



YULU-BURRI-BA

Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health

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 @Yulu-Burri-Ba

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Yulu-Burri-Ba acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Quandamooka land on which we work and for many of us, live. We pay our respects to the Elders of this land who have provided leadership and guidance for Yulu-Burri-Ba to meet the health needs of our community.

It is with pride that we recognise the strength of our community and the voice of our youth who are the leaders of tomorrow.

CEO MESSAGE

Hi all,

We're now approaching the halfway point in the year, and this quarter has been busy! This quarter has had a huge focus on families and our jajums. Packed with programs during school holidays for the kids, progress on our new family services building, a water blessing ceremony to welcome babies to the community; we had an under 14s team compete in the Deadly Choices 2026 Women's Netball Carnival and we've opened registrations for the Yulu-Burri-Ba teams in the Junior Murri Carnival.

In addition to our family focused quarter, we've said goodbye to Arthur who was our beloved Project Manager and Finance Manager. After over 20 years of dedicated service, we wish him all the best for his next chapter. We had some of our staff participate in the IUIH/Deadly Choices Golf Day to raise awareness for Men's Health, as well as host our own Men's Health Day with focuses on smoking/vaping, bowel screening and yarns with Dr Joel. Special mention to our Capalaba Elders for winning the regional seniors games and our Minjerribah Elders for placing second.

Over the last few months, we've gone 'pink' to raise awareness for breast cancer with arts and craft tables put together for mob, raised awareness around bowel cancer, the importance of yarning about palliative care, hosted Foster and Kinship care information sessions and have been focused on promoting the flu immunisations, with pop up clinics, merch giveaways and community interviews.

I'm excited to speak to you about the visit we had from The Hon Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aging and Minister for Disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme with Kara Cook MP. Labor's investment in bulk billing has seen 3800 GP clinics now seeing patients for free, including Yulu-Burri-Ba clinics. It was great to have a yarn about what we do here for the community and give a tour of our Wynnum clinic.

Things will be ramping up as we prepare for Redlands NAIDOC at Raby Bay, Winnam NAIDOC & Goompi NAIDOC in the next quarter; as well as the Host Plus Cup, the opening of our new family services building and many other significant dates and events. As a business we remain committed and focused on how to best serve the community, and I look forward to the year ahead.

David Collins
Chief Executive Officer



APRIL VACATION PROGRAMS



During the April school holidays, Yulu-Burri-Ba hosted the vacation programs. Wednesday the 8th being a deadly sports day, BBQ Lunch and morning tea provided. We had the Iron Traks team, Deadly Choices and NRL Development team running different activities and programs with the kids.



Wednesday the 15th was a deadly day at the Crank indoor rock-climbing venue, with morning tea and a pizza lunch put on!



IUIH GOLF DAY

YULU-BURRI-BA STAFF PARTICIPATED IN THE DEADLY CHOICES' MEN'S HEALTH DAY. A DAY OF GOLF TO SHOW SUPPORT AND RAISE AWARENESS AROUND THE IMPORTANCE OF MEN'S HEALTH. PICTURED BELOW IS UNCLE ARTHUR (PROJECT MANAGER), PETER (TRANSPORT), MATTY (SENIOR COMMUNITY LIASON OFFICER) & JAPPY (COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER). UNCLE DAVID OUR CEO AND ERIC (FINDING KIN OFFICER) ALSO TOOK PART IN THIS DEADLY DAY!



OUR VISIT FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & AGING, MINISTER OF THE NDIS & THE MP FOR THE BONNER REGION



On the 10th of June, we had a visit at our Wynnum clinic from the Labor Party's Mark Butler who is the Minister for Health and Aging and Minister for the NDIS with Kara Cook who is the MP for the Bonner Region. Yulu-Burri-Ba is one of 11 fully bulk-billed clinics in the Bonner region and one of the 3800 clinics across Australia that are bulk-billed, thanks to Labor's investment. Our CEO and Wynnum Practice Manager gave our honoured guests a tour of the Wynnum clinic and were able to have a yarn about all Yulu-Burri-Ba does for the community.

GO PINK FOR BREAST CANCER

On Wednesday the 10th, 17th & the 24th of June, each of our clinics went pink for breast cancer! This initiative brings mob together to raise awareness to support research focused on prevention, detection, treatment and how to stop the progression of breast cancer. We put on a deadly lunch with an arts and crafts session!



ON SATURDAY THE 18TH OF APRIL YULU-BURRI-BA HAD AN UNDER 14S TEAM COMPETING IN THE DEADLY CHOICES 2026 WOMEN'S NETBALL CARNIVAL.

LUNCH WAS PROVIDED FOR PLAYERS, THERE WERE IUIH STALLS AND ACTIVITIES FOR JAJUMS WITH DEADLY KINDIES.

FOR ANY OVER 15 TEAMS, AUSTRALIAN NETBALL DIAMOND #105 SHARON FINNAN-WHITE WAS ON-GROUND IDENTIFYING MOB FOR THE FIRST NATIONS ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE (FNAE) – EMERGING TALENT PROGRAM. HOW DEADLY!

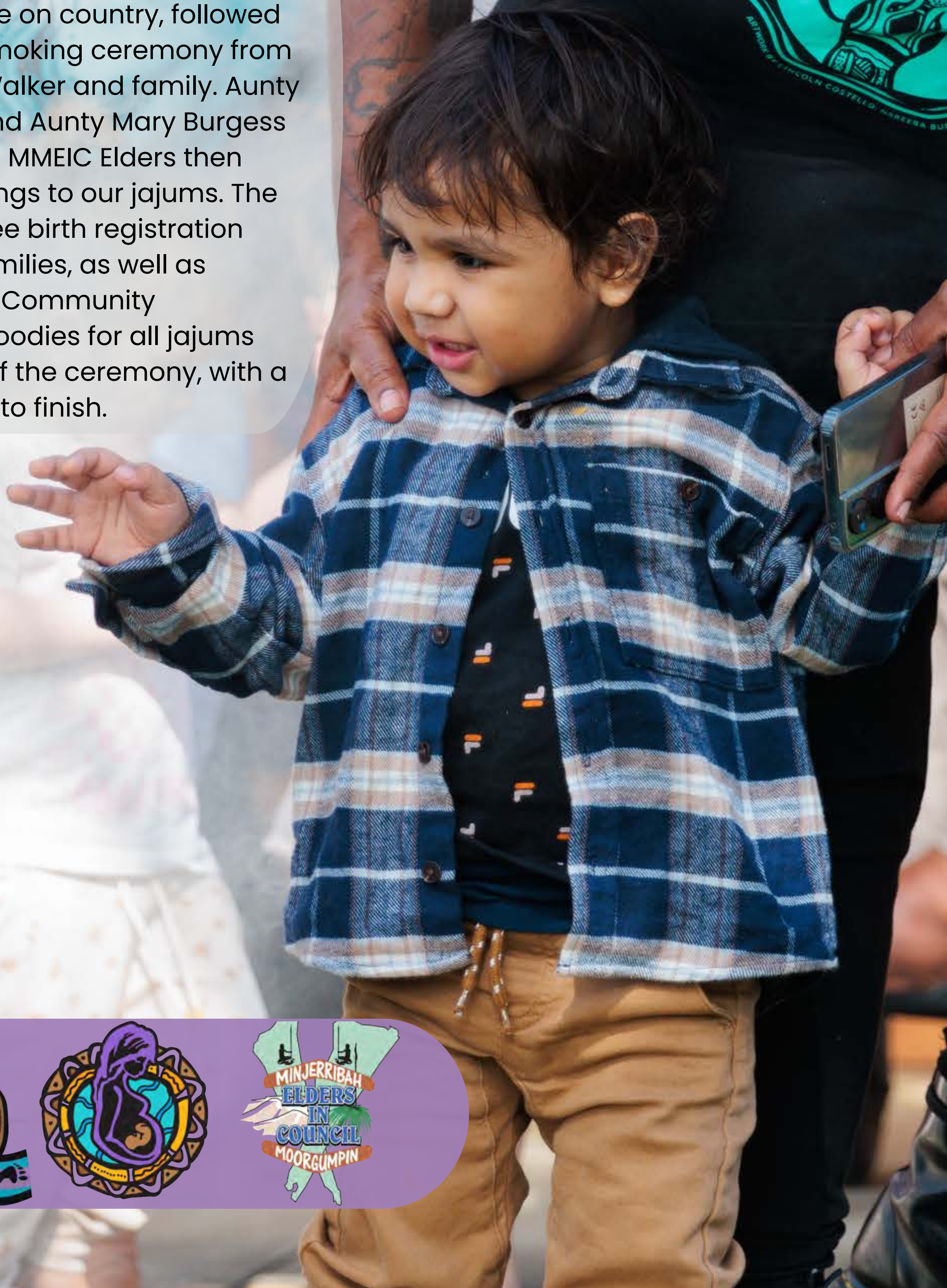


***Deadly
Choices***



Welcome Baby to Community

On Saturday the 23rd of May, our Jajum Bajara program organised the Welcome Baby to Community ceremony with funding from Growing Deadly Families. Uncle David (CEO) and Helen (Jajum Bajara Manager) shared words to welcome everyone on country, followed by songs and a smoking ceremony from Uncle Raymond Walker and family. Aunty Maureen Myers and Aunty Mary Burgess who represent the MMEIC Elders then gave water blessings to our jajums. The day provided a free birth registration opportunity for families, as well as Welcome Baby to Community certificates and goodies for all jajums who were a part of the ceremony, with a deadly BBQ lunch to finish.



JAJUM BAJARA FOOD RECIPE

MINI PIZZAS

AGE: SUITABLE FOR 10+ MONTHS

MAKES: 4 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS

- 4 english muffins halved
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of tomato paste
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup of grated cheese
- Topping of choice (ham, pineapple, olives, mushrooms, capsicum, shredded chicken, etc.)



METHOD

1. Line a baking tray and preheat oven to 200°C.
2. Spread tomato paste evenly over each base.
3. Add desired toppings and sprinkle with cheese.
4. Bake for 8-10 minutes, or until cheese is melted and/or base is crispy.
5. Let cool for 1-2 minutes before serving.

**Flu can spread
quickly through
families.**

**Book your family
together – for our kids,
for our Mob. FluMist is
now available for
children 6-12 years old.**



HAVE YOU SEEN THE CHECKLIST FOR CHILDREN WITH INFECTION?

A new campaign to help families recognise the warning signs of serious infection in children is being rolled out across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland. The **“Checklist for Children with Infection”** brochure is now available at 49 Aboriginal Medical Services across the state as part of a six-month public awareness pilot.

The checklist helps parents and carers **understand the signs of sepsis**, provides a practical **‘tick box’ tool** to monitor symptoms at home, and know when to return to a doctor, nurse or health worker if their child is not getting better or seems sicker — even if they have already seen a healthcare professional.

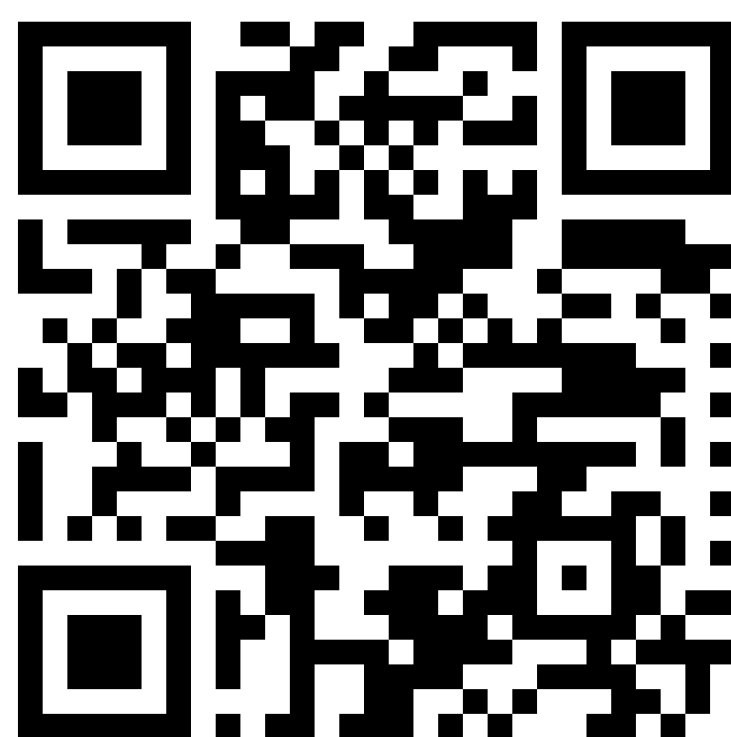
Families are encouraged to **pick up a copy** from their local clinic and keep it at home, so it is available to use the next time their child is unwell.

The checklist was developed following a recommendation from the **Queensland Paediatric Sepsis Mortality Study**, which highlighted the need for culturally appropriate information to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families recognise the signs and symptoms of sepsis early.

If you see the checklist at your local service, take a copy home and have a look through it with your family.

Early recognition of sepsis can save lives.

For more information visit
scan the QR Code or visit:
www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/sepsis



QUANDAMOOKA CUP

On the 27th of March, Our Quandamooka participants for the Senior Games gathered to compete for the region's Quandamooka cup. The day was a huge success with the deadly **Wynnum** team taking home the cup.



On the 12th of June, the Indigenous Senior Games held their finale with all regions competing in the **Gold Cup**. Well done to our very own **Capalaba** Elders for taking home the Gold Cup, with **Minjerribah** Elders coming second place! How deadly! Thank you IUIH for capturing these photos.



WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY

World No Tobacco Day is observed on the 31st of May. This is an international campaign to raise awareness about the health risks associated with tobacco use and to highlight effective ways to reduce tobacco/nicotine consumption worldwide.

On the 29th of May Deadly Choices visited Cleveland State High School to educate the students around the dangers of nicotine, tobacco and vaping. The day also consisted of traditional games, sports and merch giveaways! How deadly!

CAREER EXPO DAY

On Wednesday the 24th of June, Aunty Margie (Training and Development), Kemiya (Aboriginal Health Worker), Matthew (Senior Community Liaison Officer) and Julia (Events and Marketing) visited the Capalaba State College Careers Expo to speak with students who are interested in following a career pathway in health.

WELCOMING POWA TRAINEES TO YULU-BURRI-BA



Yulu-Burri-Ba is pleased to welcome students from the Pathways Our Way Academy (POWA) into our clinics. These young people are completing the **HLT33015 Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance** through a **school-based traineeship**.

These trainees are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander high school students who attend school regularly, can work well in a team and alongside Mob, and are committed to a 1–2-year traineeship while finishing their schooling.

During their placement, you may see trainees supporting supervised tasks as part of their learning. They're here to build skills, gain confidence, and explore future careers in health within a culturally safe environment that values Community.

If you meet one of our trainees during your visit, a friendly smile or yarn will go a long way. Your encouragement helps build the next generation of our health workforce.

If you know anyone who may be keen to take part in a school-based traineeship with us, **contact the POWA team on 07 3828 3600 or powa@iuih.org.au**.



Scan the QR
Code for
more
information
or visit the
IUIH website:
iuih.org.au/powa



MEN'S HEALTH DAY - STRADDIE MEN'S BUSINESS

25TH OF JUNE



On the 25th of June, we hosted a Men's Health Day on Straddie to yarn around the fire about men's health with the community. We had the Deadly Choices Team and Dr Joel as guest speakers, with a deadly BBQ lunch put on. Here's what some of the men have to say about it:

How often do you get your check up, and why do you think it's important to get your health check?

"When they ring me up and say it's due, because health is important – health is wealth" – Brandon Martin

Why do you think it's important to get together regularly for men's business?

"Connection, us mob need to get together more often and make it more common to talk about health so we can help close the gap" – Locklyn O'Loughlin

What do you get out of attending men's groups?

"Knowledge and connection" – Marli Hammant

What does Men's Health Week mean to you?

"Recognising that men's health is important and making it a bigger deal" – Xavier Baira

With the shuffle of our Finance & Business Support team, the role of Project Manager has been absorbed and no longer exists, as a result we bid farewell to Arthur who has accepted a redundancy. Arthur has been a significant part of Yulu-Burri-Ba for over 15 years and has seen the organisation grow from approx. 20 staff to the 130+ staff we see today. Arthur leaves behind a legacy of knowledge, dedication, passion and commitment to Yulu-Burri-Ba and the community we serve. Arthur will be dearly missed by all and we wish him all the best for his future.



GOOMPI NAIDOC 2026



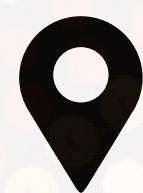
COMMUNITY FILM CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING "50 YEARS OF DEADLY" NAIDOCs ON MINJERRIBAH

Join the **Minjerribah** community for a special evening of **storytelling, culture, film** and **connection** as we celebrate **"50 Years of Deadly"** NAIDOC

- Community film screening
- Cultural performances
- Food
- Community Gathering
- Elders and youth storytelling

save the date now



Dunwich State School, Minjerribah



Friday 31st of July 2026



From 4:00pm



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

more details to be announced...



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North Stradbroke Island
MUSEUM
on Minjerribah



This NAIDOC Activity is delivered with funding support from the National Indigenous Australians Agency and Redland City Council.

GOOMPI NAIDOC 2026



ELDERS LUNCH

CELEBRATING "50 YEARS OF DEADLY" NAIDOCs ON MINJERRIBAH

Minjerribah Elders please join us for a special lunch to celebrate **"50 Years of Deadly" NAIDOC**. There will be **lucky door prizes, presentations and raffles!**

- Aunty Evelyn Parkin will give a presentation
- Aunty Margie K will speak
- Cultural performances including song and dance



Dunwich
Community Hall



Wednesday 8th of
July



From 11:00am

We will be serving **damper, mullet, prawns** on the BBQ with local **bread rolls, rice** and **salad**, finishing with **dessert**.



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CITY COUNCIL

This NAIDOC Activity is delivered with funding support from the Redland City Council.

Redlands Coast NAIDOC

Sunday 5 July

Cultural Celebration



**NAIDOC
WEEK**
**50 YEARS
DEADLY**
5-12 JULY 2026

WINNAM'S NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

50 YEARS DEADLY

DATE : SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026

TIME: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

LOCATION: GEORGE CLAYTON PARK, MANLY

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS, MUSIC, ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS,
FACE PAINTING, KIDS ENTERTAINMENT, ELDERS TENT, COMMUNITY STALL
HOLDERS, FOOD TRUCKS!

Free event - bringing people together - come and be part of it!



If you'd like to host a stall at the event, please
contact the Winnam Office to request a Stallholder
Application Form.

For more event information, please contact the
Winnam Office on (07) 3396 3431 or email
admin@winnam.org

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IN MEMORY OF MERRILYN SIMMONDS (NEE QUEARY)

"Merrilyn worked at Yulu-Burri-Ba for nearly 10 years, mostly as a receptionist and also with Allied Health. Merrilyn was a big part of the Yulu team, being a local indigenous woman of Quandamooka heritage. Merrilyn was a real character, with a good sense of humour. She gave everyone a nickname which stuck with them for the rest of her time with Yulu and still does to this day. Through working here Merrilyn formed long lasting relationships that went beyond work. She was a well-respected member of the community and very much loved. We all have fond memories of Merrilyn which will stay with us forever.

May she rest in the Dreamtime"

Heartfelt words from Alexis in tribute to her dear friend Merrilyn.



YULU-BURRI-BA VALUES

CULTURE



We are grounded in our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture: our traditions and our ways. Our culture is always present in all that we do with our community, with our families, with our people, and our stakeholders. Our culture empowers us and sustains us.

CONNECTION

We believe that our relationships with our communities, with our stakeholders and with each other shape our success. We recognise the strengths of our community, our families, and our clients, and of the other services in our community. We engage with compassion, without judgement, and treat each person with respect. We deliver services with empathy, without judgment and we uphold the confidentiality, the rights, and the autonomy of each person.



EXCELLENCE

We are dedicated to delivering excellence with integrity, to meeting the highest standards expected by our clients, communities, and peers of our organisation and our services.

KNOWLEDGE

We embrace continuous learning and ongoing development within our organisation and with our community. We foster a culture of curiosity, growth, and innovation among our staff, clients, and partners, recognising that learning is essential for personal and professional advancement and for community empowerment.



DIVERSITY

We celebrate the diversity of our community and strive to create an inclusive and equitable environment through our interactions with each other, with our clients, and with the wider community, where everyone feels safe, valued, respected, and empowered.



SAFETY

We believe it is essential that services are physically and culturally safe for our children and families, for our clients, our staff and our visitors.



WHAT'S

COMING

UP...

JULY

- Dry July
- JulEYE
- 5th - 12th NAIDOC Week
- 6th - 12th National Diabetes Week
- 18th Straddie Host Plus Cup - Wynnum Manly Seagulls vs Ipswich Jets

AUGUST

- 1st - 7th World Breastfeeding Week
- 3rd - 9th Dental Health Week
- 4th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
- 4th - 10th National Stroke Week
- 9th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 22nd Daffodil Day

SEPTEMBER

- Prostate Cancer Awareness Month (Blue September)
- 7th - 11th Women's Health Week
- 9th International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day
- 10th R U OK Day
- 26th World Contraception Day
- Murri Carnival

WHERE TO FIND US



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