



Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Corporation

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NEWSLETTER

October 2020

Dear members, traditional custodians and
Other interested people.

JINGI WALA

Ngunya Jarjum says hello and welcome! We pay our respects to Elders past and present and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands within the Bundjalung nation.

OUR VALUES

BELONGING

Every child has a right to be immersed in their family and culture to grow up strong in their identity and know who and where they belong to.

COMPASSION

Compassion, kindness, and empathy will underpin the approach of support and services to children and families to acknowledge the untreated trauma and grief suffered by Aboriginal people over generations.

INTEGRITY

We act professionally, with honesty and truth.

RESPECT

We value building meaningful relationships and work to build trust with families, communities, and our partners.

MEMBERSHIP

It is important for people interested in the future of the corporation to be members and to attend the general meetings.

If you are interested in becoming a valued member of Ngunya Jarjum please phone 02 6626 3700 or email: info@ngunyajarjum.com

NOTICE

If you are an existing member and you would prefer to receive the Monthly Newsletter through email, please notify the office on 02 6626 3700 or email: info@ngunyajarjum.com

From the desk of the C.E.O

Attention all Members

I am pleased to invite all members to the 2020 AGM of Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Child and Family Network.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Lismore Workers Club

10th November 2020

5pm

As a member, your participation in the AGM is important and a valuable opportunity for the Board to hear feedback and consider the performance of the Agency.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Bundjalung Language groups for carers and Jarjums

We are now offering Bundjalung Language group classes to all carers and Jarjums through Wandjarri Mali Language.

The first session began **October 10th, 2020** and will **continue for 5 weeks**. Join other carers and Jarjums to learn language from Uncle Roy Gordon and his team and Wandjarri Mali.

Held every Saturday morning, between 10.00 - Midday at 10 County Lane, Lismore 2480 (off Carrington Street, behind the Headspace building)

Carers must attend with the Jarjums – language being used in home is an important part of reinforcement for the Jarjums to learn!

To book your seats, please call Ngunya Jarjum office on **02 6626 3700** and ask for **Shelton Johnson**, or go to the Ngunya Jarjum website and register at:

<https://ngunyarjarjum.com/language-group/>

**** There is still space to join this group from Saturday 17th October – call us to book a seat for you and the Jarjums.**

NJ Staff Bundjalung Language Update

In partnership with Wandjarri Mali Language during the months of August and September 2020 our staff were invited to attend sessions in Bundjalung Language led by Uncle Roy Gordon.

Feedback from staff on completions included:

‘I incorporate my language and culture in my everyday life more’

‘Thanks for the opportunity to stop and listen, wonderful to be learning history, culture and content’

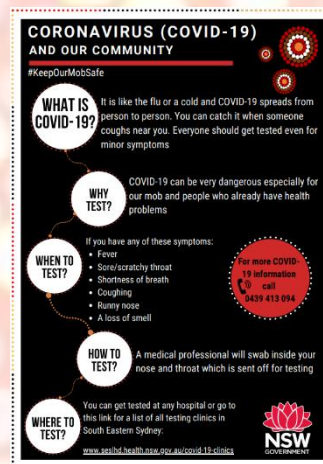
‘Deadly workshops, learnt a lot while having fun and enjoying our time together, Bugalbeh’.

Our staff at Ngunya Jarjum are passionate about keeping culture alive and reviving language within our communities and our families. It starts with us and passing on what we know to our next generation.

We would like to thank Uncle Roy Gordon and Brother Kris Cook on the wonderful teaching and delivery of the program. **Bugalbeh**.

Staying COVID Safe

If there is someone in your household who is sick, you



must let your caseworker know before attending family time. Yes – we are still taking COVID very seriously

We highly encourage everyone to minimise contact and practice social distancing. Sanitise whilst out and about and washing your hands regularly. Indigenous people aged 50 and over are considered amongst the most vulnerable, so we all need to be doing our part to ensure the safety of all our mob.

Young Men Yarnin

Ngunya Jarjum has organised a one day workshop for our Young Men aged between 14 and 18 years, to come along and get to know culture and connection through Men’s gathering. This workshop will provide info and activities to help young Indigenous men navigate around day to day challenges faced by our future leaders today.

So, if you’re a young brother who’s interested or you know any young men who you think will be interested and want to come for a Yarn, please don’t hesitate to give Ngunya Jarjum a call and book your seat!

Save the date: 7th November 2020

Venue: Lismore City Hall

Time: 10am to 4pm

Enquiries: Intake@ngunyarjarjum.com

Phone us on 0266263700 and ask for Shelton

<https://ngunyarjarjum.com/language-group/>

****Updated**

Young Dubai's Yarnin

Ngunya Jarjum are offering a one-day workshop for Young Aboriginal Women aged between 14 and 18 years to reconnect with culture and belonging, Yarnin about some of the real issues our young ones are challenged with today.

- Are you caring for a young Dubai?
- Do you have a young Dubai in mind that would enjoy a chance to connect with other young women, engaging in cultural activities and sit in circle with other young ones?

Date: 21st November 2020

Venue: Lismore Gateway Motel

Time: 10am to 3pm

Enquiries: Intake@ngunyajarjum.com

Phone us on 0266263700 and ask for Shanelle

<https://ngunyajarjum.com/language-group/>

Connecting with our Communities

Watch out for information sessions in your communities on child protection led by Mary Torrens-Bell.

Mary is working with community to establish a series of information sessions updating you on Ngunya Jarjums programs changes and on child protection issues for our mob. Her presentation will include information on definitions of key factors involving our family vulnerabilities including:

- What to do when FACS (Family and Communities Services) Knocks?
- What is neglect?
- Childhood sexual assault?
- Family and domestic violence?
- Lore vs Law
- How do drugs and alcohol effect parenting and much more...

Are you curious? Would you like more information for your mob?

October:

Community	Date	Venue	Time
Casino	26 Oct 2020	Oaks Centre	10am - 2:30pm
Tabulam / Jubullum / Drake / Jubal / Bonalbo	28 Oct 2020	Julullum Village Stadium	10am - 2:30pm

Please contact Mary on [02 6626 3700](tel:0266263700) to discuss your community's needs.

Office of the Children's Guardian

We are looking forward to a visit this month from the Office of the Children's Guardian (OCG). Among other important child safe responsibilities, the OCG measure standards for accreditation of out of home care service providers against child safe standards. The accreditation process provides a formal framework based on accepted standards for service delivery. Undergoing accreditation can help agencies to:

- have a common understanding of good practice
- work towards quality improvement
- make systematic judgements about performance against standards
- encourage greater scrutiny of outcomes and quality by service users.

Standards establish what is expected of service providers in relation to quality and effectiveness of services. Accreditation and quality improvement is the process of evaluating the performance of statutory out-of-home care providers and certifying that standards have been met to the level required.

For further information please visit their website: <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/statutory-out-of-home-care-and-adoption> or talk to your Ngunya Jarjum Caseworker.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to showcase to the OCG some of innovative and complex work we have achieved over the past 12 months since their last visit and look forward to updating you with their feedback following the visit.

Jarjum office and speak to our carer support team who can send you an information pack. Join a team of over eighty carer households who do an amazing job supporting the Jarjums.



Apply online at:

<https://ngunyajarjum.com/caring-for-jarjum/>

Nominate for the 2020 NSW Aboriginal Child and Family Awards

It's time to recognise and celebrate those working hard to support Aboriginal children, families, and communities in NSW.

Do you know a great person or an organisation that has made outstanding achievements to improve outcomes for our children and families? *Who will you nominate?*

You will have the opportunity to nominate in each category on the website. These categories include:

- Community Member of the Year
- Carer of the Year
- Practitioner of the Year
- ACCO of the Year
- Walking Together Award
- Young Person of the Year

Please go to our website for full details and nominate using the link:

<https://www.absec.org.au/nswacfa.html>

Carer Recruitment

Ngunya Jarjum is always looking for new carers to join the organisation and help ensure the wellbeing of all our Jarjums. We need quality carers with a commitment to community, family, and culture. If you, or someone you know, is considering the important role of becoming a foster carer please contact the Ngunya

Notice to our Carers



It is a requirement by the Office of The Children's Guardian that the Accredited Agency has a copy of all Carers and Household members birth certificates.

If do not have a Birth Certificate, speak with your Caseworker, as our agency will help support Carers and Household Members to obtain a birth certificate.

A birth Certificate is required when applying for a Working with Children Check or a National Criminal Record Check. If you have a passport that is expectable also.

When contacting your caseworker, please allow sufficient time to apply.





Balaa services

Ngunya Jarjum have developed an innovative group of services to help support the out of home care sector to deliver culturally centred services to our Jarjums and their families.

Through referral to the Balaa services, you can access casework support services such as

- Mapping Mob (helping you find links through families and kinship networks),
- Youth Mentoring,
- Family Group Conferencing,
- Cultural case and/or Care planning,
- Transport services,
- Aboriginal consultation,
- Family time supervision,
- Adolescent / Caregiver mediation services,
- Individual / Specific services as requested

Simply call to ask for more detail about the services and/or request a referral form. (02) 6626 3700 or email intake@ngunyarjarjum.com

The Australian & New Zealand Mental Health Association hosts the annual STOP Domestic Violence Conference.

The conference attracts professionals vested in ending domestic and family violence. This is a space to share research, projects, and industry developments, providing a platform for all opinions, experiences, and insights to help break the cycle of domestic violence.

2020 Conference Theme - Multi-Sectoral Collaboration: Unifying Our Mission - By improving connection and collaboration between different service and support agencies and standing united, we can continue to strengthen our mission to end domestic violence.

We submitted an abstract featuring our work on Gumaguy Way titled 'Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making in Practice.'

The Gumaguy Way prioritizes the experience of the family and is based on the following principals:

- When families see choice, they are offered power,
- Through validation we offer the family position (dignity),
- When holding power, families can choose action toward change.

Watch for us on Day 1 of the Conference

<https://astmanagement.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/dv2020/program-2020/Agenda>

Staff Update – New team member



STOP Domestic Violence!

Ngunya Jarjum have been invited to present at National Stop Domestic Violence Conference.



Kylie Binge

Intensive Family (Gumaguy) Worker

I am a proud descendant of the Bundjalung Nation including Cabbage Tree Island, Ballina, Coraki,

Woodburn, and Lismore/Goonellabah. I have returned home to my country after living away for 5 years (in Moree, North West of NSW). My work history involves working as a Child Protection and OOHHC Caseworker with DCJ for 11 years, Senior Drug and Alcohol Worker for 12 months at "Maayu Mali" Moree Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre, 4 years as an APS 4 Planner for NDIS and 5 months as an Intensive Family Based Caseworker for IFBS in Moree prior to returning home to the beautiful North Coast of NSW. I also worked for NJ back in 2004 when NJ was located at Casino when the staff consists of only 1 Manager, 2 Family Workers and 1 Admin worker.

I commenced working at NJ on 15th September 2020 in the Gumaguy Team as a Gumaguy Intensive Family Worker. I am passionate about working with our Mob especially with our families to link and support them in maintaining connection to their communities, families, services, resources and to help them develop their skills to help keep their children at home with their family and reduce the risk to families, where children and young people have been identified by DCJ as being at risk of being removed from their family home.

I look forward to the opportunity to be a part of great team of workers that come with a variety of expertise in many areas who are passionate about working with our Children - our future generation, our culture and our families!

Community Information

SOCIAL FUTURES

"Back to school vouchers for children affected by bushfires"

Students affected by the 2019/20 fire season have been getting a little help with their school expenses thanks to a grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal. Social Futures, along with the Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF), worked through 35 schools to distribute a thousand donated \$50 vouchers to families across the Northern Rivers region.

For the first time, the vouchers were sent electronically for students, or their schools, to print up and exchange for school related kit such as books, clothing, and stationery.

Supporting Local Aboriginal Businesses and Services

Help support our local Aboriginal peoples and Businesses and keep culture alive in the Northern Rivers Community by keeping your lawn in the best condition of its life. Call **Uncle Harold (Bucky) Torrens**, at *Boodie's Lawn Care Service* to find out more!

Boodie's Lawn Care Service & Rubbish Removal Prices/Quotes

Age	Mowing	Total
Elders/Pensioners 50+	\$50	\$50
Non Pensioners	\$60	\$60
Travel in a 20km plus radius	\$80+	\$80+
Age	Rubbish Removal	Total
Elders/Pensioners 50+	\$120	\$120
Non Pensioners	\$130	\$130
Travel in a 20km plus radius	\$150+	\$150+
Age	Mowing & Rubbish Removal	Total
Elders/Pensioners 50+	\$180	\$180
Non Pensioners	\$190	\$190
Travel in a 20km plus radius	\$250	\$250



Bundjalung Fitness

GOONELLABAH
community fitness program

BUNDJALUNG FITNESS

GOPEL GLOVES

- BOXING - ACTIVITIES
- TECHNIQUE - FITNESS
- BALANCE - PRIZES
- HEALTHY FOOD

Friday's from
4:30pm-5:30pm

SHEARMAN DRIVE

Rekindling the Spirit
Empowering Health and Wellbeing

CONTACT
0490 117 019

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Finding your colours and living your story

Paul Callaghan
with Paul Gordon

Through the amazing collaboration between, Rekindling the spirit, Gospel Gloves and Bundjalung Fitness.

A Community Boxing/Kids Group fitness program. Information Contact listed number for further enquiries. We strive for Unity, Closing the Gap, promoting healthy communities, building healthy relationships, and getting involved in the good fight.

Other

FREE CAFE SKILLS COURSE

Thursdays & Fridays
9am - 3pm (new times)
27 August - 30 October
101a Rous Rd,
Goonellabah

For any young person
aged 16-24
wanting to develop cafe skills
to gain employment
opportunities.

SKILLS FOCUS

1. Hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA001)
2. Transport & store food (SITXFSA003)
3. Package prepared foodstuffs (SITHCCC004)
4. Prepare & serve non-alcoholic beverages (SITHFAB004)
5. Interact with customers (SITXCCS003)
6. Prepare & present sandwiches (SITHCCC003)

*Transport is available
*Course is:
- free
- Centrelink approved
- taught by TAFE at YWCA Goonellabah
*No experience is needed
*Support workers are welcome
*Participants receive certificates for CV

Contact Alexia at:
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YWCA

...Paul Callaghan has experienced much in his life. In his earlier years, he felt a sense of achievement from completing formal studies, the overwhelming joy of becoming a father and the satisfaction of career and professional success. Then, to his surprise, he felt the darkness and loneliness of depression. Joy was gone and success a word beyond comprehension and reality. On his path of recovery Paul realised, he hadn't been walking his footsteps, fulfilling his destiny, or living his Dreaming Path...

...Are you living your truth, your story? If not, then iridescence provides you with models, tools, insights, exercises, reflections and 30 specific messages around key themes including your life's journey, the importance of the past, love, learning, sharing, leadership, laughter, loss, personal power, anxiety, anger, regret, guilt, responsibility, success, wellbeing and truth to help you find your colours so that you can start living your story today. Are you ready to take that journey?

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/iridescence-paul-callaghan/book/9781925529562.html>