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NEWSLETTER

December 2024



Season Greetings HELLO!

As we approach the end of the year, we reflect on our achievements and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. This month, we have exciting updates regarding our services & community events.

The Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation (IAC) is thrilled to announce the upcoming transformation of the former Port Kembla Leagues Club into a comprehensive service hub for our community.



The new signage on the Port Kembla building

The new center will be named the **Aunty Dolly Henry and Mr. Fred Moore Aboriginal Services Hub**, honoring two significant figures in our community's history. Construction is set to begin in June 2025, with an expected completion date in June 2026. We believe this project will greatly enhance the support available to our mob.



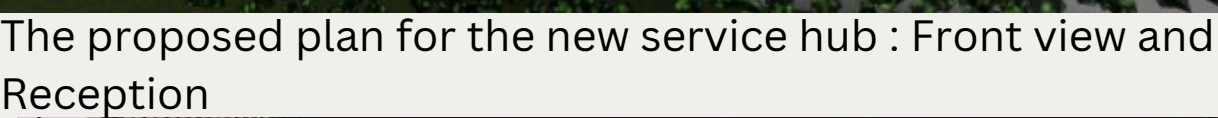
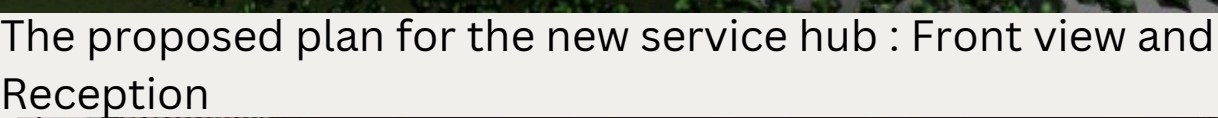
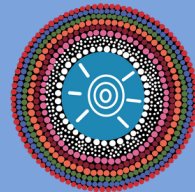
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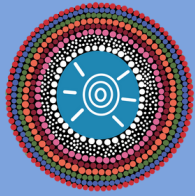
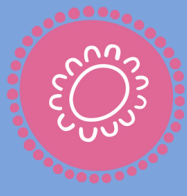


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Aged Care & Elders Christmas lunch

This month we organised a special Christmas lunch for our aged care clients and elders at the Kiama Leagues Club. The Christmas lunch was not just a meal; it was a chance for our community's elders to catch up with old friends and share stories. The atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter, making it a truly special day for everyone involved. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in organising this event and to our guests for making it memorable. Please take a moment to enjoy some photos from the event. We cant wait to do it again next year!

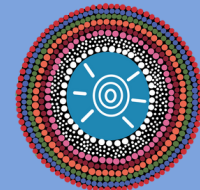
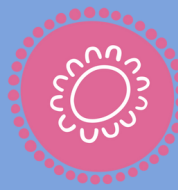




Christmas closure

The Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation will be closed from **Friday, December 20, 2024, until Monday, January 6, 2025**. During this closure period, some services provided by the corporation will not be available. However, there will still be a point of contact for inquiries and assistance;

Hope & Mavis will be present in reception to address any needs or questions that arise during this time. It is important for individuals seeking support or information to exercise patience as other services associated with the corporation may be closed.



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of the Gumbaynggirr, Bundjalung and Gamilaroi nations

Statement of Attainment

MAKE & SEW A PROFESSIONAL GARMENT LEVEL 1

Exciting Aboriginal Community Start-Up Initiative

We're excited to introduce the **SOA of MAKE & SEW A PROFESSIONAL GARMENT Level 1**, a unique 8-week course in patternmaking, sewing, and Indigenous dyeing techniques, proudly launching as part of an inspiring Aboriginal community start-up initiative.

Kickstart Your Career in Fashion!

This course is your gateway to exploring the exciting and growing fashion industry in Wollongong. Gain essential skills in sewing, patternmaking, and Indigenous dyeing techniques that can equip you for your creative career journey.

Whether you're starting fresh or enhancing your skills, this course provides the foundation to step into a dynamic industry with endless possibilities.

Enrolments opening soon and take the first step towards your fashion future!

This TAFE NSW collaboration with **Made on Country** delivers tailored sewing and manufacturing training for Aboriginal community members. Under the guidance of **Caressa Murphy**, participants will build skills in sewing and patternmaking while incorporating traditional Indigenous dyeing methods into their final creations.

Together, we are empowering creativity, celebrating cultural heritage, and supporting sustainable practices. **Be part of this remarkable journey**

How to get involved:

Email kane.wright12@tafensw.edu.au or salonica.gautam2@tafensw.edu.au

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- Nationally Recognised Training
- This training is subsidised by the NSW Government
- VET Student Loans available

Location

Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation,
(IAC) Wollongong
4 Wentworth St, Port Kembla NSW
2502

Duration

8 Weeks (1 x a week on Friday)

Study type

Part time

Start date

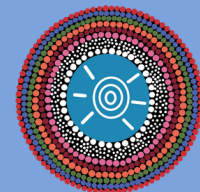
7 February 2025

Study commitment

4 Hours per week

Scan to express your interest today!





Community Christmas lunch

If you or someone you know needs a feed or wants to join in and spend Christmas with community, the following places will be providing Christmas lunch. Please RSVP/call to book

Wollongong free Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be held at 11am on December 25 near the Uniting Church on the Mall.

Contacts

Emergency accommodation
Link2Home 1800152152

Aboriginal Medical Services
4229 9495

Community space & Food support
Hope Street Port Kembla
4298 2800

Food assistance
St Vincent De Paul
131812

Vinnies Van Dinner
Xmas day service: 5:30pm - 5:45pm at
Warrawong 6pm - 6:15pm at Wollongong
Train Station



Christmas Day Community Lunch
From 11am
No cost

4 Russell Street, Corrimal.

Don't be alone on Christmas Day, come and join in the fun of our community lunch. There will be great food, games, prizes, competitions, friendly people, and a small gift for each person.

Whilst it's a free event, we need you to register for catering purposes - registrations close 5pm, Friday 20/12.

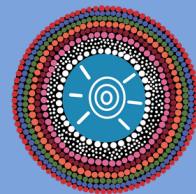
Here's the link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CXRFAQ>

Shoalhaven's Jingle & Mingle Christmas Lunch—a wonderful event open to anyone in need of connection or support this holiday season.

When: Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM AEDT (Doors open at 10:30 AM)

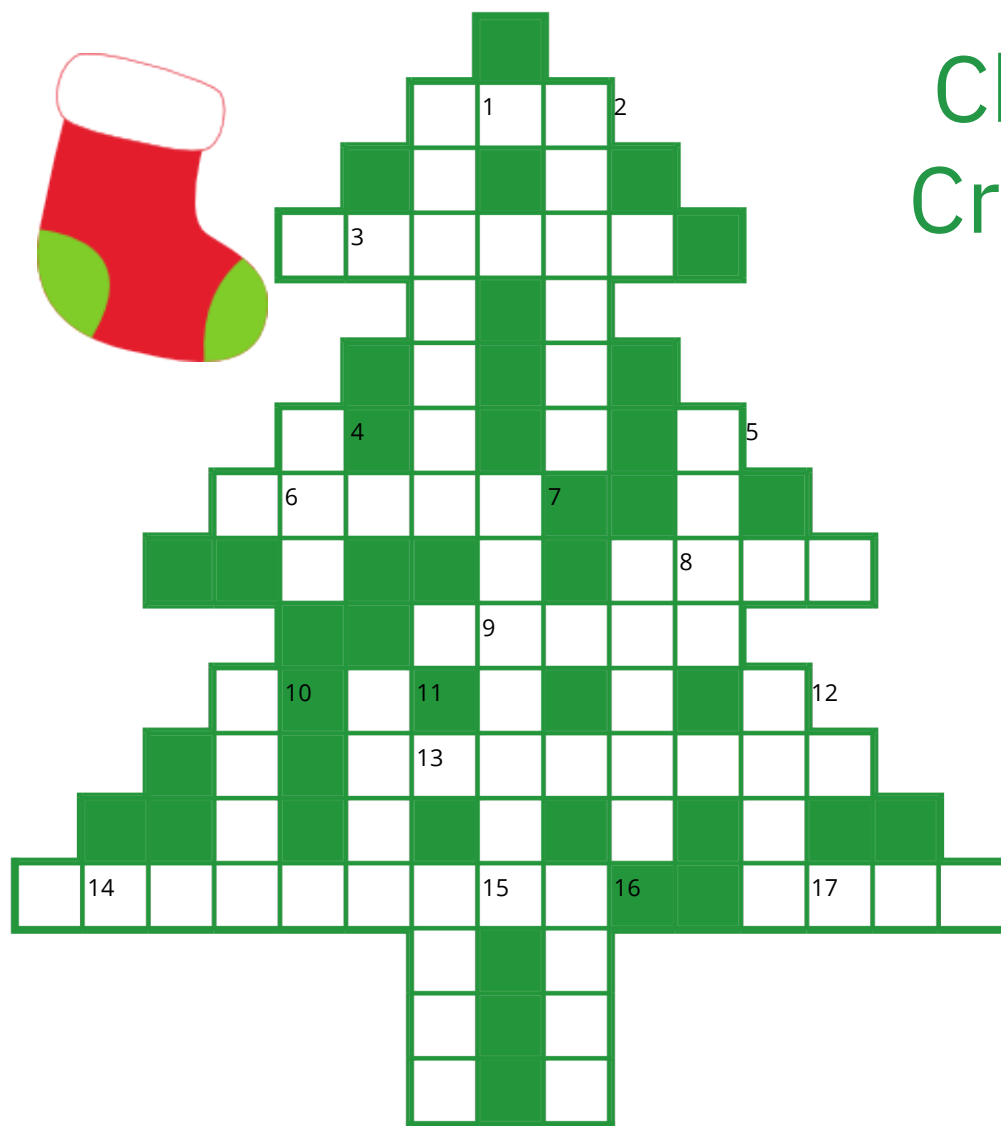
Where: Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, 27 West Street, Nowra, NSW 2541
Limited availability – make sure you RSVP!

If you are struggling, or someone you know is, contact Lifeline on 13 11 14.



Did you know?

There are more Lego Minifigures
than there are people on Earth.



Christmas Crossword

ACROSS

1. Pumpkin or mincemeat
3. Santa's ride
6. Celebration
8. Newborn
9. Northpole crew
13. Word of praise
14. Words on a Christmas card
17. It's opened on Christmas

DOWN

1. Alternative word to 17 across
2. Christmas drink
4. Christmas dinner centerpiece
5. Dec. holiday
7. Christmas warmer
8. "Jingle _____"
10. Christmas tree
11. O. Henry's "The Gift of the ____"
12. What carolers do
15. French Christmas.
16. Snow glider

