



UNGOOROO

Marrung-Ku-Wiya

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To Proclaim or Make Known

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'Flag-Raising Ceremony'

Saturday 11th July 10.00am



HONOURING OUR ELDERS
NURTURING OUR YOUTH

We would like to extend an invitation to the official flag raising ceremony on **Saturday 11th July 2009** at 10am in the Courtyard of the Civic Centre.

This ceremony will also allow for students to be presented with Prizes from the NAIDOC All-Schools art exhibition. Upon completion, morning tea will be provided in the foyer of Singleton Library, enabling an opportunity to view the art work in the exhibition.

For catering purposes, please call Kimberley Bell on 65 787272 by 6th July...

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Congratulations are in order! Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation, together with Hopkins Recruitment and Communication Wise, has submitted **successful** tenders under the Federal Government's Indigenous Employment Program (EIP) 2009-2012. In a -

- **the Employment Panel, and**
- **the Economic and Business Development and Business Support Panel.**

This means the organisations are part of a select few who will be asked to quote on (and provide services for) projects offered by the Government. For Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation this is yet another step towards full financial independence. For Hopkins Recruitment and Communication Wise, it is an opportunity to work with, and learn from, the Aboriginal community.

Projects run under the Employment Panel will be aimed at preparing Indigenous Australians for long-term, sustainable employment and opportunities to enhance future employment prospects. Under the Economic and Business Development and Business Support Panel, projects will be geared towards skills necessary for owning and operating a business.

Representatives from all three organisations agree that the success on both panels rests largely with the cooperative approach they have taken. Taasha Layer, Manager of Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation, said "Together, these organisations bring a diverse and highly specialised range of skills that, individually, we do not have. We are very excited at the possibilities this offers Aboriginal Communities in the Hunter Valley".

By combining the extensive relationships Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation has with local community, the recruitment expertise of Hopkins Recruitment and the specialty skills of Communication Wise, the training and skill development possibilities have increased exponentially.

As the owner of a local recruitment agency, the opportunity this affords Hopkins Recruitment is substantial. Jenny Hopkins, founder and owner of Hopkins Recruitment believes more needs to be done to make local Indigenous people job-ready and to develop Indigenous businesses.

Liz Griffiths, Managing Director of Communication Wise said "There are many non-indigenous organisations out there who want to be part of the solution but often don't know how. When this opportunity came along, we were very excited. We are not specifically an Indigenous organisation but I believe we have a lot to offer the Indigenous community and would like to be part of those who help to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians".



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ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ABN: 64 020 872 467

Conservation Volunteers Australia and Xstrata Coal Indigenous Bush Regeneration Traineeship Program in Singleton - Congratulations to our Members



From left:

At rear: Dylan Lockwood, James Whitby, Shaun Cavanagh,
Katie Byfield CVA supervisor, Clifford Munro

At front: Ewin Bartholomew, Nigel Charnock - Xstrata Coal, Leonie Winner – CVA Regional Manager, Korinna Eveleigh, Jo Miller – CVA supervisor, Andrew Jones.



Creating a Better Earth



Conservation Volunteers Australia



Celebrate
NAIDOC Week
@ Singleton Library

Meet Author
Uncle Norm Newlin

Thursday 16 July 2009, 11am to 12 noon
Followed by a light lunch

Bookings essential— Ph 6578 7500

All welcome!



Uncle Norm is a Worimi Aboriginal elder whose published works include *My Worimi Lovesong Dreaming* and *Where There's Life There's Spirit*.

Norm has appeared at numerous writers festivals, including the Sydney Writers Festival.

Norm began writing as a mature age student at Sydney University in the 1980s and his works have since become resource material for students of Aboriginal Studies.



Arts Upper Hunter and Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation Information Session

Arts Upper Hunter would like to invite all artist/craftsmen, musicians, dancers, any age, to come to an information session at Ungooroo on **Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 10.30am at Ungooroo Conference Room, Morning Tea will be provided.** The information is about promoting artists, on the Arts Upper Hunter Website and on how Arts Upper Hunter maybe able to help you do projects, getting funding and promote your activities. Bridget Nicholson, Regional Arts Development Officer, Arts Upper Hunter and the Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer will be assisting anyone with their business and art visions.



Leanne Barrett – like a rolling stone (above)
PO Box 3131 Gloucester 2422



Teresa Byrne – Catbird (left)
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THE WAY AHEAD FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

Free Mentoring Support for Aboriginal Apprentices and Trainees

'The Way Ahead for Aboriginal People' program has Aboriginal mentors available to provide free structured Mentoring support for Aboriginal (& Torres Strait Islanders) apprentices and trainees in NSW. The mentors are available to assist Aboriginal apprentices and trainees understand work-place structure, help them cope with personal, social and cultural pressures in the workplace.

Currently there are over 35 experienced Aboriginal mentors located throughout NSW. Through 'The Way Ahead' the mentors provide structured support and in some cases may meet with the learner and employer (at employers/learners request) even when there is no issue just to let them know they are available for support if needed. It's all about commencement, retention and completion of traineeship/apprenticeships for Aboriginal people in NSW.



**For further information on the free mentoring support provided by
State Training Services, please call Ungooroo on: 65 71 5111**



State Training Services



**NSW Board of Vocational
Education and Training**





Singleton Public Library July 2009 School Holiday Program



Bookings commence **Monday 22nd June**

All ages welcome Pre-school aged children are to be accompanied by an adult

All sessions are free of charge, and feature quality materials designed to produce quality items children can keep.

A series of workshops featuring Indigenous inspired stories and crafts. Special Guest is Denise Hedges from Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation.



Tuesday 14th July—Paint!

Stories and craft.

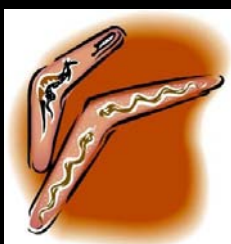
Use paint to create your own dot paintings and more!
10.30am to 11.30am



Wednesday 15th July—Sculpt!

Stories and craft.

Use clay to make and decorate an Australian animal.
Use your imagination!
10.30am to 11.30am



Friday 17th July—Create!

Stories and craft.

Decorate a boomerang and weave a basket.
10.30am to 11.30am

Bookings
Essential

Ungooroo Services Schedule and Information

Elders Morning Tea

Elders Morning Tea will be held at Ungooroo on Tuesday, 12th August 2009 at 10.30am.— 12.30pm.

Awabakal Doctors Available

A representative 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.



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 in 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 @ 10:30 to 1:30 p.m. for interviews or assistance.

Resume and Job Workshops

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

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.

Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program

Small Business Workshop focusing on the fundamentals of starting a business.

- The first steps
- Where to find support
- Funding options

Wed 29th July 9.30am—12.30pm

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

The Optometrist has been booked for Ungooroo on the **13th July 2009**. We are filling up fast with bookings, so if you wish to have your eyes tested & fitted with glasses, please make an appointment, by ringing 65 715111.

Aboriginal Youth Support Worker

Hope Hedges is our newly appointed Aboriginal Youth Support Worker and can take appointments both at Ungooroo and Upper Hunter Community Services, if you wish to make an appointment with Hope, please call us on 65 715111 or Ph: (02) 65423555
Fax: (02) 65431643
Email: hopeh@uhcs.org.au



LandCare

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

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