

NEWSLETTER - ISSUE JUNE 2024

BLACKMAIL

Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture & Resource Centre
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Important Updates

SecondBite - Unfortunately we have had to put our SecondBite Food delivery on hold due to Building Construction at the BMACRC office.

BMACRC Building Construction - We are upgrading our building for better disability access so we can facilitate more events and programs

NAIDOC Art Exhibition 'Fire Within' - The applications have closed and the art exhibition is so close to being open to the public! We are so excited to share this with our Community.

Connecting Community - We would love to announce that Aunty Glendra Stubbs is a finalist for the Female Elder of the year 2024 award!

Building Construction Photos





Management and Board Message

Hi Community,

This has been an exciting time for ACRC with a huge amount of fun and laughter at our workshops, adding to this buzz of energy is the construction downstairs with the disability access. Every day the suspense builds to see the end result.

We have also had some staff changes, Cathy moved on to the Blue Mountains City Council to work with the Visitor Centre's. We have had Jacinta Field come onto our team and become our our new Community engagement and administration support. We also have Christopher who is our new Elders support Coordinator, many Elders had the opportunity to meet Christopher and at this time he has needed to head home to Queensland for a short while to support his family through some urgent matters but will be back to continue his strong advocacy and support role for our Elders.

We have had amazing turnouts for our men's workshops, both painting and burning kangaroo skins and our women's workshops have been just as impressive with weaving and jewellery making. We have started our Community Chiropractic sessions, these sessions were booked out for the first one but will continue for the next 3 months.

We are excited to see where the future takes BMACRC.

Community Programs - Transport

Hi Community,

The Transport Program has been kicking along as usual and with all of the events and Elders' lunches, it been great to see some old faces returning to these days.

Now that Jacinta has joined the team, if I'm not in the office when you call, she can take your bookings and check your existing ones. Remember though, whomever you speak to, you can always leave the details of your booking request with them. They'll pass that on to me and I'll call you back to confirm.



Remember to include any additional stops you may require, when making your booking. We are happy to take you to all of your destinations as long as they have been booked, but do not ask your driver for extra stops/trips to be added to your journey.

- Gerard



Community Programs - Family and Youth

Hi Community,

Since our last Blackmail, there have been some exciting changes and many more to come!

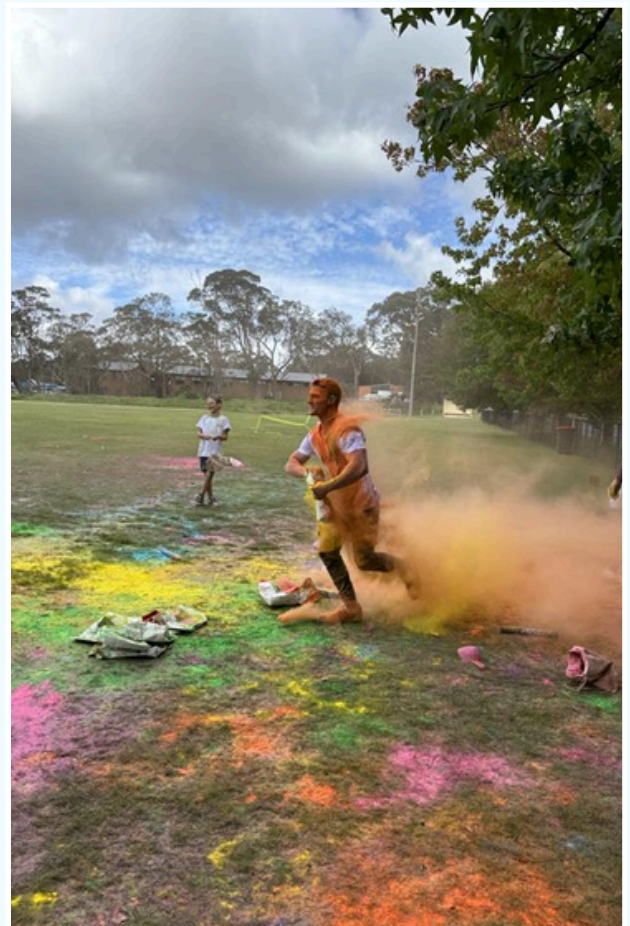
We have a new Playgroup Support worker, Kayla, she has qualifications in Early Childhood that made her perfect for the Playgroup Support role!

We have resumed our Koori Playgroup at a brand new venue... we now are located at the Community Hub at the North Katoomba Public School on Fridays, 9am until 12pm. Since moving, our cliental has improved and exceeded expectations. We have had 3 new families sign up!! We have also partnered with MOCS to help facilitate a Parenting Young Playgroup in Lithgow every second Wednesday. We have some every exciting upcoming events! We have partnered with the local Katoomba Devils Junior Football club to create a massive day for acknowledging Indigenous Culture on the 29th of June. We also have an excursion to the Sydney Zoo in October with the Elders and much more! We had the amazing Kelsie King facilitate a Women's Weaving Workshop at the BM Women's Health Centre, we and a great turnout!

See the flyers on the next page for more information regarding our upcoming events.

For more information, email me at
familyandyouth@acrc.org.au – Trish

Colour Fun Day - April 2024

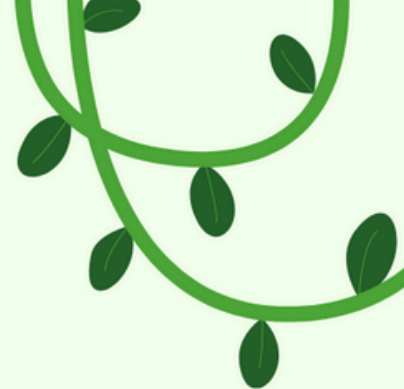


Women's Weaving Workshop





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4TH OCTOBER 2024

Sydney Zoo Trip



RSVP BY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2024



LIMITED SPOTS - GET IN QUICK

WWW.BMACRC.ORG.AU

**Ages
0-5**

**Indigenous +
Non-Indigenous**

Parenting Young Circle

Wednesdays 10am- 12:00pm - Lithgow
Queen Elizabeth's Park or if bad weather
at the Hall on Lithgow Main St Other end
of the park

Koori Playgroup

Fridays 9am- 12:00pm - North
Katoomba Public School Community
Room/The Hub.

Register/RSVP at: familyandyouth@acrc.org.au

DATE -

29th June 2024

TIME -

9:00am Event Start Time

WHERE -

Katoomba Showground

2024

Indigenous Round



Proudly presented by the Katoomba Devils & the Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre

FREE Event for all! - Indigenous Performance, Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country, Amusement Rides, Food, Footy & more



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Community Programs - Elders

Hi Community,

It was wonderful to see many of you at the Elders Lunch at Lawson early June. Thank you all for making the lunch a special event we look forward to organising for next year!

Many thanks to Aunty Carol Cooper for her Welcome, Aunty Dawn Harris for her smoking Ceremony and to Col Hardy, Charley Boyter and Bob Sutor. Many thanks to Belong Mid Mountains for hosting, Blue Mountains Food Services and Mountain Outreach Community Services for the organising committee and special thanks to Lyn Bevington and everyone at BM People for Reconciliation and for their donations of raffle prizes and continued support. A massive thank you also to Katoomba High students who served up a delicious lunch and the Lawson Public School for their Bidgewong Choir.

We have had the amazing Jayde Field working with the women for a Jewellery Making Workshops and working with the men to do a Kangaroo skin burning Workshops. We also had Dave Rendell work with the Men for a Painting Workshop.

Last month we had ANTAR come up for a Elders BINGO and also Mootang Tarimi outreach service for a few Health Sessions. It has been such an exciting couple of months!!



Community Programs - Elders (continued)

We have so many exciting Elders events coming up, we are fully booked for the rest of 2024!

Here at BMACRC we have received a grant to produce a book full of our amazing Elders stories!

First Elders Book workshop is **Wednesday 24 July**.

It would be terrific to get so many elders to tell their stories to produce this amazing book!

We also have a Elders Bowral Trip away, Sydney Zoo Excursion, Elders Lunches and workshops!

Currently I am doing Elders Aged care and Social support which means we are continuing to provide support for Elders who are socially isolated, help with the internet, assistance with housing, urgent shopping and advocacy.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Please remember to RSVP at the latest on the Friday before each Wednesday workshop/event. **Please also call TRANSPORT 4782 6569 to book if you need help getting to these activities.**

For all RSVP's and event inquiries please contact Jacinta
admin@acrc.org.au or call **4782 6569**

For more information, email me at **office@acrc.org.au**
- Tracey

Elders Photos



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JUNE

29th
SAT

Fire Within - NAIDOC Art
Exhibition 2024 - Start Date

29th
SAT

Indigenous Round - Katoomba
Devils + BMACRC Event

JULY

13th
SAT

NAIDOC Community Day BM
Cultural Centre - Art Exhibition
FREE Open Day

24th
WED

2nd Session - Community
Chiropractor Hub

24th
WED

Elders Book Workshop -
'Whispers'

26th
FRI

Koori Playgroup Start Date -
Term 3



AUGUST

7th
WED

3rd Session - Community
Chiropractor Hub

RSVP to any events at www.bmacrc.org.au



Elder's events calendar 2024

June

**19TH JUNE 10AM - 1PM MENS WORKSHOP
ACRC**

July

3RD JULY LUNCH 10AM-1PM ACRC

**24TH JULY WHISPER'S WORKSHOP 1PM-
2.30PM ACRC + CHIROPRACTIC DAY**

August

1ST AUG GRANPARENTS CLUB 3PM THE HUB

**7TH AUG WHISPER'S WORKSHOP 1PM-2.30PM
ACRC**

**21ST AUG MENS KANGAROO WORKSHOP
10AM-1PM ACRC**

September

**11TH SEPT MOOTANG EYES/EARS 10AM-3PM
ACRC + CHIROPRACTIC DAY**

17TH-19TH SEPT BOWRAL TULIP FESTIVAL

Contact admin@acrc.org.au for
more information regarding events

Elder's events calander 2024

OCTOBER

4TH OCT SYDNEY ZOO 10AM - 3PM

**16TH OCT JEWELLERY WORKSHOP 10AM-1PM
ACRC**

**16TH OCT WHISPER'S WORKSHOP 1PM-2.30PM
ACRC**

**30TH OCT JEWELLERY WORKSHOP 10AM - 1PM
ACRC**

November

20TH NOV CHAIR YOGA 10AM-1PM ACRC

27TH NOV CHAIR YOGA 10AM-1PM ACRC

December

13TH DEC CHRISTMAS PARTY 10AM-1PM

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