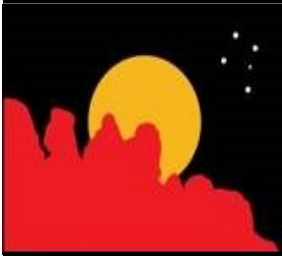


**BLUE MOUNTAINS ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND RESOURCE CENTRE
BLACKMAIL NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020**



We Proudly Acknowledge and Respect the
Dharug and Gundungurra People
as Traditional Owners of this Land

Manager's Message



Messages from the Board

Reflections and New Beginnings



“Fostering respect and unity in the Blue Mountains Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community, by strengthening culture through community support, empowerment and embracing diversity to achieve self-determination.”



Hello Our Elders, Mums, Dads, aspiring Elders, Youth and Little Ones,

My name is Lex Dadd and I'm very pleased to be part of the ACRC team.

I'm a Traditional Custodian of Dharug Country, Cultural Artist and Educator. Some of the support that I can offer the community are, Welcome and Smoking Ceremonies, cultural camps, sharing stories and knowledge about bush tucker medicine, teaching wood carving and craft. Check out, "Yellomundee Living Culture Camp 2018," on youtube to get an idea. I am also a chef by trade and my food is not too bad.

For those of you that know me and for those of you that don't, I hope you will take the time to respectfully get to know me. I strive to live with integrity, though I am human and have my faults. That is why I love the term, "Yanama Budyari Gumada" (YBG), to remind me to (walk or go with Good Spirit), through patience, humility and respect.

My goal is to share and learn culture and to lift our community up, though I'm tired of the Lateral Violence. If we fight amongst ourselves we lose our voice for mother earth—country.

In our community we represent many nations, though we all call the Blue Mountains home. Our community has faced many challenges of late, though we are resilient.

Come and get to know me and let's talk about great ideas for our Youth, our Elders, our families and ones that need our help, not judgment. We live in the most visited place in Australia. Lets shine our brightest.

I would love to meet all the Elders to hear their thoughts and how we can be guided from their wisdom. I'm happy to have lunch or breakfast with you if you would like to arrange through Jade, or give me a call at the ACRC office. Let me know what your favourite dish is and I will do my best to cook for you.





ACRC Mondays Playgroup is closed until further notice

Firstly, ACRC Staff would like to thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst in the lock down period, we've been working extremely hard to keep the work flow up with our clients and community.

ACRC has been informed that Playgroup is still in lockdown until they lift further restrictions. Please be patient, because before you know it, playgroup will be back.

Raylee will contact you by phone, message or Facebook once she has been informed playgroup can return back to Greenwood Early Education Centre

Once again THANK You for being patient through this hard time

Transport Notice.

The bus will be undergoing repairs and will be out of service for several weeks. ACRC currently has a limited driver availability, during the COVID-19 lockdowns. Transport demands have significantly dropped off, but if services were to resume in the next month or so, we would not be able to provide full capacity services. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.





Elders notice



Support with Dignity Program

HOW CAN WE HELP WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH

- > Financial assistance (electricity/gas bills, Telstra bills, Sydney Water bills)
- > NILS No Interest Loans Scheme - no interest, no fees, no charge for Greenslips, rego's, medical, vet etc.
- > Fresh Food Program 5 days a week
- > Coles, Fuel and Pharmacy vouchers
- > Advocacy
- > Phone counselling
- > Manage finances with budgeting consultant
- > Community Food Cupboard
- > Information/referral
- > Food packs/frozen meals
- > Work Development Orders-overdue fines

**Ring for more information or appointment.
There is paperwork required depending on
the program.**

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avoid large gatherings

cover your cough or sneeze

stay home if unwell

stay up to date on new information

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