

Mullum Mullum

Indigenous Gathering Place



December 2012 Newsletter



Community Camp



African Drumming—Women's Network



Community Hearing Day—School Holidays



Uncle John—Reconciliation Bunnings BBQ

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Management Update



Managers Update

Welcome to our end of year newsletter for 2012.

Please find enclosed information about our past events such as our Community hearing day (September), our community camp (October), Tidda's day in and our stall at the Manningham festival (November) just to name a few.

MMIGP also assisted Uncle John Baxter as part of the Reconciliation Manningham Group at the Box Hill Bunnings (October) sausage fundraiser.

On the staffing side our Community links worker Belinda Hudson, Youth activities worker Bonnie Presley and receptionist Corina Richie all resigned to concentrate on university studies. We wish them all well in their future endeavours.

This has allowed us to restructure our current positions and add to our team a long standing community volunteer /member Robbie Pettet as our utility and maintenance worker. No doubt you would have noticed how well Patterson St is looking. Georgia Harris has moved into a new position of Indigenous Community links role. Georgia has been busy with over 50 referrals for all types of assistance. Danielle Williams has moved to reception and the My Moola program has been rescheduled to February 2013.

At the Community camp we asked our community "what future programs and services would you like to be run by MMIGP" Keeping in mind we did this on a Sunday after a packed day of activities on Saturday but as per usual our Mob provided clear community feedback and ideas. We appreciate the input as it is important to work with community instead of us just thinking what works well.

The top five ideas for future programs included more community get togethers, organised youth sporting events, more camps, our own Indigenous Health service and Patterson St to be open daily. As such we will continue to run all types of community events to engage our Mob such as our forthcoming events for

December (MMIGP Community Christmas party and Women's Network) and January 2013 (hosting our own Indigenous Eastern Region Expo) and in February (picnic with the local reconciliation groups). Please feel free to send me your ideas for next years community events. Your input is very much valued.

I am also happy to announce from the first week in December 2012, program staff will be present at Patterson St each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 4.30pm. Overtime we hope to be open Monday to Saturday.

Before I sign off I just want to let you all know how proud I am to be working at MMIGP. The community is so inviting, the board are very passionate, our volunteers are so dedicated and the MMIGP staff are so energetic.

On behalf of the Board of Management and staff at MMIGP I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family our best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas / New Year break.

Yours Sincerely Les Chessells

Community Camp

Community, Culture and Family were celebrated when 75 adults, young people and children ventured to Camp Jungai, Thornton Victoria. From Friday 12th October – Sunday 14th October community members spent time sharing in cultural activities and experiences.



Emily Mancell and Ebony Lan-

Cultural activities included, making a Community possum skin cloak, Didgeridoo playing (Chris Hume and Mark Thompson), Boomerang throwing, including learning to sand boomerangs in order for them to fly and return. Other activities also included painting clap sticks and message stones, drumming workshop and ropes course.



Linda and Mia Cooper—Possum Skin Cloak

Saturday night the Community was treated to a traditional Kup Murri meal prepared by MMIGP's Men's Worker



Michelle teaching young people about the Scare Tree

Uncle Phil Ah Wang. The preparation for the meal involved both the Men and young people helping in building the fire, ensuring that all the meat and vegetables were marinated and securely wrapped and setting and decorating the table ready for feasting.



Community checking on Kup Murri

Sunday provided a learning experience on bush plants and medicine from Michelle Monk. Before we packed up and headed back home



Mark Thompson, Les Chessells and Chris Hume



Young people sanding boomerangs



Anthony and Adam—Message Stones

Community Hearing Day

On Wednesday 26th September Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place's Community came together with Hearing Australia, Taralye and 3KND to promote Hearing Health for young people and Community members.



Karen and 3KND

3KND broadcasted live from Patterson Street whilst the young people and Community participated in Cultural activities and had their hearing tested.



Young people learning about fire

Lunch was a traditional Kup Murri Feast, prepared by Uncle Phil Ah Wang and the men from the Community.



Michael and Chris preparing the Kup Murri



Annette and Denise helping prepare the Kup Murri

The afternoon workshop with Indigenous Hip Hop Projects was a highlight for all the young people.



Young people participating in Hip Hop Workshop



Indigenous Hip Hop Projects



Youth Network

Some highlights from the Youth Network over the past few months include, the school holiday program, the Drop In Centre and the cultural group.

Drop In Centre

Patterson Street is open every second Friday night from 5pm to 7pm for the youth to come in and spend time together. Activities include table tennis, pool table, computers, music and games. The Centre will be open again on Friday 23rd November for the last time this year and will reopen again in the new year.

Cultural Group

Over the past few months Uncle Phil has been working with the young people on developing a village at Patterson Street. Activities have included sharing and drawing ideas of the importance cultural aspects of the young people and how that can be incorporated into the village. Culture group has also looked at kinship and the importance of family, please take a look at the young people's kinship trees next time you are at Patterson Street.



Anthony Mancell, Kayn Milwarrrd,
Emily Mancell, Adam Dawe—
Culture Group



Jesse Cusiak—Community
Hearing Day

School Holiday Program

We had high attendance at all our activities over the Sept/Oct school holiday period. Activities included the Darrangeeyt Festival of Tennis at Melbourne Park, the Community Hearing Day, Healesville Sanctuary (change of plans after the chaos on Melbourne's roads due to the tunnels being closed) and ten pin bowling.



Georgia Harris, Kayn Milward,
Crystal Stevens, Jess Chessells, Jerri
Cusaik, Emily Mancell, Ebony Lansche—
Healesville Sanctuary



Kayn Milward, Thomas Stevens, Jesse Cusiak,
Jerri Cusaik, Justin Lansche—Tennis Festival



Indigenous Community Links

Indigenous Community Links is designed to support community members and their families by providing links and referrals to a range of mainstream and Indigenous Services, such as welfare and social support, employment, family violence, health (including drug and alcohol services), legal, child care and housing.



Our Indigenous Community Links service is a welcoming place where you and your family can come to find a service that meets your needs

Come in and find out how we can help you link into a range of services

- ◆ Have chat
- ◆ Get advice
- ◆ Get a referral
- ◆ Find out what to expect from services
- ◆ Use the internet for free

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Women's Network

Women's Lunches/Dinners

Over the past few months the women have enjoyed a variety of activities as part of the Women's Network. Some of the activities included African Drumming, Tai Chi, and lunch at the Snooty Fox in Olinda. We have been trialling alternative lunches and dinners during this term, so please don't forget to check your calendar to see what is happening in the Women's Network.



Aunty Lou Balch, Aunty Fran Brown,
Aunty Sue Clark and Aunty Noreen
Pettet—African Drumming

Tidda's Day In

Friday 26th October was dedicated to the Women within our Community. Wellbeing and pampering was shared by over 30 women, including massage, facials, nail therapy and readings by Karen Bright.



Home and Community Care (HACC)

Access and Support Program—HACC

Linking people to services to help them stay at home

How I can help clients

- ◆ Provide information about services that can help
- ◆ Explain how the services work
- ◆ Make referrals
- ◆ Help fill in forms
- ◆ Attend assessments and appointments
- ◆ Talk to family and friends (with consent)
- ◆ Follow up services

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