

Mullum Mullum

Indigenous Gathering Place



March 2011 Newsletter

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Vision Statement

A community that is committed to retaining promoting and strengthening Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural identity in the Eastern Metropolitan region of Melbourne.

Elder's Network This program provides planned group activities, excursions and opportunities for social interaction. learn more +	Women's Network Promotes health and wellbeing and provides social activities for Indigenous Women and their Families. learn more +	Men's Network Provides activities and positive networking opportunities for local Indigenous Men. learn more +
Youth Programs This Program includes School Holiday Program, Homework Club and other social events for Indigenous youth and their families. learn more +	Burral Playtime Aboriginal Playgroup for Aboriginal children in the Eastern Metropolitan Region. learn more +	Foodbank MMIGP has established a community controlled and managed Foodbank program distributing fresh produce to the community. learn more +

Website - www.mmigp.org.au



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Welcome to 2011



Welcome to 2011, We all hope you had a safe and fun Christmas break.

This February MMIGP launched its website www.mmigp.org.au, we are encouraging those with computer and internet access to jump online regularly for program updates and upcoming planned activities. We have also launched our own facebook page where we will also regularly update program information.

To reduce the number of flyers we send out we have also introduced the MMIGP calendar which is available online or attached to this newsletter—if you would like to receive you newsletter electronically please contact us on (03) 97252166 or email mmigp@mmigp.com.au with your details.

We have a number of exciting projects planned for 2011 starting with a Market and open day on the 2nd of April 2011 which we are seeking participation from both Indigenous and non Indigenous community members. If you would like to receive some flyers for distribution please contact reception and we will have these mailed out to you.

MMIGP will launch its gallery space at Patterson Street in July, where community from the EMR are able to display and sell their art work. MMIGP will develop artist profiles and market this work on behalf of artists both within the gallery and online.



Elders Network

Elders visited Magpie House Holistic Centre in Upwey where they watched a documentary film, **FOR THE NEXT 7 GENERATIONS** from 13 traditional Grandmothers from around the world.

The grandmothers spoke about prophecy's, traditional healing and visions.

Colin Mitchell, the Aboriginal Liaison Officer from Diabetes Australia visited and spoke about felt man and the importance of exercise and eating healthy, after the discussion the Elders had a hot roast meal.

Colin also discussed the importance of Aboriginal people becoming Diabetic Educators so that we can teach and inform our community.

Upcoming events for Elders will include some in house lunches with Guest Speakers and a trip to Diggers Seed Nursery and lunch in Dromana.

Contact mmigp@mmigp.com.au or Ph 9725 2166





Womens Network

Dear All,

We have some great activities lined up for this Term.

On the 17/02/2011 at 47 Patterson St, Ringwood East we had a night session from, 6pm to 9pm, where we screened "The Women of the Sun" series part 1, I hope to have conversations around with the women in regards to what up coming activities they would like to do. This night time activity is for a trial period of 3 months, to see if we are able to maintain attendance and increase numbers.



MMIGP Staff painting

Please register for all activities to assist in catering and material purchases.

Thank you and I look forward to a very fun and engaging year.

Miranda Madgwick - Womensworker@mmigp.com.au



Burrai Playtime

Welcome back BURRAI 2011,

Just a short note to let everyone know that Burrai returned on Tuesday the 8th of February, and will continue to run fortnightly. We have had 2 sessions with 8 families attending bringing along 11 children all excited about catching up with their BURRAI BUDDIES.

It has been great seeing everyone, and all the children have grown so much over the Christmas break.

For the first term we will be focusing on COMMUNICATION - "Oral understanding with visual routine that is clear and happy" so the parents have decided to work on an entry feature that they can display the children's art work for each term.

Upcoming Sessions

- Tuesday 8th March
- Tuesday 22nd March
- Tuesday 5th April

All session will still run at 47 Patterson Street, Ringwood East between 10:30am till 1pm.

For any further inquiries call Shannon at Mullum Mullum, Monday & Tuesday or email Childrensworker@mmigp.com.au

Youth Activities



MMIGP Young Males Cultural Camp 2011:

With assistance from Men's Worker, Jamie Thomas & MMIGP Volunteer, Chris Consriff, 8 Indigenous boys travelled to East Gippsland for a 4-day Cultural Camp in January. The highlights were Artefact making, cultural walks, dances, visits to the Gippsland & East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative and the Lake Tyers Co-Op.

A DVD is currently in production and will be presented to the participants in an evening activity in March 2011.

MMIGP Youth Cultural Day Out!

The cultural activities continued as 16 kids visited the Koorie Heritage Trust and Bunjilaka Gallery on Friday 28th January.

The attendees learned many things about our strong culture including the number of tribes in & around Melbourne and how tools were used by our elders.

MMIGP Indigenous Recognition Game:

In celebration of the first Indigenous Recognition Game of the A-League, 12 MMIGP youth attended the game on Friday 4th February.

The attendees had a great time and were able to play on the field during the half-time break.

MMIGP Deadly Leaders Project:

The Deadly Leaders Project is currently near the end of recruitment and the program is set to begin in March 2011.

- Thomas Harrison



Youth @Indigenous Recognition Game



Youth @Indigenous Recognition Game 2011



Young Males Culture Camp 2011



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Men's Network

Welcome to the New Year, Men's group has started and we had a great turn up for our first meeting with new members turning up, we welcome all men who are keen to get out and socialise.

The Pool and Dart competition started on the 23rd of February so if you're keen to show your skills join in for prizes and trophies, this will continue to run over the next two months.

A trip over to the Dandenong men's group is planned for March, to meet their group and build networks; other trips to other groups are also planned throughout the year.

We are starting art and culture workshops every Thursday at 47 Patterson Street to teach and build on our cultural skills and talents, with a view to supporting the MMIGP proposed Gallery and Art space.

Plans for a Brothers Day Out are underway, where the Dulap Balit Tati will host other men's groups in the Eastern and metropolitan region to gather share ideas and resources and have fun as men in a culturally safe and sensitive environment.

Other programs planned for the year are cooking classes, social outings, health information nights to name a few, so if you have ideas about what we can get involved in come along and have a chat.

Jamie Thomas Mensworker@mmigp.com.au



Men's Golf Day



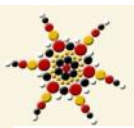
White Ribbon March



Bowling night



Men's fishing Trip



Baby News



Congratulations to Emma and Jamie for the long awaited arrival of
"Miss Olinda Dawson Powell"

who was born on the 22/2/2011 and weighing in at 4.155kg.

We are all thinking of you all and can't wait to see the
new addition to the family.





Indigenous Tenants at Risk (ITAR)

ITAR (Indigenous Tenants at Risk) has change to ATAR (Aboriginal Tenants at Risk)

Hi it's Miranda Madgwick your ATAR worker for the Eastern Region. I would like to invite any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island Tenants to contact me in regards to any issues you may be facing in public housing that would affect your ability to maintain rental payments or if you are currently having problems now with your rent.



Miranda Madgwick : 97252166



Food bank

When: Weekly on a Wednesday

Where: 47 Patterson Street, Ringwood East, Vic, 3135
Foodbank operates weekly.

To register for a box of food you must call our office the Monday prior on (03) 9725 2166 by 4pm.

You must be a member of **Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place** and you also must have a current health care card.



MMIGP Staff Profile

Name	Position	Name	Position
Melissa Stevens	Managing Director FT	Thomas Harrison	Youth Officer FT
Jenni Swindon	Administration Manager FT	Rebecca Green	Admin PT
Carolyn Dawe	Project Assistant PT	Shannon Johnson	Burrai Playtime Coordinator PT
Nicole Everitt	Grants Coordinator PT	Bronwyn Fenn	HALO-AHPACC FT
Traysy Field	Community Liaison Officer PT	Miranda Madgwick	Women and ITAR FT
Jamie Thomas	Indigenous Wellbeing Program Team Leader FT		