

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.

UNGOOROO NEWS

JUNE 2014



UNGOOROO®
ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION

celebrating 20 years OF BUSINESS ~ 1994-2014



The 17th of August 1994 was a very special day for the Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation as it marked the date we registered with ORIC (Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations).

As the 20 year milestone approaches, a very delighted Mr Allen Paget, who was one of the founding members of Ungooroo, gives us his highlights over the past 20 years, "Ungooroo was started to help the local (Singleton) Aboriginal community and I think we have done that, but looking back I didn't think some of the things we have accomplished would happen. Not that I doubted the potential but it was a different time,

When asked a significant milestone achievement, Allen Paget noted that 'a positive turning point for the organisation was the accredited Governance Training that the board successfully undertook.' Allen as chairperson of Ungooroo has already successfully completed and is currently refreshing the Governance /Business CERT IV along with fellow Board members. This training maintains the integrity of the organisation and our professional development.

Allen continued: 'Over the past few years we have been nominated for and lucky enough to have won the following awards at the Hunter Region Business Excellence Centre annual awards.

"I have been fortunate in my position as Chairman of the past few years, working with good people such as our CEO to see Ungooroo grow into three businesses areas, firstly UAC as our community and social & health services and to see the development of WUPA and Dookal Group Pty Ltd, This achievement has been the result of good governance, good leadership and accountability.

"Without our members support and that of community partners and industry we would not be where we are today. Thank you to all that have been a part of this journey and we look forward to the future with great enthusiasm "



- 2013** Ungooroo won 'Not for Profit Business of the Year' *our first mainstream category win!*
- 2013** WUPA won 'Arts and Events Business of the year' *another mainstream category win*
- 2012** 'Indigenous Business of the Year'
- 2011** 'Indigenous Business of the Year'
- 2010** 'Indigenous Business of the Year'
- 2009** 'Highly Commended'



The AEDO program assists in the establishment of locally created and viable Aboriginal businesses.

- ▶ Helps you start up a small business
- ▶ Assists in the development of a business plan
- ▶ Arrange accredited small business training
- ▶ Provides information on financial management
- ▶ Provides on-going mentoring support once your business is up and running
- ▶ Provides information on how to apply for funding

Your local AEDO can help you start up a small business or provide ongoing support once your business is up and running.

Contact your local Aboriginal Business Advisor on;

(02) 4937 5791

0448 233 817

aedo@hunterregionbec.com.au



The NCAP program helps Aboriginal people to find work or improve their current job situation.

- ▶ Personalised job search service
- ▶ Resume, job application and interview preparation
- ▶ Career planning
- ▶ Training and skills development
- ▶ Quality employment contacts
- ▶ Job placement monitoring
- ▶ Support and advice
- ▶ Personalised on-going mentoring

The NCAP Officer assists Aboriginal people to plan for their future by looking at their individual needs and circumstances and tailoring a strategy that suits them.

Contact your local Aboriginal Employment Advisor on;

(02) 4936 1311

0408 460 771

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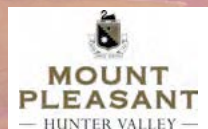


WUPA@Wanaruah Aboriginal Art & Culture Event for 2014 in the Vineyards



The WUPA@Wanaruah Art Trail 6th September 2014 till 31st October 2014

Some of the Supporting Venues are:



For more information contact: 02 6571 5111 | taasha@ungooroo.com.au | www.wupa@wanaruah.com.au

we have moved!



Ungooroo has moved to new premises!!

Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation is excited to inform you that we are now operating from new premises at:

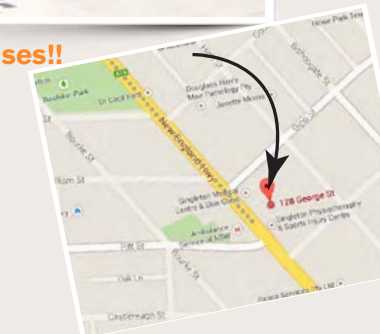
128 George Street, Singleton
(Opposite Singleton Ambulance station)

Our postal address is as follows:

128 George Street
PO Box 3095, SINGLETON NSW 2330

All our phone and email contacts remain the same.

The Directors and Staff would also like to thank our local community, our partners and contacts for your kind support as we reflect on our 20th year of Business 1994 – 2014. We have many great achievements behind us and are looking to continue this positive growth into 2014.



The PaCE Program

Funded by the Australian
Government Department of the
Prime Minister and Cabinet.



'HSC Workshops'

Workshops designed for the support of Senior Students (Years 11 & 12) through their senior years at High School.

Date: Tuesday 5th August - Years 12 Workshop

Tuesday 26th August - Years 11 Workshop

Location: Singleton High School for above dates
(Muswellbrook and Scone High schools To Be Confirmed)

'ROADWHYZ'

The program will expose L and P Plate drivers to an informative opportunity of learning The program is facilitated by an experienced TAFE teacher / lecturer with over 5 years' experience in teaching and presenting to students from aged from 16 years upward.

It is anticipated that participants will be able to take information from the experts and apply it to their driving experiences, helping them to see they are in charge of the choices they make while driving and as such can have control of the consequences

Date: 13th - 17th October and 27th - 31st October to be confirmed. Please contact office for confirmation of dates.

Location: Singleton High School
Muswellbrook & Scone High Schools to be confirmed

'Mental Health First Aid workshop'

Accredited Mental Health First Aid course that teaches participants how to assist others who are experiencing a mental health crisis or developing a mental health problem. This course will be provided for a maximum of 14 participants.

Date: 29th July & 12th August 2014

Location: Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation

'Computer Literacy Courses'

Workshop themes include;

- Technology and social media (how they are valuable tools for job seekers)
- First Employment/Financial tips (for school leavers and their support network)
- What's in a resume?

Date: 18th July, 1st August, 29th August 2014~ 10am-12pm

Location: Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation Training Room

'MEEKA Youth Expo'

MEEKA is an initiative of Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation and we aim to make the MEEKA Youth Expo, which is approaching its third year, an annual event on the Upper Hunter community and High School calendar.

The MEEKA Youth Expo is an event targeted at the Aboriginal youth of Singleton and the Upper Hunter Valley. It is a one stop shop type event for Aboriginal Youth to learn about the services available for further education, personal health and wellbeing and employment assistant services including Dookal Group Pty Ltd.

Date: 10th September 2014

Time: 9.30am – 2:30 pm

Location: Singleton Civic Centre

For all enquiries regarding this event, please contact Taasha on 6571 5111 or email taasha@ungooroo.com.au



Mental Health First Aid (Accredited) Training ■ Expression Of Interest ■

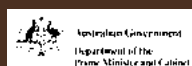
Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation are looking for expressions of interest from parents/caregivers of High School aged Aboriginal Youth or Aboriginal Education employees in the Upper Hunter Valley, interested in attending accredited Mental Health First Aid Training.

The Mental Health First Aid Training would be held over two days at Ungooroo's office with catering provided. There will be one week between training days.

This training will be held on:

Tuesday 29th July 2014 and Tuesday 12th August 2014

If you would like any further details in regards to this potential training, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below.



This program is funded by the
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's
Parent and Community Engagement (PaCE) Program.

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Hearing Clinic

25th July & 28th November

Optometrist outreach services

Tuesday 19th August
and Thursday 4th December 2014

Elder Morning Tea

Thank you for all who supported and attended the last Elders and Community Morning Tea and OPEN DAY of our new location and premises for the community which was held 30TH April.



We are holding a Special NAIDOC Morning Tea which will be held:

Friday 11th July 2014, from

10:30am – 12 noon. If you would like to attend, Please RSVP to Jess on 65 715111 or email admin@ungooroo.com.au so we can include you for catering purposes. Look forward to seeing you there.



NEW GOVERNMENT DENTAL SCHEME

Have you heard about the government dental scheme "Child Dental Benefits Schedule"?

From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with \$1000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period.

To benefit from this scheme, kids must be between the ages of 2 – 17 years and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit part A or receive a relevant Government payment.

Services that will be covered include: check-ups, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals, and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.

Have you had your flu shot this winter? IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

The yearly flu shot protects your health and decreases hospital admissions. If you have any health problems like diabetes, asthma, heart or kidney trouble, you may get very sick if you get the flu.

If you are pregnant, you are at higher risk of getting sicker with the flu. The flu shot is safe for pregnant women and provides protection for newborn babies during their first months of life.

If you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, you can now have a **FREE** flu shot if you are aged 15 years and over, or a child 6 months or older with an existing medical condition.

If you have any questions, talk to your doctor, Aboriginal Health Worker or nurse.

Take action to stop the spread of influenza by remembering to:

- **Cover your face when you cough or sneeze** and throw used tissues in a rubbish bin.
- **Wash your hands thoroughly and often.** Wash hands for at least 10 seconds, especially after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- **Stay at home until you're well.** Wait at least 24 hours after your fever resolves so you that you are unlikely to infect other people. Keep sick children away from school and other activities.
- **Call ahead to see a doctor.** If you think you may have influenza and you need to see a doctor, call first so the clinic can take precautions to reduce the risk to other people

CONGRATULATIONS to Annette Dunstan one of our Directors for winning TAFE Indigenous Award.

Annette received the award for Indigenous Student of the Year Award which was sponsored by the Hunter TAFE Foundation. Annette successfully completed her Certificate 111 in Health Services.

Annette will continue her cadetship and will be enrolling in the Diploma of Nursing to further increase her career pathway in the health services.

As a local Wanaruah woman who is proud of her Aboriginal heritage and her local community, we want to congratulate Annette for her determination in completing this level of training and we at Ungooroo are very honoured that Annette is part of our team and a positive role model for our communities and wish her all the best for future aspirations and goals.

Welcome a new member of our team Debbie Chenery and A-Z bookkeeping to UAC.

UAC would like to welcome Debbie to our team at UAC and who will be operating full time out of Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation. A-Z Bookkeeping Australia Pty Ltd offers a highly qualified, highly professional Bookkeeping and Business Administration Services for Small to Medium sized businesses in the Hunter Valley.

We specialise in all areas of bookkeeping, from simple data entry to full end of month reconciliation's (including payroll). We also have a practical approach to working with your business, and we fit around your systems to get the best result for you.

For your FREE no obligation consultation, contact Debbie today on 0415 368 960 or 6571 5111 .