



Newsletter February



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Sistas are back!

"Sistas, It's Time to Connect – Join Our Circle!"

**Fortnightly
Thursday Horsham
11:00am to 2:00pm**

**Fortnightly
Friday Stawell
11:00am to 2:00pm**



Please Contact: Kym Bateson 0447 846 250



Welcome

Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Co-operative respectfully acknowledges that our offices are based on unceded land of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk peoples. We pay our respects to their ancestors, and to Elders, both past and present, and to the future Elders and caretakers of this land. Always was, always will be, Aboriginal Land.



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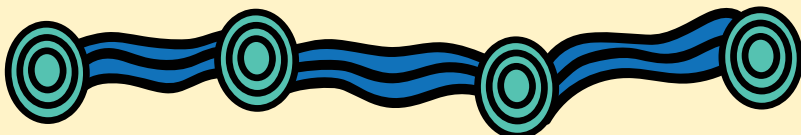
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Board Director



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Board Director



Dalk Welcome to our February newsletter

I trust for many of our families we are all back into the school routine and that our kids are all settling in well. It was interesting to learn that we have record numbers of kids in the pre-school system with kindergartens- great to see and our Early Years team is very active in this space ensuring services are culturally safe – never hesitate to reach out to our team.

Good to see programs getting going again with Celebrating Sistas, Youth group and the Elders all getting back into the swing of things.

Lots happening at the Hub with flooring going in this week and landscaping works are underway.

Great work by all concerned at the start of the month assisting community who needed to evacuate Dimboola - thanks to BGLC for coordinating with us – a great example of mob working together.

Have a great month ahead.





Aboriginal Community Forum

This is your opportunity to ask questions & raise issues to the Grampians RAJAC Chairperson & EO to seek answers at the Aboriginal Community Justice Forum. The AJF is made up of government representatives and leaders from the Victorian Aboriginal Community.



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY FORUM

HAVE YOUR SAY ON JUSTICE, HOUSING, EDUCATION, VICTORIA POLICE, CHILD PROTECTION MATTERS OR ANY MATTERS THAT AFFECTING YOUR COMMUNITY

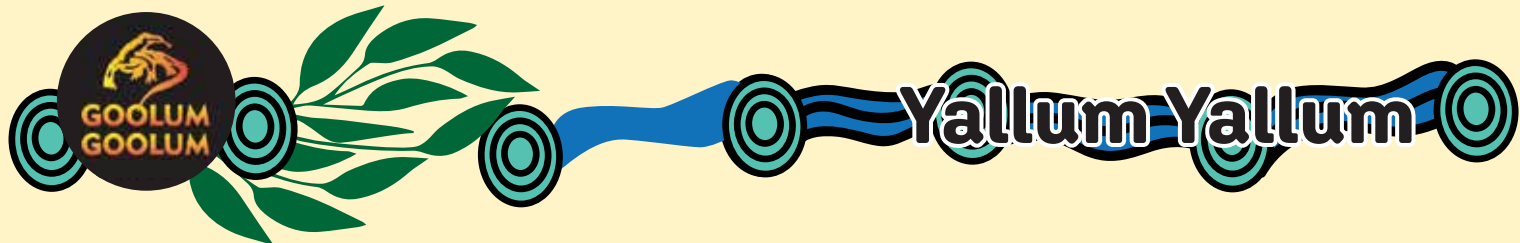
WHEN: Tuesday 2nd March 2025
5.30 pm – 7pm (followed by light dinner)
WHERE: Auntie Irene Room
43 Hamilton Street
Horsham, Victoria 3400

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The AJF is made up of government representatives and leaders from the Victorian Aboriginal Community.

For more information, please contact:
Adina King | Executive Officer
Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC)
Mobile: 0429 205 436 | Email: Adina.King@justice.vic.gov.au





YALLUM YALLUM ART COMPETITION

Design a new logo for our program and if selected you can win \$500 worth of vouchers!

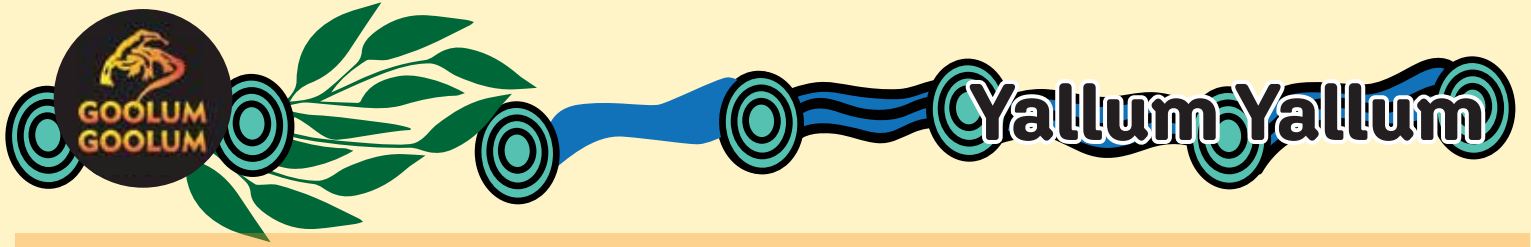
- * Artwork must be created by local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community member
- * Artwork must follow the attached brief
- * All submissions will be anonymously judged by Elders and Respected Persons council
- * All submissions to be emailed to michael.fowler@goolumgoolum.org.au

Entries close 5:00pm, 1st May 2025

Winner to be announced 12th May 2025

For further information please contact Yallum Yallum Coordinator, Mick Fowler on 0400 627 487 or email michael.fowler@goolumgoolum.org.au





Art Competition

The Yallum Yallum Elders and Respected Persons Council is a group of Elders and Respected Persons who are brought together to provide guidance and form an agreement with participants during their engagement with the program to strengthen their cultural connection and identity and explore, address and repair harm related to their behaviour.

What?

- Piece of art created by local Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Community member. Traditional Owner or non TO. To be used as official Yallum Yallum logo moving forward.
- Artwork will become the property of GGAC to use for Yallum Yallum branding.

When?

- Entries close 1st of May 2025

Why?

- Yallum Yallum is a fully self-determined Justice model that is proving to divert our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members away from the justice system. Following a successful 12-month pilot, Yallum Yallum has been fully funded for the next 3 years and is expanding in to other Communities.
- The artwork is required to be used for identifiable branding on documentation, Elders and Respected Persons Council uniform, advertising, etc.

Criteria

- Yallum Yallum is Wergaia language meaning “Many Ponds”. This refers to the many areas of support required by some. Yallum Yallum’s values include:

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| ■ Respect | ■ Non-judgment |
| ■ Cultural Lore | ■ Empathy |
| ■ Honesty | ■ Empowerment |
| ■ Pride | |

- Council members would like the restorative justice themed artwork to depict:

- Connection
- Courage
- Strength
- Healing

- Artwork must represent the above in a way that gives a visual representation of the many areas of support required to help grow and heal. This will form the basis for introduction of Justice model.

Prize

- The winning artwork will be selected by the Yallum Yallum Elders and Respected Council at their May 9th Committee meeting. This will be done with all artworks deidentified.

The winning artist will receive \$500 in gift vouchers of their choice. The artwork will then be licensed to GGAC to use for Yallum Yallum.

YOUTH DROP IN
12 - 18 years

SKATEBOARD Painting



Get creative in painting your own skateboard, followed by a BBQ tea! All equipment and food are provided for this free workshop

Where: 'The Station' 16 Pynsent St, Horsham
Date: Wednesday 19th Feb
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

All boards to be displayed in 2025 NAIDOC Art Exhibition
For more info please contact Hannah on 0484 268 536
This activity is made available through Dhek Dja: Safe Our Way Community Initiative Fund



Contact Hannah on
0484 268 536

Pizza in the Park!: Big hello to all out there who attended and those that wanted to but couldn't get there. What an evening - my first time being with a great crowd of Mums, Dads, Carers and kids who I had the pleasure to share our Culture and have lots of fun with it.

I don't know exactly how many young ones that were along with the adults, but it makes it a good event with quite a lot coming along.

I brought my Goolie Resource Kit that I have been using for over 50 years. I still have 90% left of what I was given in late 1970s. The crowds no matter who I show it to love seeing something they have never seen before and that is a great buzz for me.

The weather was spot on, the venue very comfortable and a great time for all - my teaching, crowd participation and great tucker - Pizza and fruit.



There were some younguns that I have worked with before and the new ones. There were a lot of activities I did and a lot of activities that I had no time for - facepainting for ceremonial dance with clapping sticks, boomerangs and other. It all went just too quickly.

Horsham's Botanical Gardens

So it was a fantastic first up Pizza in the Park, thank you to Goolum-Goolum staff who organised and made it happen.

**I always say when signing off - "NUNKERI WOOREN"
here's my hand, here's my heart.**

THANK YOU TO ALL, UNCLE RON MARKS.



Motivational Mondays



Motivational Mondays group has taken off in 2025!

We visited Kryal Castle in Ballarat to get our steps in, learn about medieval history, play games, and watch knights in a jousting battle.

MM Group has cooled down in the warmer weather with visits to both the Stawell and Ararat pools to get our laps in. We have also engaged in a walking tour of J-Ward in Ararat to learn about stories of what it was like in an old gaol and be a prisoner in those times.



If you would like to take part in “Motivational Mondays” please reach out to Mel on 0436 011 250. Motivational Mondays runs every Monday from GGAC’s Stawell building (46 Leslie Street) at 10:30am.





Congratulations



Back to School 2025

Thank You to Our Amazing Community!

A big thanks to everyone who attended the Back to School event and shared your thoughts about the day. Hearing from our kids and families about what the event meant to them made it even more special.

Your feedback inspires us to keep creating events that truly matter.

Do you know who's behind all this hard work?



A big congratulations and thank you to our amazing Maintenance Crew! Not only do they keep everything running smoothly, but in 2024, they were a huge help in setting up community events and delivering Christmas hampers. Their dedication and hard work ensured our gatherings were successful and that families received the support they needed during the festive season.

As they put it: "We are very happy that the community lets us be part of this."

Your efforts don't go unnoticed—thank you for always being there for our community!





Congratulations



Federation University Australia has appointed proud Wotjobaluk woman Katrina Beer as its inaugural Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous. In the new position Ms Beer will drive Federation's Indigenous strategies to achieve better outcomes and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in education, training, employment, and research, and promote a sustainable culture of inclusion, diversity and high cultural competency within the University.

Over her career Ms Beer has built strong working relationships with government departments, industry and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and has over 20 years' experience in the vocational and higher education sectors, working with Federation since 2017 most recently as Senior Manager of the University's Aboriginal Education Centre.

Previously she ran her own success business, Yanikan-Werritj Training and Employment, working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to achieve their goals.

In 2024 Ms Beer led Federation's successful bid for the 2024 Wurreker Award for Innovative Koorie Learner Pathways award, and has also been recognised in Federation's Vice-Chancellor's Awards on numerous occasions.

Ms Beer will work closely with the university's extended leadership team, particularly Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Reconciliation, Professor Andrew Gunstone, who leads all reconciliation matters at the university, including the National Centre for Reconciliation, Truth and Justice.

The appointment of Ms Beer highlights the university's strong commitment to reconciliation and is another step in Federation's ongoing journey in supporting the national reconciliation movement and working collaboratively and inclusively to advance outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'.



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We are looking forward to again hosting our 2025 Pathways Expo for our local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander secondary school students at the Maydale Pavillion. It is looking to be bigger and better with the amount of interest already being shown from a number of Schools, Universities & Tafes.



PATHWAY EXPO **GOOLUM GOOLUM** **2025 GOOLUM GOOLUM**
 "Our Path, Our Future"

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST
THURSDAY
7th

Horsham Showgrounds, Maydale Pavillion

PATHWAYS to POSSIBILITIES

CONTACT GOOLUM GOOLUM: 0447 846 250  

Career Pathways



Indigenous APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM 2025

APPLY NOW!

 **Career Pathways**
 Powered by APSJobs

Are you interested in a career in public service? The Australian Government Indigenous Apprenticeships Program is a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start their careers in the Australian Public Service (APS). Since 2015, the IAP has given over 2,100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people opportunities to join the APS. This program helps people with diverse backgrounds start a new career. This includes people leaving school, finishing study or looking for something new. It's a great way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to make a difference in the lives of Australians. If you would like to know more about this program, search 'Indigenous apprenticeship program' on your internet browser.

Playgroup is back!

Goolum Goolum playgroup now has a new name

“Girrin Playgroup”

Girrin means Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo in Wergaia language, and we are excited to be starting the new year with our new name. Stawell Playgroup has now been moved to Tuesday with the same start time of 10.30am, at our Stawell Hub.




Horsham Playgroup will also have a new home for Term 1, whilst we wait for the completion of the new Goolum Goolum Horsham hub. Girrin Playgroup will be running at 'The Station' - the former NEXUS building in Pynsent street Horsham, on Thursdays from 10am. We are really excited to see everyone again!


PLAYGROUP STAWELL



EVERY TUESDAY



10:30AM



GOOLUM HUB

PLAYGROUP HORSHAM



EVERY THURSDAY



10:00AM



THE STATION

INTRODUCING THE NEW

ABORIGINAL HEALTH LIAISON OFFICER (AHLO) SERVICE

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

Tonya Fedel and **Kymerley Williams**,
Aboriginal Health Liaison Officers, are
here to support you in receiving
culturally appropriate health care.



Services Include:

- Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who use the health service.
- Advocating for you while accessing health services and connecting with other support networks.
- Attending appointments with you.
- Assisting you and your family to communicate with the medical team about your care.
- Helping you feel comfortable and understand processes while using services.
- Connecting you with referrals to other health and community services.
- Promoting health and wellbeing for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- Improving cultural understanding and supporting staff to provide culturally appropriate care.



If you would like to speak with us about your or a family member's care, **please ask your treating medical team.**

Or call us directly on

03 5461 0333

Together, we aim to make healthcare a safe and welcoming space for all.



East Wimmera Health Services

Acute Care

EWHS offers a range of acute services across its five campuses. Each community is supported by a local doctor, who provides ongoing care.

Renal Dialysis Donald Campus

Monday, Wednesday & Friday – currently with two shifts each day.

Bookings are required phone 5478 6293 or 5478 6200.

Urgent Care Centre All Campuses

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Aged Care

Residential aged care is for older people who can no longer live at home. Reasons can include illness, disability, bereavement, an emergency, the needs of their carer, family or friends, or because it is no longer possible to manage at home without help.

The aged care system aims to ensure that all older people receive support and quality care when they need it. EWHS has residential aged care facilities located at Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St Arnaud and Wycheproof.

All five of our fully accredited residential care facilities are co-located with the local acute hospital, and in most cases, are also within easy access to the local GP.

Visit the MyAgedCare website for more information. <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/>

Primary Care

Primary care is all the health services people can access in their community, without needing to travel to or be admitted to hospital.

Referrals

Referrals for EWHS Primary Care services are accepted via self-referrals, GPs and other health professionals. All enquiries and referrals for Primary Care Services are through our Central Intake service.

To access any of EWHS Primary Care services, please contact our friendly central intake team on 5477 2222 or intake@ewhs.org.au who will conduct an assessment and eligibility for services.

PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

Continence Service

Diabetes Education

Dietitian

District Nursing

Domiciliary Nurse

Foot Care Nurse

Hospital Admission Risk Program

Healthy@Home

Health Promotion

Home Services:

Personal Care, General Home Cleaning, Home Maintenance, Delivered Meals (*Buloke only*).

Medical Imaging

Occupational Therapy

Physiotherapy

Planned Activity Groups

Podiatry

Post Acute Care

Social Work

St. Arnaud Campus

52 North Western Road
St. Arnaud, VIC 3478
P. 03 5477 2100
F. 03 5477 2131
E. starnaud@ewhs.org.au

Birchip Campus

26 Duncan Street
Birchip, VIC 3483
P. 03 5477 7100
F. 03 5492 2455
E. birchip@ewhs.org.au

Charlton Campus

4 Learmonth Street
Charlton, VIC 3525
P. 03 5477 6800
F. 03 5491 2010
E. charlton@ewhs.org.au

Donald Campus

1 Aitken Avenue
Donald, VIC 3480
P. 03 5478 6200
F. 03 5497 1715
E. donald@ewhs.org.au

Wycheproof Campus

9 Grandview Street
Wycheproof, VIC 3527
P. 03 5478 0700
F. 03 5493 7665
E. wycheproof@ewhs.org.au



Family Services Programs at GGAC



Please contact
Samantha Darcy

samantha.darcy@goolumgoolum.org.au

**Family Violence and Respite Trial Programs
Confirmation of Aboriginality AFLDM/NJERNA Gap Gap Dyirr,
and Cultural Support Plans**



Please contact
Kelly Britten

kelly.britten@goolumgoolum.org.au

Individual and Family Therapy



Please contact
Monique Emmett

monique.emmett@goolumgoolum.org.au

Kinship Care, First Supports and Play Therapy



Please contact
Rhianna Peachey

rhianna.peachey@goolumgoolum.org.au

Tuning Into kids, Tuning Into Teens and Carer Network Group




Please contact
Sharna Cockerall

sharna.cockerall@goolumgoolum.org.au

**Integrated Family Services, Family Preservation & Reunification
Response (FPRR) program and parenting program.**

Alternatively, you are welcome to call the
GGAC Family Services team

 (03) 5381 6333

Artwork by Jasmine Harrison

Aboriginal Community Respite Care Program

Movie Mate Respite Roomie Bowling Bestie Brunch Buddy



WE WANT YOU!

Whether it's for a few hours, a weekend, a day trip to the Zoo, or for an awesome Goolum Goolum event-you could be providing a golden opportunity to a young person needing a break, or even just a bit of fun for you both!

Goolum Goolum wants to extend an invitation to our mob to be part of our new carers respite pool!

Carers are paid for their time and care, per child, per night.

Our new program will provide respite for community, by community!

If this is something you are interested in or want to know more about-please contact Sam Darcy or **complete the form at the back of the Newsletter.**

Exploring
Sleepovers

Camping
Cooking

Fishing
Kids Capers

Culture Convo's
Sport

Art
On Country

CONTACT



samantha.darcy@goolumgoolum.org.au

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Horsham, Victoria 3400



MUMS & BUBS GROUP

Once a Fortnight on Wednesday's
12.30pm - 2pm

We welcome all Mums with babies
12 months & under

Aunty Irene's Room
with your Maternal Child Health Nurses

(Light lunch provided)



HORSHAM DROP IN CLINIC
The Last Thursday of the Month

No appointment required
Drop into Aunty Irene's Room and have a
Yarn with your Maternal Child Health
Nurses

STAWELL DROP IN CLINIC
Once a Fortnight on Wednesday's
10am - 12pm

You're welcome to pop in and ask your
Maternal Child Health Nurses any
questions you may have.

Also available for appointments.

GGAC New Staff Profiles

Amber Louison-Suwal



Start Date	3/02/2025
Program Area	Medical Centre
Position	Director of Health
Favourite Sports Team	I'm not a footy fan... yes I am Victorian!
Fun facts or hobbies	Millinery

Welcome Amber Louison-Suwal

Shae Harrison



Start Date	29/01/2025
Program Area	Medical
Position	CHSP Worker
Favourite Sports Team	Bulldogs
Fun facts or hobbies	Gardening

Welcome Shae Harrison



Please contact
Medical Reception Clinic
5381 6301

Speech Pathology Mary Jean (MJ)

Every Thursday alternates between Horsham and Stawell

Days: Thursday 27th January	Days: Thursday 20th February
Time: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Time: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Place: Horsham	Place: Stawell



Please contact
Medical Reception Clinic
5381 6301

Diabetes Educator Lesley Robinson

Every 2nd Wednesday

Days: Wednesday 12th February and 26th February
Time: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Place: Horsham



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Medical Reception Clinic
5381 6301

Clinic Doctor Dr Garry Matthews

Days: Monday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Place: Horsham



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Medical Reception Clinic
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Clinic Doctor Dr David Hunchak

Days: Tuesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Place: Horsham



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5381 6301

Clinic Doctor (Off site) Dr Emily Wilson

Days: Thursday
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Telehealth and phone calls only



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Podiatry (Monthly) Andrew Nashed

Days: Tuesday 18th February 2025
Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Place: Horsham



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Maternal Child Health Nurses

Days: Thursdays
Nurses: Jenny Bull
 -Eliza Miller- Amy Beddison
Place: Horsham

Days: Wednesdays
Nurses: Jenny Bull
 -Eliza Miller- Amy Beddison
Place: Stawell



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Medical Reception Clinic
5381 6301

Women's Health Nurse **Selina Pilgrim**

Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Place: Horsham



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Aboriginal Health Workers **Louise King/Carol Kennedy**

Days: Monday-Friday
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Place: Horsham



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Clinical Nurses **Brian Harrison/Selina Pilgrim/Tracey Wood**

Days: Monday-Friday
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Place: Horsham

Time for Your Cervical Screening?

Book your appointment with Selina Pilgrim today!

*Early detection saves lives
 schedule now to stay on top of your health*

FRIENDLY REMINDER
 TO BOOK YOUR
 CERVICAL SCREENING
 UP TO DATE?
 SO SEND THIS TO A MATE





CLOSE
THE GAP



BUILDING
OUR FUTURE



FOCUS
ON FAMILIES



STRONG
VOICES



Strategic Plan
2022-2026

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
To the next Newsletter, have feedback.
See our contact details below.*

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