

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

FEBRUARY 2015



## WIN! WIN!

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### 2 fulltime Youth support workers for Ungooroo!

Ungooroo continue to expand essential services for the Aboriginal communities of the Upper & Lower hunter areas. Ungooroo successfully secured ongoing services for Aboriginal youth at risk through the SHS program. The 3 year program will operate in conjunction with Samaritans and Wandiyali and provide an opportunity to further expand our services as well as enhancing a strong collaboration between UAC, Samaritans and Wandiyali to ensure capable service delivery for our communities.

The SHS program will be supported by two (2) Youth Support Officers whose charter is to

- support young Aboriginal people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness;
- to rebuild relationships & reconnects their families and to maintain connections to their community;
- This program covers the local government areas of Singleton, Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Shire LGA's, as well as Cessnock, Maitland and Dungog.

*'Samaritans are very pleased to be working in partnership with Ungooroo and Wandiyali in offering Specialist Homelessness Services to young people in the Upper and Lower Hunter area. Samaritans and Ungooroo have a history of successfully working together through informal partnerships providing services for people we are supporting and we are very excited about the opportunity to formalise our collaboration and offer enhanced quality supports for young people'*

**Lauren Fisher ~ Area Coordinator | Specialist Homelessness Services ~ Samaritans Foundation**



### Locals and visitors embark on WUPA Aboriginal Art Festival in Hunter Valley wine region enjoyed by locals and visitors abroad.

The 6th annual WUPA@Wanaruah art exhibition was back again for 2014 taking tourists and Hunter Valley locals on an Aboriginal art trail experience across 10

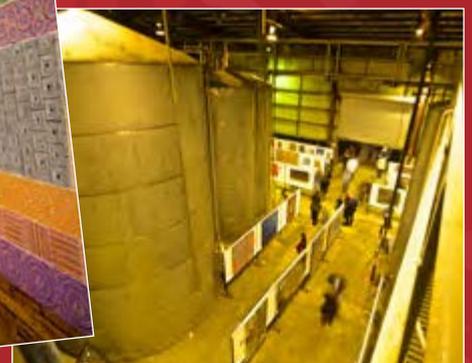
venues in the popular Pokolbin and Broke wine region. The free exhibition was held over 4 months from 6th September 2014 to 15th Jan 2015. This fabulous exhibition is organised and facilitated by Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation, a not for profit organisation run to benefit local Aboriginal people.

UAC General Manager Taasha Layer said: "This year our exhibition showcased more than 130 pieces of contemporary and traditional artwork produced by 24 local artists both experienced and emerging Aboriginal artists from the Hunter Valley".

We look forward to showcasing this event further around the country and on international levels as well.

We also would genuinely thank all the other sponsors such as Coal & Allied, Glencore, Ashton Coal and Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley for their active support for this great signature event.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Auction on Opening Night of WUPA and that \$1000.00 was raised for Westpac Helicopter Rescue.



▼ SOME OF THE ARTISTS FEATURING WUPA 2014

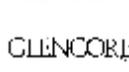


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# LAUNCHING GP HEALTH SERVICES FOR UNGOOROO



▲ Consultation Room



*Officially opened by Member for the Upper Hunter George Souris*

UAC are proud to announce the launch of GP & Health Services at Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation (UAC). Hunter Medicare Local and Glencore have assisted with the process and purchase of capital medical items for our medical facility. UAC have been facilitating the process to acquire full accreditation to provide this health service for communities of the upper hunter. A local General Practitioner has been contracted who will operate consultation services out of Ungooroo and our medical consultation room. Medicare Bulk Billing will be provided. The GP and Health Service will commence operation 25th February 2015.

We also now have recruited a Medical Administration officer Bree, who will be able to assist with all appointments for health and any other enquiries.

For any appointments, please contact us on 65 715111.



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## GOOD NEWS STORY



For our first Good news Story we would like to acknowledge the country sign which displays the work of our local Aboriginal Elder and Artist, Aunty Denise Hedges who is also a director of UAC and founding artist for WUPA@Wanaruah Art Festival. Great job Denise

We would also like to acknowledge Glencore for their support with this project.

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# ORAL HYGIENE & DENTAL SERVICES FOR UNGOOROO

Through a proactive collaboration, UAC have partnered with the POCHE Centre – Sydney University, Glencore & Hunter New England Health to provide dental screening and consultation for Aboriginal Students and adults of the Upper Hunter Region. Adult patients will be seen at Ungooroo and all school age students will be screened at school.

Services will begin in March 2015. Community will be notified of commencement date as soon as possible.

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**NSW** Health  
GOVERNMENT Hunter New England Local Health District



## COURSES & PROGRAMS:



## The PaCE Program

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



### RESUME BUILDING WORKSHOP

**TERM 2**

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS x 2

**TERM 2**

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

### COMPUTER LITERACY & SAFETY - SHS

**TERM 2**

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

### 'HSC WORKSHOPS'

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

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

### PEOPLE SKILLS MANAGEMENT

**TERM 1**

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

### ROADWHYZ TRAINING WORKSHOP

For Parents and Students

**Date:** Tuesday 31st March 2015

**Location:** Singleton High School

### 'MEEKA YOUTH EXPO'

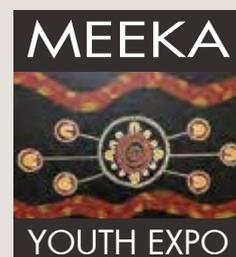
MEEKA is an initiative of Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation and we aim to make the MEEKA Youth Expo, which is approaching its fourth year, an annual event on the Upper Hunter community and High School calendar.

The MEEKA Youth Expo is an event targeted at the Aboriginal youth of Singleton and the Upper and Lower 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:** Monday 30th March 2015

**Time:** 9.30am – 2:30pm

**Location:** Singleton Civic Centre



If you are wanting to attend, you need to register with Clarinda Masters to be eligible – Youth Support Worker on 6571 5111



### Rent it Keep it

Wednesday  
29th April - 4pm  
at Ungooroo



### Community Art & Business Development Workshops

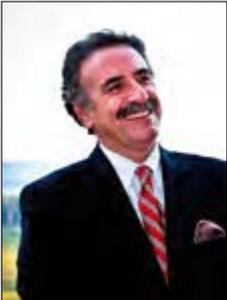
Thursday 12th March and  
Thursday 23rd April 10:30am at Ungooroo

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## GUESS SPEAKER FOR MEEKA YOUTH EXPO



**Dr. Ernesto Sirolli** - *Ernesto is one of the world's leading consultants on the topic of economic development and captures the passion energy and imagination of the local community particularly our Youth.*

Dr. Ernesto Sirolli is one of the world's leading consultants on the topic of economic development. He started working in the field of International Aid in Africa in 1971 and has since worked in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, Africa, Latin America, USA and Asia in projects that promote local entrepreneurship and local self determination. Dr. Sirolli resides in the USA where he was invited to establish the Sirolli Institute, a social enterprise that teaches civic leaders how to capture the passion energy and imagination of its own citizens.

Dr. Sirolli received a Laurea di Dottore in Political Sciences from Rome University in 1976 and a Ph.D in Local Enterprise Facilitation from Murdoch University, Australia in 2004.

Dr. Sirolli is the author of two books: "Ripples from the Zambezi" a best seller that is used by Economic Development Faculties in Universities the world over, and "How to start a business and ignite your life" a book aimed at would be entrepreneurs.

In 2012 Dr. Sirolli was invited to give a TED TALK ; his 17 minutes talk "Shut up and Listen" has been translated in 31 languages and downloaded more than 2 million times.

### **Enterprise Facilitation<sup>®</sup>**

In 1985, he pioneered in Esperance, a small rural community in Western Australia, a unique economic development approach

based on harnessing the passion, determination, intelligence, and resourcefulness of the local people.

The striking results of "The Esperance Experience" have prompted more than 300 communities around the world to adopt responsive, person-centered approaches to local economic development similar to the Enterprise Facilitation<sup>®</sup> model pioneered in Esperance 26 years ago. Esperance community project is still active and has helped over 800 new businesses in the first 20 years.

Dr. Ernesto Sirolli is the Founder of the Sirolli Institute, a non-profit organization and social enterprise since 1995 that teaches community leaders, Governments and Corporations how to establish and maintain Enterprise Facilitation projects in their community.

Enterprise Facilitation teaches civic leaders how to organize themselves to capture local intelligence and resolve and trains a local full time advisor, the Enterprise Facilitator, to introduce the fundamentals of good management to any entrepreneurs. It succeeds by effectively restoring personal motivation and talent, under the term of passion, to its central role in spurring entrepreneurship and, by consequence, influencing economic development

This is because true economic development walks on two legs. The first one is concerned with the creation of infrastructure for

development but the second one has to deal with building the capacity of people to utilize such infrastructures.

If it is true that without roads, communication, transportation, energy, land, etc. it is difficult for the community to survive and for local enterprise to take place, then it is also true that, no matter how sophisticated the local infrastructures may be, without people using them, they are useless.

Enterprise Facilitation is gaining increasing attention because it offers a compassionate, cost effective, complementary strategy to infrastructure development.



**GAMBIRRA** will be the featuring band at the Meeka Youth Expo for 2015.

Gambirra possesses a style that radiates humanity taking us from the cauldron of creation to the dub sounds of the contemporary world, prepare to be enchanted.!