

May-July 2026



Newsletter



We are a primary health and wellbeing organisation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people operating on the traditional lands of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk peoples. We strive to provide a holistic model that responds to the physical, social emotional, Cultural and spiritual need of our people.



GOOLUM GOOLUM 2026 PATHWAYS TO POSSIBILITIES EXPO

WHEN: THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST
WHERE: HORSHAM SHOWGROUNDS
TIME: 11AM - 2PM



- FREE BBQ LUNCH
- COFFEE VAN
- GIVEAWAYS AND PRIZES
- GUEST SPEAKERS



OUR PATH. OUR FUTURE



Dalk

Well, there is a lot to highlight over the last few months - new programs, holiday activities, new staff, community achievements and of course NAIDOC activities and events.

The Dalki Guli Hub continues to be well utilised by Community, allowing Goolum Goolum to grow our Community programs and engagement activities. A standout event would have to be our School Holiday event, Pulp Culture week, seeing 100's of community members and families participate in a magical week of everything Sci-Fi, Superheroes, Movies and Nostalgia. The Hub also opened its doors to our local Warracknabeal Indigenous primary & secondary school students, hosting a cultural experience afternoon, consisting of a Smoking Ceremony, Cultural lesson and tour of the facility.

July welcomed NAIDOC activities and events, Celebrating '50 Years of Deadly'. Partnering once again with Barengi Gadjin Land Council, our organisations hosted a variety of events and activities that filled up every day with celebration and honour for our rich local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture. Community ceremonies in both Horsham and Stawell book-ended the week of opportunities to gather, learn and celebrate. The highlight for me, being the annual NAIDOC Art Exhibition, where over a hundred people gathered on Wednesday night to view a variety of works on display from our local established and emerging artists. The audience were also privileged to view the premiere of Bunjil's View – Unfinished Business, the third instalment of the Bunjil's View series.

Welcome

If you haven't had a chance to view this Exhibition and film, please rush down to the Horsham Town Hall and experience this powerful expression of local culture and talent.



Ants Craig - CEO

With a heavy heart, I offer my sincere condolences to family, friends and all members of the community with the passing of Aunty Alva Taylor. A valued past employee, board member and significant contributor to Goolum Goolum over many years, she will be missed by many, returning to the Dreamtime this June.

Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter, plenty to catch up on and it is great to see our community members achieving so much. Looking forward to seeing all our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students gather this August at Maydale Pavillion in Horsham for our annual Pathways to Possibilities Expo. All are welcome to participate a variety of Hands-on educational activities and a showcasing of all that is available in the areas of Education and Employment.

Board of Directors



Jake Goodes
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Board Director



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Board Director



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Board Director



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Board Director



Brandi Olston
Board Director

Well Done Liam!



Liam is kicking goals in his footy journey!

Liam Clarke is a 14yo Gunai/Monero/Gunditjmara boy who was born and raised on Wotjobaluk Country. He has participated in many sporting comps for both Basketball and Football. Liam often participates as part of the Wotjobaluk teams at carnivals. This year Liam has decided to focus his attention on football. Liam was chosen, along with Chase Hall and Jordan Lockwood to participate in the Geelong Cat's Academy Development Squad. This gave the boys the opportunity to train at the stadium in Geelong and go onto play in the NGA games. (Next Generation Academies)

Liam also tried out for VLine where he was successful in gaining a spot on the team. Vline is the stepping stone to the Ballarat Rebels. In his spare time Liam plays Under 17s with the Dimboola Roos with his mates, he prefers the front where he can mark and get in the goals.

As a family we are very proud of how far Liam has come and his dedication to his sport. Keep an eye on him you mob!

Farewell Brett!



In June we farewellled Brett Harrison as he takes on a very important role with the First Peoples TREATY authority Gellung Warl.

Brett was elected by the BGLC traditional owner group at a full group meeting recently. Under the TREATY arrangement approximately 11 Traditional Owner groups were allocated a position and had the responsibility of electing their representatives.

Other Gellung Warl reps for the various regions were elected by ballot.

Gellung Warl is a first in Australia and we look forward to what the body can bring to Aboriginal affairs in Victoria. See below a link to the First Peoples Treaty Authority which has great information about the role of Treaty.

<https://firstpeoplesvic.org/>

This has all happened in a hurry for Brett and we wish him nothing but the best of luck in his new role. Of course he will not be a stranger and has promised to be a regular over at the HUB.

Well done Harro and good luck from all here at Goolum.

COMMUNITY EVENT



GUEST SPEAKER
STAN GRANT

Thursday 27th August
5-8pm
Dinner provided
Dalki Guli Hub
36 Hamilton St, Horsham



Scan the
QR code to
register!



This event will be aimed at understanding the impact of trauma on children, and the effects going into adulthood because of family violence.



For Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community & their families only.



FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Our Community, Our Responsibility – Will you be the difference?



Circle of Security Carers Program

Learning Objectives of the Program:

At times Carers can feel lost or without a clue about what the young person in your care might need from you. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what they were really asking from you.

- Understanding the young person's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs
- Support the young person's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of the young person's self esteem
- Support the young person's feelings to be safe and secure

Book in for your 8 fortnightly Sessions Today!

Where: Tchingal Room @ Dalki Guli Hub

Wed 22nd July: 10:30am-12noon

Wed 5th Aug: 1:30pm-3pm

Thurs 20th Aug: 10:30am-12noon

Wed 2nd Sept: 10:30am-12noon

Wed 16th Sept: 10:30am - 12noon

Wed 7th Oct: 10:30am - 12noon

Wed 21st Oct: 10:30am - 12noon

Wed 4th Nov: 10:30am - 12noon

Morning & Afternoon Tea Provided
Contact Kym Bateson

0408 703 809 or kym.bateson@goolumgoolum.org.au to book your session.



Elders Group Outing

Recently our lovely ladies' group enjoyed a wonderful outing to Nigretta and Wannon Falls, spending some quality time together surrounded by nature's beauty. The day was filled with light walks, laughter, conversation, and shared memories as everyone took in the peaceful scenery and fresh air. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect, relax, and enjoy each other's company, leaving everyone with smiles and happy memories to cherish.



Nigretta Falls



Wannon Falls

VACSAL/AFL VICTORIA STATEWIDE Koorie Female Football Carnival



2026

16 and Under Competition
Open Age Competition

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th November 2026

BALLARAT

SEBASTOPOL FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
BURNETT STREET, SEBASTOPOL

For any other information please contact June Bamblett at
VACSAL on 03 9416 4266 or june.bamblett@vacsal.org.au





2026 VACSAL MEN'S NETBALL CARNIVAL

BALLARAT

Sebastopol Football Netball Club,
Burnett Street, Sebastopol

Date:
7 & 8 November,
2026

16 and Under Competition
Open Age Competition



For any other information please contact
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or email june.bamblett@vacsal.org.au

POP CULTURE WEEK



Goolum's First Ever Pop Culture Week Was a Huge Success!

The first week of the school holidays saw the Dalki Guli Hub transformed into a hub of all things pop culture, as we hosted our very first Goolum Pop Culture Week. It was an action-packed few days filled with fun, laughter and friendly competition, and it was fantastic to see so many community members come along and join in.

Tuesday kicked things off with some very special visitors, as iconic pop culture characters stopped by the Hub to meet families, pose for photos and bring plenty of smiles to everyone there. Community members also shared their own impressive collections, with displays featuring everything from action figures and LEGO creations to Disney, comics, movie memorabilia and so much more. It was great to see people proudly showcasing the hobbies and collections they are passionate about while connecting with others who share the same interests.

On Wednesday, families settled in for a relaxing Movie Day at the Hub, enjoying Moana and Spider-Man: No Way Home. It was a great opportunity for everyone to unwind together during the school holidays with popcorn, good company and two much-loved films.

The fun continued on Wednesday evening with our Family Trivia Night. Teams tested their knowledge across movies, television, superheroes, Disney, music, gaming and more.

The room was full of laughter, friendly rivalry and plenty of memorable moments as families worked together to answer questions and compete for some fantastic prizes.

We wrapped up the week on Thursday with an exciting Gaming Day, where young Mob had the chance to challenge Goolum staff across a range of video games (modern & classic). There were plenty of competitive moments, cheering from the sidelines and good-natured banter as players battled it out to win prizes and, most importantly, bragging rights! It was a fantastic way to finish the week, bringing together staff, young people and families in a fun and welcoming environment.

Of course, no Goolum Pop Culture Week would have been complete without the surprise return of an old favourite—Deadly Dan! It was wonderful to see him brought back to life in the re-vitalised comic, Deadly Dan Visits Wotjoblank Land. If you don't have a copy already come down to our Dalki Guli Hub to grab one!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, displayed their collections and helped make our very first Pop Culture Week such a success.

The enthusiasm and support from our community made the event truly special!





**DALKI GULI'S
COFFEE WITH
A COP**

Conversations that matter whilst connecting Mob with local Police

Drop in anytime on the first **TUESDAY** of every month
Between **Midday & 3pm**
At Goolum Goolum's
Dalki Guli Hub

Come for a Coffee - Stay for a Yarn



**Matt's
Movie
Review**

HIT MAN (2023)

BASED ON A TRUE STORY.....KINDA THIS WAS GREAT AND THE AWKWARDLY TRYING TO BE SERIOUS ACTING WHEN GARY (GLENN POWELL) FIRST STARTS HIS ASSIGNMENTS WAS TOP TIER I THINK EVERYONE AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER WANTS TO ACT LIKE RON.

HIT MAN

Bunjil's View Film Series

Premiering Bunjil's View Part 3 – Unfinished Business

As part of our 2026 NAIDOC Week celebrations, Goolum was incredibly proud to premiere the third instalment of our Bunjil's View film series, 'Unfinished Business', at the Horsham Town Hall.



Created in partnership with Blue Goanna Digital, 'Unfinished Business' tells the powerful Dreaming story of the Bram-Bram-Bult Brothers—creator spirits entrusted by Bunjil to bring order to the world. Their epic journey follows the pursuit of Wembulin (Spider), Tchingal (the Giant Emu), and Dyalang (the Three-Headed Snake).

This film honours the enduring cultural knowledge, deep connection to Country, and rich storytelling traditions of the Wotjobaluk Peoples. These stories continue to educate, inspire and strengthen future generations, ensuring that culture remains strong and alive.

The premiere was a special moment for everyone involved, and we are honoured to now share this story with the wider community.

If you haven't had the chance to see it yet, 'Unfinished Business' is now available to watch alongside the first two films in the series, 'What A Place To Be' and 'Origins of Fire'. The films can be watched:

- On the Goolum Goolum website.
- At the Dalki Guli Hub.
- At the Horsham Regional Art Gallery as part of the NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition until 9 August 2026.

We invite everyone to experience these stories and celebrate the rich cultural heritage they preserve and share.



*On Wimmera land artwork, Painted with Light.
Artist: Tanisha Lovett, Gunditjmara and Wotjobaluk artist*

Photo: Mary French

ACT Natimuk's Creative Lab First Nations Artist/s' Project is an arts development opportunity available to First Nations artist/s or arts collectives working in any art-form - visual, performing, sound, installation, screen etc.

The Creative Lab First Nations Artist/s' Project is intended to provide creative exploration time on an idea, which will ideally seed a project with a showing at NatiFrinj 2027.

There is one Creative Lab First Nations Artist/s' Project opportunity in 2026-27. The successful applicant/s will receive;

- a \$5000 grant
- support to build/make connections in Natimuk
- access to a First Nations arts mentor
- support to access venues/spaces
- support to access limited technical resources

Information and the application form can be found on this website –
<https://actnatimuk.com/creative-lab/>

Applications Open:	July 20, 2026
Applications Close:	September 18, 2026
Creative lab period:	Nov 2, 2026 – Oct 28, 2027
Outcome/showing NatiFrinj:	Oct 29 – Oct 31, 2027

For further information or assistance please get in touch –
creativeservices@actnatimuk.com

This program is supported by Creative Victoria, and VicHealth's 'Welcoming Spaces' Project through Regional Arts Victoria.

GOOLUM GOOLUM 2026

PATHWAYS TO POSSIBILITIES EXPO

Goolum Goolum are inviting all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and families to attend the 2026 Pathways to Possibilities Expo

This initiative aims to support Mob in walking strong into:

**Education, Training, Wellbeing
& Future Opportunities**

WHEN: THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST
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**CHECK OUT OUR TRY-A-TRADE
EXHIBITORS AND GET HANDS ON WITH:**



BRICKLAYING



CARPENTRY



PLUMBING



ELECTRICAL



- FREE BBQ LUNCH
- COFFEE VAN
- GIVEAWAYS AND PRIZES
- GUEST SPEAKERS

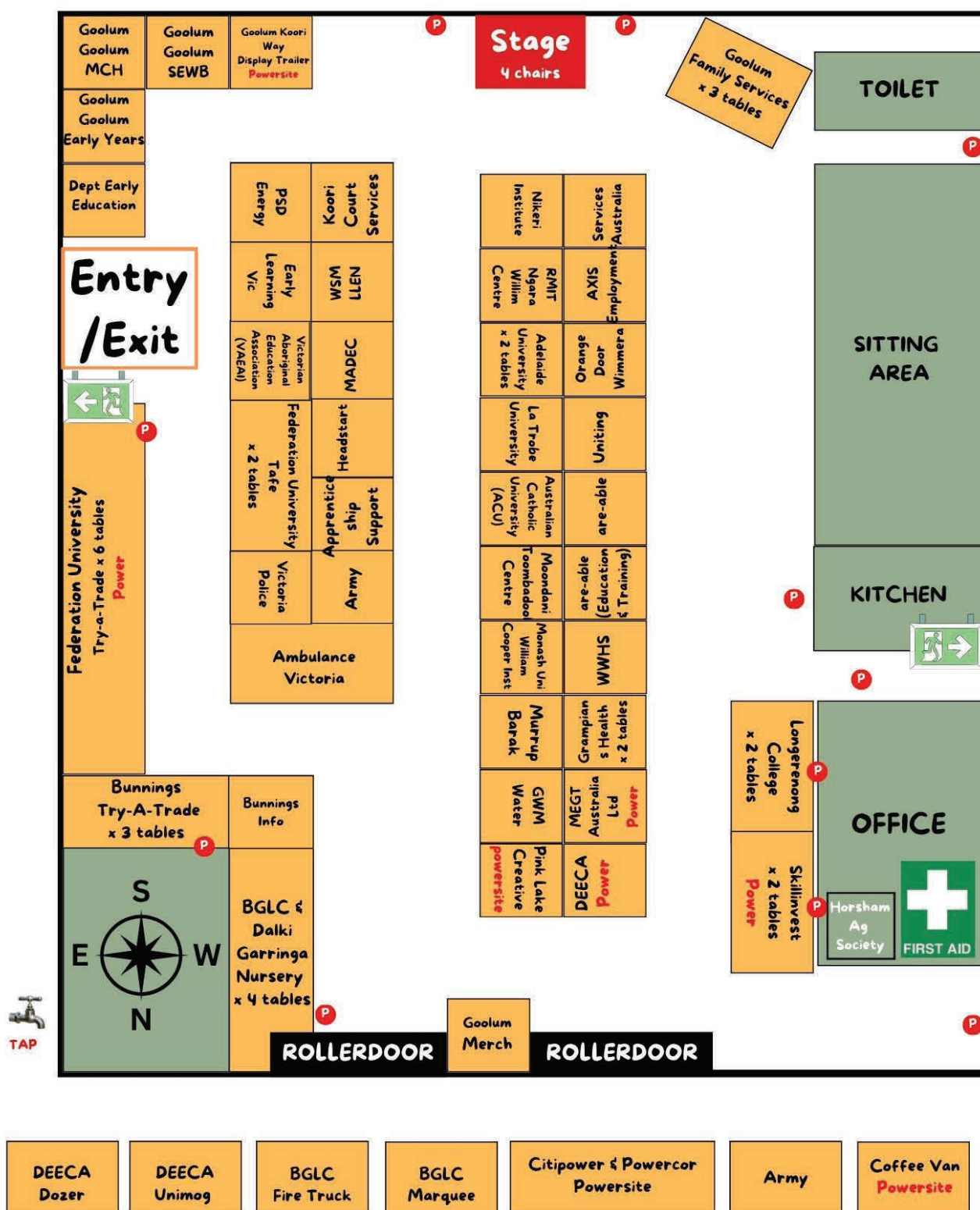


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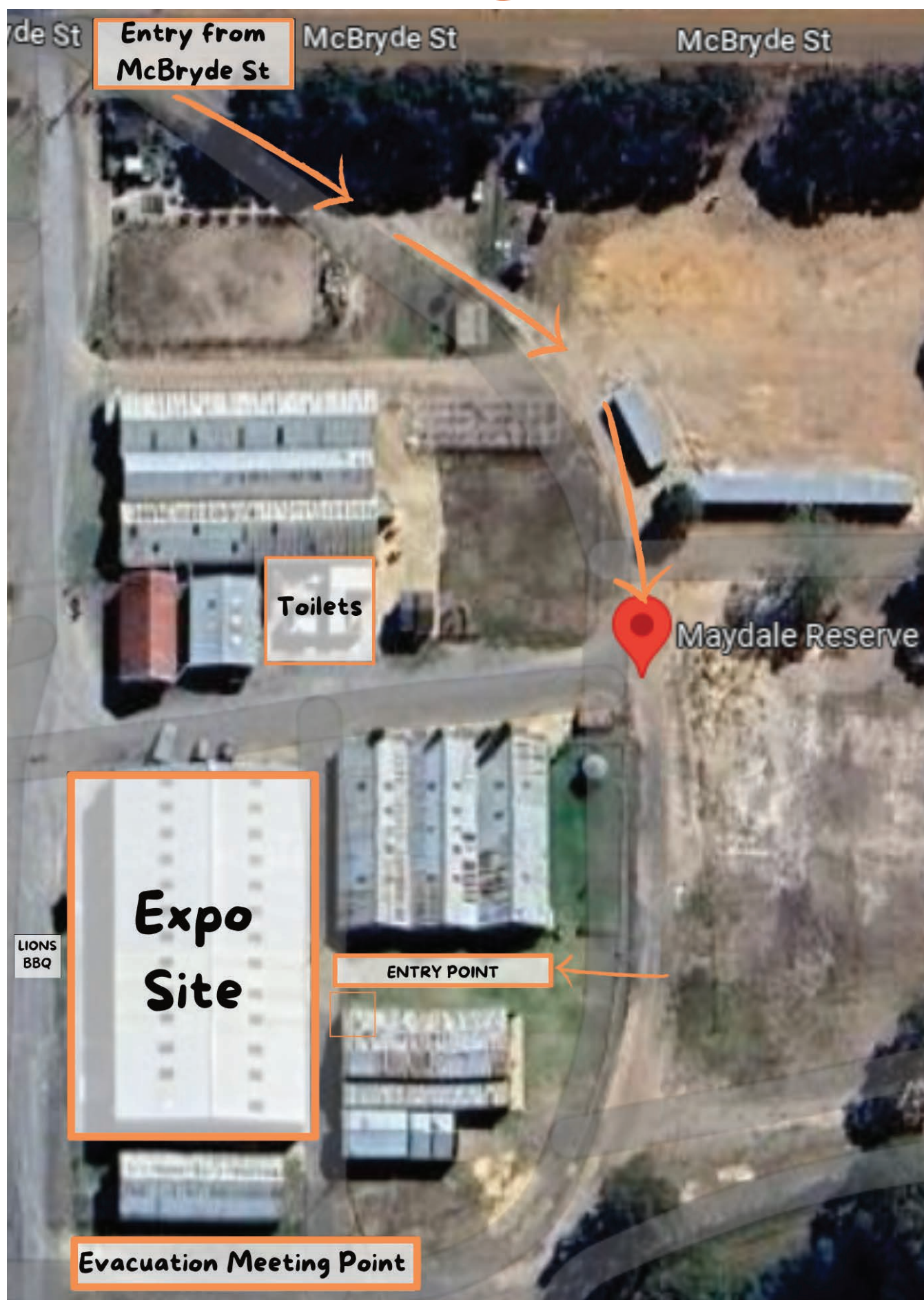


2026 Goolum Goolum Pathways Expo





Pathways to Possibilities



New Staff Profiles



Sarah

PRONOUNS: She/Her

PROGRAM AREA / ROLE
Speech Pathologist

PLACE OF BIRTH
Portland, Victoria

AFL TEAM
Geelong (Go Cats!!)

FAVOURITE QUOTE
Not all those who wander are lost

FAVOURITE FOOD
Sushi

MY SPORTS
Running, netball
(on a temporary break
after having a baby)

OTHER INTEREST
Hiking, travelling



Annie Minter

NICKNAME
Annie

PROGRAM AREA
Community Services

PLACE OF BIRTH - Horsham

POSITION
Events and Activities Manager

FAVOURITE FOOD
Anything Japanese

MY SPORTS
Netball and Basketball

AFL TEAM - Geelong Cats

OTHER INTERESTS
Cooking and listening to music



Kaitlyn Beeton

NICKNAME
Kaite

PRONOUNS
She/Her

PROGRAM AREA
Community Services
Dalki Guli Café

PLACE OF BIRTH
Tassie

POSITION
Social and Emotional Wellbeing

GET DRIVING WITH GOOLUM



Ready to get your L's or P's?
Give us a call so we can help
set you up for driving success!

- 'Road to Solo Driving' Guide
- 'Guide for Learner's' Log Book
- Support to access Learner's and Hazards testing
- Lessons with a Qualified Driving Instructor

**FREE PROGRAM FOR
ABORIGINAL & TORRES
STRAIT ISLANDER
COMMUNITY 15YRS AND
OVER**

**READY TO GET YOUR LICENSE
OR WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?**

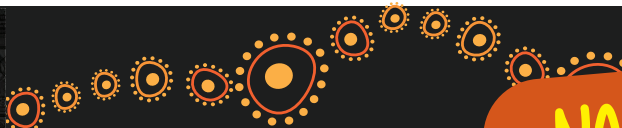
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Safe Our Way Community Initiative Fund





Celebrating 50 Years of Deadly – NAIDOC Week 2026

Goolum was proud to partner with BGLC to celebrate NAIDOC Week 2026, marking the theme “50 Years of Deadly.” Throughout the week, community members came together to honour history, culture and achievements while celebrating the strength and resilience of our communities.

The week began on Monday with our Flag Raising and Opening Ceremony at the Dalki Guli Hub. All were welcomed by our GM/Board Member, Johnny Gorton and BGLC Chair, Chris Harrison. As stated by Johnny during the event, “We have loved to see our partnership with BGLC strengthen and evolve to what it is today.” This was deepened even more by a gift exchange between the two organisations, to symbolise our continued working relationship. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout as community gathered to officially open NAIDOC Week, reflect on this year’s milestone celebration and connect with one another.

On Tuesday, families enjoyed BGLC’s Fifty Years of Deadly Cultural Day at Dudley Cornell Park. The day provided opportunities to learn, celebrate culture and spend time together in a welcoming community environment.

One of the week’s highlights came on Wednesday evening with the opening of the NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition at Horsham Town Hall and the highly anticipated premiere of Bunjil’s View Part 3 – Unfinished Business. Created in partnership with Blue Goanna Digital, the film shares the Dreaming story of the Bram-Bram-Bult Brothers and honours

the enduring cultural knowledge, storytelling traditions and connection to Country of the Wotjobaluk Peoples. Seeing this important story premiered in front of community was a truly special moment and one that everyone involved will cherish.

On Thursday, Elders and young people came together for BGLC’s Elders & Youth Luncheon, providing a meaningful opportunity to strengthen connections between generations through conversation, shared experiences and community.

The celebrations concluded on Friday with our Stawell Family Day and Closing Ceremony, where families came together for a morning filled with activities, laughter and connection. It was a fantastic way to bring the week to a close, reflecting on the importance of culture, community and the relationships that continue to strengthen our future. Later that evening, many community members also attended BGLC’s Family Cabaret Evening, rounding out an incredible week of celebration.

Thank you to BGLC, all staff, volunteers, performers, partners and every community member who attended and helped make this year’s celebrations such a memorable success.

Here’s to another year of celebrating culture, community and 50 Years of Deadly.





EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

WOTJOBALUK & WIMMERA MOB

**VACSAL STATEWIDE
JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL
CARNIVAL 2026**

**23RD & 24TH SEPTEMBER
BARNSDALE 2026**

**WE ARE LOOKING TO ENTER THE
FOLLOWING TEAMS UNDER
WOTJOBALUK**

AGE DIVISIONS

**9 & UNDER FOOTBALL AND NETBALL
12 & UNDER FOOTBALL AND NETBALL
15 & UNDER FOOTBALL AND NETBALL
17 & UNDER FOOTBALL AND NETBALL**

Supported Accommodation will be offered/ provided
to players & players parents/ guardians. .

**Please complete either of the links below if your child is interested in
representing the Wotjobaluk/ Wimmera Community at the VACSAL
Carnival.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7Jg6DRZ>





23rd & 24th September

Age - Division

9 & Under

12 & Under

15 & Under

17 & Under

FOOTBALL

**Wy Yung Football Netball Club
60 Bullumwaal Road, Wy Yung**

**Bairnsdale City Oval
20 MacArthur St, Bairnsdale**

NETBALL

**Bairnsdale World Courts
99 Wallace Street, Bairnsdale**

Registration Packages will be available
at a later date

Hosted in partnership with BRUS



For more information please call
June Bamblett (03) 9416 4266



Vale Aunty Alva Taylor



Disclaimer: Please note this post contains images of a person who has now passed and is being shared with permission from family.

Vale Aunty Alva Taylor

It is with heavy hearts that Goolum Goolum shares the passing of our beloved Aunty Alva, who returned to Dreaming on Tuesday, 9 June. Aunty Alva was a deeply respected and well-known member of our community. Over the years, she dedicated her time and wisdom to Goolum Goolum as both a valued Board Member and staff member, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside her.

She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, her warm and caring heart, and her unwavering support for those around her. Aunty Alva was someone you could always lean on, laugh with, and turn to for a listening ear. Her kindness, strength, and generosity touched countless lives.

The loss of Aunty Alva will be felt deeply across our organisation, fellow Elders, and community. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and all those who loved her. Thank you, Aunty Alva, for your guidance, friendship, and the legacy of care and compassion you leave behind.

Rest peacefully as you journey home to Dreaming. Out of respect for Aunty Alva and her family, we ask our community to keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Funeral announcements to follow once details are confirmed.

Jordan's Artwork

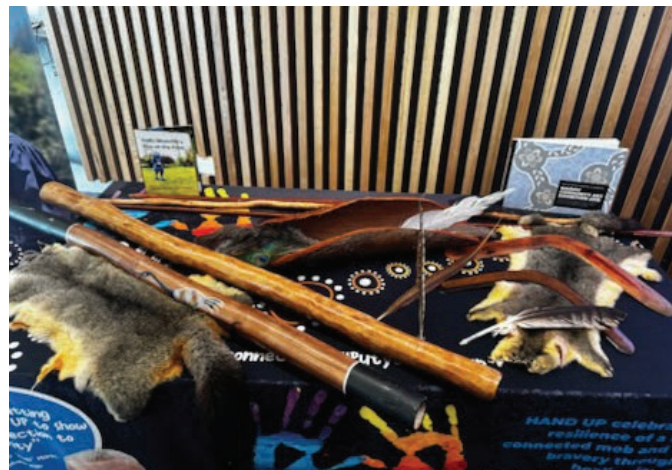
Jordan artwork features at Natimuk United FNC As part of Horsham District Football & Netball league's Indigenous round fixture, Laharum FNC and Natimuk United FNC clashed in the 'Battle of the Rocks'.

As part of the event, Natimuk FNC, with sponsorship from Goolum Goolum, commissioned local Indigenous artist, Jordan Secombe to develop the guernsey for the annual clash.





School Visit



Warracknabeal Education Visit

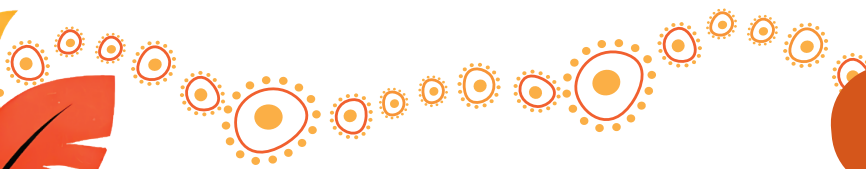


Goolum Goolum hosted primary and secondary school students from Warracknabeal at the Dalki Guli Hub on Thursday, 28th of May.

Students were greeted by Aunty Stumpy and given a short cultural lesson. Students also participated in a Smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country. After ceremonial proceedings, students were given a tour of the Hub, with an explanation of Art & Culture embedded in the architecture of the building.

Enjoying lunch from the Café, students watched an array of videos on the big screen. Bunjil's View was a big hit.





Elders Group Craft

The Elders Group has been very busy this month decorating plant pots for the NAIDOC Week Art Exhibition, as well as creating their very own terrariums!



Elders Group Craft



wayipungitj

Dalki Muwill (hi all)!

Our names are Meishy, Phoebe, Matt and Tyson.
We are the wayipungitj staff (helpers/ supporters of young children) for Goolum Goolum based in Horsham, as part of the bupup balak wayipungang initiative (formally known as KPSA).

We cover the *West Wimmera, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Northern Grampians and Yarriambiack Shires.*



wayipungitj - What do we do?

There are 4 Key areas that we work towards when working alongside Families and Educators:

PARTICIPATION, PRACTICE, COMMUNITY & FAMILY

How can we help you and your family when it comes to Kindergarten?

- Help making a decision about which kindergarten suits you & your family
- Help with kindergarten enrolments
- Attend kindergarten tours with you
- We can help facilitate meetings with teachers if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress
- If your child has a disability, we can attend student support group meetings with you
- We can get you in touch with other support services for you and your family. Eg. Maternal Child Health Nurses, Speech Pathologist, Play Therapy, Psychologist, NDIS, Toy Library, Girrin Playgroup, and more.
- We can discuss kindergarten funding with you, how it can be used, etc.
- Yarn about any concerns or compliments regarding the early years services you're using

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY

JOIN US FOR A FREE LITTLE WOMBATS
CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGED
2 – 8 YEARS, FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC IN OUR
MART ROOM

~~~~~ **TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** ~~~~~  
**10:00AM - 11:00AM**

**DALKI GULI HUB, 36 HAMILTON ST, HORSHAM**

SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO REGISTER FOR  
THIS EVENT!



## Deadly Dads Program



### Calling All Deadly Dads!

- Come along and join our Deadly Dads Program – a safe and supportive space for fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and father figures to connect, yarn, learn, and share experiences.
- Together we'll explore ways to strengthen family connections, support our kids, build healthy relationships, and celebrate the important role men play in our communities.



Where: Tchingal Room @ Dalki Guli Hub  
When: Last Wednesday of the month  
Date: Starting Wed 29<sup>th</sup> July to Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2026  
Time: 10:30am to 12 noon

Morning Tea Provided  
Contact Kym Bateson  
0408 703 809 or [kym.bateson@goolumgoolum.org.au](mailto:kym.bateson@goolumgoolum.org.au) to book your session.







# Childsafe Statement of Commitment



## Statement of Commitment to the Child Safe Standards

Goolum Goolum is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of children and, consequently, is focused on establishing and sustaining a child-safe environment. We maintain a zero-tolerance policy towards child abuse and are devoted to actively fostering a community that safeguards children from harm. Our dedication to child safety stems from our duty of care and obligations towards children, always prioritising their best interests. This commitment will be realised through the execution and oversight of the Child Safe Standards, as outlined in the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act 2015.

## Our commitment to children

We are dedicated to making certain that children feel secure, empowered, and are treated with seriousness when they express concerns regarding their safety and well-being.

We appreciate and uphold diversity, inclusion, and equality. Recognising the vulnerabilities of these groups of children, and in alignment with the Child Safe Standards, we specifically advocate for:

- the cultural safety of Indigenous Australian children and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
- the involvement and empowerment of children with disabilities, Indigenous Australian children, and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

## Our commitment to employee and volunteers

We are dedicated to making certain that employee, volunteers, work experience students, contractors, visitors, guests and community recognise that child safety is a collective responsibility. We will guarantee that employees, volunteers, and work experience students receive the essential support needed to meet their responsibilities regarding child safety. We will ensure that employees, volunteers, and work experience students are trained in child safety, including understanding abuse risks and appropriate interactions and behaviours with children. All employees of Goolum Goolum, which includes work experience students, agency employee, volunteers, and independent contractors present at GG workplaces, are required to adhere to our Code of Conduct that delineates the expected standards of behaviour when working with children. The expectations concerning behaviour are detailed in the Goolum Goolum Code of Conduct.

## Our commitment to ensuring a child safe organisation

### Recruitment

We will ensure all employees and volunteers who work with GG have a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and that there is an appropriate screening process for employee and volunteers that work with children including interview guides, advertisements and selection criteria which clearly demonstrate our commitment to child safety.

### Training and Supervision

We will ensure all new and existing employees understand the importance of protecting children from harm. This will be supported through induction, training, and professional development.

We will ensure employee understand the process for reporting any child safety issues and are supported by the GG Board of Directors, CEO and Management.

### Reporting

All allegations and concerns in relation to children's safety will be taken seriously and will be investigated fairly and appropriately. GG supports and encourages our employees to proactively report any behaviour deemed to be endangering the safety of children. Reportable incidents and complaints are notified to the relevant authority (DFFH, Child First, Child Protection or Police).

### Scope

This Statement of Commitment applies to all employee including any person directly employed by the Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-Operative or on a contract basis, and volunteers and work experience students, irrespective of their specific involvement in child related duties.

Approved by: CEO

Date: March 2026

<https://www.goolumgoolum.org.au/policies>



# GOOLUM GOOLUM SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & BRIEF INTERVENTIONS

- For young mob 12 - 25 years
- Advocacy
- Brief Intervention / Lifestyle support
- Care & Recovery Coordination
- Cultural and social connection
- Ongoing assistance in day-to-day challenges
- Referrals and assistance accessing mental health services

## BRINGING THEM HOME

- Available to all Community
- Support to complete Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA) applications and obtain COA Certificate
- Support to access Link-Up
- Help to research and understand family history

## ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS PROGRAM

- For all mob over 16 years
- Advocacy
- Brief Intervention / Outreach
- Care & Recovery Coordination
- Comprehensive Assessments
- Harm Minimisation / Treatment Plans
- Therapeutic Counselling
- Referrals and assistance accessing other AOD services

## SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL & WELLBEING (SEWB)

- Advocacy
- Assistance in day-to-day challenges
- Cultural connection
- Education and Employment pathway support
- Housing and Homelessness advocacy
- Improve emotional wellbeing
- Social interaction
- Supported referrals to other services
- Support in addressing food insecurity
- Support to access financial aid

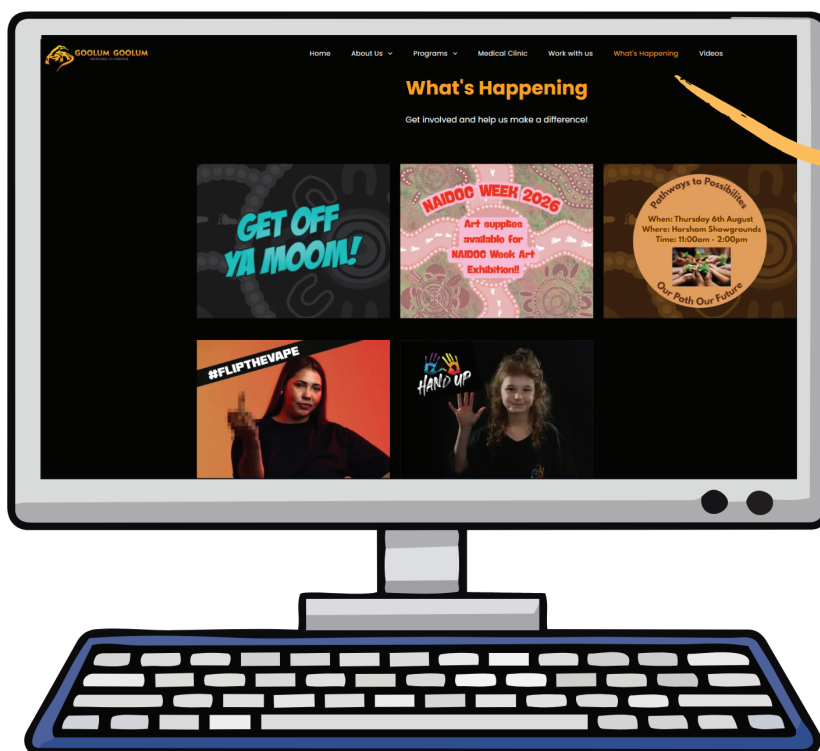
## YOUTH BUDDIES

- One-on-one support for those aged 12 - 18 years
- Weekly or fortnightly catch ups
- Help to set achievable goals
- A safe space to talk about what's going on in your life
- Cultural and social connection
- Referrals and assistance to access ongoing and/or intensive support services

For more information and/or referral to any of our SEWB & Therapeutic Programs, please contact us on (03) 5381 6333 and ask to speak to a SEWB worker.



## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH GOOLUM EVENTS!



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# Goolum Goolum Psychology



## Individual Treatment

Accessible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples aged 13yrs and over

- Individualised treatment based on client goals
- Flexible delivery (Telehealth or In Person)
- No out of pocket costs

### Referral

Speak to your GP and request a Mental Health Treatment Plan and referral  
OR

If you are eligible for funded sessions through another provider, please contact the SEWB Team for referral.  
(03) 5381 6333

## Assessment

Accessible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of all ages.  
Assessment types available include;

- ADHD
- Cognitive
- Learning
- Autism
- If you are seeking a specific assessment, please enquire.

No out of pocket costs

### Referral

Please speak to your Goolum worker or contact the SEWB Team for referral  
(03) 5381 6333

If you are experiencing a crisis and need immediate support, please call 000 or YARN 13 92 76



# MOTIVATIONAL MONDAYS



**WALK ON COUNTRY AND MAKE A  
HEALTHY LUNCH TOGETHER  
EVERY MONDAY 11:00AM - 2:00PM  
GGAC'S STAWELL BUILDING,  
46 LESLIE STREET STAWELL**



**For more info call Bec on 0418 499 852 or  
email [rebecca.willshire@goolumgoolum.org.au](mailto:rebecca.willshire@goolumgoolum.org.au)**







# YOUTH DROP IN



**Are you turning 12 in  
2026?  
Join Goolum Goolum's  
Youth Drop In!**

A free program running  
for all high school Mob  
to hang out, play  
games, homework  
helps and plenty more  
fun activities.

Runs monthly from  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

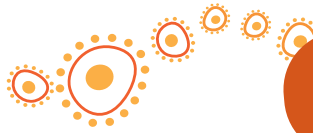
Contact Holly on 0408 294 585 or Regan on 0428 801 474  
to sign your kids up!  
Mob must have parental consent to attend YDI





Hamilton Street  
**MEDICAL CLINIC**

Phone: 5381 6330 Clinic Hours: 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday



**Medical Clinic**



# WOMEN'S BUSINESS

## Cervical Screen Test

***Are you aged between 25-74 years and due for your cervical screen test?***

***Self-collection option available***

***Receive a \$25 Kmart voucher***

## Perimenopause & Menopause Support

***Are you aged between 40-55 years, experiencing symptoms or would like to have a yarn, come and see Selina, our Women's Health Nurse.***

**Selina provides a safe and supportive space to yarn about women's business.**

**Phone (03) 5381 6331**



Hamilton Street  
**MEDICAL CLINIC**





# Need help with NDIS or understanding Disability Support?



## We offer



Support people to understand, identify and obtain a disability diagnosis.



Support to identify whether NDIS is the appropriate pathway for you.



Support to apply for NDIS.



Support to navigate the NDIS pathway from start to finish.



Support to link with NDIS supports and services and remain engaged.

## Eligibility

**Check  
your  
eligibility!**



Wanting to investigate a potential disability for your or your family member from the 0-69 years of age?



You have a formal diagnosis of a disability.



Currently going through the NDIS process.



Currently on the NDIS scheme and identifies as Aboriginal, needing support to navigate the system.



**Sigrid Ellifson**  
Aboriginal Disability  
Liaison Officer

## How do you link in with me?

Call or text me on



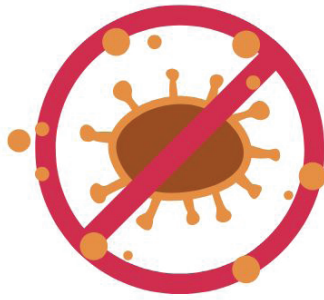
**0429 874 559**

Email me at



**[sigrid.ellifson@goolumgoolum.org.au](mailto:sigrid.ellifson@goolumgoolum.org.au)**





## DIPHTHERIA HEALTH ALERT

Diphtheria is a serious infection that spreads from person to person.

It can cause a sore throat, skin sores, and trouble breathing.

There is an outbreak in northern and central Australia.

This is the largest outbreak since 1991.

Most cases are in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

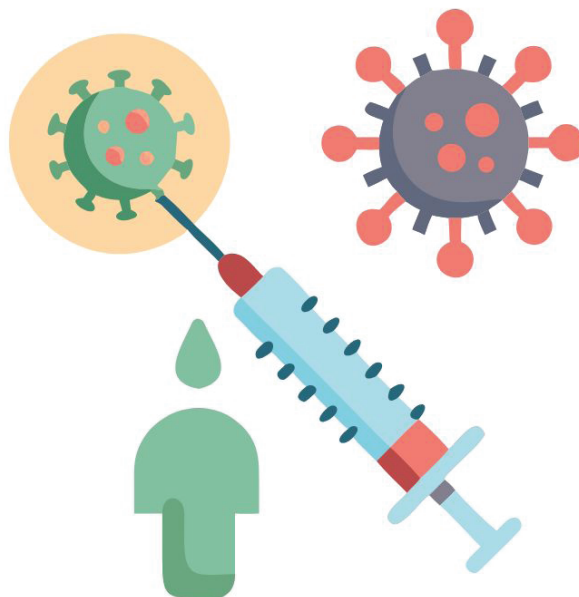
There are no cases in Victoria right now, but health services are staying alert. Diphtheria can be prevented with vaccination.

Make sure your vaccinations are up to date.

See a Doctor if you feel unwell, have a sore throat that does not go away, or have skin sores.

Vaccination protects you and your community.

Now offered at Medical Clinic. Please talk to your Doctor or Nurse if needing to be vaccinated or unsure.





# GET DIPHTHERIA OUTTA HERE!

**Vaccination is the best  
protection from severe  
diphtheria.**

Free vaccines  
are available in  
many areas



**Keep Mob Safe**

**Skin sore or sore throat?**

**See your clinic early.**



**NACCHO**  
National Aboriginal Community  
Controlled Health Organisation



# Get vaccinated and protect yourself from measles.

You need two doses of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine to protect yourself and others.

If you were born between 1966 and 1992, you may have only had 1 dose of the MMR vaccine.

If you haven't had two doses, or you don't know, visit your GP or pharmacy.

No Medicare card is required to get a free state-funded MMR vaccine.



To check your  
vaccination  
status visit:

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/How-to-find-your-immunisation-records](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/How-to-find-your-immunisation-records)



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of Health

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# Sista's night



Our Sista's recently came together for a fun Sip & Paint Night, with 17 women enjoying creativity, good food, and great company. During the evening, Selina (Womens Health Nurse) shared the importance of regular cancer screening. We encourage everyone to stay up to date with cervical, breast, bowel, and lung screening every two years, and to speak with a doctor if you notice any new or unusual symptoms. We also hosted a Biggest Morning Tea, where we heard from Dr Hendy from the Wimmera Cancer Centre, highlighting the importance of early detection and community support.

Hosted by Health Promotion  
Medical Clinic Krista & Selina



# RESPONDING TO DISCLOSURES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAINING

A FREE 6-HOUR TRAINING SESSION  
FOR FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND  
PRACTITIONERS.

| Date             | Time                  | Venue                                      |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| August 5<br>2026 | 9:30 am to<br>3:30 pm | Ballarat<br>SMB Campus<br>Building T       |
| Date             | Time                  | Venue                                      |
| August 6<br>2026 | 9:30 am to<br>3:30 pm | Horsham<br>DHALKI GULI<br>HUB<br>Mart Room |



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER - CLOSING 27.07.2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

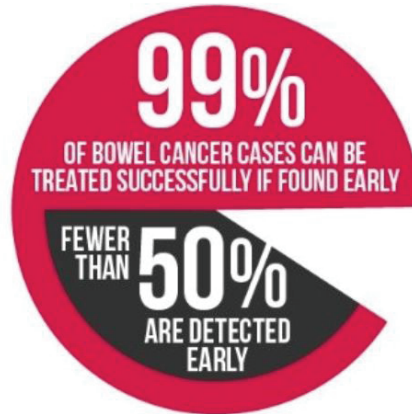
[NICOLE.RETHUS@FAMILYSAFETY.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:NICOLE.RETHUS@FAMILYSAFETY.VIC.GOV.AU)

REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

SCAN ME







## **Bowel Cancer Awareness Month - June**

June is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month, a reminder of the importance of early detection and screening. Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but if found early, over 90% of cases can be successfully treated.

### **Know the signs:**

- Blood in your stool
- Changes in bowel habits
- Ongoing abdominal pain
- Unexplained weight loss or fatigue

### **Screening saves lives**

If you're aged 50–74, you may receive a free home screening kit through the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program. It's quick, simple, and could help detect cancer early.

### **Take action**

- Complete your screening test when it arrives
- See your GP if you notice symptoms
- Encourage family and friends to get checked
- Don't wait—early detection can save your life.

If you are due for a test you will receive a letter in the mail.

Test kits available at the Medical Clinic.





# Health Directory

If you or someone you know is not doing well, there are contacts and resources to access for help. Nothing is more powerful than giving each other a HAND UP, reaching out to each other and connecting with each other through this time.



**VIC  
EMERGENCY**  
Download VicEmergency  
[www.emv.vic.gov.au](http://www.emv.vic.gov.au)



**Triple Zero Victoria**  
in an emergency  
always call 000





**YARN – 24/7**  
**13 92 76**



**Lifeline**  
**Lifeline – 24/7**  
**13 11 14**



**DirectLine (AOD) – 24/7**  
**1800 888 236**



**Grampians  
Health  
Horsham**  
**Horsham Psychiatry 5362 1300**  
(Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm)  
3 Robinson St, Horsham  
1300 24447 647 (after hours)



**Uniting Wimmera**  
**5362 4000**  
(Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm)  
185 Baillie St, Horsham



**Emergency Housing**  
(after hours & public holidays)  
**1800 825 955**



**Christian Emergency Food Centre**  
**5381 2311**  
(Monday – Friday, 1:00pm – 3:30pm)  
28 Firebrace St, Horsham



**Grampians Community Health**  
**5358 7400**  
Monday to Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm



**The Orange Door – Wimmera**  
**1800 271 042**  
Family Services/Family Violence  
(Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm)  
3 – 7 Madden St, Horsham



**1800RESPECT**  
NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC  
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE  
**1800RESPECT – 24/7**  
**1800 737 732**



**Horsham Police Station**  
**(03) 5382 9200**  
20 Roberts Ave, Horsham



**Wimmera Base Hospital**  
**(03) 5381 9111**  
83 Baillie St, Horsham



**Stawell Police Station**  
**(03) 5358 8222**  
9 Patrick St, Stawell



**Stawell Regional Hospital**  
**(03) 5358 8500**  
Unit 27 – 2 Sloane St, Stawell





**CLOSE  
THE GAP**



**BUILDING  
OUR FUTURE**



**FOCUS  
ON FAMILIES**



**STRONG  
VOICES**

**Goolum Goolum, more than just a health service.  
We strive to provide a holistic model that  
supports the physical, social, emotional, cultural,  
and spiritual needs of our people.**



Feel free to contact us if you would like to contribute  
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