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UNCLE GILBERT'S NAIDOC WEEK ELDER AWARD

We had a fantastic time celebrating NAIDOC Week, and the occasion was made all the more special by a major award.

Uncle Gilbert Wanganeen was recognised as the Victorian Elder of the Year - a huge honour for a man dedicated to serving our community.

Uncle Gilbert is, of course, known for his work as a liaison officer at Echuca Regional Health, and he is also a valued and loved Elder who supports local mob.

The announcement was just one of the highlights of a jam-packed NAIDOC Week, full of events and fun for all ages.

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CALLING ALL OUR COMMUNITY ELDERS!

The Baroona Healing Centre redevelopment is moving forward, and we're excited to re-engage with you to discuss this important project for your community.

In 2022, we received Elders' input on the design of the new Healing Centre. After a pause, the project has recommenced, and we want to ensure that the concept you supported then still reflects the community's vision today.



To do this, the project team will be facilitating an in-person engagement session with Elders of Community at **12.30pm on Thursday 21 August in the Family Services Kookaburra Room**. Please come along, have your say and enjoy lunch as well.

An information pack around what the session will include can be collected from both Njernda Medical (from Amie) or Njernda's corporate office reception.

To RSVP for this important event, please contact Amie on 0408 996 309 or Nadine on 0459 031 618 by Monday 18 August.



TAKING TIME TO ASK EACH OTHER: R U OK?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples share a special connection to Country and to each other, through culture, community and shared experience.

Regardless of where we live, or who our mob is, we can all go through tough times, times when we don't feel great about our lives or ourselves. That's why it's important to always be looking out for each other. Because we're Stronger Together.

GEOFF'S GESTURE TO OUR BURRAIS



Berrimba recently had the pleasure of meeting a lovely gentleman named Geoff Torpey. At 91 years young, Geoff has a passion for crafting puzzles and sharing joy with others.

Geoff, along with his carer Leanne, visited us after seeing our recent Facebook post requesting donations. He kindly brought in a bag of five beautiful cultural puzzles he had handmade for the children. His generosity and thoughtfulness were truly heartwarming.

Geoff also shared that he's been busy creating some noughts and crosses puzzles, which he plans to bring in on his next visit. We are so grateful for his kindness and look forward to welcoming him back soon!



USING ART TO HELP KIDS CONNECT WITH CULTURE

At Berrimba, the Borpa room (Babies room) has been engaged in meaningful art experiences using natural ochre and emu feathers to paint on canvas.

The children are showing enthusiasm as they explore the earthy colours and unique texture of ochre. This experience supports the children's creativity, fine motor development and connection to their Aboriginal culture. Great stuff from the Berrimba team!



CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK AT NJERENDA

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Njernda's teams put on a range of events to bring the community together, including our men's and women's days and a community morning tea.

Dharnya Day, held at Barmah, was another major highlight, while the Mr and Miss NAIDOC ceremony was a great celebration of the emerging leaders in our community.

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run these events, and to everyone who came along to show their support for our programs.

We think the local celebrations were an ideal way to highlight this year's NAIDOC Week theme - The next generation: strength, vision and legacy.



OUR KIDS GETTING INTO THE NAIDOC SPIRIT



Wow, what an incredible few weeks our burrais have had!

We celebrated NAIDOC Week with a range of different activities.

- Arts and craft
- Indigenous Poster making
- Yarning sticks
- Painting wooden snakes
- Gum leaf art
- Necklace and bracelet making
- Emu egg carving and so much more!

The Bayadherra room had a few visits to the library for story time and attended the deadly community event - Dharnya Day.



OUR TEAM READY TO SUPPORT YOUR HEALTH

Most people know that we have doctors ready to see patients at the Njernda Medical Clinic, but are you aware of the breadth of services you can access right here?

In addition to GPs, we can connect you with:

- Audiology
- Exercise Physiologist
- Psychologist
- Optometrist
- Endocrinologist
- Paediatricians
- Podiatrist
- Speech Pathologist
- Dietician
- Cardiologist

And please remember to book for your health assessment to get one of our Deadly Choices t-shirts!



STROKE WEEK CAMPAIGN TO HELP US LEARN THE CRITICAL WARNING SIGNS

National Stroke Week encourages us to know the FAST (Face, Arms, Speech and Time) signs of stroke so that we can save a life. Using the FAST test involves asking these simple questions:

- Face Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?
- Arms Can they lift both arms?
- Speech Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?
- Time Is critical. If you see any of these signs call 000 straight away.

COMING SOON WOMEN'S ART PROGRAM

We are offering a holistic approach to alternative therapy, particularly for those seeking creative and expressive outlets for managing stress, anxiety, or other mental health challenges

STARTING 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025
EVERY MONDAY 4-WEEK PROGRAM
10AM TO 1PM
@ YOUTH AND WELLBEING
BUILDING
59 MCMILLIAN ROAD, ECHUCA

Want to Learn how to paint?

Come along and enjoy some relaxing time with our lovely art teacher Narges.
Lunch and transport will be provided for those who need.

**THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR
LOCAL ABORIGINAL WOMEN, AGED 16
YEARS AND OVER**

To join, please contact Tegan Wanganeen on 0458 725 422.

WORK WITH US HERE AT NJERND!

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 at our website. You can also find our current opportunities by searching for Njernda on Seek.

Want to make a contribution to our community?

Join our pool of casual employees!

We are looking for motivated people to join our team.

If you have a driver's licence, a Working with Children Check, and are willing to undergo a police check...

we want to hear from you!

Email your resume and a cover letter to:

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Or call our HR team on: (03) 5481 0610

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