

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

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Another successful WUPA Aboriginal Art Exhibition

We have completed another successful WUPA Aboriginal Art Exhibition for 2016. With over 130 people in attendance opening night and over 100 pieces of fabulous artwork on display in 8 major venues throughout the Pokolbin and Broke areas, this latest exhibition and art trail has been received well by all.

The opening night was supported by local industry such as Coal and Allied and Glencore and beautiful hospitality provided by Hunter Valley Resort. Our local Aboriginal Dance group performed opening dance and highlighted strong vibrant dance enhancing and educating us on culture and custom. Welcome to country was given by our local Elder Aunty Denise Hedges who is one of our participating artists and also Director of Ungooroo.



Aboriginal Dancers Opening Night



▲ Aunty Denise performing welcome



▲ Artists for WUPA Opening Night



▲ Aboriginal Dancers Opening Night



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SHS introduces Michael Heitmeyer as part of our team working alongside Clarinda.



SPECIALIST HOMELESSNESS YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAM

(SHS Program)



If you would like any further information on our services, please go to www.ungooroo.com.au or give us a call on **6571 5111**

- Eligibility: youth aged 12-24 years who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island
- Early intervention to stay at home or maintain a stable tenancy
- Outreach, casework, support and advocacy
- Living skills workshops
- Education and employment support
- Pathways to transitional accommodation
- Pathways to private rental market
- Access to FaCS housing services products and services
- Support with services such as Centrelink and Job Network providers
- Ungooroo Youth Support program is strengths-based, person-focused casework and support to empower our youth with choice and options, we provide pathways for our youth to build skills to address their homelessness or risk of homelessness in a supportive environment

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Clarinda will be facilitating an upcoming LOVE Bites training at Kurri Kurri High School Feb 28, March 3rd & 7th 2017. If you would like further information in relation to this training, please do not hesitate to contact Clarinda on 0412 327 186

GOOD NEWS STORY

A young mother engaged with Ungooroo Youth Support when fleeing significant domestic violence situation. This young person was homeless and couch surfing with her infant child. The young person has had a complex history with substance abuse and incarceration. Ungooroo Youth support worked hard to build rapport and trust with the young person. Ungooroo Youth support provided transitional accommodation for the young person to provide safe and stable accommodation for her and her child from the perpetrator of the domestic violence. the transitional accommodation has provided a safe and supportive environment for the young person to rebuild her life, to parent in a safe space and to provide a basis to seek long term accommodation. The young person has engaged regularly and has been proactive in resolving her own barriers to homelessness, the young person has worked hard on all her identified needs. The young person has been clean from illicit substances for over twelve months, has not been charged with any violent offences, has built a strong relationship with her child and has just transitioned from Ungooroo transitional accommodation into long term accommodation.

This is one case study of a positive outcome and how the SHS program can assist you. If you would like further information, please contact: Clarinda at community@ungooroo.com.au or Michael at ghsh@ungooroo.com.au

General Practitioner

Ungooroo as a not for profit community organisation has recently achieved endorsement from AHMRC as a Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation. Ungooroo offer General Practice services such as GP - Dr Mark Chernoff and other General Practitioners, as well as allied health services such as Dietician, Physiotherapy, Optometry, and Ungooroo are in process of recruiting Psychology services to support our General Practice & referral pathways.



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Dental Services

Ungooroo also would like to announce through our collaborative partnerships with Newcastle University and Poche Centre for Indigenous Health who have supplied Ungooroo with a permanent dental van fitted with two chairs & sterilisation unit in the van.. This means Ungooroo with the support of the University and Poche Centre, we will be able to provide increased dental services for local community which is a massive milestone for Ungooroo & the Aboriginal communities of the Upper Hunter.

This has been made possible due to support from local industry and strong partnerships with University of Newcastle and POCHE Centre of Indigenous Health, the local health district, Armajun and Centre of Oral Health and Glencore.

There has been quite significant work that has had to be completed for the van to be operational and is nearing completion. The van will be having a complete makeover with new paint and signage.

We will be increasing availability of the dental service shortly to weekly services and will have an official launch of this amazing achievement in service provision for our local communities.



Melanie - Medical Administration Officer and Dental Assistant at Ungooroo

GOOD NEWS STORY

Melanie Schulz, after completing her Year 11 at Singleton High School, joined Ungooroo in October 2015 under a Scholarship in Dental Assisting with the POCHE Centre for Indigenous Health and in 2016 Mel commenced a traineeship with Ungooroo in Business Administration. Since then Mel has successfully completed her Cert III in Dental Assisting and her Cert IV in Business Administration and in 2017, Mel is now completing her Dip in Business Management.

Ungooroo would like to 'Congratulate' Mel for her achieving these milestones at a young age and for being a role model for all Indigenous youth in showing what can be achieved through hard work and determination. Taasha Layer – General Manager of Ungooroo said "We are proud and delighted to have Mel as part of our team at Ungooroo, Mel is a great asset and inspiration to everyone & happy Ungooroo can provide a safe & nurturing environment for learning & increasing skill level & opportunity for our local community.. I know all the staff wish Mel well in her studies this year."



Dental Clinic Days

Dental Clinic days in SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

April 11th & 12th 2017

Ungooroo along with the POCHE Centre will be providing 2 x Oral Therapist and Dental Assistants on 11th & 12th April so parents are able to make bookings during School Holidays for either a check-up & examination and/or required dental work. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Mel on 6571 5111.

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UNGOOROO ABORIGINAL CORPORATION OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE HUNTER & UPPER HUNTER AREAS.



The Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer Program (AEDO)

The AEDO program is a **FREE** service for Aboriginal people considering starting up their own business or expanding their current business.

Personal assistance, advice, support and referral services include:

- Help starting a small business
- Assist in the development of a business plan
- Information on financial management
- Ongoing mentoring
- Assist industry groups to engage with Aboriginal businesses
- Consult and advise on procurement opportunities and processes within industry and companies in order to increase Indigenous business participation

Our Aboriginal Business Advisor can be contacted on the following numbers.

Phone: 02 6571 5111

Mobile: 0448 233 817

Email: aedo@ungooroo.com.au



The New Careers for Aboriginal People program (NCAP)

The NCAP program is a **FREE** service for Aboriginal people seeking employment and training advisory support services.

Personal assistance, advice, support and referral services include:

- Advice on Aboriginal recruitment and selection
- Matching Aboriginal job seekers with your business
- Providing a link to Aboriginal communities
- Ongoing mentoring for Aboriginal employees and employers
- Advice on workplace cultural matters for Aboriginal employees and employers

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Aboriginal Business Enterprise GOOD NEWS Story:

Craig our Aboriginal Business Advisor under the AEDO program supported by the Department of Industry has provided support to Valley Service & Repairs over this last 12 months with great success. Matt Stair (Business Owner & Operator) explains:

'Our business was originally established for the contractor fleet vehicle market. We now are able to accommodate more to the retail market and are continuing to grow. A wide range of vehicles and equipment from trailers, bikes, cars, 4wds, trucks and plant are no problem. With pride in our performance, building a quality reputation in our community is very important.'

'Hopefully in the coming future we can establish a new division of the business. We would like to be able to use our experience and corporate connections to train and guide young indigenous adults into full time careers.'

If you have any small business ideas or require support for your business, please do not hesitate to contact Craig on 0448 233 817 or email aedo@ungooroo.com.au