

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

JUNE 2012

Wambo Coal Mine Recruitment

Downer EDI Mining (Downer Mining), in partnership with Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation and with the assistance of the Hunter Aboriginal Working Group (HAWG), recently held a recruitment drive in Singleton, New South Wales to recruit Indigenous mobile plant operators for Wambo Coal Mine.



The recruitment process started with an information session hosted by Downer Mining to inform local Indigenous community members about the opportunities available at Wambo. An unprecedented 160 people attended the session, which demonstrates that there is a large talent pool of Indigenous Australians ready and willing to work in the mining industry.



After the information session, chosen candidates attended a two-day assessment workshop on site at Wambo, during which they were assessed across a range of activities including practical training on a mobile plant simulator and experiential learning exercises. At the end of the assessment workshop, 11 Indigenous trainees were selected to start work at Wambo over the next couple of months.

Community relationships are of particular importance to Downer Mining, with high Indigenous employment targets set across its sites. With the support of local community, six Indigenous recruitment assessment workshops have been conducted at Downer Mining sites across Australia in the last 12 months, recruiting 68 new operators into the business. This clearly demonstrates the importance of engaging with Indigenous people on a local level through local community focused organisations such as Ungooroo. In total, currently employs over 200 Indigenous people throughout its operations nationally.

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WUPA@Wanaruah®

Aboriginal Art Exhibition & Trail

Exhibition
& Trail
September 21
– October 31

VENUES:

Hunter Resort
Brokenwood Wines
Lambloch Wines
Lindemans Wines
Broke's Promise
Crowne Plaza

For more information
regarding WUPA@
WANARUAH for 2012, and
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Ungooroo have successfully placed 5 trainees in a 12 month fulltime traineeship with ongoing mentoring support for the project. We would like to thank and congratulate Hunter Land Management of their support in providing opportunities for these 5 local Aboriginal jobseekers who are keen to create a career and employment pathway in Land Management and Conservation.

Hunter Land Management announces MOU with Ungooroo!

HLM has been working over the last 6 months with the Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation based at Singleton to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to work jointly on land management projects throughout the Hunter Valley. The program is structured such that HLM will provide the project management, equipment and on-ground supervision to Ungooroo staff looking to build their experience and skills in the land management industry.

Incorporated into the MOU is an Indigenous Employment Program, (IEP) where HLM will be taking on 5 indigenous trainees under Ungooroo's supervision/mentoring over a 26 week period helping them achieve a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management whilst providing experience in the field. This will provide the trainees with a stepping stone into a potential career in the industry with HLM or alternative land management companies.

The IEP commenced in early 2012, from which after recruitment and pre employment training, the five trainees selected will commence training and employment in June 2012. HLM and UAC clients can expect to see these trainees on site with our experienced staff and specialised equipment.

This will be a work in progress and your feedback and suggestions will be keenly sought during the program with an aim to repeat and improve the process to create a solid pathway for the indigenous community into the land management industry.

If you have any questions or comments or want more information on services we can provide with this enhanced labour force on your site – please don't hesitate to contact Hunter Land management.

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hearing assessment clinic



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health Network

A Hearing assessment clinic has been introduced through the Singleton Community Health Clinic, outreached at Ungooroo.

This has been established to enable routine hearing assessments for individuals

and especially those with Diabetes.

We endeavour to offer assessment, practical support and information to those who utilise this new service.

This service will be available on **Thursday 28th June** 2012 with a 9am start time.

No referrals are required but appointments are necessary by contacting Jessi at Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation on 6571 5111.



NEWCASTLE ABORIGINAL CO-OP LTD.

The Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-operative is a non-for-profit Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation that provides a range of services and programs to Aboriginal people living in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens and the Upper and Lower Hunter.



Corporation, has an established and dedicated outreach service for the Singleton Aboriginal Community to access on a fortnightly basis to meet their health and wellbeing needs.

We are now in the process of expanding

the range of services presently provided through Ungooroo so that we continue to work towards closing the gap in lifetime expectancy for the Aboriginal population living in our catchment area. Please contact Ungooroo for more information on these services and to make a time to meet with visiting Awabakal workers.

This includes Health Care (Medical & Dental, Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, Elders Care, Disability, Children's Services, Family Health, Youth Services, Drug and Alcohol, Housing and Transport. Awabakal, in partnership with Ungooroo Aboriginal



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small business workshops:



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:

- Monday, 18th June, 2012
- Tuesday, 3rd July, 2012
- Tuesday, 17th July, 2012
- Tuesday, 7th August, 2012
- Tuesday, 28th August, 2012

Small Business Workshop focusing on the fundamentals of starting a business and building your commercial capacity.

- The first steps
- Where to find support
- Legal Advice
- Funding options
- Business Development Consultants
- WOH&S

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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SINGLETON

NAIDOC
PLANNING COMMITTEE

NAIDOC Community family day will be held on the 30th of June at Singleton council. Starting at 10am.

Events for day:

Flag raising, art competition viewing and certificates hand out, speech by the Mayor, Aboriginal food tasting, face painting, barbecue, school Aboriginal dance group performance Hip hop workshop by Last Kinection and performance.

Proudly supported by:



Please come along and help celebrate.

'NAIDOC 2012' – 'Spirit of the tent Embassy 40 years on...'



services schedule and Information:

Pre Employment Training

We will be commencing Pre Employment Training on week starting **18th June 2012** - we also have consecutive training with white card and first aid accredited training.

Resume and job workshops to be clarified.

Please check website for pending dates - www.ungooroo.com.au

If you have any questions in regard to our pre employment, please do not hesitate to contact us on the numbers provided below.



Dental Services

If you require a visit to the Awabakal dentist, Ungooroo organise trips in our community mini bus to Newcastle when we have sufficient numbers of patients. Should you like to schedule an appointment please contact the office on **6571 5111**.

Training Room

Ungooroo have a training room that is available for hire by any organisation or group for any meetings, conferences or other such instances.

Catering is available if required and should be requested when checking availability of the venue. Please contact us on **6571 5111** for enquiries.

Community Bus Hire

Ungooroo has a twelve seater bus that is available for hire. Please note that for insurance purposes we must supply a driver and would appreciate as much notice as possible pre hire to organise this. To check availability please phone the office on **6571 5111**.

Hearing Assessment Clinic

This service will be available on Thursday 28th June 2012.

Book with reception today as appointments fill up fast **6571 5111**.

Awabakal Health Services

GP access is available Thursdays fortnightly. Appointments fill quickly so please contact the office to make a booking asap. To make an appointment please contact the office on **6571 5111**.

LandCare

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation is a registered Landcare Group.

Landcare is a national network of thousands of locally based community groups and organisations who care for our community and environment.



Elders Morning Tea

The next Elders Morning Tea for will be held on 27th June 2012 at 10:30am.

If you are wanting to attend, please rsvp and call Jess on 65 715111 for catering purposes.

Optometrist at Ungooroo

An Optometrist will be at Ungooroo on Thursday 19th July 2012

Book with reception today as appointments fill up fast **6571 5111**.



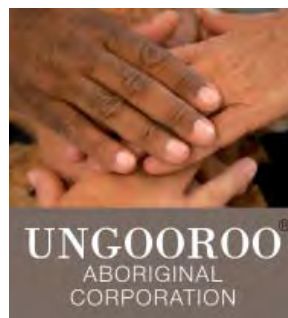
Congratulations Jess!

Congratulations goes out to Jess Garland who has completed her Diploma in Business Management through Ungooroo, she is a huge asset to our team and both the board of UAC and management are so appreciative of her consistent hard work, well done Jessi.



Congratulations Colleen!

Congratulations also goes to Colleen Morgan for starting in the role of youth Support Worker for the Upper Hunter with Ungooroo and taking on studies in both case management and community services. We are grateful to have you on our team.



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