

APRIL 2025

GUNIDA GUNYAH
ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION

COMMUNITY HUB

MY GUNYAH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY IMPACT

70 FOOD HAMPERS PROVIDED TO PEOPLE IN NEED
789 PEOPLE ASSISTED WITH SUPPORT

HUB:
167-169
CONADILLY
STREET,
GUNNEDAH

02 6742 7038

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FREE COMMUNITY COOK UP EVERY FRIDAY AT THE HUB

FREE COOKED MEALS



12.30PM

AT THE HUB
167 - 169 CONADILLY ST



OUR PSS TEAM WILL BE ON HAND FOR A YARN!
(PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND SUPPORT)

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FEEDBACK SURVEY

HAVE YOU ATTENDED A RECENT EVENT OR
ACTIVITY? WE ARE CALLING ON THE LOCAL
COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK!

COMPLETE THE SURVEY COMPLETE THE SURVEY
ANONYMOUSLY. ALL RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL. WE
WANT TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS—GOOD OR BAD. YOUR
FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT TO US!



YOUR VOICE MATTERS TO US—IT HELPS SHAPE THE
SUPPORT WE PROVIDE AND ENSURES WE'RE MEETING THE
NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

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EMPOWERING CHANGE FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

ON APRIL 2ND, LILLY PILLY PLACE REFUGEE MANAGER LISA ATTENDED THE 'WOMEN'S SAFETY FORUM TAMWORTH,' JOINING OVER 30 PROFESSIONALS FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, INCLUDING COMMUNITY SERVICES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT, EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.



FRIDAY COOK UP & KAHOOT

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FOR A FREE COMMUNITY COOK-UP AT 12:30 PM! IT'S A GREAT WAY TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL AT NO COST. STICK AROUND FOR OUR WEEKLY KAHOOT QUIZ AT 1:30 PM AT THE HUB, WHERE YOU CAN TEST YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND WIN PRIZES. EVERYONE IS WELCOME - COME ALONG AND BE PART OF THE FUN!



HOUSING SUMMIT INSIGHTS

BRETT AND MALAKAI FROM GUNIDA GUNYAH RECENTLY ATTENDED THE HOUSING SUMMIT IN DUBBO ON APRIL 2ND AND 3RD, 2025. THE SUMMIT BROUGHT TOGETHER VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPERTS TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES IN HOUSING, FUNDING, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS ON GOVERNMENT IMPACTS ON TENDERS, FUNDING APPLICATIONS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING FOR ABORIGINAL LANDS. SPEAKERS LIKE MIKE GOODA, SAMANTHA RICH, AND ELLE DAVIDSON COVERED TOPICS SUCH AS ELDER HOUSING, TENDER WRITING, AND LAND ZONING. THE TEAM ALSO LEARNED ABOUT YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AND THE CHALLENGES FACED BY COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING CORPORATIONS. ALTHOUGH THEY HAD TO LEAVE EARLY, THE SUMMIT PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHTS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS.

TEAM BUILDING SUCCESS

IN APRIL, OUR HR OFFICER ORGANIZED TEAM-BUILDING EXERCISES FOR THREE TEAMS AT TAMWORTH ESCAPE ROOMS. EACH TEAM TACKLED A DIFFERENT CHALLENGE, WORKING TOGETHER TO BEAT THE CLOCK AND STRENGTHEN THEIR TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION, AND MORALE. A FUN AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL!



GUNNEDAH YOUTH EXPO

THE MARRABAA FAMILY SAFETY PROJECT (MFSP) TEAM AT GGAC HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AT THE LOCAL YOUTH EXPO ON APRIL 10TH! WE SHARED VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT, HIGHLIGHTED WHY GUNIDA GUNYAH IS AN INCREDIBLE PLACE TO WORK, AND DISCUSSED CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND HOW TO APPLY. WE ALSO INTRODUCED OUR COMMUNITY HUB AND HOSTED AN ENGAGING MFSP ACTIVITY FOCUSED ON CREATING PERSONAL SAFE CIRCLES, ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO REFLECT ON THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY AND WELLBEING. IT WAS A REWARDING DAY CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS!



CIRCLE OF SECURITY FACILITATOR COURSE

EXCITING NEWS FROM GUNIDA GUNYAH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION! TRACY AND CHEREE HAVE JUST COMPLETED THE CIRCLE OF SECURITY FACILITATOR COURSE, WHICH MEANS WE CAN NOW DELIVER THIS VALUABLE PROGRAM AT THE HUB AND LILLY PILLY PLACE. DURING THE 4-DAY COURSE, THEY LEARNED HOW TO IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF BABIES, INFANTS, AND TODDLERS THROUGH THEIR BEHAVIORS. THEY ALSO LEARNED HOW TO RECOGNIZE THESE NEEDS AND MEET THEM IN A WAY THAT PROMOTES SAFE AND SECURE EMOTIONS, HELPING TO REGULATE EMOTIONS AND BUILD A STRONG BOND BETWEEN CAREGIVER AND CHILD. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR TEAM AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE POSITIVE IMPACT THIS PROGRAM WILL HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS, TRACY AND CHEREE!

MARRABAA FAMILY SAFETY PROJECT LAUNCH

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE LAUNCH OF THE MARRABAA FAMILY SAFETY PROJECT ON WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2025 AT LIVVI'S PLACE PARK! OUR MFSP TEAM HAD A GREAT TIME HOSTING A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY. WE EVEN HAD FACE PAINTING AND BALLOONS FOR THE LITTLE ONES. TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A SAFER AND HAPPIER COMMUNITY FOR OUR FAMILIES.

BELOW ARE SOME PHOTOS CAPTURED ON THE DAY.



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT GUNIDA GUNYAH'S PSS TEAM IS CONDUCTING OUR BIG COMMUNITY SURVEY. WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK AND OPINIONS. SO WE KINDLY ASK YOU TO TAKE 10 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY. WHETHER YOU HAVE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE FEEDBACK, WE WANT TO HEAR IT ALL! YOUR RESPONSES WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT'S WORKING WELL AND WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE. WHETHER YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL OR A SERVICE PROVIDER, WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE. AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION, ONE LUCKY PERSON WILL WIN A \$200 GIFT CARD. DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IF YOU WISH TO ENTER THE DRAW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT!

STORIES OF IMPACT

A HELPING HAND IN TOUGH TIMES

WHEN A LOCAL MAN RETURNED TO GUNNEDAH FOR WORK AFTER YEARS IN QUEENSLAND, HE FOUND HIMSELF SLEEPING IN HIS CAR FOR SIX WEEKS AFTER BEING TURNED AWAY FROM A FARM JOB DUE TO HIS DISABILITY. HE REACHED OUT TO THE HUB FOR SUPPORT. WHERE OUR TEAM HELPED HIM COMPLETE HIS TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION, WITH THE RIGHT EVIDENCE IN PLACE. HE SECURED TEMPORARY HOUSING WHILE WAITING FOR SOMETHING MORE PERMANENT. IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THESE THAT REMIND US OF THE IMPACT WE CAN MAKE BY OFFERING A HELPING HAND WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST.

Please help!



We are developing posters and brochures to connect our community with local services and programs that promote healing and strengthen Aboriginal families and individuals. We are seeking service providers and local Aboriginal people to feature on these resources. This project invites Aboriginal community members to join this movement, stand together to say no to violence and raising our voices to make a difference. It's about uniting our community, standing against Domestic Family and Sexual Violence, and ensuring our mob knows the support options available to them.

WHAT WERE WE LOOKING FOR

- Service Providers: Promote your services to those in need.
- Aboriginal Elders: Share your wisdom and guidance.
- Aboriginal Families: Showcase the strength of our community.
- Role Models: Sporting champions, volunteers, and business owners who inspire others.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Free Exposure: Your service will be featured on posters and brochures distributed throughout the community and available for download online.
- Community Impact: Be part of a powerful movement against violence.
- Professional Visuals: A professional photographer will capture photos of individuals, families, and service providers.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

If you're interested in being featured or would like more information, please reach out to us and we can have a yarn. This is a great opportunity to share your message, connect with potential clients, and help build a safer, stronger Gunnedah. Let's stand together as Gamilaraay Strong.



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CARE AND CONNECT DAY

MAY 26 2025



@ THE HUB: 167-169 CONADILLY ST

9.00
START

HOSTED BY THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND
SUPPORT (PSS) TEAM AT GGAC

MFSP
MARRAMA FAMILY SAFETY PROJECT



FREE HAIRCUTS AND
BEAUTY SERVICES

NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED - JUST SHOW UP!

Walkabout
BARBER

FREE BBQ LUNCH 11.30 AM
SERVICE PROVIDER STALLS

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP 1.00 PM

TRAUMA & THE RECOVERY OF THAT TRAUMA " WORKSHOP WITH BRIAN DOWD WHO HAS BEEN A LEADER IN THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLBEING SPACE FOR OVER 25 YEARS, AND CURRENTLY HOLDS A POST GRADUATE DEGREE IN TRAUMA & RECOVERY PRACTICES AS WELL AS A CERTIFICATE 3 IN BARBERING SERVICES.



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SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Services	Police, Fire and Ambulance	000
Lilly Pilly Place	Domestic and Family Violence Refuge	(02) 6741 9101
Gunida Gunyah	Housing, DFV, Justice & Crisis services	(02) 6742 7038
1800RESPECT	Counselling, information and support	1800 737 732
Police Assistance	Non - emergency report crime, general police enquiries	131 444
NSW Domestic Violence Line	Crisis counselling, advocacy and referrals	1800 656 463
Aboriginal Family Domestic Violence Hotline	Crisis counselling, advocacy and referrals	1800 019 123
NSW Sexual Violence Helpline	Counselling	1800 424 017
Lifeline	Suicide prevention	131 14 or Text 0477 131 114
13 YARN	Culturally safe crisis support	139 276
Beyond Blue	Counselling	1300 224 636
Kids Helpline	Counselling for ages 5 to 25	1800 55 1800
Parent Line	Counselling and information	1300 1300 52
Victims' services	Financial and counselling support	1800 633 063
Link2Home	At risk of homelessness or Homeless service	1800 152 152
Legal Aid NSW	Legal	1300 888 529
Gunnedah Family Support	Housing, homelessness support	(02) 6742 1515
Alcohol and Other Drugs Information	Alcohol and drug addiction	1800 250 015
Family Drug Support	Drug addiction support	1300 368 186
Stimulant Treatment Line Regional and rural NSW	Stimulant drug addiction support	1800 101 188
Opioid Treatment Line	Drug addiction support	1800 642 428
NSW Quitline	Smoking and vaping addiction support	13 78 48
Next chapter Commbank	Crisis support and referrals for people who have experienced financial abuse. You can access the service no matter who you bank with.	1800 222 387
Translating and interpreting services	Find an interpreter who speaks your language	131 450
Wirringa Baiya Aboriginal Women's Legal Services	Legal information, advice, casework, education and advocacy for Aboriginal Women & Children	1800 686 587
Women's Legal Service NSW	Legal advice and referrals, family law, parenting issues, domestic violence, sexual assault and discrimination.	1800 801 501
Homes North	Temporary accommodation, community housing, and assistance	(02) 6742 0363
Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre	Child care, out-of-home care, community programs, and Aboriginal language services.	(02) 6743 0999
Multicultural Women's Association	empower the women from CALD background	0408 764 663
Min Min Aboriginal Corporation	Housing and support programs for members of the aboriginal community.	(02) 6742 4121
Gamble Aware Hunter & New England	Gambling addiction	1800 497 065
QLife	Counselling, referrals, support for LGBTIQ+ people	1800 184 527
Women's Domestic Violence court advocacy service	Information, assistance and court advocacy services	1800 938 227
ACON	Information, referrals, counselling, advocacy and practical support for LGBTIQ+	1800 063 060
Red Chief Lalc	Housing, community programs, and cultural activities.	(02) 6742 3602