



Newsletter



MAY 2025

CHUNKY MOVE & GOOLUM YOUTH DANCE WORKSHOP



Kids and families from all over the region spent the first week of the school holidays enjoying teachings in dance and cultural learning. Always a popular program, we continue to embrace the partnership with the Chunky Move dance company.

FAMILY VIOLENCE INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY MAY 15 4-8 PM

Fed Uni - 289 Baillie Street, Horsham

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: LEAH PURCELL AM/DINNER PROVIDED.





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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Welcome to the May Newsletter

I trust everyone enjoyed the Easter break and that the return to school went well for all involved.

We have been enjoying lots of warm weather, but no doubt the cold is not too far away.

In today's edition we are strongly encouraging everyone to get their Flu vaccination – Flu season is well and truly underway, and we should never underestimate how unwell we can become with a dose of the flu.

Protect yourselves and those around you by getting vaccinated asap.

Great to see all the young ones getting involved with the Chunky Moves dance workshop and I also encourage participation in other programs and opportunities:

***Dads and Prams.**

***FV Information night with special guest speaker Leah Purcell.**

***HRCC community round table – have your say!**

***Voting in the Federal election – I encourage all eligible community members to cast their vote and to exercise your right to have a voice.**

The HUB is getting closer to completion, and we are now organising furniture and other fittings with handover due by end of May.

Take care.



Gap Gap Dyirr

FAMILY VIOLENCE INFORMATION EVENING

OUR COMMUNITY OUR RESPONSIBILITY



WILL YOU BE THE DIFFERENCE?



Safe Steps



THURSDAY MAY 15 4-8 PM

Fed Uni - 289 Baillie Street, Horsham

Join us for an evening of awareness, support, and action

as we stand together against family violence.

Special Guest "Leah Purcell", acclaimed actor, writer, and advocate for change.

Dinner provided.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Aboriginal Community Roundtable

Nominations are invited from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community members to participate on the Horsham Rural City Council's Aboriginal Community Roundtable. There is currently a community representative vacancy on this committee.

The selection criteria for community representatives are those that:

- Live, work, study in, or have a current connection to Horsham Rural City
- Have an understanding of the issues that impact Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and relations with government and non-government institutions in Australia.
- Have a commitment to social justice and willingness to engage in dialogue on reconciliation.
- Have strong community linkages with the ability to represent and engage with a broad-range of community views.
- Are willing to constructively participate in an advisory capacity.
- The ability to attend bi-monthly meetings is essential to being a member of the committee.

If you would like an application contact Johnny at Goolum at john.gorton@goolumgoolum.org.au

or

Brett Harrison at brett.harrison@goolumgoolum.org.au

For more information contact Kevin O'Brien at Horsham Rural City Council kevin.obrien@hrcc.vic.gov.au

DADS AND PRAMS



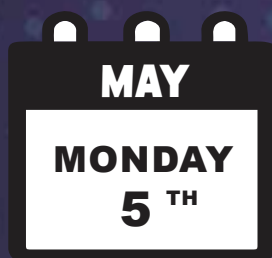
FATHERS COMING TOGETHER

SUPPORT DADS BEING DADS

**OUTINGS FOR DADS INCLUDING
KIDS (0-5YRS OLD)**

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

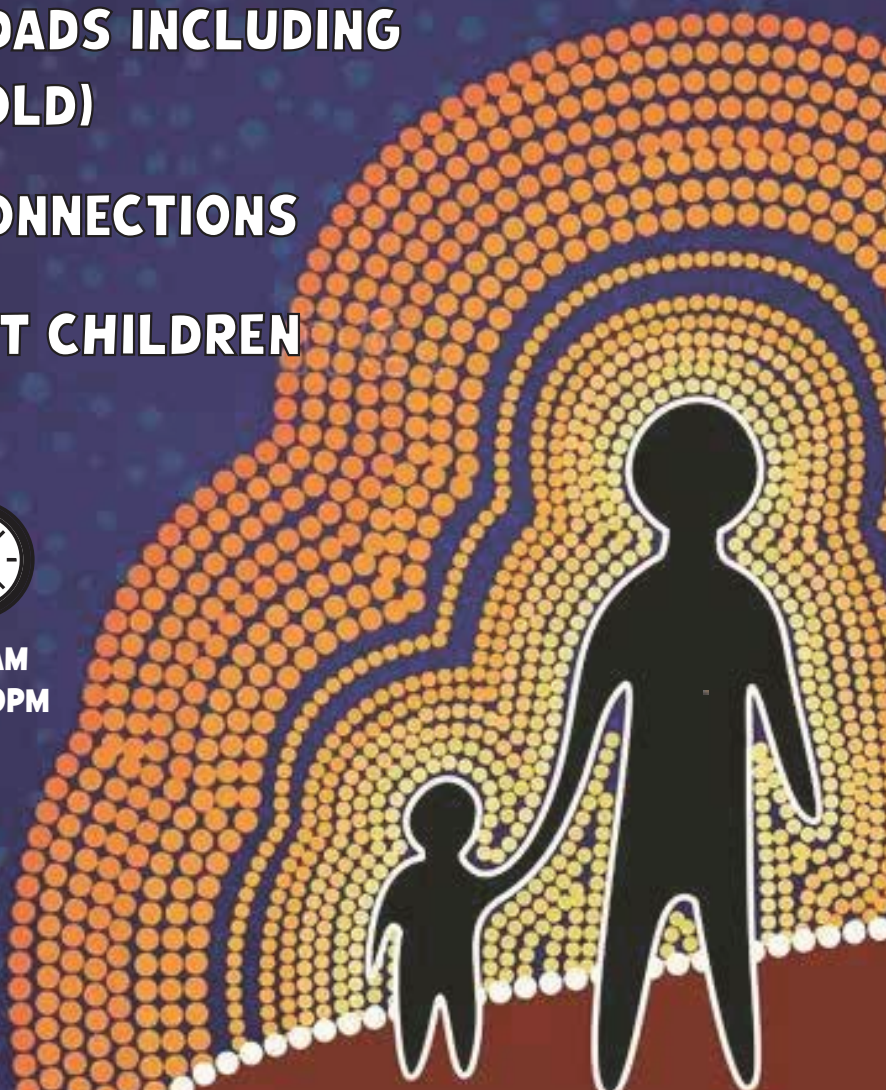
YARNING ABOUT CHILDREN



**11:30AM
TO 1:30PM**



**MAY PARK
MAY PARK TERRACE,
HORSHAM VIC 3400
LUNCH PROVIDED**

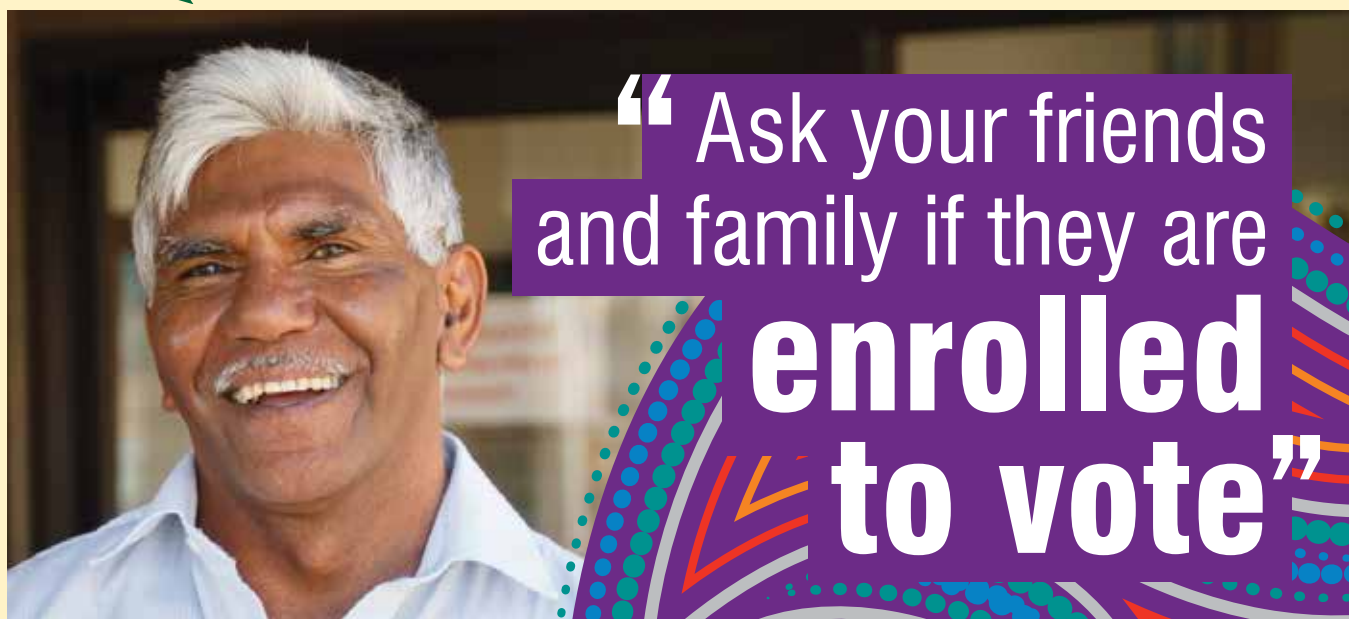


**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT NATHAN NASH**



0427 797 236





VOTING

Why voting is important

Your vote is your voice on the laws and decisions that affect you and your community.

By voting in elections, you have the opportunity to choose the person who you think will best represent your views in the Parliament. Voting is also important to many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because Indigenous Australians did not achieve equal voting rights for federal elections until 1962.

When and where do I vote?

Federal election day is always on a Saturday. Voting takes place between 8am and 6pm at polling places around the country. Mobile polling teams also visit many remote areas in Australia in the weeks before election day.

If you can't make it to a polling place on election day, you may be entitled to vote early either in person or by post. Details about how to vote early will be available from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) closer to election day.

What happens if I don't vote?

Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years or older. If you do not vote and don't have a valid and sufficient reason, you may be fined. The AEC will write to you at the address listed on the electoral roll and ask you to provide a reason why you did not vote.

Who am I voting for?

At election time, you will vote for a person to represent your area (known as an electorate) in the House of Representatives. There are 151 members in the House of Representatives. You can find out which electorate you live in on the AEC's website.

You will also vote for senators who will represent your state or territory in the Senate. There are 12 senators for each state, and two senators for each territory.

To enrol to vote, scan the QR code or visit aec.gov.au/enrol





Council is currently developing its Council Plan and reviewing the Community Vision to ensure it is in line with the communities hopes, aspirations and priorities and want your input into that process. We encourage all members of our community to participate in our survey and/or register to attend in person workshops which will inform the renewal of these key documents.

Survey closes Friday 2nd May.

For details visit the Engage Horsham section of HRCC's website.



Notice to Community

To all community members seeking sponsorship,

The board is asking that all sponsorship requests from the community

be submitted a minimum of 4 weeks in advance of needing the sponsorship.

If requests for sponsorship aren't received in this time frame requests won't be considered.

If you need anymore information

Contact: Johnny at



john.gorton@goolumgoolum.org.au



0417 665 159



On behalf of the Board

Jake Goodes
Chairperson



Goolum Community Hub



The new Goolum Community Hub has taken a big step forward with its latest upgrades. Visitors can now experience the full display of Wathaurong glass and artworks, which are prominently featured throughout the space.

The outdoor areas have also been upgraded, making the site more accessible and welcoming.



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU MATTERS

If you (or someone you know) has experienced discrimination, you can make a complaint with the support of someone you trust.

This page includes information on how we can support you in speaking up, stories from other First Nations people and other available services.



Visit: humanrights.vic.gov.au/first-nations



**Victorian Equal Opportunity
& Human Rights Commission**

Call us- 1300 292 153
complaints@veohrc.vic.gov.au



DELKAIA ABORIGINAL Best Start Program

MOB WITH CHILDREN WHO:

**ATTEND 3 OR 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN AND/OR
ATTEND ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES SUCH AS
SPEECH PATHOLOGY OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

Please find below a link to a quick and confidential survey asking you about your experiences using these services.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9MS3V95>

Our GGAC staff will use this information to guide the work they do to support Kindergarten and Allied Health services throughout 2025. Thank you for your support.





The 2025 First Peoples Youth Dance Workshops with Chunky Move and Goolum Goolum brought together an energetic group of young dancers for three exciting days at Horsham Town Hall. Kids participated in powerful and creative movement workshops led by Chunky Move, exploring culture and self-expression through dance. The free program also included healthy meals and created a space for connection, fun, and confidence-building.



Ballarat Youth Trip



Some of our youth joined together during the school holidays and travelled to Ballarat for a day full of fun. They started the day racing go karts and running around playing laser tag. The group then had lunch and headed to the trampoline park. We finished the day with a adults vs youth dodgeball game.





Budj Bim National Park

Some of the youth travelled to Budj Bim National Park to have a cultural tour of Tae Rak (Lake Condah). This is located in Gunditjmara Country. The youth had a great time learning about the life cycle of Kooyang (short-finned eel), how the "Eel Channels" were created, to seeing a 300 year old tree oven.

Tae Rak is made up of 1,700 hectares of significant wetlands and stony rises right next to the historic lava flows of Budj Bim National Park in south-west Victoria. Tae Rak itself was probably formed about 8,000 years ago as a result of the basalt flow impounding the flow of the Darlot Creek and Condah Swamp outfall. Gunditjmara people witnessed the explosion of Budj Bim volcano and knew it to be the revelation of an important Creation Ancestor.



Did you know Kooyang can travel on land to the next water source?



There are six seasons of Gunditjmara Country, characterised by climate and the lifecycles of eels, birds, bees, and reptiles. The seasonal calendar features information on each of the seasons, and what is happening in and around the landscape at that time.



Two "Eel channels" divert water from a creek. Along each of these, a hand-woven cylindrical net would have been placed to catch eels

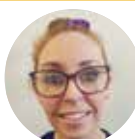
Family Services Programs at GGAC



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
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Kinship Care, First Supports and Play Therapy



Please contact
Rhianna Peachey

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Tuning Into kids, Tuning Into Teens and Carer Network Group



Please contact
Sharna Cockerall

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**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



STARTING TO TALK ABOUT FAMILY VIOLENCE

 **TAKES COURAGE** 

We offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people who are or have experienced Family Violence, a safe and private space where you can share your story and find your strength again.



Family Violence Counselling

There are many different feelings and experiences associated with family violence, and we work with you to meet your individual needs and identified goals.

WE CAN HELP BY

- Talking through your life story
- Building your confidence
- Finding ways to cope and heal
- Planning for your safety


Giving support around what matters to you and creating
a friendly, private space
where everyone feels respected and understood.

CONTACT Sam Darcy

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Maternal and Child Health

Supporting Families Through Goolum MCH Nurses and Our Village



"We are so grateful to the Goolum MCH Nurses for this generous order through Our Village. It will be a huge help to our family."

— A grateful family



We collect and rehome

essential baby and children's items. Partnering with social workers and health nurses, we deliver these items to families who need them most.

Each year, we support over 20,000 children across Victoria. Together, we reduce waste and create brighter futures. Families donate quality goods; volunteers lovingly prepare them. Instead of landfill, these items bring hope and new beginnings. Every act of giving builds stronger, kinder communities. We believe every child deserves the best start in life. Together, we make lasting change possible.

Goolum Goolum Babies Profile



Name:

Wrevie Pollock 1 year old



Favourite Food:

Chocolate frog



Superpower:

Sprint Crawler



Biggest Fear:

Loosing her dummies



Favourite Song:

Row Row your boat



Special Skill:

Standing



Fun Fact:

Has a pet pony at Nanna's called Coco



Favorite toy

Cosy Coupe Car

JOIN OUR TEAM OF SWIM TEACHERS!



We're looking for enthusiastic Swim Teachers to inspire young swimmers in our community, helping them develop essential swimming skills, teach vital water safety, and be a role model who makes a difference.

WHY JOIN US?

- **Make an Impact:** Help children and adults build confidence in the water while teaching life-saving water safety skills
- **Flexible Schedules:** Balance your work and life with ease, thanks to our adaptable rostering
- **Career Growth:** Gain opportunities for personal and professional development in a supportive and empowering environment
- **Great Benefits:** Enjoy free gym and swim membership at Horsham Aquatic Centre and online wellness access via Virtual Y
- **Community First:** Work in a nurturing, inclusive workplace that values your contributions

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

You might already be a Swim Teacher with experience, or maybe this is a new opportunity for you. We're looking for friendly, enthusiastic people who are committed to uplifting others and who believe in the power of sport and recreation to bring communities together.

No experience? Funding may be available for the essential qualifications needed for the right candidate.





Please contact
Medical Reception Clinic
5381 6301

Speech Pathology Mary Jean [MJ]

Every Thursday alternates between Horsham and Stawell

Days: Thursday 8th May
Thursday 22nd May
10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Place: Horsham

Days: Thursday 15th May
Thursday 29th May
10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Place: Stawell



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Diabetes Educator Lesley Robinson

Every 2nd Wednesday

Days: Wednesday 9th April 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Place: Horsham



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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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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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Clinic Doctor (Off site) Dr Emily Wilson

Days: Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Telehealth and phone calls only



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Podiatry (Monthly) Andrew Nashed

Days: Tuesday 20th May 2025 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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Women's Health Nurse **Selina Pilgrim**

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



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

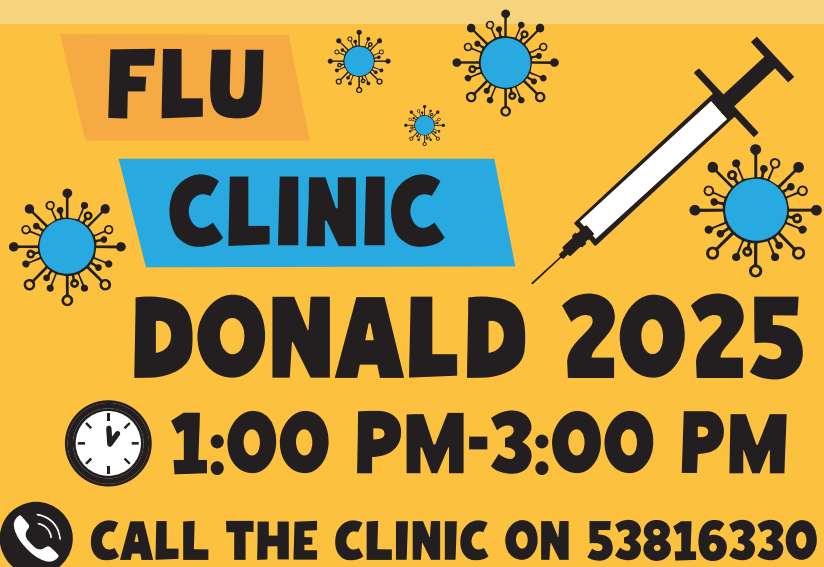
Days: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Place: Horsham



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

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



Breast Screening Shawls ART COMPETITION

BreastScreen Victoria
and Goolum Goolum
invite you to submit your
art design in our
competition.
Your artwork will feature
on the BreastScreen shawl
that wraps around our
Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander
Women when having their
Breast Screen

\$1500

Open to all female
Aboriginal and/or Torres
Strait Islander artists,
all ages.

The Art submitted must be:

- * Rectangular landscape
- * Full colour
- * No white background
- * It can be a piece of art
you have already created

**Artwork must be
submitted by Friday
30/05/25**

Please provide the
following info
with your work:

- * Artist name
- * email address
- * Mobile
- * Artwork name/title
- * Artist Mob/country
- * Artist statement/
story behind the artwork
- * The Art will be used
for 2 visits
(5 years non-exclusive
contract)

For more information contact:
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WHY VOTE?

to put my
views forward

for my family

for my
community

for my kids' futures

for my
Elders

to honour
those
who came
before me

to help decide
who represents
my community
in Parliament

for a seat at
the table

because it affects all of us

Original artwork by Marcus Lee Design.

Learn more at
aec.gov.au/indigenous



AEC

Australian Electoral Commission

Authorised by the Electoral Commissioner, Canberra.



Important update

Dear Goolum Goolum Community

Our Newsletter will be switching from
a printed version newsletter by post to an online
version!



**Scan the QR Code
to Subscribe to our online Newsletter**



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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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