



Singleton Aboriginal Community Information & Assistance Day

Do you want to:

- + Get a birth certificate for you or your child?
- + Get assistance in getting your driver's licence?
- + Find out about your outstanding fines?
- + Register for Medicare?
- + Find out about Centrelink payments?
- + Register to vote at the next Federal, State & Local elections?
- + Find out your rights in consumer and legal matters?
- + Hear about great employment opportunities?

Here's where and when you can!

Wednesday 11 March 2009

Venue: Singleton Public Library
8-10 Queen Street Singleton

Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm **Free Sausage sizzle!**

Free Birth Registration and Certificates for
all Aboriginal children and adults

Attending will be:

- *Attorney General's Department (Births, Deaths and Marriage Certificates)
- *RTA
- *State Debt Recovery
- *Centrelink
- *Department of Fair Trading
- *Aboriginal Community Justice Group
- *Hunter Region BEC
- *New Careers for Aboriginal People Officer NCAP
- *Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee – ADCC, Coal and Allied
- *Aboriginal Employment Opportunities Program
- *Ministry of Transport
- *Medicare
- *Australian Electoral Commission
- *Child Support Agency
- *Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing
- *Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer AEDO

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The Department of Premier and Cabinet, Ministry of Transport and the Indigenous Coordination Centre. For any enquiries phone Kathy Rawson or Pam Fitzgibbon on Ph: 4927 8799

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NEIS Training Program at Ungooroo for Small Business

As part of an initiative between New Hunter Business, Hunter Region BEC and the Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program (AEDO) Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation will be hosting a NEIS small business training program for the first time in the Upper Hunter area.

Normally conducted in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie or Kurri Kurri demand from the communities of the Upper Hunter has moved New Hunter Business to make the program more accessible by conducting it in our own back yard.

NEIS – New Enterprise Incentive Scheme **NEIS** is a federal government initiative that gives you small business training, income support and assistance during the first year of your business.

The help includes:

- Training in small business management, business skills and business plan development
 - Income support for up to 52 weeks
- Business assistance and mentoring support during the first year of business operation

NEIS will help you develop a business plan as part of your training.

If you have a business idea call your local AEDO officer on 0448233817 see how NEIS can help you turn your idea into reality.



The Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is a not-for-profit organisation that specializes in placing and mentoring Aboriginal people into employment. We work with Aboriginal people who want to make a change in their lives. We are a relationship company; we mentor clients and build relationships that give employers a better understanding of Aboriginal people.

To further assist Employment Issues of the Aboriginal Community of the Upper Hunter, the AES will be organising regular visits to Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation. To arrange an appointment, please call Toni Johnson on 4939 4500 or Ungooroo on 6571 5111.

New Careers for Aboriginal People Officer for Hunter

Darren Wright our New Career for Aboriginal People Officer located at the BEC Kurri Kurri has been working closely with Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation in holding Workshops to assist with Resume Writing & assistance with Job Applications & mentoring successful applicants. One of Darren's main interests is assisting the development of Aboriginal youth through his long time association as a Rugby League Coach & Administrator. If you are looking for Employment Assistance, contact Darren on 493 61311 or 0408 460 771.

**Photo: Darren Wright, Coach and the Indigenous 12
Commissioner Cup Knockout Comp.**



Compass - Business & Community Services



INDIGENOUS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICE EXPANDING AREA OF OPERATIONS

“The Intensive Indigenous Business Development Service that is provided by Compass Business and Community Services has been so successful we are expanding our area of operations” said Mr Ziemer the General Manager of Compass. I have been amazed at the number of Indigenous people that have some great business ideas but only need a bit of guidance and some administrative support to get them underway.

We commenced offering this service in October 2006 and already assisted twelve successful businesses. These include a gymnasium, computer retail business, concrete pre-fabrication factory, a security company and an ecotourism business. We are presently also assisting other potential enterprises including cafes, a tattoo parlour, property maintenance and bush regeneration and a tourism and environmental centre.

When we initially offered this service it was predominantly offered on the Lower Mid North Coast but we secured ongoing funding from the Indigenous Business Australia which has enabled us to expand our service area which now includes the Hunter (including Newcastle and surrounding areas) in the South, west to Gloucester and North to Coffs Harbour.

The services we offer are:

- assistance with evolving business concepts into realistic business objectives
- assistance with applying for grants
- practical hands-on assistance
- initial business administration
- human resources management
- business promotion and marketing
- micro finance
- motivational support and
- assistance with obtaining any additional training and business development support, including feasibility studies or loans where needed.

This service is free for Indigenous organisations and individuals and has been made possible through funding from Indigenous Business Australia and our own matching contributions.

We are based in Taree but will visit any Indigenous person located in our service area. For people not in our service area we can still provide the majority of support via email and telephone. Please contact Taasha Layer at Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation on **6571 5111** or through our local Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer located at the BEC Kurri Kurri on **4937 5791** or **0448 233 817** for further information.

Ungooroo Services Schedule and Information

Constitution Workshop

All UAC members are invited to a workshop to update the Constitution so that we are in line with the new CATSI Act, in turn satisfying ORIC compliance. The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, 26th March 2009, at 6pm — 8pm.

Elders Morning Tea

Elders Morning Tea will be held at Ungooroo on Tuesday, 14th April 2008 at 10.30am.

IBA to Assist with Indigenous Homeownership

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) will be conducting a workshop and individual interview for anyone interested in buying their own home. Richard Burton a representative for IBA will be available.

Awabakal Doctors Available

A doctor from the Newcastle's Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service is available once a fortnight beginning 26th Feb 2009. Please contact Ungooroo to make an appointment to see a medical professional.

Hunter Integrated Care Visits Scheduled

A representative from Hunter Integrated is available at Ungooroo in the mornings beginning 19th February 2009. Please contact Ungooroo or stop by to make an appointment to see a medical professional.

Department Of Fair Trading

Department of Fair Trading can assist with guidance and information on Consumer Rights, Residential Tenancy, refunds, and Funeral Planning among other topics. If you would like to set up an appointment, please call the office for an appointment.

Training Room Facility

A training room is available to be used by any organisation that needs a venue for training courses or conferences. Catering is available when the training room is booked. Call us to book today!

Courses Held at Ungooroo Training Facility

Ungooroo Aboriginal Centre has a variety of courses scheduled in their training room. We have courses scheduled continually to include Green Card, OH&S, First Aid, Committee Consultation, Small Business Workshops and Job Ready Courses. Contact us today and we will direct you to the correct booking contact.

Upper Hunter Accommodation Crisis

Upper Hunter Accommodation Crisis is available at UAC every second Wednesday,, starting 18th February from 12.30 to 1.30 pm for interviews or assistance.

Resume and Job Workshops

An officer New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP), Darren Wright, will be conducting Resume Writing and Job Ready workshops at UAC for Jobseekers & School Leavers on 17th March 2009.

Aboriginal Legal Services

Ungooroo staff is able to work with ALS on behalf of clients and can assist with client contact and transportation. In addition, Ungooroo can deliver outreach services in partnership with ALS on various topics.

Advocacy

Ungooroo can provide help advocating on your behalf with many government departments, such as the police, the Department of Housing, Centrelink or any other organisation.

Legal Aid

Legal Aid is available via an outreach program at Ungooroo. Legal Aid can assist in situations that do not qualify for Aboriginal Legal Services.

Optometrist at Ungooroo

Thank you to Vincent the Optometrist who successfully fitted 18 people, both members and other Aboriginal Community members, with glasses here at UNGOOROO. If you would like to make an appointment, please let us know by ringing 6571 5111

Courses Available at Ungooroo

In the New Year,, Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation will be offering the following Accredited Training Courses:

- Cert 11 in Land Management & Conservation
 - Cert 1V In Governance
 - Aboriginal Family History
 - Trainer & Assessor—TAA
- Please contact the office for further information.

LandCare

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation is a registered LandCare Group. Landcare is a national network of thousands of locally-based community groups who care for our country.



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