top-level appointments.

His experience covers a wide range of areas including Aboriginal corporate and community governance, leadership development, housing, business administration, cultural heritage protection, economic development and capability. These are in addition to a raft of other key business management, policy and program functions.

Brendan has dedicated his time in our communities for decades, leading work to improve outcomes on the ground for our mob, a cause which he is extremely passionate about. He is a former chair and deputy chair of the South East Aboriginal Rental Management Service (SEARMS) and a former chair, deputy chair and Councillor of the Ngambri Local Aboriginal Land Council. He is also one of the founders of economic development in the land rights movement and a former member of the NSWALC Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC). He is also a former vice president of Burringiri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre in the ACT; a former chair and director of the NSW/ACT Aboriginal Legal Service; a former chair and board member of Munjuwa Aboriginal Health and Housing Corporation; and has sat on many other boards and Ministerial advisory committees. Despite Brendan's professional achievements, it is the opportunity to give back to the community which continues to drive him. He has already demonstrated this commitment by relocating to the Central Coast to live on Darkinjung land as a demonstration of his commitment to being part of Darkinjung LALC and our community.

NAIDOC Week 2021 to go ahead

Preparations are being made for one of the biggest events on the Darkinjung LALC calendar with NAIDOC Week 2021 activities now set to be staged on Saturday 11 December 2021. The events were originally due to take place in early July but had to be rescheduled as a result of COVID-19 restrictions. As negotiations are still underway with venues to reschedule the Darkinjung Family Fun Day and the much-anticipated Darkinjung NAIDOC Golf Day and Ball, the latter of which will take place at Mingara. The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! – calls for all first nations people to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, its waters, its sacred sites and its cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. Each year NAIDOC week grows in stature and depth of celebrations at community, state and national level and Darkinjung members make a vital contribution.

Community Connections



Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi (GNL)

GNL are slowly opening back up to welcome community in our hub at Wyong. We have also resumed our Ganang Little Learners playgroup (0-5), which gives families the opportunity to connect with each other in a supportive environment. Our playgroups run on Fridays at Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi, 4 Church St, Wyong NSW 2259 – please contact Rickki on 0439373045 to find out more information about attending.

All of our programmes and services are operating by appointment only. Please contact the office on (02) 43058807 to arrange an appointment with one of our Family Workers Cassa Hinton or Sandra Hayes.

We are pleased to welcome local young people Bryce Parson and Josef Graf to the GNL family. Bryce and Josef join us as Aboriginal Mentors. They will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays. You will need to contact the office if you are interested in engaging with our mentors.



All group programs will recommence in 2022, please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information. This year we will be organising information packs for our Young Black & Ready 4 School program. If your child is starting big school in 2022 and you would like a pack, please contact the office to register. Our Community Christmas Party Disco will be held on 17 December 2021, please call the office to book your spot.

Central Coast Community Legal Centre

Despite the current lockdown the team at Central Coast Community Legal Centre continued to offer free legal advice and information to the most vulnerable living on Darkinjung land.

COVID restrictions seeing the closure of our office in Alison Road in June, the cancellation of our outreaches at Wyong and Gosford Local Court, and the suspension all our community outreaches. Our work has been restricted to our telephone information and advice service.

We continue to develop and foster valued community relationships through ZOOM and other technologies but are looking forward to seeing everyone face to face soon.

We look forward to getting back to the office and outreach locations, and once again offer face to face support to those most in need, we want to do so in a COVID safe environment for our staff, clients, and visitors alike.

During December risk assessments will be undertaken on all locations and we look forward to re-opening the office early January and resuming our community outreaches.



VOICES OF THE LAND ART EXHIBITION

Voices of the Land Art exhibition is a wonderful event held right here on Darkinjung country which will showcase 17 Aboriginal artists and creatives - presented by the very talented Kylie Cassidy and Garry Purchase.

Our very own Barang team member Allirra Moore is excited to be included in the lineup of local emerging artists and will have her artwork featured in the exhibition. Allirra is a proud Yuin woman from Jervis Bay, who was raised and nurtured on beautiful Darkinjung country, the Central Coast.

Allirra started painting at 10 years old and at age 16 started to pursue her passion at the Blak Markets in Sydney. Over the last 2 years Allirra has focused on creating large pieces which reflect landscapes, community, plants & animals, as well as her personal stories. She was also nominated for the Young Achievers Awards in 2021 and made it as a finalist in the Aboriginal Education Category.

The exhibition will be held at The Entrance Gallery with the opening night on Friday 10th December from 6pm to 9pm. The exhibition will run from the 10th to the 19th December and will be open to the public from 9am – 4pm. The Entrance Gallery is located within the grounds of the Entrance Community Centre, Norberta Road, The Entrance.



LOCAL YOUTH WINS RAISE OUR VOICE AUSTRALIA

Barang team member Jacob Smeaton is a proud Kerrupjmara man from Lake Condah Victoria. Jacob authored a powerful speech the importance of inclusion for local Aboriginal young peoples which he submitted for Dobell's "Raise Our Voice Australia" Youth Voice in Parliament competition. Jacob was selected as the winner and Member for Dobell, Emma McBride, read his speech in parliament.

Listen to Jacob's award-winning speech [here](#).



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

Barang Regional Alliance: office shutdown period Friday 24 December, re-opening Monday 17 January

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council: office shutdown period Monday 20 December, reopening Monday 10 January

Bara Barang: office shutdown period Friday 24 December, reopening Tuesday 4 January

Central Coast Legal Centre: office shutdown period Wednesday 23 December, re-opening Friday 13 January

Gudjagang Ngara Li-dhi: office shutdown period Wednesday 23 December, re-opening Thursday 6 January

Yerin: office shutdown period Friday 24 December, re-opening Monday 10 January

NAISDA: office shutdown period Wednesday 22 December, re-opening Tuesday 4 January

The Glen: office shutdown period Thursday 23 December, re-opening Monday 10 January

Mingaletta - temporarily closed

GET IN TOUCH

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Hours of business
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