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## “Waagir Bandimayi” Edition 12

Welcome to the twelfth edition of Waagir Bandimayi (Darkinjung words meaning Coast Messenger). Barang have continued to work with our seven local Aboriginal community-controlled organisations as well as our Associate Members to keep our community informed to share information, give updates and keep all our community involved.

Barang is talking to people and organisations about the Voice wherever they can. We spoke at the local Zonta Club, attended the Blues and Roots festival at The Entrance and attended the Friends of the ABC ‘Voice’ forum in East Gosford. We answered questions from all viewpoints and it was good to talk to people about the positives and discuss any concerns they had.

You can also help everyone understand what the Voice is about by talking to the people you know – friends and family, people at work, your local sporting club. Your chat with them will be far more important than anything they see or hear from a third party.

Some of your contacts will already be on board. Others won’t have thought about it much yet or won’t be sure where they stand. Sometimes these chats can be challenging, but they also open the door for a friendly conversation. If you would like some help with how to answer some of the tricky questions, the [Yes23 campaign](#) has some great material.

If you are involved in any groups or sporting organisations, you can approach them to see if they would like someone from Barang to attend to discuss the Voice. We are getting really good at this! Please reach out and we will organise this.

We have produced some t-shirts to support the Voice on Darkinjung Country, if you would like to purchase a shirt, please contact Barang Regional Alliance on 02 4351 3225.

Barang means tomorrow. This is your information, and we are your regional alliance.



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# The Glen

## Culturally based Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation

The Glen for Women – Celebrating 1 year

As we excitedly approach May 9th which see's us celebrate our first full year of being operational and welcoming many women through our doors, we take some time to reflect on some of the achievements we have celebrated over the year:

- Over 25 women successfully complete the program
- Over 10 of these stay on for an extended period of time to do our extension and transition programs
- Clients successfully enrolled in various short courses, training workshops and other skill building opportunities

We have consistently supported our Women in their efforts they have put into recovery & returning home with tools to live happy, productive lives in our communities. This is something we are very proud of and extend our sincerest appreciation to our community for your support of our service and our women.







Our first term of 2023 brought some memorable highlights including our onsite Cultural Residency in March with Cultural Tutors from North East Arnhem Land Heather Mitjanba Burarrwanga, Tony Ganambarr and Marcus Lacey returning to NAISDA. The week of dancing, sharing and learning included a sunrise bungul at Umina Beach and culminated in a final celebration at Nhangara Barayi, NAISDA’s Dancing Ground.

The Cultural Residency partnership will see a return trip by the full NAISDA cohort later in the year to the homeland of Nyinyikay where the students will continue practising Yolngu songs and dances on the Country where they were created.

Looking ahead to this term, NAISDA has some other exciting calendar dates coming up, with the annual Graduation Ceremony scheduled at the end of June and our midyear performance of ATI directed by Deon Hastie at Carriageworks on 21 and 22 July. Later this month, we’ll be launching our audition and application process on 29 May. We invite our regional young people interested in training at NAISDA next year to submit a quick online application. Follow our socials and check [naisda.com.au](https://naisda.com.au) for updates.



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# BARA BARANG

## Culturally Informed Pathways to Employment and Training

Make Tomorrow in Manufacturing.

Bara Barang Corporation Ltd is the lead agency in a consortium that recently co-designed an employment initiative for Central Coast 15-30 year old Aboriginal participants to begin a career in Manufacturing. The Central Coast region is experiencing growth in Manufacturing, worth \$3.3 billion dollars annually and employs 11,700 people, however skill shortages still persist and many businesses have unfilled vacancies.

The consortium members include the region's umbrella organisation for manufacturing and related industries, Central Coast Industry Connect, also our region's representative voice Barang Regional Alliance, along with manufacturing businesses, training organisations and employment service providers. Aunty Madeline McGrady is the Elder working with the consortium and she has opened the first co-design workshop held at Gudjagang Ngara Li-dhi in March. All together three co-design workshops, two online sessions and an on-country gathering at Raspberry Fields were completed.

The work was funded by a grant from the National Indigenous Australians Agency for Stage 1 of the Indigenous Skills and Employment Program. The work that resulted from the co-design sessions is being submitted in May for Stage 2 of the funding. The proposed project is called "Make Tomorrow in Manufacturing" and if successful, the initiative will operate for 4 years and seek to place, train and up-skill 120 Aboriginal participants in manufacturing jobs in culturally safe worksites.

Thank you to all the organisations and individuals who have participated and contributed so far. Please contact Bara Barang to express your interest to join a steering group should the project secure funding.





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Gudjagang Ngara li-dhi  
Aboriginal Corporation

Community Connections

Activity at GNL is constant, we have had another couple of busy months delivering services and programs to our community. Our regular programs such as dance and roller skating and Women’s group are back on for another term. We are excited to announce that Uncle Gavi Duncan will be teaching culture through storytelling and dance.

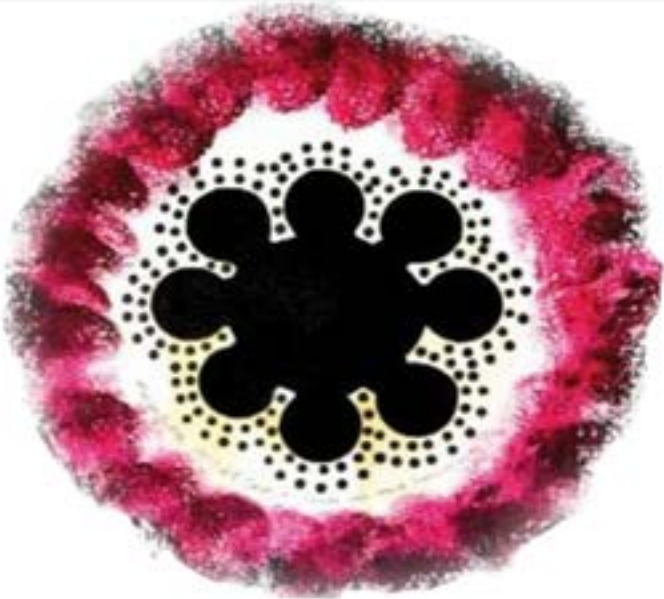
was lots of fun and to see the results was amazing. There were lots of 'I can't do this', however by the end of the workshop they were surprised and happy with their efforts. It's programs like this that build confidence, and self-belief in our children and young people.

Our Ganang Little Learners is adding another program, Wayapa – a Mum's & Bubs program that combines earth mindfulness, narrative meditation, physical movements, and the sharing of our Indigenous knowledge to support care and connection to country. Wayapa is a perinatal program – before and after birth. The program commences in the next couple of week at The Entrance Community Centre.

Please keep abreast of our [Facebook page](#) for program dates and times.







Mingaletta

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation

Mingaletta previously organised a school holiday program for the local community on the Peninsula, which commenced from the 11th to the 21st of April.

This was a great success with 20 children attending each program participating in a variety of activities such as Mask Making, painting, Brazilian Drums, African Performance, Visual Arts, Bush Walking, weaving and Fishing.

If you'd like to see frequent updates please see the [Mingaletta Facebook](#) page or call 4342 7515.





## Local Aboriginal Land Council DARKINJUNG

The Board of Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council with much excitement are honoured to announce that their planned elders facility at Blue Haven which will be named Aunty Betty’s after long serving member Betty Hammond will commence soon.

This facility is in memory of Aunty Betty Hammond whom until her passing was a passionate and strong supporter of Darkinjung LALC, she also fostered some 75 young people and was a remarkable Elder of our community.

The facility will consist of 9 x 2 bedroom units with a pool for therapy and Darkinjung will negotiate Elders care packages with an Indigenous provider on the Central Coast to support the new residents.

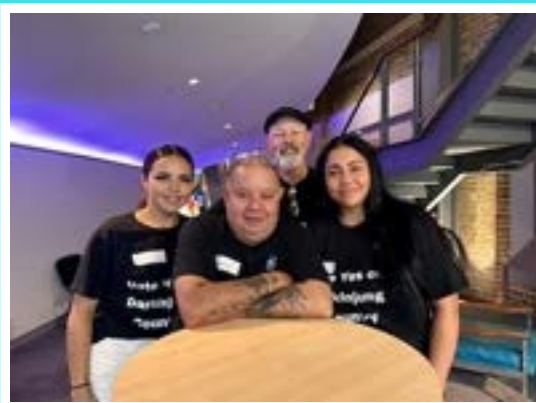
May of our Elders relocated to Darkinjung Country to raise their families who have since flown “the nest” and our Elders have struggled to maintain larger dwellings.

As 2023 NAIDOC theme is “For Our Elders” it is fitting that the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council move forward to provide this facility for our community in the true essence of the NAIDOC theme.

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council has once again provided a benchmark for other Land Councils to follow with this \$5.4 million dollar development.

Darkinjung LALC will soon have a major media launch and invite all of Community to celebrate, this will include a soil return ceremony where fond memories of Aunty Betty will no doubt be shared.





Our team BJ Duncan, Wayne Cooke, Kristie Groat-Barber, and Brooke Rowsthorne presented for Community Legal Centre NSW “Nothing about us without us: Listening to First Nations voices through genuine and meaningful consultation.” The presentation provided an opportunity to express a regional perspective with the help from Barang Regional Alliance. BJ Duncan says there is a strong and clear message in support of a local, regional, and national voice to Parliament.

A reminder that applications for the New South Wales Stolen Generations Reparations Scheme close on 30 June 2023. If you are a Stolen Generations survivor who was removed by, committed to, or otherwise came into the care of the New South Wales Aborigines Protection or Welfare Boards under the Aborigines Protection Act 1909, up until the Act was repealed on 2 June 1969 then you may be eligible to apply, contact us for further information.

Expressions of interest are now open for CLC NSW First Nations Cadetship Program, Central Coast CLC are program partners. Open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people studying Law, Social Work, Communications, or Community Development. The cadetship is a 9-month paid program. For more information contact Bobbi Murray, [Bobbi.Murray@clcnsw.org.au](mailto:Bobbi.Murray@clcnsw.org.au)

Reducing all violence is a priority in our community and we are bringing together a range of speakers to talk about therapeutic approaches to working with men in the justice system.

Domestic violence and abuse happen across all communities, ages, cultures and genders; however, research tells us that the majority of people who experience this kind of violence are women in a home, at the hands of men they know. Our key guest speaker is Devon Cuimara, founder & CEO of Aboriginal Males Healing Centre, Parnpajinya Aboriginal Community Newman, Western Australia.



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"ENGAGING MEN WHO USE VIOLENCE  
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Guest Speaker - Devon Cuimara

Founder & CEO Aboriginal Males Healing Centre

Parnpajinya Aboriginal Community

Newman, WA

Wednesday 21st June, 2023

9.00am - 3.00pm

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\*Morning tea & a light lunch provided


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2nd Speaker  
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Ulla Inki-Gilbert

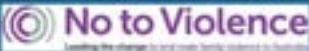
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