



WATHAURONG

Aboriginal Co-operative

Community Newsletter

April—May 2019

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will be emailed each new
issue, as soon as it is
published.



Above: Wathaurong's women's and men's basketball teams at the VACSAL Statewide Basketball Classic 2019—see page 24 for more information and lots of pics

Calendar of Events

APRIL

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| 19 | Good Friday |
| 21 | Easter Day |
| 22 | Easter Monday |
| 25 | ANZAC Day |

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| 26 | National Sorry Day |
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**Stay tuned to our Facebook or
website for more info soon**

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Chairperson



Nyoorra Woorreeyn Wadda-Wurrung Dya-Nyook. (Hello this is Wadda-Wurrung Country).

Pako Festa was held on Saturday 23 February. Our Community were given the opportunity to showcase our Culture at this event, with our float leading the parade and our girls dancing on the main stage. A huge thankyou to the team that co-ordinated the event and also to the people who worked on the day to pull it together—see page 23.

VACSAL's Basketball Tournament was another big event for Wathaurong. Held in Shepparton in March, it was a really fantastic weekend and Wathaurong put up three teams. All players did a great job, and it was really good to see our girl's under-12s and

Women's B team make the semi-finals. We thank the following people for coming to Shepparton to represent Wathaurong: Duane Luki, Naomi Edwards, Sam Couzens, Luke Searle, Alisha Lasky, Lucy Bridge, Sarah Zengin, Hayley Sperling, Sharkarlya Shepherd, Mietta Scarlett, Naichese Lovett, Abraham Knox, Piper Knox, Jasmine Knox, Nikita Johnson, Lachlan Headlem, Debra George, Lily-Rose Diskson, Gary Hamence, Hayley Bodem. They were awarded appreciation certificates and movie tickets for their efforts. See pages 24 for more info and pics.

We held the Community Meeting on Monday 18 March which was packed with presentations from staff and community. We are committed to providing a space which offers relevant information and ensures that all voices are heard. So if you haven't had a chance to attend a Community Meeting for a while, the Board would love to see you there (agenda on the following page). Minutes are also available on our website under About Us and then go to Publications.

On 4 April the Victorian Minister of Aboriginal Affairs The Hon. Gavin Jennings attended Wathaurong with Christine Couzens MP and his team. He met with the Board and Senior Management to discuss a range of issues that we put forward, including:

- Victorian Treaty Commission and the Aboriginal Representative Body
- Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAP)
- Wathaurong Aboriginal Housing Requirements
- New announcements and opportunities we need to be aware of.



Above: Some of Wathaurong's basketball team members receiving their certificates



Above: Mick Ryan, Craig Edwards, Wendy Brabham, The Hon. Gavin Jennings MLC, Lisa Briggs, Christine Couzens MP

It was a good meeting and we will keep community informed of any potential outcomes from our discussions with the Minister.

Lastly, on behalf of the Board we wish you all a Happy Easter break and hope that you'll stay safe during the school holiday period if you're travelling.

Nyetne (Thanks) Koon Gadyee (Goodbye)
Craig Edwards
Chairperson

Chief Executive Officer



Hello to all you mob,
The year is chugging along and we have had a lot happening here at Wathaurong.

As Craig mentioned, Pako Festival and the VASCAL basketball comp in Shepparton were both big successes for Wathaurong. We also ran another I Dare Ya program

which was well attended again—including running I Dare Ya at the Wada-ngal Closing the Gap event run by the Council in March. The Koori Youth Justice Conference was a great few days for participants (see page 18). The National Apology anniversary was also recognised at Wathaurong and it was a very moving day (see page 20). Thank you to everyone who worked for or participated in these events.

But we've got lots more going on as well, as we are working on a number of projects to improve opportunities for Community. We will keep you informed of developments with the following items.

Australian Workforce Development Initiative (AWDI)

We have put in for DHHS AWDI funding which if successful will be really great for our Community. DHHS AWDI will help to grow Wathaurong's workforce in a way that will extend our capacity to meet Community's growing needs; as well as increase the career pathways of Aboriginal people across all areas of health and human services. This will mean that we will soon be looking for expressions of interest from Community members to register for certificate level training—meaningful training that will lead you to employment.

Employment strategies

We are developing an employment strategy to create job opportunities for local Members and Community. This involves looking across various industries with the intended outcome of having no Aboriginal unemployment in the region. More information will be provided soon.

Wathaurong Housing Plan

Wathaurong is working with the Aboriginal Housing Board to develop a Housing and Homelessness Framework. This has been prompted by the Andrews Government commitment to provide 1000 new public housing units by 2022, so with this in mind we are aiming to assist Community by:

- 1) gaining more public housing
- 2) reducing homelessness
- 3) improving home ownership.

We know from the housing and homelessness analysis recently conducted by Wathaurong that a quarter of our regular clients are living below the poverty line, 1.5% are currently homeless, and overcrowding is a major issue. We also need to forward plan for ageing, disability and prison release needs, so we are working to address all of these matters.

Program changes

The end of the financial year is coming and while we have some new state government agreements lined up, some programs may be coming to an end. We are working with government to identify these programs while trying to ensure an increase in funding at both Commonwealth and Victorian Government level.

Wathaurong's service profile needs

Last Community Meeting I gave a presentation on Wathaurong's current and future service profile needs. A Community Report will be prepared and distributed soon. If you missed the presentation I could repeat it if a few of you are interested. If so, please call my EA Megan to register your interest.

Farewell and good luck to Herb Goonan

Family Services Manager Herb Goonan has left Wathaurong to pursue other challenges. Herb has worked hard for his team during a time of much legislative and procedural change and he will be missed by all. Good luck Herb.

Bunjil Blessings to you all,

Lisa Briggs

Interim CEO

Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd

Community Meeting: Monday 29 April 2019 Agenda

Commencement: 5:30pm

1. Welcome by Chairperson
2. Respect Protocol – minutes silence
3. Apologies
4. Previous Minutes
 - a) Business arising from previous minutes
 - b) Acceptance of 18th March 2019 minutes
5. Finance Update
6. Presentations
7. Other General Business
8. Meeting closed

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Staff and Community News

Hello to new staff member Jonathon Condron

We would like to welcome an new member of staff to the organisation – Jonathon Condron.

Jonathon has been appointed in the role of Mental Health Worker for the Wellness and Recovery Team. His position is supported by both Wathaurong and NEAMI National in a new initiative called STEP MI. STEP MI stands for Services and Treatment for Enduring and Persistent Mental Illness.

Jonathon's previous experience includes being Service Coordinator at the City of Greater Geelong, NDIS Support Coordinator for Me Well Barwon and Barwon Health Nursing.

In a previous life he was the Head Chef at the Park Inn, Hyde Park London. We are hoping he might cook us something yummy!!

Jonathon has a close family connection with the Windamara Community; and really enjoys camping and 4 Wheel Driving.



Michelle Haywood joins the Stronger Families program

We would also like to welcome Michelle Haywood to the Wathaurong team.

Michelle has a background in disability work for DHHS, working in the complex family disability field which included housing and accommodation, case management and planning, and mental health.

Bringing all of this experience, Michelle is a great addition to Wathaurong.



Kiralee Hogema is off to NT—but then she's coming back ... phew

Kiralee is excited to have been accepted for the Northern Territory High School to Health Careers Program (HSHCP), being held from 1 June to 8 June 2019. The program aims to foster students' education and future goals, potentially within the health sector.

We congratulate the Kiralee for this achievement and look forward to her returning with even more knowledge and experience.

Cultural Advisory role at Wathaurong



Family Services' Sophie Johnson is also now our Senior Cultural Plan Advisor for the next few months. Sophie will continue to also work within the Kinship team as an awesome case manager.

Sophie is passionate about her clients, connection, culture, Wathaurong and our Community so we would like to congratulate Soph and we know that she will do an awesome job.

Family Services Manager

As you may know, Herb Goonan has left Wathaurong to pursue other opportunities, and we thank him for his service over this time.

Fortunately, we are lucky that Project Worker Kristie Fraser-Lange and Kinship Team Leader Louise Warner could step into the role to look after Family Services until a new manager is hired. Thank you ladies for helping out, we are sure you'll do a great job.

Staff and Community News

Women in Community Life Awards—nominations announced

The Women in Community Life Advisory Committee has announced the nominees for the 2019 Women in Community Life Awards.

Excitingly, of the 20 nominations, four are Wathaurong staff, and Aboriginal women make up a whopping 25% - that's despite us making up less than 3% of the population. It is awesome for our women to get the recognition that they deserve.

So we offer a huge congratulations to Louise Warner, Kiralee Hogema, Kerrie Alsop and Karen Anderson as valuable Co-op workers, as well as Community woman Renee Howell. And a shout out too to Dawn Condon who was also nominated and worker with Wathaurong for a few years. You are all leaders in your field and community.

This year's theme around gender is #balanceforbetter, and these great women definitely make our Community better. Well done to our Deadly Sistas.

Give us your good news to share

We all know how great this Community is. We are full of amazing people, great stories and awesome achievements.

So let us know about the good news in your life or for someone you know, and we can share it in this newsletter.

Email megan.frazer@wathaurong.org.au or call 5277 0044 and ask for Megan.

Community member Holly Cowton is accepted into Aboriginal Health training

We received this great news from Justice Worker Sandra Manning:

Congratulations to Holly Cowton on her career choice in Aboriginal Health Training.

Holly has been excepted to do her training at Geelong Hospital. Woo-hoo!!

Many thanks to her KESO Jenny Murray for all her support and for helping Holly succeed in choosing Aboriginal Health and Pathology.

So we congratulate Holly for this great achievement—it's so awesome to see our girls succeeding.

If there are other school-aged girls out there who are interested in a career in Health Services, email Kylie Clarke on kylie@weenthunga.com.au

Saturday

29 June 2019

7pm to 11pm

Wathaurong's NAIDOC Ball

Venue to be confirmed

Follow our Facebook page for details or call Duane on 0438678210.

Children's Services

Week 1 School Holiday ACTIVITIES 2019

| | |
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| Monday 8th April At 10.45am till 1pm CONTACT Kylie Clarke 52251219 At 2pm At 4pm CONTACT Duane 0438678210 | Parrwang Youth Arts Early Years Children (Aged 2-5) At Geelong Performing Arts Centre 50 Little Malop St, Geelong Geelong Village Cinemas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wonder Park (G) Geelong Village Cinemas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shazam (PG) For Ticket you must ring Duane |
| Tuesday 9th April At 10.30am till 3pm CONTACT: Kylie Clarke 52251219 At 4pm till 6pm CONTACT: Cormach Evans 0497642927 | Parrwang Youth Arts FREE Workshop for ages 5-18 At Geelong Performing Arts Centre 50 Little Malop St, Geelong Aboriginal Youth Group Strong Brother Strong Sister At The Fort - (Aged 12 and over) Crn Melbourne Rd & St Georges Rd |
| Wednesday 10th April At 10.45am till 1pm CONTACT: Kylie Clarke 52251219 | Parrwang Youth Arts FREE Workshop for ages 5-18 At Geelong Performing Arts Centre 50 Little Malop St, Geelong |
| Thursday 11th April At 10.30am till 3pm CONTACT: Kylie Clarke 52251219 | Parrwang Youth Arts FREE Workshop for ages 5-18 At Geelong Performing Arts Centre 50 Little Malop St, Geelong |

Children's Services

Friday 12th April

At TBC

CONTACT:

Duane

0438678210

3x3 PRO Hustle

At Geelong Waterfront

TO REGISTER CALL Duane

0438678210

At 4pm till 6pm

CONTACT:

Cormach Evans

0497642927

Aboriginal Youth Group

Strong Brother Strong Sister

(Aged 12 and over)

**At Strong Brother Strong Sister HQ,
Level 1/37 Malop St Geelong**

Week 2 School Holiday ACTIVITIES 2019

Tuesday 16th April

At 10am till 3pm

CONTACT:

Luke Searle

0428273258

Geelong Cats

Aboriginal Football Clinic

FREE Football Clinic

Ages 8 and over

**At St Mary's Football Club
Kardinia Park, Latrobe Tce**

At 4pm till 6pm

CONTACT:

Cormach Evans

0497642927

Aboriginal Youth Group

Strong Brother Strong Sister

At The Fort - (Aged 12 and over)

Crn Melbourne Rd & St Georges Rd

Wednesday 17th April

At 9.30am till 2pm

CONTACT:

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Duane

0438678210

Weribee Open Range Zoo

K Rd, Werribee South VIC 3030

Transport will be Available

Must Register with Duane

0438678210 or 52770044

More info TBA

Children's Services

School Holiday Program Highlights and Thank You to our Partners



**APRIL 8
VILLAGE
CINEMAS**

2pm Wonder Park (G)
4pm Shazam (PG)

LIMITED SPACES BOOKINGS REQUIRED



FREE BASKETBALL CLINICS
ALL AGE GROUPS
10AM-12PM

**APRIL 12
GEELONG WATER
FRONT**



**APRIL 17 WERRIBEE ZOO,
BUS TRANSPORT & LUNCH
PROVIDED LIMITED SPACES BOOK
NOW
930AM-2PM**

**SAVE THE DATE
FURTHER DETAILS OR TO REGISTER CALL DUANE
0438678210**



Children's Services



Parrwang Youth Arts

'Connecting Our Kids with Culture & Creativity'

'Parrwang' meaning 'Magpie' in the local Wadawurrung language.

Holiday Happenings!

A creative journey over 3 days...

Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th of April

at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre

11am - 3:15pm



FREE Workshops for Ages 5-18

- ◇ 'We; The Storytellers, The Keepers of the flame' with Uncle Norm Stanley
- ◇ 'Sharing Culture Through Visual Art' with Nathan Patterson
- ◇ 'Movement & Dance' - with Indigenous Hip Hop Projects



Families & Community are invited to our 'Show & Share' - Thursday, April 11th at 3pm

Free to attend. Limited places, Register your interest ASAP! (Buses available upon demand)

Contact Program Coordinator Kylie Clarke : 52 251 219 kylie@gpac.org.au

Introducing our Early Years Artists & Workshop Facilitators



'A Koorie Collection – Sharing Culture through the Arts' **with Kristi Watts & Tahlia Dempsey:**



Kristi is a Wadawurrung woman and Tahlia is a Wotjobaluk and Gunditjmara woman who was born and raised on Wadawurrung Country. Kristi and Tahlia have been a part of the Wathaurong community for many years and have been working together at Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative for the past 7 years. These deadly women have an abundance of experience with working in early childhood education and love teaching and sharing culture with the next generation. Their passion for culture shines through everything they do and they are super excited to be facilitating workshops for the children in the Wathaurong community.

'We will be sharing culture through different art elements including: dance, music, song and visual arts. Within each of the art elements we've included different cultural elements, including acknowledgement to country, storytelling and games. Each session will be presented through each of the art elements with a main cultural theme for each session. We have a bit of a collection of games, songs, dances and stories to share – hence the name of our Workshops 'The Koorie Collection.'

'Sing & Grow Family Workshop' **with Jess Higgins from Sing & Grow:**

Jess is a Registered Music Therapist and the state manager for Sing & Grow. Jess loves making music with families and helping parents and caregivers learn new ideas for connecting with the young people they care for and love.

In the session we will play musical instruments, sing both familiar and new songs, and have lots of fun! We hope that you will take away lots of new ideas to play musically with your children.



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Introducing our Artists & Workshop Facilitators

'We; The Storytellers, The Keepers of the flame'

with Norm Jurrawaa Stanley:



Norm Jurrawaa Stanley is a Kurnai / Wotjabaluk musician, artist and storyteller who was born on and still lives, works and plays on Wathaurong Country. He is a proud father of 5 children aged 21 to 5 months old. He has worked in many areas, but teaching his culture is his passion. Norm follows in the footsteps of his ancestors by sharing the stories of land, life and culture through the many different art forms he practises.

Our stories are the oldest stories in the world. Our Ancestors passed these stories down to us over thousands of years and across generations. Now we have a role to play, we have become the holders of these stories. We are now The keepers of the flame!

'Sharing Culture Through Visual Art'

with Nathan Patterson:

Nathan Patterson is a proud Wagiman Man living on the south coast of Victoria. His mother's people are from Pine Creek, near the Daley River Regions in the Northern Territory, where the Wagiman clan are the traditional landowners.

Nathan burst onto the scene around 4 years ago with his ever-evolving Modern Aboriginal Art. He has been commissioned for numbers large scale mural projects as well as featuring on 4 AFL Indigenous Guernseys.

His art is a mixture of contemporary designs using traditional techniques that incorporate the dreamtime stories of his people and of the land he was born on. He continues to tell these stories through his art. Nathan strives to push the boundaries of contemporary Aboriginal Art through the use of vibrant colours which his work is becoming well known for.

Nathan's work is inspired by his passion for Australian native wildlife and landscapes and he especially loves painting birds, including the Red-Tailed Cockatoo and Wedged Tailed Eagles.

Nathan will take us on a journey exploring the story of Parrwang the Magpie and how to create our own interpretation.



'Movement & Dance'

with Indigenous Hip Hop Projects:

IHHP dance projects are connecting with more and more communities each year - offering highly engaging workshops designed to meet your community's specific needs. IHHP artists come from all over Australia, each from culturally diverse backgrounds and with highly developed skills in engaging and developing young people. This video is a great example of how amazing our dance artists are: [IHHP Promo Dance Clip](#)



IHHP will bring an exciting, engaging and fun element to our program. IHHP artists will perform an amazing show for our Parrwang Youth Arts participants and get them off their feet for a deadly Hip Hop workshop. The IHHP's formula is tried and tested and can successfully engage thousands of people at a time!

Children's Services

April 2019

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 8 START OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Good Friday Co-operative Closed |
| 22 END OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Easter Monday Co-operative Closed | 23 TERM 2 BEGINS Rosewall Kindergarten Morgan St 9:00am-1:30pm | 24 Rosewall Kindergarten Morgan St, 9:00am-1:30pm Kids Club Forster St, 3:45pm-5:00pm | 25 ANZAC Day Co-operative Closed | 26 Milla Milla Playgroup Morgan St 11:00am-1:00pm |
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| Kids Club | | Homework Centre | | Community Hub 20A Forster St, Norlane Wednesdays during school term 3:45pm to 5pm Contact: Kristi Watts on 5292 9843 or kristi.watts@wathaurong.org.au |

Wathaurong Kids Club

Hey Kids!

Let's have an after school catch up!
Tell us about your day and participate in other fun activities while learning about your culture, making new friends and seeing old friends too!

Deadly!

Every Wednesday (excluding holidays)

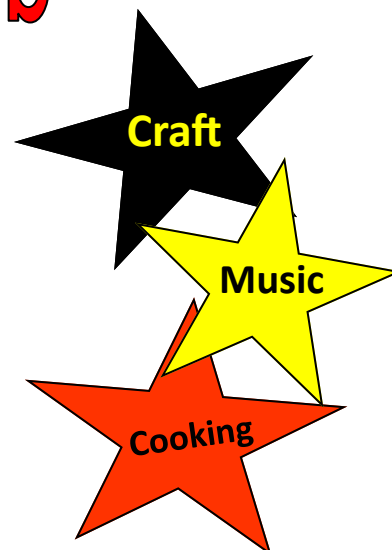
3:45pm — 5:00pm

Wathaurong Community Hub

20A Forster St, Norlane

For more information, please contact: Kristi Watts 5292 9843

Email: Kristi.Watts@wathaurong.org.au



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| Milla Milla Playgroup | Wathaurong Children's Services Lot 62 Morgan St, North Geelong (03) 5272 8861 or 0458 201 193 Admin: (03) 5277 0044 Playgroup Thu & Fri, 11am — 1pm | | Rosewall Kindergarten | Rosewall Kindergarten Lot 62 Morgan St, North Geelong (03) 5275 4529 Mon - Wed, 9am — 1:30pm |



WATHAURONG
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**Homework
CENTRE**

Contact: Sandra Brogden 0417 855 334
Auntie May Owen 0417 031 087

**Mondays
4pm to 6pm**

Don't forget your
homework!
Organised activities
running throughout the
session.

Snacks provided!

20A FORSTER STREET, NORLANE

During school terms

Koorie Kids at Kinder!

All Koorie children
are eligible for two
years of **FREE** kinder!



Your child can be enrolled into a 3 or 4 year old kinder program if they turn 3 or 4 on or before April 30th in the year you wish for them to attend kinder

If you would like further information about kinder or assistance with enrolling your child into kinder for 2019, please contact Tahlia Dempsey, Koorie Pre School Assistant at Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative.

Ph: (03) 5292 9829 Email: tahlia.dempsey@wathaurong.org.au

Reconciliation in the Park

FREE family friendly event for everyone



Johnstone Park
10am to 3pm
Sunday June 2nd 2019

The Reconciliation Week theme this year is

Grounded in Truth - Walk Together with Courage

See: <https://www.facebook.com/recinthepark/> www.geelongonefire.org.au

Milla Milla Playgroup

A Parent Supported
Playgroup



At Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-Op
In the Children Services area

Thursday

11.00am till 1.00pm

Friday

11.00am till 1.00pm



Transport is available if needed
Please call **0419698264**

Start of Term 2
Friday 26th April



For any more info on what's
happening at Playgroup
please call

Kristi Watts 5272 8861



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Term 2, 2019

'Living Country, Living Culture'

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACTIVITY</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 24 th April | <i>NO KIDS CLUB</i> |
| Wednesday 1 st May | 'Bush Tucker' Kangaroo Tacos |
| Wednesday 8 th May | 'Connecting to Country' A visit to Wurdi Youang |
| Wednesday 15 th May | 'Dance' Connecting to culture through traditional dancing |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | 'Bunjil Creation' Collaborative Art Project |
| Wednesday 29 th May | 'Bunjil Creation' Collaborative Art Project |
| Wednesday 5 th June | 'Story Telling' An interactive story of our history |
| Wednesday 12 th June | 'Language' Wadawurrung Language – Our Native Animals |
| Wednesday 19 th June | 'Dance' Connecting to culture through traditional dancing |
| Wednesday 26 th June | 'Let's Party' An end of term celebration and reflection of all the things we have learnt this term! |

Every Wednesday (excluding holidays)

3:45pm — 5:00pm

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20A Forster St, Norlane

For more information, please contact: Kristi Watts 5292 9843

Email: Kristi.Watts@wathaurong.org.au



CULTURAL DAY FOR CHILDREN IN OUT OF HOME CARE

18th OF APRIL 2019
11AM TO 3PM

Come join us at Wurdi Youang.

Culture is a big part of our identity and we would love to share some knowledge and activities with you all.



Located off the
Little River-Ripley
Road at Mount
Rothwell.

Let's walk and learn
together at Wurdi
Youang on
Wathaurong Country

— —

Traditional dancing,
arts and stories

— —

Learn how to throw
a returning
Boomerang

— —

Other fun cultural
activities

— —

BBQ lunch and
drinks provided

Please register by
contacting
Sophie Johnson on
0447190227 or by
emailing
[sophie.johnson@
wathaurong.org.au](mailto:sophie.johnson@wathaurong.org.au)

Community Services

Koori Youth Justice Conference

The first ever Koori Youth justice Forum organised through the Department of Justice Parkville was held in Geelong in March. I was lucky enough to be asked to co-facilitate to have Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-Op on board. The forum was held over three days with guest speakers from Department of Justice, the Australian Army, Barwon Community Legal Services and many other stakeholders to make the event very successful and enjoyed by all. It was amazing to see such a great turnout and high level of participation during the presentations and activities. Participants came from all over Victoria, as far as Mildura, Albury and Wodonga; and we hope that everyone returned to their work places feeling confident in their knowledge of Aboriginal Cultural Rights and having a good understanding of some of the reforms and initiatives underway in Youth Justice. From the feedback, the programs facilitated by Uncle Reg Abrahams and Auntie Naomi Surtees were very well received. The tour of Wurdi Youang and the Stone Arrangement also appeared to be enjoyed by all, in turn increasing the understanding of the cultural significance of the site. This has gained huge interest and other organisations now want to come and use Wurdi Youang as part of the cultural programs for our youth, commencing after the school holidays.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all involved to make it a huge success and we look forward to working collaboratively in the future to reach our common goal.

Tom Noulas

Koori Youth Justice Worker



Community Services



Health Services

Anniversary of The Apology

On 13 February, together we remembered the Anniversary of the Government's 2008 Apology to Australia's Indigenous People. We heard from Christine Couzens MP and our Interim CEO Lisa Briggs, who both acknowledged the struggles we have overcome as a Community. Aunty Naomi Surtees performed the welcome and we all cleansed in the healing smoke. We then walked with each other around the lake and appreciated that we are survivors. Following that up with a BBQ where we could share a meal and good company, it was a beautiful day, even though tinged with sadness for what we have had to endure.

Thank you to the Bringing Them Home team for organising the day, to all of our guests and to everyone who helped.



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The Apology—13 February 2008

Prime Minister (Hon Kevin Rudd MP): Mr Speaker, I move:
That today we honour the Indigenous peoples of this land,
the oldest continuing cultures in human history.

We reflect on their past mistreatment.
We reflect in particular on the mistreatment of those who
were Stolen Generations - this blemished chapter in our
nation's history.

The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page
in Australia's history by righting the wrongs of the past and
so moving forward with confidence to the future.

We apologise for the laws and policies of successive
Parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound
grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians.
We apologise especially for the removal of Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander children from their families, their
communities and their country.

For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen
Generations, their descendants and for their families left
behind, we say sorry.

To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the
sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities,
we say sorry.

And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a
proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry.

We the Parliament of Australia respectfully request that
this apology be received in the spirit in which it is offered
as part of the healing of the nation.

For the future we take heart; resolving that this new page
in the history of our great continent can now be written.

We today take this first step by acknowledging the past
and laying claim to a future that embraces all Australians.
A future where this Parliament resolves that the injustices
of the past must never, never happen again.

A future where we harness the determination of all
Australians, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to close the
gap that lies between us in life expectancy, educational
achievement and economic opportunity.

A future where we embrace the possibility of new
solutions to enduring problems where old approaches
have failed.

A future based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and
mutual responsibility.

A future where all Australians, whatever their origins, are
truly equal partners, with equal opportunities and with an
equal stake in shaping the next chapter in the history of
this great country, Australia.



Health Services

Wathaurong Health Clinic

Dr Catherine Eltringham

Every Tuesday & Wednesday

Dr David Corbett

Every Wednesday

Dr Ed Poliness

Week 1 & 3 – Monday & Tuesday

Week 2 & 4 – Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Dr Sinead Healy-Evans

Every Tuesday & Thursday

Dr Tom Bradey

Every Thursday

Dr Lou Sanderson

Every Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Dr Helen Dyett

Every Monday & Thursday

Dr Lucy Dobson

Every Wednesday & Friday

Diabetes Educator – Olga Lutzko

Monthly on a Wednesday afternoon

BY REFERRAL ONLY

Located in the Admin Building

Endocrinologist – Dr Sam Worboys

Monthly on a Thursday afternoon

BY REFERRAL ONLY

Paediatric Clinic

Weekly on Tuesday afternoons

BY REFERRAL ONLY

Please note there is a two month waiting list

Psychiatrist – Dr Russell Golden

Every Monday & Wednesday

BY REFERRAL ONLY

Located in the Admin Building

Psychologists—Paul Thornton & Georgia Sala

Paul—Monday to Friday

Georgia Wednesday & Thursday

BY REFERRAL ONLY

Wathaurong Health Service operates:

Monday to Friday 9:00am— 5:00pm

To book an appointment or find out more details on services available, please phone (03) 5277 2038

Important Notices

Due for your Health Assessment: you can have one every 10 months. On completion of your Check you receive a \$25 gift card (adults) or a school backpack filled with goodies (children).

Ask about your eligibility for the Practice Incentive Program (PIP). This will give you access to free or reduced-cost medications.

Alcohol & other Drugs workers—Melissa Commons & Tania Webber (Brief intervention)

Monday to Friday

Dual Diagnosis Therapist—Karyn Kehagias

Monday to Friday

Aboriginal Mental Health worker—Phillip King

Monday to Friday

Mental Health worker—Jonathon Condon

Monday to Friday

Bringing them Home—Julia Bryan & Shannon O'Donough

Tuesday to Friday

Family Focus MST—Esther Broome

Monday to Friday

Cultural Consultants—Gwenda Black & Alfie Oram

Gwenda—Monday to Thursday

Alfie—Monday to Friday

Liver Clinic—Margaret Wordrop

Monthly on a Monday

BARWON HEALTH DENTAL@WATHAURONG

Each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Please call BH dental and speak to Sarah to make an Appointment on (03) 5272 2847

Obstetric Clinic

Last Friday of every month

BARWON CENTRE AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT (CASA)

Tuesday afternoons

BY REFERRAL ONLY

COLAC GP CLINIC — Alternating Wathaurong GP

Open every **Monday**, book appointments through Wathaurong Health Services

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Pako Festa 2019



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VACSAL Statewide Basketball Classic 2019

This year Wathaurong was fortunate enough to organise 3 teams to enter into the VACSAL tournament, U/12 girls, Women's B, Men's B. what a fantastic weekend it was, the first game for the 3 teams started with our U/12 girls playing at 840am against Melbourne Stars



*Left:
Wathaurong's
Under-12 girls
basketball
team*

The women's team was led by our Naomi Edwards. The women had huge first day games starting from 10:40am then the last game for the day at 9:20pm totalling 7 games over the weekend, 4 wins out of 7 games allowing the Women to make Semi-finals narrowly missing out in the end, our women showed great drive and dedication through the tournament and led the way in being a great

Our Men's B team led by Luke Searle. The men had such a great tournament with having only 1 win for the weekend, it felt like we had won already being a part of the bigger picture and participating in a community event, the atmosphere that was provided by all was nothing short of amazing, and to also have our U/12's girls and Women's B team to make semi-final's on the first tournament for more than 10 years, is a great win for the Wathaurong community.

But also shows we need to showcase more of our local talent into the future events, so please keep an eye on the



Above, below and right: Wathaurong's men's basketball team



***"Sports comps are
our modern day
corroborees"***

Lisa Briggs, Interim CEO



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Wathaurong designed it's own singlets for the Basketball Classic. The design is made up from some of our strategic pillars of Community, Health, Infrastructure, Sustainability and Advocacy. The design was a big hit for attractiveness and cultural appropriateness, both with our participants and also the other teams.



Community Notices

Wathaurong Glass & Arts

16 Rodney Road, North Geelong, Victoria, 3215 Ph: (03) 5272 2881



Meet Ammie from Wathaurong Glass

Wathaurong Glass manager Mark Edwards would like to welcome Ammie Howell to the team.

Mark says; “Ammie brings a wealth of knowledge on raising six children and **nothing about glass**. And I don’t care because she has a **ripping attitude** and a willingness to work and try different things. That is all we ask of each other here at glass.”

So congratulations to Ammie and we hope you’re with us for a long time.



We are committed to providing quality support and programs for our community and clients. We welcome feedback and suggestions to improve our programs.

How can you give us feedback ?

Complete a feedback form, fill it out and hand to reception (anonymously if you like) or write a letter and post it, marked Attention: Tony Meagher, Operations Manager ... or email: tony.meagher@wathaurong.org.au

School terms 2019

Term 1: 29 January—5 April
Term 2: 23 April—28 June

Term 3: 15 July—20 September
Term 4: 7 October—20 December

Koorie Education Support Officers (KESOs) can assist you with your child’s educational needs. Contact your school for more info.

Members Code of Conduct

WATHAURONG ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP - CODE OF CONDUCT

A code of conduct or behaviour can be described as a set of statements that set out what we consider to be an acceptable standard of behaviour and conduct. This code explains how we expect our members to behave.

This code of conduct provides a guide and basis of expectations for our members. It encourages commitment to ethical and professional behaviour and outlines the principles on which Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative is based.

- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved
- Display appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity.
- Accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.
- Recognise that all members have the right to privacy and confidentiality.
- If a member acts in a way that is detrimental to a member, client, staff and/or property the Board can suspend that member immediately. They will have the right of appeal by calling a Special General Meeting.

Remember, you are not only a representative of Wathaurong but also of Aboriginal people. Behaviour, both positive and negative, casts a shadow over all of the members of Wathaurong. Think carefully about how your actions, words and behaviour will impact upon others around you.

The Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative Board may apply the following sanctions to any member found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct based on the seriousness and frequency of their behaviour:

1. Caution
2. Direction to leave the organisation event
3. Attendance at a meeting with Directors to discuss the breach and appropriate sanction/s
4. Participation in personal development
5. Suspension from organisation activities
6. Expulsion from the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative (according to constitution)

Any member who is alleged to have breached the code of conduct will always be given a “right of reply”. They will also be offered the opportunity to bring a support person to any official discussions regarding the alleged breach.

In the case of a dispute with Directors an independent mediator may be retained to mediate the dispute.

The Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative will at all times ensure that any person undergoing any of the above procedures will be dealt with in a sensitive and confidential manner, irrespective of the alleged breach of the Rule or Code of Conduct.

Want to get your news from Wathaurong faster?

Give us your email address and you will get all of our news hot off the press—without having to wait for us to go through printers and Australia Post. We will still send you your hardcopy, but you will be first to know what is happening in the Wathaurong Community.

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Community Notices

Assistance and Emergency Services

| Service | Contact |
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| Are you seeking emergency accommodation? Call Salvo Connect (Homeless Support Provider for over 25s) for advice on housing and welfare support | 5223 9220 |
| Barwon Youth (Homeless Support Provider for 24 and under) can help young people with accommodation and welfare support, give them a call | 5246 7500 |
| If you need help in an emergency you can contact Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police | 000 |
| Are you struggling with finances and need some emergency relief or advice? Diversitat may be able to help you out. | 5221 6044 |
| If you require food vouchers, talk to Uniting Care or Salvo Connect | 5223 5400 |
| For medical, health and wellbeing support, contact Wathaurong Health Centre | 5277 2038 |
| In the event of a medical emergency Barwon Health Emergency Department have the facilities and expertise | 4215 0000 |
| For situations requiring police support or advice, call Geelong Police | 5225 3100 |
| If you require Family Violence & Sexual Assault Support the Orange Door Barwon Hub provides services, advice and expertise. | 1800 312 820 |
| For Drug and Alcohol advice, contact Direct Line 24 hour referral service. | 1800 888 236 |
| If you, a friend or family member need immediate advice, call the Suicide Hotline. | 1300 651 251 |
| Do you feel unsafe because of Family Violence? Support is only a phone call away. Safe Steps 1800 numbers are also available for support, referrals and refuge 24/7 | 5224 2903 1800 015 188 Or 1800 737 732 |
| Family Services support including Family Violence is through The Orange Door Barwon HUB (Drop ins at 83 Moorabool St, Geelong from 9am to 5pm Mon-Fri) | 1800 312 820 |
| If you need legal advice or support, get in touch with the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service. | 1800 064 865 |

Need to update your details?

We maintain the mailing list and this helps us to keep in contact with you. We may need to send you newsletters, update the waiting list for WAC housing, or provide members with meeting dates, community events, etc.

Members please remember to update your details. Family members if you know of someone who has moved recently — please ask them to update their details by calling the Co-operative 5277 0044 or letting reception know, when you are next in.