



## WELCOME TO THE EIGHTH EDITION OF **WAAGIR BANDIMAYI**

*Darkinjung words meaning 'Coast Messenger'*

Barang has continued to work with our seven local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to keep our community informed to share information, give updates and keep all our community involved.

Our team members Jacob Smeaton and Allirra Moore were invited to attend the Uluru Statement from the Heart Youth Dialogue in Cairns. They networked with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people from around Australia and had the opportunity to discuss the next steps for this movement leading up to the federal election on Saturday 21 May 2022.

Allirra and Jacob also had the privilege of attending the Senior Dialogue Meeting and connecting with great leaders such as Aunty Pat Anderson and Professor Megan Davis, some of many who have paved the way in the civil rights movement in Australia. They both left the trip feeling very empowered and ready to continue the fight for our people!

If you would like to learn more about Uluru Statement from the Heart you can visit [ulurustatement.org](http://ulurustatement.org) or feel free to take action now and write to your MP.

Barang means tomorrow. This is your information and we are your regional alliance. We invite you to share, participate and continue to be involved. Please feel free to contact us to share your thoughts and to give us feedback about what you would like to see included.

**I am Barang, You are Barang,  
We are Barang Regional Alliance Central Coast.**

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*Our newsletter name is Darkinyung language. Barang Regional Alliance has sought and received permission to use this as per cultural protocol.*



## Celebrating 25 Years of Health, Wellbeing and Care

Yerin Eleanor Duncan

The fourth **COVID-19 Booster** for over 50s and auto immune compromised community members is almost due, mob who are eligible will receive a text message to ring in and book their appointment.

**Congratulations** to all our Integrated Care Clients who have been attending Too Deadly for Diabetes, keep up the great work!

Get yourselves ready for **Flu Season** – you will receive a text message notifying you to book in for your flu vax.

**Better Fit has been a hit!** Congratulations to the 20 community members who have joined online and in person over the past eight weeks! Don't forget if you have completed seven weeks consistently, ring Allan to get your gym bag. You can still join the Better Fit crew, there is still four weeks to go.

**Do you live on the Peninsula?** We have GP services every Tuesday, conveniently located at 4 Berith Street, Umina - make sure you book in on 02 43511040! We also have other programs available Monday to Friday, just ask our friendly receptionist about the details.

## Proudly Dancing on Darkinjung Land

NAISDA Dance College

As NAISDA staff and students begin a new term, we reflect on our first term of 2022 which has been full of energy, new experiences, friendships, and learning.

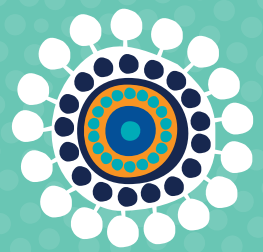
In February, we welcomed Cultural Tutors Dujon Niue, Jeanette Fabila and Edward Savage who shared songs and dance connected to Moa Island for our week-long onsite residency. The week culminated with a small performance showing in the NAISDA studios for invited guests. Students will continue to learn and rehearse throughout the year in preparation for a final celebration of performances at Sydney Opera House in December called ATI which means Journey in the Meriam Mer language from the Torres Strait Islands.

Other term highlights included our week-long collaboration with NIDA in March and most recently, a visit to Canberra to see the the 4th National Indigenous Art Triennial: CEREMONY at the National Gallery Canberra. The trip also provided an important opportunity to visit the Tent Embassy and recreate an iconic image from Carole Y Johnson's (NAISDA Founder and Artistic Director Emeritus) creative work "Embassy". NAISDA was born from a Black Theatre dance performance by Carole in 1972 on the lawn of Parliament House in protest of the Government's determination to destroy the Aboriginal Tent Embassy.





## Culturally Based Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation



### The Glen

As we are setting up our Women's Centre, we are also working hard behind the scenes to make sure we bring back our Touch Footy and Gala Day. We have combined our Kikupa Cup & Arthur Beetson Fun Day into one event. After many postponements we can finally say that its back! Working with our sponsors the Sydney Roosters, NSW Touch, WARD, and the Benevolent Society, we look forward to hosting the community for a touch footy day and fun activities for the kids during the school holidays. This will be held on Thursday 14 July at EDSACC Oval South so come along and get involved in the fun. Starting from 8.30am there will be free food and rides for the kids and kick off will be at 9am.

For any enquiries about this day please reach out to Angie on [angie@theglencentre.org.au](mailto:angie@theglencentre.org.au)

### The Glen for Women

The Glen for Women Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre is just a few short weeks away from opening the doors to the new, purpose-built facility at Wyong Creek.

Our highly skilled and passionate team have now been onboarded and are excited to start helping women. Our holistic program will enable women to return to their families and the community as whole and functioning members.

The Glen for Women will empower our women and offer them the skills to leave the program with a sense of purpose and fulfilment. It will be the first culturally specific drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre for women in Australia.

Read more about our program here:

[www.theglencentre.org.au/the-glen-for-women](http://www.theglencentre.org.au/the-glen-for-women)



## NAIDOC Mixed Touch Footy Day 2022

The Glen

Thursday 14th July 2022

**KIKUPA CUP ARTHUR  
BEETSON FUN DAY**



**Time: 8:30am (9am kick-off)**

**Place: EDSACC Oval (South),  
Bateau Bay**

**Free BBQ lunch & fun rides**

Please contact [angie@theglencentre.org.au](mailto:angie@theglencentre.org.au)  
if you or your organisation would like to support the  
2022 Kikupa & Naidoc Cup

benevolent WARD

## Culturally Informed Pathways to Employment and Training

### Bara Barang

The month of March was NSW Small Business Week and Bara Barang hosted a business networking event, Enhance Workplace Diversity: Partner with Aboriginal Business on the Central Coast, at GNL's Community Space in Wyong.



The night was opened by Aunty Maddy and Adam Crouch, Member of Parliament. Several Aboriginal directors and business owners spoke about business, entrepreneurship, and synergies with mainstream businesses. The event highlighted Aboriginal business wisdom that can be shared and embraced to create a lasting impact on the community. The event was sold out, with over 70 people attending including representatives from NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce, UGL, Central Coast Council, Business NSW, Training Services NSW, TAFE NSW, Department Regional NSW, Yerin, Barang Regional Alliance, and several Central Coast business owners. The event catering and cultural performance was also supplied by Aboriginal businesses. Bara Barang has been asked to deliver another event, if you are interested in attending, please contact us.

## Community Connections

### Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi (GNL)

We have recommenced our cultural dance lessons facilitated by Josef Graf every Wednesday from 4-5pm, as well as our guitar lessons which are facilitated by Phillip Bragg on Thursdays 4-5pm. GNL continues to work with young children in our community, providing mentors who work closely with them. Mentors Bryce and Josef focus on building healthy, friendly relationships with mentees whilst connecting them to community. Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi has also been working closely with Bara Barang recently, facilitating the Dream Builders program in Wyong.

If you would like to be involved in dance or guitar lessons, please contact Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi on **(02) 4305 8807**.



## Connecting the Aboriginal Community on the Peninsula

Mingaletta

Our Community Day, held on Friday 22 April was a huge success and saw many members of our community come together for a laugh, a yarn and a feed. The event was held as an opportunity to showcase our services to the community which include psychology, legal support, financial

counselling, training for seniors, chronic illness outreach program, accommodation support, men's, women's and elder's groups and more.

A big thank you to Didge & Dance and The Meat Brothers for their work on the day. We hope everyone had a great time!

## Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council

### STATEMENT ON ABORIGINALITY AND CULTURAL AUTHORITY ISSUED

A surge in attacks from misinformed members of the public has forced DLALC (Darkinjung) to issue a statement outlining what constitutes cultural authority and legitimate Aboriginality. The board also made a statement denouncing what it called 'the current vitriol' being directed at its membership and instead praised the sensational work being carried out by its staff.

DLALC Chief Executive Brendan Moyle says recent press has reported an increase in attacks on Darkinjung and non-Aboriginal people, politicians and institutions that work with the organisation.

Understanding Aboriginality and cultural authority is a topic that is continuing to grow in our communities across the Central Coast, across New South Wales, and across Australia, he said.

*"Most unfortunate is seeing the tirades being directed by non-Indigenous people within this."*

To address the issue, the statement outlined what the term traditional ownership means in relation to the Native Title Act 1993 as well as breaking down the differences between land rights and native title.

In addition, he also offered a step-by-step breakdown of the definition of Aboriginality as it relates to the law. Having heritage alone does not make you an Aboriginal person, he says.

*"It means that you have some heritage but does not necessarily mean that you are an Aboriginal person. People suddenly finding out about long lost ancestry or those who had not identified or lived as an Aboriginal person are unlikely to be determined as an Aboriginal person under the legislative instruments," he says.*

Mr Moyle said people who are not accepted as an Aboriginal person through the legal processes, including community acceptance by legitimate community-controlled organisations, are not legally Aboriginal people.

He said, unfortunately the number of non-Indigenous Australians aligning themselves to these people attack legitimate Aboriginal community-controlled organisations and community members, often including recognised elders. Local Aboriginal Land Councils are often the focus of these attacks as they try to build a future for the legitimate Aboriginal community and are exercising their legislated functions in a way that these people don't want.

*"If you are attacking the identity and aspiration of those legitimate Aboriginal people, you are in fact engaging in racial discrimination and vilification,"* Mr Moyle said. Instead, he implored those with questions about the role of DLALC or the legal definition of Aboriginality to speak directly with him or other elders.

*"If you really want to understand and support Aboriginal social, cultural and economic progress, engage with the legitimate community and the DLALC for an intelligent and respectful discussion."*



We have returned to our office after a long eight months of operating remotely. Our doors and phone lines are open from 9am – 4pm Monday – Friday.

Our Duty Lawyer services are back at Wyong Local Court on a Monday (Traffic) and Thursday (AVO), and we are at Gosford Local Court on Tuesdays (AVO). We are there to provide free on the spot advice. Over the next few months, we will be looking to resume outreaches at Mingaletta, Toukley Neighbourhood Centre and The Glen.

Finally, we are excited to announce that we were successful in our funding proposal to embed a full-time solicitor (Sarah) in the Yadhaba team at Yerin. Sarah will be there to provide legal education and support to staff as well as much needed early intervention legal services to clients.

Sarah attended the recent Yerin Closing the Gap event and is excited to start her new role with the Yadhaba team.

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