



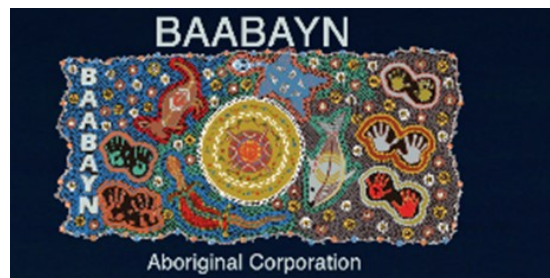
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We Proudly Acknowledge and Respect the  
Dharug and Gundungurra People  
as Traditional Owners of this Land

**ACRC ELDERS LUNCH**  
**TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE**  
**10AM—3PM**

*We have been invited to go down and share in the community lunch with Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation down at Emerton. We will be taking the two vehicles down, call and book in so you don't miss out.*



Call Jade on 4782 6569 or 0439 595 181 for catering & transport.

**ACRC ELDERS MORNING TEA**  
**TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE**  
**10 AM – 12 NOON**

*Come in for a yarn*

**AT BLUE MOUNTAINS ABORIGINAL CULTURE & RESOURCE CENTRE**

Call Jade on 4782 6569 or 0439 595 181 for catering & transport.

**Elders Dates for July 2019:**

**Elders Lunch - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July**  
**Morning Tea - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of July**

**LOOK OUT FOR ALL THAT IS  
HAPPENING WITH NAIDOC!!!!**

**ACRC  
OPENING HOURS**

Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm  
Closed for lunch 12.30-1.00pm  
Friday 9am-1pm



## Message from the Board

With National Sorry Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May, Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC we enter a significant time of year. It is important that we focus on our enduring survival built on the foundation of those who have gone before and continue to spread their message at every opportunity these events present.

The Board and our staff are concerned to build a responsive and responsible organisation working in partnership with others to support our diverse community of over two thousand Aboriginal people living in the Blue Mountains most of whom are under 25 and many of whom are moving through the Mountains to other places and opportunities.

We would like to thank Jade Pyle for taking on the role of acting manager and who with Raylee lead families on a visit to the Royal Easter Show and through a very difficult and challenging Family Fun Day.

Your team of volunteer Board members appreciates the offer from our Elder's Olympic team members in volunteering to help with fund raising for next year's Nambucca event and from our families group to help with fundraising. All of these efforts will help to stretch our finances allowing us to help and support activities such as the Walanmarra Group outing to Mudgee.

A meeting is scheduled with Wentworth Health seeking possible funding for us as we work to provide programs across our community particularly supporting healthy and sustainable lifestyles. We are working with National Parks, the AECG and schools to develop a long term transition program for students from primary to high school based around cultural learning.

Decisions with regard to the organisation and funding of transport based on consultation with members, the acting manager and auditors are on our agenda, particularly as we are an NDIS provider, as we continue to bring our policies up to date and respond to the Auditor's recent report.

Family and Community Services have recently advised that they are committed to supporting us with adequate accommodation for our programs.

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### BLACKMAIL

Our newsletter is distributed free of charge monthly. We invite our members to receive the newsletter electronically.

This service provides a faster, more reliable & environmentally-friendly alternative to hard copies while keeping costs down. Please email Jade Pyle at [elders@acrc.org.au](mailto:elders@acrc.org.au) to subscribe to our online version.

## **Spotlight on the Board** **Aunty Elle Begg**

Aunty Elle Begg is a Wiradjuri first nation Elder and has been involved with the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre as a Director on the Board and as a community member for many years. She is also the Director of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee at Katoomba Council.

Aunty Elle became a nurse and later, an academic obtaining a degree from the University of New England. Aunty now studies Law to help all First Nation descendants.

I love our community and if at any time any member of our BMACRC wish to contact me at any time about any state of affairs my contact information is:

M: 0434 468 670

Email: [ellenbegg@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbegg@gmail.com)



## **Elder the Month** **Aunty Bev Eaton**

Born in 1940 of the Wiradjuri Mob Aunty Bev became an Aunty in 2002.

Aunty Bev was a social worker for over 10 years and worked with family support. Aunty has always loved the mountains and did a lot of backpacking through the mountains in her younger days, she never left the mountains because of her love for the area and always enjoyed being part of the community.

Aunty has only been on the receiving end of discrimination “a couple of times, nothing special”

The legacy Aunty Bev wants to leave is for all the tribes to forget their differences and get on.

For the young people of the mountains:

“Feel strongly about who you are and look after on another.”



## Manager's Message

Yaama, hello and greetings from the ever increasing cold palace in Katoomba as the winter season slowly creeps in. I would firstly like to remind everyone that the NAIDOC awards nominations are still open until 5pm on Monday 17th of June. Nominations to be sent to Brad Moore at BMCC. So please if you know of someone in our community who you would like to nominate for this prestigious award please don't hesitate and nominate them as we need to recognise all the hard work and achievements that many within our community are doing. For further information on the NAIDOC awards and the NAIDOC Art festival please see the back of this Newsletter. For all other NAIDOC events be sure to keep your eye out. I would now like to thank Matthew Tempest and Alfred Fazldeen for their services to ACRC and the community. We really enjoyed having both of you here in the workplace and out in the field working with community. You will both be missed here at ACRC but not forgotten and hopefully one day you may return and bring a little more light to my life and others within the community.

Once again this is just a small reminder that our new dance circle is now complete, meaning many community members will be able to come and practice culture and dance whenever they desire. As previously stated we are striving to ensure that ACRC is a welcoming place for all, where everyone feels welcome and wanted. Once again, I would like the dance circle be named in honour, after a local community member in recognition of their contribution to our community. If you have any ideas on how you would like this process to take place please let me know and we can then take these ideas to the elders in our community before commencing nominations. Once all nominating processes are in place and someone has been selected, we will hold a special opening day of recognition for the dance circle and the sacred place we are trying to create here at ACRC. Wayne 4782 6569 email [manager@acrc.org.au](mailto:manager@acrc.org.au)

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Cornish

### BLUE MOUNTAINS NAIDOC 2019

#### ART FESTIVAL

NAIDOC Art Festival 20 & 21 July 2019 (10am - 4pm)  
at Katoomba Leura Community Centre  
(old Katoomba Library).

For further details contact Wayne Cornish 4782 6569 or [manager@acrc.org.au](mailto:manager@acrc.org.au)

#### NAIDOC AWARDS

Opening night Friday 19 July 2019 from 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
Person of the Year Award - Entries close 5pm Mon 17 June 2019  
Youth Award - Entries close 5pm Mon 17 June 2019

For further details contact Brad Moore 4780 5560 or [bmoore@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bmoore@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS & INFORMATION

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Fire/Ambulance/Police**

**Emergencies 000, TTY 106**

Bush Fire Information Line

**1800 679 737**

State Emergency Service **132 500**

Energy Emergency - If life threatening call **000**.

Contact your local distributor.

Sydney Water **13 20 90**

### HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL HELP

**Blue Mountains Hospital**

**4784 6500**

Cnr Great Western Highway and Woodlands Rd, Katoomba

**Springwood Hospital 4784 6500**

7 Huntley Grange Road,  
Springwood

**Lithgow Hospital 6350 2300**

Cnr Col Drewe Drive and Great Western Highway, Lithgow

**Nepean Hospital 4734 2000**

Derby St, Kingswood

**Westmead Children's Hospital**

**9845 0000**

Cnr Hawkesbury Road and Hainsworth St, Westmead

**After Hours Health Services**

[afterhourshealth.com.au](http://afterhourshealth.com.au) or  
contact Health Direct **1800 022 222**

**Poisons Information Line**

**13 11 26**

### NSW FACS COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTRES

Prevention and early intervention, child protection and out-of-home care.

**Blue Mountains Community Services**

**Centre 4752 2600**

**435-457 Great Western Highway**

**Faulconbridge**

**Penrith Community Services Centre**

**4722 7300**

### EMERGENCY RELIEF

**Lifeline Telephone Crisis Support**

**131114**

**Mountains Care (Emergency Crisis Relief)**  
**4720 6100**

**Gateway Family Services Blaxland**

**4720 6500; Katoomba 4782 5326**

Provides emergency food vouchers and financial relief.

**Thrive Services 4782 1555** Subsidised food parcels, donated fresh food, assistance with utility bills.

**Salvos Connect 1300 371 288**

For vouchers to assist with financial help and purchasing food and clothing.

**Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467**

Operates 24 hours/7 days and the website offers video counselling.

**Winmalee Neighbourhood Centre**

**4754 4050** Community Food Cupboard, fresh food, emergency food vouchers, Winter Warmers, utility assistance and financial counselling.

### FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

**Thrive Services 4782 1555**

[thriveservices.org.au](http://thriveservices.org.au)

**Gateway Family Services**

Blaxland **4720 6500; Katoomba 4782 5326**  
[gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](http://gatewayfamilyservices.org.au)

**Family Drug Support (24 hours)**

**1300 368 186** [fds.org.au](http://fds.org.au)

**Western Sydney Family Referral Service**

**1300 403 373** [relationshipsnsw.org.au](http://relationshipsnsw.org.au)

FRS supports families with vulnerable children and young people, linking them to appropriate community services.

## ACRC Playgroup Easter Show Trip 2019

On Tuesday 23rd April, 2019 the ACRC playgroup set out on their annual trip to the Royal Easter Show accompanied by Playgroup Co-ordinator Raylee Wall and assisted by Jade Pyle. Everyone met bright and early and commuted by train. 8 families attended. Everyone was provided with an activity to collect 7 Junior Farm Hands Stamps in total. There were 1st, 2nd & 3rd show bag prizes for the families who collected all the stamps and returned to Raylee by 3pm that day. The winners were: Marlia, Millika & Telisha. It was such a beautiful day with the sun beaming down, everyone enjoyed themselves.



Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre  
 Koori Playgroup  
**Every Monday Morning During School Term**  
 Starting at 11am Dora Street, Katoomba NSW 2780  
 At Greenwood Education Centre

For more information, Call Raylee on 02 4782 6569

## TRANSPORT

Due to recent resignations the transport program may be significantly impacted in the availability of drivers. We wish to encourage transport use by community but there may be times where we do not have the capacity to provide transport, so we do ask for your patience and consideration if we are unable to provide transport. Mondays and Tuesdays when an elder event is held does limit our availability, but the rest of the week typically does have availability for community to request transportation. Please call in and inquire as nine out of ten times the answer will be yes.

If there are any community members willing to drive for the organisation either paid or voluntary, please reach out to us. The main requirements are a full licence, a valid Working with Children Check and police check, as well as the patience and flexibility to work with the highly variable demands and inconsistent hours of the transport program.

**Please contact Manager Wayne Cornish on 4782 6569**

## ELDERS OUTING TO NAN TIEN TEMPLE

ACRC Elders adventured down to the beautiful Buddhist Nan Tien Temple located near Wollongong. Starting the tour with a Tai Chi class guided by one of the wonderful women monks, our group was guided through gentle movement and breathing balanced together. Afterwards all enjoyed a delicious vegetarian meal with many new exciting flavours with there wasn't a crumb left afterwards. Our tour guide then walked us through the temple grounds sharing the stories of their culture and how the temple came to be. With lots of amazing sites the day flew fast and many steps were walked. All who came on the journey expressed their joy at having been a part of this awesome experience.

