

Ungooroo would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land now known as the Hunter Valley, the Wanaruah and Awabakal people and all Aboriginal people who now call this region their home, as well as paying our respects to elders past and present.



UngoorooNEWS

AUGUST 2011



WUPA@Wanaruah Art Exhibition for 2011 a HUGE SUCCESS!

This July from Monday 4th to Sunday 31st 2011, Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation launched their annual cultural event, WUPA@WANARUAH®. The month long event showcased the original works of twelve Hunter Valley based Aboriginal artists.

“WUPA” is an Aboriginal word of the Wanaruah People of the Hunter Valley region. The word means ‘to make or to paint’, which is a fitting name. The Art Exhibition was an initiative of Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation in Singleton who had the pleasure of working in conjunction with a number of venues to create an Aboriginal Art Trail that enabled visitors to weave their way through the beautiful wine region of the Hunter Valley. The group of local Aboriginal artists included

both experienced, award winning artists as well as a number of emerging artists who publicly showed their work for the first time.

The theme of the exhibition was “*The Valley and Beyond*”, and was chosen to highlight both the diversity of the Aboriginal people of the Hunter Valley and the styles of the individual artists themselves, who through their art tell the stories of their people and their culture through the use of traditional symbolism and colours.



The Honourable Minister George Souris, Minister for Tourism & Major Events, Hospitality & Racing and Minister for the Arts did the official opening of WUPA 2011 at Hunter Resort, Pokolbin.



Artists represented in the WUPA 2011 Exhibition.

Left to right: Darren Wright, Saretta Fielding, Les Ahoy, Craig Layer, Trae Ahoy, Les Elvin, Lesley Salem, Maree Simons, Geordie Perkins, Denise Hedges and Doug Archibald.

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The main purpose of the Art Exhibition was to provide the people of the Hunter and surrounding areas with an insight and education into the rich and vibrant culture of the local Aboriginal people by sharing their stories as depicted in their art.

The exhibition was launched at Hunter Valley Resort on the evening of July 2nd, 2011. Works from 12 local artists and local artist in residence were on display. The exhibition opened to the public on Monday 4 July at the five participating venues.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our major sponsors of the event

Coal and Allied
and
Xstrata Coal

in providing equal sponsorship for WUPA 2011. We would also like to thank the venue hosts of WUPA 2011,

Hunter Resort
Crowne Plaza
Towers Estate

Lindemans Wines
Pokolbin Estate

A special mention to Phil and the wonderful staff for Opening Night at Hunter Resort, Pokolbin.

For more information regarding WUPA@WANARUAH for 2011, please contact us at **Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation** on 02 6571 5111 or email Taasha Layer on **taasha@ungooroo.com.au**



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Examples of Fabulous Artwork on display over the exhibition

If you would like further information about sales of artwork or commissioned artworks and upcoming events or sales on our t-shirts, caps and refreshment holders, please check out our website on www.ungooroo.com.au



A big thanks to Port Stephen's Family Support Service and their dance group who performed on opening night.



Left to Right: Doug Archibald, Saretta Fielding, Trae Ahoy, Darren Wright, Cate Sims from Coal & Allied, Taasha Layer - Manager Ungooroo, Maree Simons & Les Ahoy.



Left to Right: Darren Wright, Craig Strudwick from Xstrata Coal, Craig Layer, Maree Simons and Doug Archibald.

community news:

Successful tender for SHS program for the UPPER HUNTER at Ungooroo

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation has successfully secured funding under the new SHS program (specialist homelessness services).

We will be recruiting a new case worker under the program who will assist the community to address issues of youths 25 and under who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness under the guidelines of this 3 year program.

The service will be operating out of Ungooroo's shopfront office and will provide information and advice to people at risk of homelessness. We will endeavour to provide education programs eg life skills, budgeting and promote community awareness of homelessness and issues that relate to the problems.

We will assist with linkages to access services and skill development for the clients by providing assistance to access employment, education and training, health services, children's support services and accommodation.

If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 65 71 5111.

Elders Morning Tea



On the 3rd August our quarterly Elders Morning Tea was held with great attendance by all in the community. We were privileged with Guest speakers such as Sue Lang from Integrated Living and Jane Delaney-John from Connect for Effect as well as Owen Craige from Gamblers Association and all guest

speakers discussed local issues and brief the Elders of upcoming projects and strategies to deal with local issues.

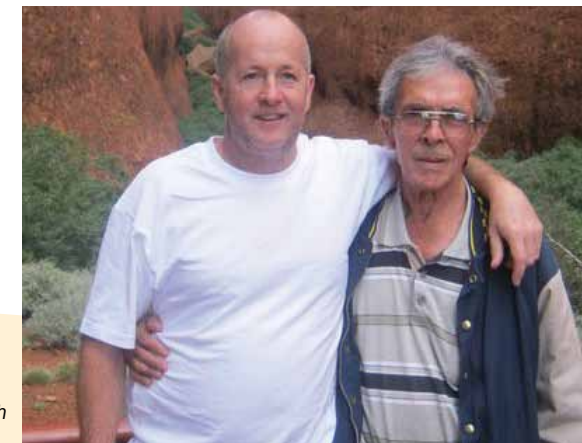
The next Elders Morning tea will be held on 2nd November 2011 at Ungooroo. Please feel free to come along and enjoy the association.

Trip to Uluru

Our partnering organisation, Integrated Living assisted 20 local Aboriginal people, of which included several of our members to enjoy a holiday to the red centre . . .



Diedre Perkins, member of Ungooroo and Denise Hedges, Director of Ungooroo at the red centre.



Allen Paget, Chairperson of Ungooroo and Uncle Barry French - Chairperson Wanaruah Land Council, Muswellbrook.

Congratulations Jess!

Congratulations goes out to our trainee Jess Garland who has completed her face to face training under her Dip Business Management traineeship. The Directors of Ungooroo and Taasha Layer would like to say a huge 'Well Done' for your efforts and being part of our team.

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small business workshop:



The Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer from the Hunter Region Business Enterprise will be conducting small business workshops from Ungooroo training room.

The dates will be as follows for each workshop:

- Tuesday, 13th September 2011
- Tuesday, 25th October 2011
- Tuesday, 6th December 2011

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

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

If you would like to make an appointment to discuss business matters or opportunities, please call the office on **6571 5111** or **0448 233 817**.

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services schedule and Information:



Resume and Job Workshops

A New Careers for Aboriginal People (NCAP) officer from the Hunter Region Business Enterprise Centre, Darren Wright, will be conducting Resume Writing and Job Ready workshops at UAC for

Jobseekers & School Leavers on the follow dates:

- Tues, 13th Sept 2011
- Tues, 25th Oct 2011
- Tues, 6th Dec 2011

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Elders Morning Tea

Elders Morning Tea will be held at Ungoороо on Wednesday, 2nd Nov 2011 at 10.30am - 12.30pm, please feel free to come along and enjoy the company of everyone and great food. If you are intending on coming, please notify Jess at reception for catering reasons.

Dental Services

If you require a visit to the dentist, Ungoороо is presently taking numbers of who require treatment and we will organise a visit to the Awabakal dentist in Newcastle and provide transportation using Ungoороо's community bus. If you require further information, please call the office on **6571 5111**.

Awabakal Doctors Available

A representative from the Newcastle's Awabakal Aboriginal Medical Service is available once a fortnight beginning Thursday 11th August 2011. Please contact Ungoороо to make an appointment to see a medical professional and GP consultation.

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 Ungoороо Training Facility

Ungoороо 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.

Specialist Homelessness Service for the Upper Hunter

Ungoороо Aboriginal Corporation has successfully tendered for the SHS (specialist homelessness services) and will be recruiting a permanent caseworker who will assist with homelessness issues for youths 25 years and under. If you wish to have an appointment with our caseworker, please call to make an appointment on **6571 5111**.

Community Relief Program

Ungoороо Aboriginal Corporation in partnership with St Clair Corporation will be providing the Community relief program out of Ungoороо's offices periodically on selected scheduled Friday's from 9.30am to 12pm. This emergency relief aims to assist people to deal with their immediate crisis situation in a way that maintains dignity and encourages self-reliance not dependence. If you would like to make an appointment for this service, please call the office on **6571 5111**

LandCare

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

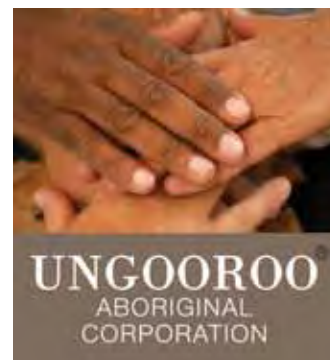


Legal Aid

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

Optometrist at Ungoороо

The Optometrist has been booked for Ungoороо on the 18th August 2011. We are filling up fast with bookings, so if you wish to have your eyes tested & fitted with glasses, your appointment will be bulk billed. To make an appointment please call Jess on the front desk on **6571 5111** who will assist with your appointments and enquiries. If you have to been too late in booking, please still call the office and we will add you to our waiting list.



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