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"the Messenger"



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Message from our Chairperson, Bronwyn Chambers

Hello to everyone. The year is fast coming to an end and the Land Council has been busier than ever. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on the 28th Sept which was a very successful and informative meeting. Our work as a Board with DLALC continues on behalf

of our members for the benefit of our members and the ongoing growth and success of the LALC. I would like to thank all of our members who attended our AGM and for the constructive and positive discussions which were generated at the meeting. I would like to thank the Board members for their continued dedication, commitment and hard work over the last 12 months.

In our Annual report for the AGM we are continually looking at our Community Land and Business Plan (CL&BP) which is a living and growing document and review our achievements, goals and priorities and also what we need to complete. Our community Land and Business Plan will need to be revised, developed and approved by our members at the end of 2011. We will keep you informed of when that process will take place. So please start thinking of what you as members see as priorities for our Land Council and community.

Reflecting back on previous members meetings and CL&BP discussions a major priority for members has been focused around the planning and development of a Cultural/Community Centre. The Board and CEO have taken those discussions on board and have commenced by engaging Key Insights to commence a preliminary study for our members.

As part of the planning two Cultural Centre Consultation workshops were held for our members on the 23rd November at North Lakes Function Centre Wyong and 30th November at Woy Woy Bowling Club. A meeting was also held on the 29th November for all Aboriginal and non Aboriginal organisations and government agencies at The Gibalee Centre, Central Campus of Newcastle University. This is a huge step and a very exciting project for all of Darkinjung LALC.

Our membership is continuing to grow with a number of new members up for nomination at our next meeting to be held on the 15th December at the North Lakes Function Centre and the number of former members now returning. This again shows that the work done by the Board, CEO, staff and the commitment and contributions of its members has now made Darkinjung LALC a leading Land Council within the state and that we are seen in a very positive light not only with the Aboriginal community but with Government and non Government agencies. Thank you everyone.

I am pleased to announce that the CEO Sean Gordon and I viewed the new 3 bedroom Darkinjung LALC property in Tasman Ave Killarney Vale to make sure that the new dwelling had met all of the requirements and officially handed the keys over to the new tenants on the 21st of October 2010.

The 40th Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout was held over the October long weekend at Woy Woy. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our local woman's team the Central Coast Bears, men's team Central Coast Bluetongues and under 17's and under 15's Central Coast Pelicans for their participation. It was excellent to see so many of our community there over the weekend enjoying the games and entertainment. It also gave everyone a chance to catch up with family and friends.

Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Medical Services originally based in Church Street Wyong now located in Alison Road Wyong celebrated their 15year Anniversary on the 13th November at Mingara Recreation Club Tumbi Umbi. Eleanor Duncan, who the centre is named after was an Aboriginal nurse from Moree who moved to the Central Coast with a dream for Aboriginal people to have access to health services run by Aboriginal people in a culturally appropriate manner. Her dream did come true and I would like to congratulate not only the present staff but also acknowledge founding members, staff and community that have been involved in the development of this vital service for all Aboriginal people, ensuring that our local Aboriginal peoples health needs and issues are met and that the service continues to grow far into the future for generations to come.

A reminder to all current members, that all Fishing Licences are now due. Wives, husbands and de facto partner's of a current member are also eligible to apply for a fishing licence through Darkinjung LALC. The new card comes into effect from the 30th October 2010. As we all know so many of us love to fish so don't miss out, please contact the Land Council to arrange to get your photo licence.

The draft North Wyong Shire Structure Plan came out from the NSW Government Planning Department on Wednesday the 10th November which impacts on DLALC's future plans for Bushel's Ridge Industrial Development. The CEO and the Board held a workshop to develop a strategy to ensure that we fight to have this decision reversed. Members will be kept informed.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members and their families a safe, happy and joyful Christmas.

Regards,

Bronwyn Chambers
Chairperson Darkinjung LALC

Merry
Christmas





Yaama All,
Welcome to the 7th Edition of the Bandimayiya Newsletter.

I will focus this edition on providing members with an update on some of the key issues that is being addressed by Darkinjung LALC, these being the Cultural/Community Centre Consultation, North Wyong Shire Structure Plan and the Bushels Ridge site.

The Cultural / Community Centre Consultation is currently underway with workshops being held at Wyong, Ourimbah and Woy Woy, the consultation is to gather information on what members expectations is of a cultural/community centre.

The consultation process will take several months and members have an opportunity to submit their views through the workshops or to go on to our website www.darkinjung.com.au and access the survey questionnaire, members who complete the survey and submit it to Darkinjung LALC will be eligible to go into a draw to win 4x \$100 gift vouchers, closes on the 10th December, 2010.

The further matters that members need to be aware of is the release of the DRAFT North Wyong Shire Structure Plan (NWSSP) which potentially locks away 1000 hectares of Darkinjung LALC land for conservation to establish a green corridor, with almost 300 hectares of the land currently zoned industrial.

CEO - Sean Gordon



I can inform the members that since the release of the DRAFT NWSSP the board and staff of Darkinjung LALC have been working tirelessly to reverse this decision to ensure that any future aspirations that members may have for the Bushels Ridge site is achieved. Members who require more information on the NWSSP can visit the Wyong Shire Council website or DECCW website.

Finally, I would like to wish all the members of Darkinjung LALC a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe 2011, may Santa bring you everything you need and not everything you want.

Regards

Sean Gordon
CEO - Darkinjung LALC



Season's Greetings to All

FISHING LICENCE

From the month of October 2010, DLALC will be issuing new photo Fishing Licences to members. Please note the following guidelines:

- All current members are eligible for a Fishing Licence
- The Fishing Licence is valid for 1 year and must be on your persons whilst fishing
- Children under 18 years of age are not required to have a Fishing Licence in the company of a member who holds a valid fishing licence.
- All members are required to attend the office to have their photo taken
- Husband / Wife / Defacto / Partners of a member of DLALC are able to obtain a Fishing Licence. The non-members must have proof of their relationship with the member which includes 2 of the following: Marriage Certificate, Photo ID with the same Photo ID with the same address etc, Medicare Card, Electricity or Phone Bill with the member and non-members name and address stated on the account, Joint bank account card or statement.

- Divorced or separated parents may be entitled to a Fishing Licence if they have joint custody of their children. Additional information is required such as written authority from the member with names of the children as these details are to be recorded.

NSW Fisheries have been notified of the new card that comes in to effect on the 30th October 2010

You will be fined by NSW fisheries if you do not have a current Fishing Licence

You will be issued with a Saltwater and Freshwater Fishing Guide that provides information on the current NSW Fishing Laws.

DLALC will not be responsible for any fines issued to members or non-members.



KNOCKOUT - 40th Annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout

On the October long weekend 2011 was the 40th Anniversary of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout. The Men's side who won the Grand Final are the Hosts for the event the following year. The 2009 Knockout was won by BAC Walgett. The BAC organising committee decided to host the event on the Central Coast due to limited facilities at Walgett. This years Knockout was won by Walgett Aboriginal Connection (WAC) and the venue for next years event will be at Bathurst.

MENS TEAM – Central Coast Bluetongues:

This year the Central Coast established a Central Coast bluetongues Men's side. The Bluetongues were sponsored by Bluetongue stadium, Wallarah 2 and Darkinjung LALC. The Bluetongues reached the semi-finals they won their first game against the Campbelltown Ghosts. They then went on the win against Burrabeedee, and Foster Dolphins. Unfortunately they then lost against Mindaribba.



WOMANS TEAM – Central Coast Bears:

This year the Central Coast also established a Central Coast Bears Woman's side sponsored by the Central Coast Bears. The Central Coast Bears Woman's Team played Nulla Dolphins first and defeated them. The team then reached the Semi-Finals but were defeated by Redfern All Blacks, which was a great effort for their first time in this competition.



CENTRAL COAST BEARS PRESENTATION

On the 1st of November 2010, Sean Gordon and the Captain of the Central Coast Bears Woman's Team Melanie Sutton presented a signed jersey to the CEO of the Central Coast Bears Organisation Greg Florimo.

The Central Coast Bears were the main sponsors for the Woman's Team for this years Knockout. Other Sponsors included Darkinjung LALC and Bungree Aboriginal Association.

The jersey presented was to thank the Central Coast Bears for their support and contributions towards the Woman's Team.

UNDER 15s – Central Coast Pelicans:

This year the Central Coast also established a Central Coast Pelican's Junior Under 15s side. The Pelicans Under 15s were sponsored by Gosford City Council, Central Coast Division Junior Rugby League, Max Employment, Darkinjung LALC and Bungree Aboriginal Association Inc. The Pelicans played La Parouse Panthers and were defeated, they then went on to the recharge and played the Nulla Dolphins and were unfortunately defeated also. Great effort for their first time playing together.



We would like to congratulate all the teams, players, managers and coaching staff for their effort, time and commitment over the past 12 months. Good Luck for next years competition!!



TASMAN AVE KILLARNEY VALE

All works have been completed on the new dwelling at Tasman Ave Killarney Vale. Robin Snow Construction in conjunction with Darkinjung LALC consulted and constructed the 3 bedroom house over the past 6 months.



On Thursday 21st October 2010, the keys were officially handed over to Darkinjung LALC Chairperson Bronwyn Chambers and CEO Sean Gordon. Bronwyn and Sean viewed the property to ensure all works had been carried out as per the instructions.

Darkinjung LALC would like to thank Robin Snow Constructions, Staff and Contractors for their efforts over the past months.

Upcoming Events

Wed. 15th December

Darkinjung Members
Ordinary Meeting

20th-24th January, 2011

Family Cultural Affirmation Camp
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OFFICE CLOSURE



Please be advised Darkinjung LALC office will be closed for Christmas from:

Thursday, 23rd December 2010 & re-open Tuesday, 4th January 2011.

For any emergencies please contact 0400 479 569.

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