



NJERNDABORIGINAL CORPORATION | MAY 2024 EDITION

NJERNDANEWS

Growing together

Our kindergarten kids are having a fantastic time learning about themselves and their Culture at our Berrimba childcare centre. And with 2025 on the horizon, we are already looking at enrolments for next year.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



I'd like to start my note for this edition with sincere congratulations to Njernda's new Chairperson, Damian Morgan-Bulled.

Nolita Edwards has been elected to serve as the new Vice Chairperson.

Damian has been chosen to succeed Belinda Day, who has decided to step down from the role and her position on the board.

Belinda was elected chair back in 2022 and helped to steer Njernda through a challenging period of many changes and as the corporation came out of the special administration period. I'd like to thank Belinda, on behalf of our organisation and the broader Echuca-Moama Community for her outstanding service. An expressions of interest process has started to appoint a new board member. You will see a flyer and application form for the role here in this edition of the newsletter.

The board will assess the applications and an appointment will be made at a later date.

FISHING GROUP CATCHES ATTENTION



We are really pleased with the response to our men's fishing group!

We are collaborating with Uncle Cole Walker and Auntie May from Cummeragunja and will alternate between using Baroona farm and Cummera for these outings.

It's a great collaboration and helping us to support the wellbeing of our mob.

To learn more, contact Damaar from our Wellbeing team on (03) 5481 0630.



FAMILY SUPPORT FOR NETBALL PROGRAM



The Njernda netball program started at Echuca District Netball Association on April 20.

We have 10 girls as part of the programs, but there is space in the program for 10 more!

This year we have included family members to support the program, to encourage them to come on the day.

Thank you to all families that have asked to be part of the program this year.

We have some players returning, and some new bright talented faces. Bringing community and families together in a positive healthy environment.

It's exciting watching them play, make new connections with coached and players.

Thank you to EDNA and Yinya Mulana for their support.

To learn more, contact Nicole from the Youth team on (03) 5481 0630.

WELCOME TO SCHOOL STUDENTS

What a great idea!

These are the gift kits our team is handing out to all schools in the Campaspe Shire.

They are all hand made with timber off country, handmade gift boxes, custom designed pen and their school names personally etched into the timber.

We also gave out to each school personalised invitations with our custom-made Lilly Pilly lollies and custom-wrapped chocolates.



CARING FOR OUR BURRAIS

Just wanted to give a big shout out to all our beautiful aunts and uncles at Berrimba!

We have had such a beautiful positive start to the year at Berrimba and at almost half way through the year we have had some great changes and growth.

We're so proud of all of our staff for the hard work and effort that they put into educating and caring for all our Burrais.

We continue to strive towards our goals as a team and we have some exciting things coming - watch this space!



Koralynn and Skye recently attended the Cairns Early Years Conference!

Thank you to SNAICC for funding the trip for us and several other ACCOs within Victoria. We were able to attend numerous workshops and presentations, gaining valuable knowledge to help us better our early years experiences for Berrimba. There were four fantastic keynote speakers over the two days, of which included the lovely Tameeka Glass from SNAICC. We are so grateful for being able to immerse ourselves in some fabulous PD. We were able to network with other ACCOs and a number of professionals in the early years space. Special mention to the lovely Davina from SNAICC (pictured with Skye and Koralynn) for all her organisation to make sure the whole trip went well. We cannot wait to share all we've learnt and put it into practice for all our Berrimba Burrais and our community as a whole.

We have made it fun and safe for families and children to walk, scoot or ride to kinder!

Active travel plays an important role in a healthy lifestyle, and is also an opportunity to introduce road safety skills.

Pick up the map from Shine Bright Kindergartens or from us here at Berrimba Childcare Centre.

- **Encourage your children to look at the map with you**
- **Plan your route and practice as a family**
- **Walk, scoot or ride to your location! You can park your car at a nearby carpark and start small.**



Health
Update

TIME TO GET YOUR PROTECTION FROM FLU

Exercise Right Week runs from 20-26 May.

Exercise Right champions the benefits of exercising 'right' for your health, wellbeing and improved fitness as well as optimal intervention for chronic disease prevention.

This year's campaign is focussed on helping Australians increase their daily movement to improve their overall health and seek support from their local accredited exercise professionals. Just moving for 30 minutes a day can make a world of difference to your health and well-being! Whether you're suffering from an injury, battling something bigger like cancer, dementia or diabetes, or you just want to up your fitness game, it's important to get the right advice from an exercise and movement expert to ensure you're exercising right.

So we're encouraging our community to get up and Just Move, making an effort to improve our health and wellbeing.



Scholarship opportunity!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses are encouraged to apply for the Endometriosis Australia Nurses Scholarship which aims to deliver 100 trained Endometriosis Specialty Nurses to regional, rural, and remote communities. Launched by Endometriosis Australia, in partnership with the Australian College of Nursing (ACN), each scholarship is valued at \$2,900. Visit the Endometriosis Australia website to learn more.

Due for a health check?

If you attend a 20-minute appointment with the Aboriginal Health Worker, followed by a 40-minute appointment with the Doctor, you will receive a \$25 gift card!



Have you
changed your
address or
phone number?

Let Njernda
Medical know so
we can update
your records!



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LIVINGWORKS

Learn the skills to keep someone safe from suicide.

FREE Indigenous safeYARN training

Culturally safe and accessible training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



LIVINGWORKS safeYARN

Don't miss the opportunity to learn the skills to help keep your community safe from suicide.

LivingWorks safeYARN half day in-person workshop teaches you the skills to identify someone with thoughts of suicide, ask them openly and directly about suicide and connect them to a keep safe connection for further help.

Half day in-person course

Training details:

10AM- 2PM
Wednesday 5th June 2024

Moama Recreation Reserve
Moama Pavilion
52 Perricoota Road Moama 2731
(Lunch provided)

FREE

Supported by:

- Njernda Aboriginal Corporation
- Campaspe Murray Mental Health and Wellbeing Network
- Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit
- Murray River Council
- Murray PHN
- Northern District Community Health

Bookings are essential, please register now:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/895779650047?aff=oddtcreator>








LivingWorks acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we work and train, lands where sovereignty was never ceded. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and we extend respect and thanks to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities who have contributed time and knowledge to the development of LivingWorks i-ADST and safeYARN programs.

You are invited to attend:

Reconciliation Walk 2024

Come join us as one community as we gather together to unite and celebrate our cultural differences and diversity with respect and acceptance through acknowledgement of our combined histories.

Our journey will begin with a Smoking Ceremony, we will then start our walk through the main street, making our way along Hare Street, through the historical Port of Echuca then onto the Hopwood Gardens for a Welcome to Country and Guest speakers.

Monday 27th May 2024
Alton Reserve - Hare Street, Echuca
10:00am - 11:30am

NOW MORE THAN EVER

The dates remain the same each year, 27th May - 3rd June.


These two dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey. The successful 1967 Referendum and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures.







Yanda Dunguludja – Walk Strong


We can help you with free and confidential information about the law.



This includes legal matters in areas like criminal law, child protection (DFFH), family law, mental health, discrimination and fines.




Drop in to Njernda at 34 Annesley St, Echuca from 10 am to 1 pm, every four weeks.

Have a chat with a lawyer and the **Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer** from Victoria Legal Aid.

For more information or support, contact **Ashlee Moffatt, Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer**
 Tel: 0419 840 795
 Email: ashlee.moffatt@vla.vic.gov.au


 **Victoria Legal Aid**
www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

Is your child turning 3 or 4 this year ?

Its time to enrol into kinder for 2025



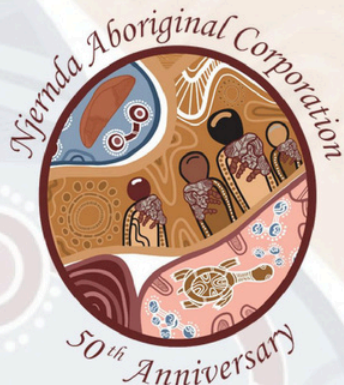
Come have a cuppa and a yarn at Berrimba about what Kinder you would like to send your child to and how we can help your child enrol.

We will be there to support you with your paper work or any questions you may have around the kinder journey.

Join us on Tuesday the 28th of May from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at Berrimba

Morning tea will be provided

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BOARD MEMBER EOI

***NJERNDAMEMBERS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT AN
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THE ROLE OF***

BOARD MEMBER

***IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING, PLEASE FILL OUT
THE APPLICATION FORM AND MAIL TO
51-55 HEYGARTH STREET, ECHUCA***

***FOR A COPY OF THE FORM, SEE OUR MAY NEWSLETTER
OR CONTACT (03) 5481 0610.***

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SCHEDULE 2—NOMINATION/CONSENT TO BECOME A DIRECTOR

NJERNDABORIGINAL CORPORATION

ICN: 1274

Nomination / Consent to become a director

ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED

SECTION A – PERSONAL DETAILS

I, _____ (print full name)
 _____ (print residential address, a postal address is not sufficient)
 of: _____
 Phone: _____ (print telephone number)
 Email: _____ (print email address)

nominate and, if appointed, give consent to become a director of the Corporation.
 I confirm my date of birth is _____ (date of birth)
 and my place of birth is _____ (place of birth)
 And my Director Identification Number is _____ (director identification number)

SECTION B – DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

I also set out the following as standing notice to the Directors of the Corporation under Rule 6.16 and section 268-1 and 268-10 of the Act regarding directors duty to disclose material personal interests that might conflict with the interests of the Corporation):

1. I have the following interests in contracts or proposed contracts with the Corporation:
2. I declare I have the following associations with other Corporations or businesses (Please state the name of the entity and your role in it, eg member, partner, owner, officer, shareholder):

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3. I hold the following appointments whereby duties or interests might be created in conflict with my duties as a Director of the Corporation:

4. I set out below any other material personal interest which relates to the affairs of the Corporation:

SECTION C – RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS
(insert details of relevant experience/qualifications for the role of director)

SECTION D – ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SIGNATURE

I **acknowledge** I am automatically disqualified from managing corporations if I:

- have been convicted of an offence under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (the Act) that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 12 months;
- have been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty that is punishable by imprisonment for at least three months;
- have been convicted of an offence against the law of a foreign country that is punishable by imprisonment for more than 12 months;
- are an undischarged bankrupt;
- have signed a personal insolvency agreement and have not kept to the agreement; and
- have been disqualified under the *Corporations Act 2001* from managing corporations.

The Rule Book of Njernda Aboriginal Corporation (ICN: 1274).
Registered by a Delegate of the Registrar on _____ 2022.

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and I will notify the Corporation within 14 days if any of the above events occur after my appointment.

I **acknowledge** that my appointment as a Director is subject to the Rules of the Corporation and the Act.

In circumstances where this form has been completed to nominate for a member director position, I **consent** to this form and my resume being sent to members as set out in rule 6.6 of the rule book on the basis that all personal information in Section A (other than my name) is redacted.

I **confirm** that I meet the eligibility criteria to be appointed a Director as detailed in:

For Member Directors – Rule 6.4, being:	For Independent Specialist Directors – Rule 6.7, being:
is a Full Member of the Corporation	is not a Member of the Corporation or have any financial or familial interests in it
has consented in writing to be appointed as a Director of the Corporation using the form set out in Schedule 2 to these Rules	Is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
has demonstrated knowledge and experience in the areas of health, finance, governance, law and/or another area that is relevant to the objectives of the Corporation as set out in rule 2	is at least 25 years of age
within one month of appointment provides a Director Identification Number. If a Director Identification Number is not provided within one month of appointment the Committee Member appointment is terminated immediately	within one month of appointment provides a Director Identification Number. If a Director Identification Number is not provided within one month of appointment the Committee Member appointment is terminated immediately
Has a current Working with Children check or within two months obtains a Working with Children Check. If a Working with Children check is not provided within two months of appointment the Member Director's appointment is terminated immediately	Has a current Working with Children check or within two months obtains a Working with Children Check. If a Working with Children check is not provided within two months of appointment the Director's appointment is terminated immediately
is not an employee at their time of appointment, during their appointment or within 12 months prior to their appointment as a director	is not an employee of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation
within two months of appointment, obtains a National Police Certificate. If a National Police Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is not provided within two months of appointment records a Serious Offence within the last 10 years records pending charges for a Serious Offence records a conviction for a Serious Offence during the term of appointment the appointment as a Director is terminated immediately	was not an employee of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation within the previous 2 years
within one month of appointment, signs the Director's Confidentiality Deed. If a signed Director's Confidentiality Deed is not provided within one month of appointment the Member Director's appointment is terminated immediately	has not worked for or been paid by the Corporation for services in a period of 12 months before their appointment
within one month of appointment, sign the Directors Code of Conduct. If a signed Directors Code of Conduct is not provided within one month of appointment the Member Director's appointment is terminated immediately	within one month of appointment, obtains a National Police Certificate. If a National Police Certificate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is not provided within two months of appointment records a Serious Offence within the last 10 years records pending charges for a Serious Offence records a conviction for a Serious Offence during the term of appointment the appointment as a Director is terminated immediately
has completed suitable governance training either prior to their election or appointment or within a period of six months following their election or appointment	is independent and have demonstrated skills in financial management, corporate governance, accounting, law or the health sector

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	Do not owe the Corporation more than \$1,000, or if so, such debt has been approved by members in accordance with Part 6.6 of the Act	gives the Corporation their written consent to become a director before being appointed in the form set out at Schedule 2 of these Rules
		signs the Director's Confidentiality Deed and Director's Code of Conduct prior to appointment
		has completed suitable governance training either prior to their appointment or within a period of six months following their appointment

Signature of
person: _____

Date: _____
NOTE: This form should be completed and given to the Corporation **before** the person is appointed as a director—section 246-10(1) of the Act. The period of automatic disqualification is set out in sections 279-5 and 279-10 of the Act

THANKS AND FAREWELL



Thank you and good luck to Jono Henderson, whose 12-month secondment here at Njernda has ended.

Jono has made a huge contribution as our Youth Services Manager, supporting our staff and the community.

"It has been an incredible journey working alongside each and every one of you," Jono says.

We wish him all the best as he resumes his duties with Victoria Police here in Echuca.

Nadine Wright (currently Baroona Project Coordinator) has taken up the opportunity to act in the position of Youth Services Manager for an interim period.

Additionally, Keith Hearn is also taking up an acting role within the Wellbeing team as Manager, this is an interim arrangement also.

WORK WITH US

A career at Njernda can take you anywhere!
And we love to support our Mob to step up into real jobs that make a huge difference.

Check our website and follow our social media channels to keep up with what's available.

We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members, but unless stated, our jobs are available to all qualified applicants. If you're interested in any of our listed jobs, or want to know more about what it's like to work at Njernda, have a yarn with our HR Team. Get all the details of all our jobs and apply on our website HR Team. Get all the details of all our jobs and apply on our website, njernda.com.au



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