



# BLUE MOUNTAINS ABORIGINAL CULTURE & RESOURCE CENTRE

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## Whats new

### BIRTHDAY WISHES

When I think of the world's most amazing Person, I think of you. May every dream you have spread its wings and fly high! Happy birthday!

ACRC would like to wish everyone who is celebrating their birthday this month in June a big happy birthday!

### Repurposed food drop-off

Winmalee Neighbourhood centre manager Morna has offered to drop off repurposed food here at ACRC each Monday starting from the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. The first few Mondays will only be a small amount of food dropped off while we gauge interest and if this food will be used or not. Allocation of food will be first come first serve. Food will only be available for pickup at ACRC. Please contact the office on Monday mornings for bookings for food pickup. Your name and number will be noted down by a staff member to ring you once the food has arrived. Your name and phone number will be kept for no other reason except for food pick up.

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### Free Chainsaw course

We are still looking for expressions of interest for a free chainsaw course here at ACRC run by Tafe NSW. For bookings please contact Wayne Cornish (02) 4782 6569 [manager@acrc.org.au](mailto:manager@acrc.org.au)

If you would like any other type of Tafe course run through ACRC please contact the office and let us know and we will work with Tafe and try our best to make this happen.

### Do you have any Government Fines?

If you have any outstanding fines & you are struggling to pay these fines off, why not attend a Tafe course. Tafe NSW has an Aboriginal Work development officer at Mt Druitt Tafe. This meaning that if you receive Centrelink payments, and Have ID, \$50 off you fines, for each hour you attend can be automatically paid off. No fines can be backdated

For all inquiries please contact Mt Druitt Tafe (02) 9208 6247

## Elders support service

Hi all, wow we are in November, time flyers. We hope all is well with everyone.

Firstly I would like to mention that the Aboriginal Podiatry Clinic session is coming up on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November at Katoomba Hospital, 7:30- 12 noon. Phone number 47846663.

Aunty Bev Eaton and Sue Wildman are facilitating a 7 week Poetry and Wellbeing Workshop at Blue Mountains Women's Health & Resource Centre, Mondays 9:45-12:15, to enquire call 47825133.

The Aboriginal Advisory Council Community residents Forum \* Committee Election is happening on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November , 10:30-2pm, for more information please call 47805560, ACRC will be offering transport for this event.

As you may see, in the Elders Calendar of Events, we have some market trips planned, as well as a lunch at the community gardens and more, please call to let us know if you're coming and require transport.

A big thankyou to Christine Waterer our volunteer who is here every Tuesday to help out with lunches and anything that is needed, for without the help of Christine and other volunteers it would be so much harder for ACRC to provide the service to the community in which the way we do.

The Annual Mid Mountains Elders Lunch was amazing, we had a wonderful turnout and all enjoyed themselves with great entertainment and wonderful company, thank you for all who attended and to our volunteer photographer Robert Harvey for his wonderful pictures which we will add to show you all once we get them.

As you may know Annette is still away, we are hoping that she returns very soon.

To all the Elders who have a birthday this month, I would like to wish the warmest of Happy Birthdays.

## Melbourne cup day, sweepstakes available

We have our Melbourne Cup lunch coming up **Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November**, come decorate your own hat and share in a yummy lunch. The Art group on a Monday with the lovely Leanne Tobin is still going and there are still places, so if you want to go along let us know.



Kind regards

Jade Pyle

## **Elders Olympics**

We are still waiting to confirm the date for the next meeting as we are hoping that Annette will be back with us real soon, we thank you for your patience. Once a date is confirmed we will be sure to let you know.

## **Transport**

With the changes that have been going on, we have been doing our best to keep up with the needs of the community and we greatly appreciate all your patience and support. We have been working hard to make sure that we can maintain the transport service and all your contributions have been very helpful. We have a couple of big outings planned this upcoming month, so please let us know if you want to come along, as some of these outing have limited places. Also I would like to extend our warmest thanks to our wonderful volunteer drivers who have gone above and beyond helping us offer our best service to our community. Also a big thanks to Cass our TAFE student who has stepped in to fill the driver position for the Koori Playgroup on Mondays, while Annette is away.

I would like to thank all clients this month for their contributions and the support that they have given ACRC this month with these changes  
Thankyou

## **My new calendar is attached to this black mail for month of November and December.**

Transport worker

Jade Pyle

## **Family support/ Aboriginal supported playgroup**

ACRC is holding our annual Christmas party on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2016 at Lawson swimming pool, from 11am until 4pm for all enquiries and bookings please contact Raylee Wall on 4782 9402 or email: [familysupport@acrc.org.au](mailto:familysupport@acrc.org.au)

## **Message for the Manager**

### **AGM 26<sup>th</sup> November & the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary for ACRC**

ACRC will hold our annual AGM on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November here at ACRC.

Management wish to combine this year's AGM with the celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACRC becoming incorporated.

This marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ACRC becoming incorporated "YEAH". Being the 20<sup>th</sup> year since the incorporation of ACRC, management would like to call on community members to have input into this special occasions. Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be marked by a great celebration after this year's annual AGM in November. I myself am hoping that we could recognise all the people who have played a significant part in ACRC since its conception, as I feel that this respect and acknowledgment must be paid. If you have ideas, knowledge of the history of ACRC and would like to be on the organising committee for this special occasion please come forward with your ideas and knowledge as it is greatly welcomed and appreciated. If anyone has any old photos that they would like to share on the day, once again please bring them forward.

My aim is paint a better picture for new comers to ACRC and bring back some positive memories for those people who have been a part of ACRC since its conception and the growing years. I would like to start the process and get the organising committee together. I will be making calls to those who have expressed interest thus far early November which will give us less than a month to plan this special occasion. So please contact me if you wish to be a part of this or if you have something that you would added for the celebrations.

Please contact Wayne for your expression of interest. (02) 4782 9402  
Email;manager@acrc.org.au

### **Has FACS/DOCS been in touch with you about your children? Or do you have children in care?**

Dealing with FACS/DOCS can be very stressful. You don't have to face it by yourself - the **Elizabeth Evatt Community Legal Centre** can provide you with advice and support you.

We aim to help parents/carers by:

- working together with you to find options that work for you and your family, and
- acting on your behalf in your negotiations with FACS/DOCS.

We are a free community service that is independent of the government, and located here in Katoomba.

If you would like to find out more, please call us on **4782 4155** or drop by our office at 4 Station St, Katoomba and ask to speak to **Arlia** or **Julie**.



### ***Darug community Forum***

Upgrade of the ECHO point visitor information Centre  
11am-1pm 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Members of the Darug community are invited to a community forum to provide input and ideas on upgrades to the Echo point visitor Information Centre.

The forum will be hosted by Indigenous communications, policy and research agency Cox Inall ridgeway, in partnership with Blue Mountains city council. Facilitated by Aiden Ridgeway.

Lunch will be provided

For catering purposes could you please let us know if you wish to attend? If you are unable to attend the community forum but would still like to share your views, or have any queries about the project, please contact Yatu Widders Hunt or Jasmine Sarin  
[atyatuwh@coxinallridgeway.com.au](mailto:atyatuwh@coxinallridgeway.com.au), [jasmynes@coxinallridgeway.com.au](mailto:jasmynes@coxinallridgeway.com.au). Or ph. 0402 678 798

Aboriginal Advisory meeting

The Aboriginal Advisory council meeting is on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 and runs from 10.30am -2pm. ACRC will be providing transport for those who wish to attend. To keep everything

organised we will be asking that you book transport for the day through Brad Moore so that Brad can track numbers for catering purposes. Full details on flyer provided at the back of the newsletter.

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre 30 Parke Street, Katoomba

Please RSVP for a light lunch: Brad Moore, Aboriginal Community Development Officer on: 4780

5560 or email: [bmoore@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bmoore@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

## Aboriginal Woman's group

ACRC Aboriginal Woman's group is back on. We had our first group back last month on 21st October 2016.

The women's group is on the 3rd Friday of each month except for public holidays. We only had one elder attend the first group back and we missed everyone else that was unable to make it. We are hoping that you are able to make our next group on the 18th of November 2016 from 11:30am till 1.30 pm.

For more information please contact Raylee or Annette on 02 4782 6569.ACRC

**NO ACRC Staff will be answering Phones during this time.**

## Aboriginal Men's group

The men's group meet the last Friday of every month for Lawn bowls at Springwood Bowling club to meet up with Mick Field and the Healthy 4 life men's group.

Departure from ACRC at 10.10am for an 11am start at springwood bowling club.

For bookings and more information please contact Wayne Cornish

02 4782 9402 or [manager@acrc.org.au](mailto:manager@acrc.org.au)

## ACRC operating hours

Mon to Thurs: 9am-5pm & Friday: 9am-12noon

### Services available...

-Supported playgroup 11am -1pm on Monday's during school terms at 'KOOSH' behind the Katoomba Neighborhood Centre

-Elders Transport Services

- Photocopying, telephone and internet access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members

Staff contact details...

Wayne Cornish – Manager (Mon-Fri)  
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Raylee Wall – Family Support Worker (Mon-Fri)  
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Annette Lavender – Elder Support and Transport Worker (Mon-Fri)  
[elderssupportservice@acrc.org.au](mailto:elderssupportservice@acrc.org.au)

ACRC PH: 4782 6569

**Corporation name: Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre**

**ICN: 2827**

## **Notice of annual general meeting of members**

**All members\* of the corporation are advised that an annual general meeting of members will take place as follows:**

Time: 11.00am – 1.00pm  
Date: Saturday 26 November 2016  
Place: Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre  
14 Oak Street  
Katoomba NSW 2780

### **Agenda**

1. Confirm the chair of the meeting (in accordance with the rule book)
2. Apologies
3. Accept proxy votes. A member has a right to appoint a proxy. A proxy does not have to be a member.
4. Minutes of the previous annual general meeting (AGM) and matters arising
5. Corporation reports
  - 5.1. CEO's report
  - 5.2. Chairperson's report
  - 5.3. Financial report
  - 5.4. Auditor's report
6. Appointment of an auditor for the next financial year and their fee, or authorising of directors to set the fee
7. Election of directors
8. Any other business

### **Notes**

- \* Members are asked to please check their details are correct in the register of members, at the AGM and update their details if required.
- \* Only members of ACRC are entitled to vote at the AGM.

Please RSVP your attendance for catering purposes by 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.

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