



NEWSLETTER - ISSUE JULY-AUGUST 2022

BLACKMAIL

Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture & Resource Centre

Message from the CEO

Warami marri yura – hello again everyone.

We hope you are all staying safe and well. This issue of the Blackmail newsletter is acknowledging NAIDOC WEEK which was held from 3 JULY to 10 July 2022. We apologize that we are running a bit late on this edition. We have been working on putting together a special NAIDOC Publication that will be posted with this edition.

This year's NAIDOC theme Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! was evident in our community attending our NAIDOC Ball at the Hydro Majestic.... And what a great night was had by all!

As such, this edition of the blackmail is smaller than usual because we felt it would be great to put our energy into producing a NAIDOC Ball publication to mark such an outstanding occasion. We had a professional photographer on the night, and he took so many great photos we felt you would all love a keepsake of the event. We have tried to include as many photos as possible, and we have also collected some quotes from the community that express feelings about the event and NAIDOC as a significant annual event. We hope this publication will be an archive for the Blue Mountains Community for years to come.

In this issue of the blackmail we have some contributions from the Board and Staff and some puzzle activities shared by our Board member Uncle Colin Locke. We hope you have fun looking at the NAIDOC Ball Publication.

Thank you until next time...Venessa Possum

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Message from the Board

Our 2022 NAIDOC Ball was full of cheer, laughter and thoroughly enjoyable, for this we would like to send our genuine thanks and appreciation to Aunty Elly for organising such an exceedingly great event, and to our ACRC staff for their assistance and constant hard work and always positive team attitude.

We would also like to thank our partnerships for their continual support and last but not least our community for joining us to let loose and have fun, making the Ball a night of nights to remember for years to come.

Thanks, and please enjoy this puzzle designed to help keep our minds alert

Kindly contributed by Uncle Colin Locke...

Look at the chart and say the COLOUR not the word

YELLOW	BLUE	ORANGE
BLACK	RED	GREEN
PURPLE	YELLOW	RED
ORANGE	GREEN	BLACK
BLUE	RED	PURPLE
GREEN	BLUE	ORANGE

Left – Right Conflict

Your right brain tries to say the colour but your left brain insists on reading the word.

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RECRUITMENT

Are you a friendly person who works well in a team?

BMACRC is looking for a Casual Driver

This is an Aboriginal Identified role

Casual Hours as required

**Must have: C Class Driver License,
Police Check, and Working with Children Check.**

Please email ceo@acrc.org.au

Or phone 02 47826569



Transport

Hi Community

I'm very happy to say that we now have an EFTPOS machine for Transport fees.

So, now you have two options to pay for your transport fee, by card or by cash. We only have one machine though, so you must request EFTPOS when making your trip booking if you need it.

We will soon distribute an improved copy of our transport information and sign-up package to each of you who are using our service. We are doing this to make sure everyone's details are correct and up to date in our transport database.

To make a booking for Transport, please call 02 4782 6569 and press 1 for Transport.

If we can't answer, please leave a message, we will call you as soon as possible.

When leaving a message for your booking, please provide the following details:

- Address of your destination.
- Appointment time or the desired arrival time.
- Estimated pickup time for the return trip.
- Any extra stops you may need.
- Extra trips can't be added once the journey starts.
- You can also email Transport at transport@acrc.org.au

Thank you

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TRANSPORT—from 30 May 2021

Zone 1 Mount Victoria to Lawson

\$5 RETURN

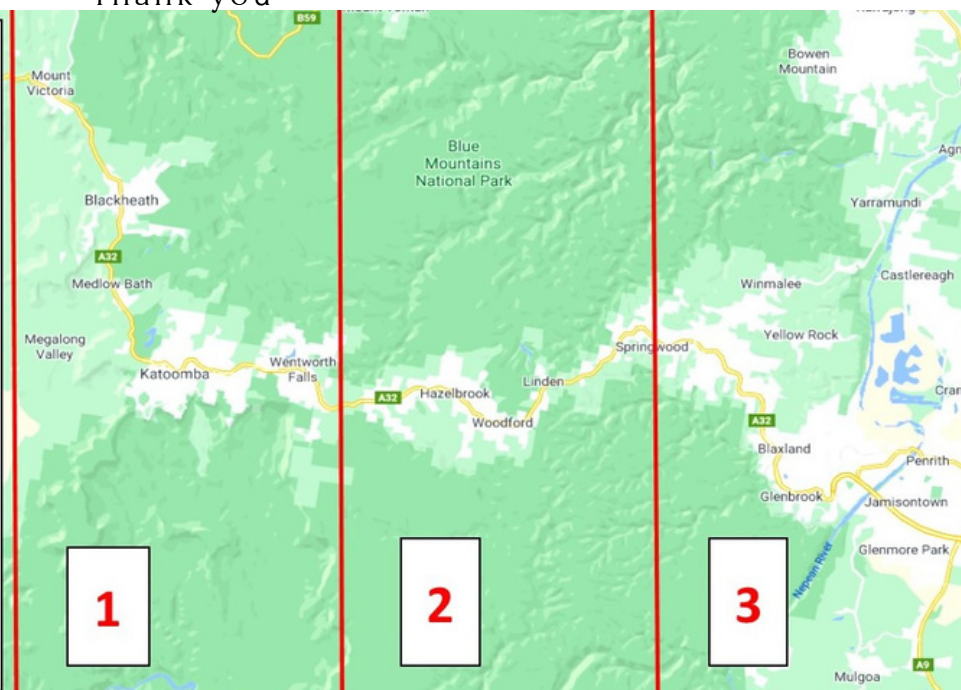
Zone 2 Mount Victoria to Springwood

\$10 RETURN

Zone 3 Mount Victoria to Kingswood /Nepean

Hospital

\$15 RETURN



Community Programs - Family Activities

Hi,
I am happy to let everyone know about our future planning for our Families...

We have been organising a number of activities for our Families to enjoy in the Spring school holidays. We are excited to be planning an excursion to the Sydney Zoo at Bungarribee Super Park in Western Sydney.

We have also been organising to bring back the Parenting Program 'Scaredy Cats' that was stopped due to COVID last year, we are hoping to re-start the program again soon.

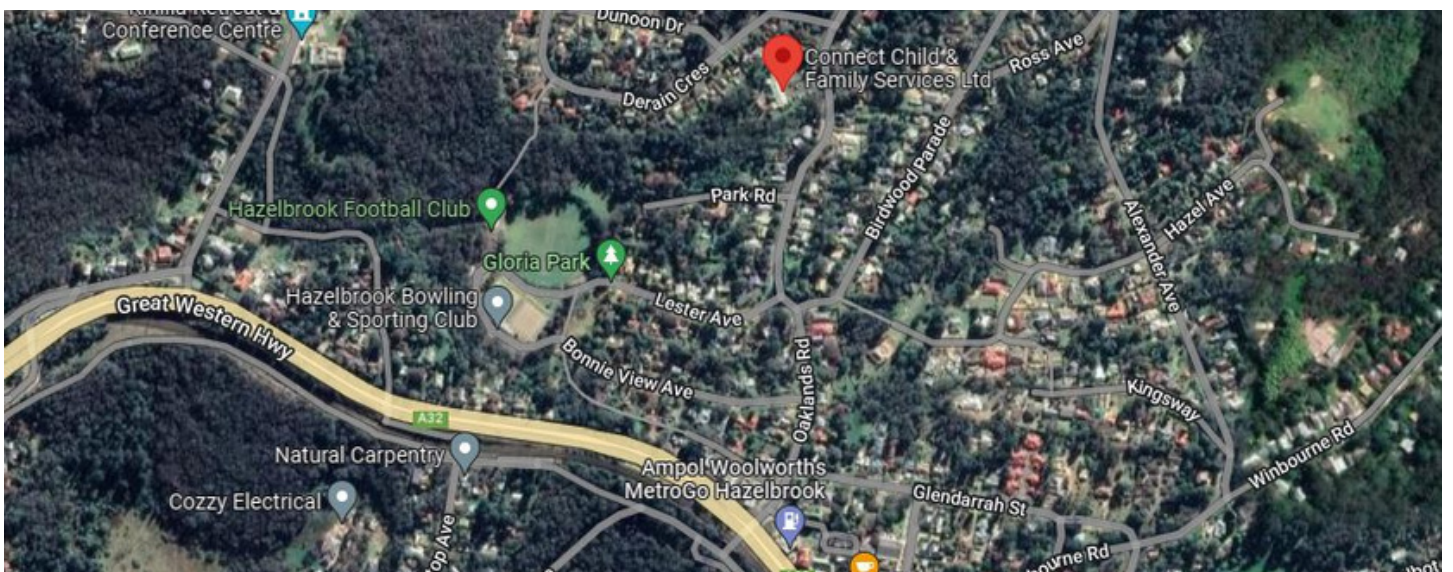
On the 27th of September there is a Koori Kids Oral Health Day, being held at the Deadlee Gap Café and Hub, Mechanics institute, Lawson. The Mootang Tarimi will be there and please note, the free oral health check is a great opportunity but not compulsory. Aunty Sue Tate wants this event to be a fun day for all.

Every Monday some of our families have been attending Koori Playgroup at MOCS Bungarribee Centre in Hazelbrook. Over the past three school terms this year, we have learnt a Dharug song that is a translation of 'What's the time Mister Wolf.'

We have also done all sorts of arts and craft including painting Aboriginal symbols on rocks, painting with sticks and leaves to make funny patterns on the paper. For Mother's Day we painted our handprints on mugs!

We have a lot of new activities to bring into our Koori Playgroup such as ochre painting, learning Aboriginal dances, bush walking, weaving and much more!

If you would like to attend any of these activities please contact Patricia or Venessa on 02 4782 6569 for more information 😊



More Family Activities

DEADLEE GAP CAFE AND HUB,
MECHANICS INSTITUTE,
LAWSON WITH MOOTANG
TARIMI

Koori kids oral health day

Tuesday 27th Sept.

10:00 AM -
2:00PM

PH 0420903317

INSTA

deadleegap.official

FACEBOOK

@deadleegapaboriginalcafeandhub

**ALSO COME FOR GREAT
MUSIC AND FOOD**



Artwork: 'We All Share the Same Water' by Leanne Watson, Shay Tobin and Leanne Tobin



Elders Support

Hello

I would like to start with acknowledging our Ancestors, without their guidance our paths would be much more difficult.

As an update on recent planning for social activities please see the schedule to follow... There are limited spaces, so please phone Elly Chatfield on (02) 4782 6569 or email via elders@acrc.org.au to book in, and please phone to book for transport - Gerard (02) 4782 6569 or email transport@acrc.org.au

Thank you for your time, Elly

DATE	VENUE	DESCRIPTION
Wed 31.08.22	Nepean Belle Cruise, Penrith	Lunch
Wed 14.09.22	Secret Creek Café and Restaurant, Lithgow	Lunch
Wed 28.09.22	Bygone Beautys Treasured Teapot Museum & Tearooms, Leura	Lunch
Wed 05.10.22	BMCC Planetary Health Office Acacia Road, Katoomba	Lunch & Oral Health Day
Wed 12.10.22	Blind Chef Café	Lunch
Wed 09.11.22	Megalong Valley Tea Rooms, Megalong Valley	Lunch



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Elders Support

Our excursion on the Nepean Belle was great. There was laughter and the trip up the river was beautiful, the food was yummy and we think everyone enjoyed the day.



Cultural Support



OUR PLACE - A boys culture group

For the past two years Blue Mountains ACRC and GATEWAY have been working in partnership to develop a program for young boys between 6-12 years of age.

During this time the boys have learnt many very important cultural values including how to be respectful, patient, and humble within all walks of life.

The boys have made tangible cultural items such as spears with blunt ends and clay weights, rope making using stringy bark, and clap sticks and they have learnt cultural painting in various forms, traditional song, and language along with stories from our Old People with the theme of looking after one and other.

OUR PLACE continues to be a fulfilling experience as we see the boys develop and grow within their culture and identity.

We would love to thank the team at Gateway Family Services for making this partnership possible and an absolute delight to take part in. The next Our Place events will be held on 6 September and 8 November. For more information please contact Venessa Possum on 02 4782 6569.

Yours in Culture, Lexodious Dadd



Blue Mountains ACRC NOTICE BOARD

URGENT HELP STILL NEEDED

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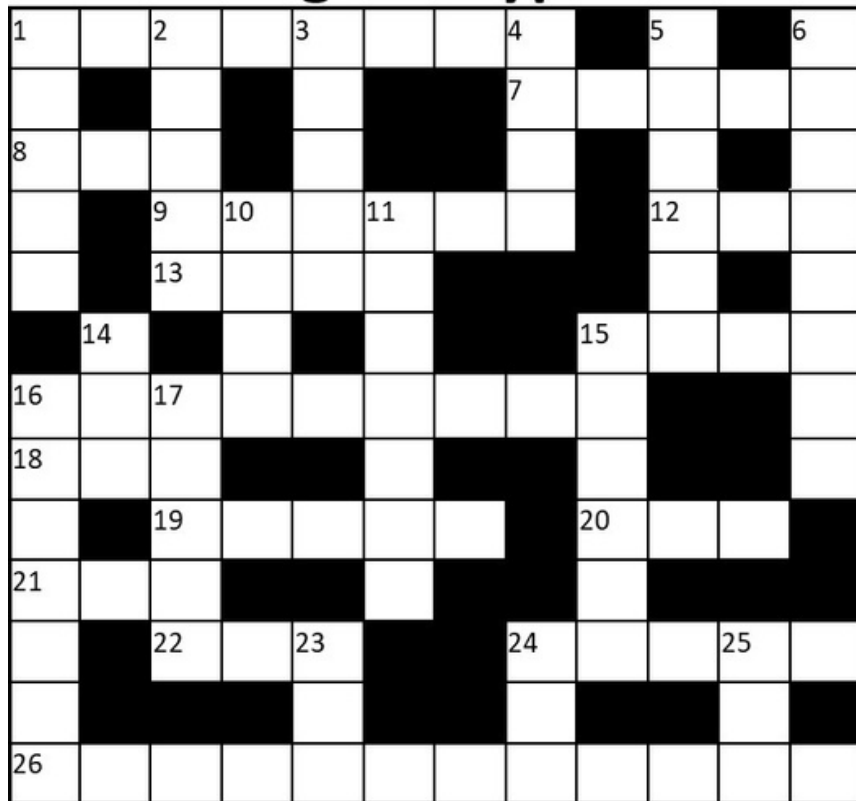
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Animal Logic - Cryptic



DOWN

1. A snake that can count!
2. Not a Balmain bug, but a cat.
3. Fish with breathing organs.
4. North American mammals in Sommer.
5. Warble this magazine pastry.
6. A kangaroo and wallaby.
10. Respected community female! (Abor.)
11. This cat is spotted... in company.
14. Affirmative (coll.)
15. A bird dog that sniffs!
16. Feline - swimmer.
17. These animals found... and went.
23. New (Latin) one!
24. Obese stuff found back in taffy.
25. Old man ..., coat of arms bird. (εμ)

ACROSS

1. An animal that ran away to marry 'plane toe'.
7. A type of long necked sheep found back in a mall.
8. God went back to find man's best friend.
9. Take it to the limit with these majestic birds.
12. Do a lap to find a friend.
13. Sure to find it... in deception.
15. Finding it hard to cope with a Yogi.
16. An insect with fifty pairs of shoes.
18. Primate with the head cut off its cape.
19. Al Jankovich thought this was odd!
20. Fish found back in rag.
21. Acceptable, if it is healthy.
22. Giver of life to us all... less zero nous.
24. Some, but less, for the Queen.
26. River dwelling animal that is 'with it' to start with!

Let's focus on improving Indigenous Australian eye care together



By purchasing a limited-edition frame, featuring artwork by contemporary Aboriginal artist Sarrita King of the Gurindji Nation, \$25 is donated to



**The Fred Hollows
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